

ShadowStart 1.2 documentation

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Chapter 1

ShadowStart 1.2 documentation

1.1 --- ShadowStart 1.2 documentation ---

```
<>>> SHADOWSTART 1.2 <<<>
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```
disables WBStartup and/or User-Startup if needed
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<>>> FREWARE <<<>
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(If you like and use it, please send me a postcard or e-mail!)

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|------------------|-----|------------------------------------|
| Welcome | --- | Welcome to ShadowStart! |
| Distribution | --- | Please read this first. |
| Disclaimer | --- | Legal stuff. |
| Purpose | --- | Why did I wrote it? |
| Requirements | --- | What you need to run ShadowStart. |
| Installation | --- | How to install ShadowStart. |
| Usage | --- | How to use it correctly. |
| Author's Address | --- | How you can reach me. |
| History | --- | Is there a history? ;). |
| Future | --- | What will come next? |
| Credits | --- | Just some credits... |
| PGP-key | --- | Ignore this, if you don't use PGP. |

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1.2 welcome

Welcome to the ShadowStart documentation.

Please read this documentation befor you use ShadowStart, otherwise you may not understand the purpose and the usage of this tool!

When reading this guide, please remember:

All translation- and typing-errors are intentional
and belong to the whole work of art. ;-))

ShadowStart was developed and carefully tested on my Amiga 3000 (OS 3.1).

1.3 distribution

ShadowStart is FREeware, but if you like it, use it or even if you only tested it, please send me an email, postcard or whatever you want... :-)

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1.4 disclaimer

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1.5 purpose

Why did I wrote ShadowStart?

Well, I was sitting in front of my Amiga and trying to start a program, but it didn't get it to run correctly... (ya know this... ;-)

So I tried to start the program after booting without startup-sequence, but this program could only be run from the Workbench... *damn* ;)

But how to load the Workbench without executing any programs in the WBStartup-drawer?

This was the point I got the idea to write a program that pops up a little requester at startup, which lets you select if you want to disable the "WBStartup" drawer and/or the "User-Startup" file!

ShadowStart was born... :-)

As it should be possible to select this on every startup, ShadowStart checks if you pressed the activation-key (ie. hold it down during startup) and then pops up a nice requester asking you what should be disabled.

If you think that ShadowStart would be usefull for you, then look into the Installation part of this documentation on how you can do this...

1.6 requirements

ShadowStart needs:

- any Amiga :-)
- V40 version of ShadowStart needs:
Kickstart/Workbench 3.1
(the 3.1 lowlevel.library must be available)
- V37 version of ShadowStart needs:
Kickstart/Workbench 2.04 or higher
- and a correct installation , -)

1.7 installation

Installation is very easy:

- 1) Depending on what Kickstart you use, copy either the 2.0+ or the 3.1 version of "ShadowStart" in any directory you want.
I recommend the "c:" directory.
- 2) Load your "s:Startup-Sequence" into a text-editor and add the following line after the SetPatch-command:
"<path>ShadowStart"
(If it's in your "c:" directory, you must enter "c:ShadowStart".)
- 3) This documentation may copied to the directory,
where you store your guide files.

1.8 usage

If ShadowStart is installed correctly the usage is as follows...

If you want to disable the "WBStartup" drawer or the "User-Startup" file during startup, then simply hold down the version dependant activation-key

after a reset or after you switched the computer on...
If ShadowStart notices that the activation-key is down, it will pop a requester, asking you what you want to disable.
You can select one of the following buttons:

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| WB + User | (disables both, WBStartup and User-Startup) |
| WB | (disables only WBStartup) |
| User | (disables only User-Startup) |
| NewShell | (opens a shell window) |
| Cancel | (you guess what it does... ;-) |

But what does it mean, when ShadowStart "disables" them?
Well, it's just simple... ShadowStart renames the WBStartup-drawer and/or the User-Startup file to prevent them from being executed! :)
("WBStartup"/"WBStartup.info" is renamed to "_WBStartup"/"_WBStartup.info"
and "User-Startup" is renamed to "_User-Startup")

After startup the drawer and the file stay renamed!
If you want the original names back, you can either rename them by hand or run ShadowStart again.
But normally there is no need to do this...

If you boot without holding down the activation-key the WBStartup-drawer and the User-Startup file are automatically renamed to their original name!

New since version 1.1:
With the NewShell-button you can open a shell-window.
The execution of the startup-sequence is paused until you send a 'break' to ShadowStart.
If ShadowStart was executed directly after SetPatch, it has normally the process number 1.
Typing "break 1" in the shell-window will stop ShadowStart and the execution of the startup-sequence is continued.
Don't forget to close the shell-window, so that the Workbench can reset the screen (if needed).

Restrictions: If you press the activation-key too early when starting up, ShadowStart maybe don't recognize that it was pressed!
But this may only happen after a cold-reset
(ie. turning on the computer).

1.9 activation

Since version 1.2 I included an additional ShadowStart version for Kickstart/Workbench 2.0+, but due to key checking under 2.0 I had to change the previous used spacebar as activation-key to something different.

If you use the 2.0+ (V37) version of ShadowStart, you should use either the left or the right ALT key to activate ShadowStart.

If you use the 3.1 (V40) version of ShadowStart, you should use the spacebar to activate ShadowStart.

1.10 address

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(Internet-Relay-Chat)

If you are a PGP-freak, you can encode email with my public PGP-key .

1.11 History

Program history:

Version 1.2 (09.12.94):

- created additional version for WB 2.0+ users
(requested by several people)
- ~minor code changes
- updated guide-file

Version 1.1 (03.12.94):

- removed printf-statements (stdio.h)
- recompiled without startup-code
(reduced the size of the executable from 6960 bytes to only 968 bytes)
- added 'NewShell' option
- renamed requester buttons, so that it fit even on a lores-screen
- cleaned up code a little
- updated guide-file

Version 1.0 (16.11.94):

· --- Initial release ---

1.12 future

If you have any ideas, suggestions or bug-reports about ShadowStart, don't keep it a secret! :)

Please see `Author's Address` on how to reach me.

1.13 credits

I would like to say thanks to all people on IRC, channels #Amiga and #AmigaGER, for the nice hours there... :-)

Thanks go also to Klaus A. Seistrup, who forced me to reduce the size of ShadowStart... ;) and for sending me the CapsWarn source (written by Mark Cassidy) that helped me to write a 2.0+ version.

And of course to Mark Cassidy for his CapsWarn tool...

And to all programers out there, which are supporting the Amiga...

1.14 PrettyGoodPrivacy

my public PGP key:

-----BEGIN PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

Version: 2.6ui (Amiga)

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-----END PGP PUBLIC KEY BLOCK-----

My public PGP key is also available via email, IRC-ctcp or simply
finger my Internet-account for it.
Please see Author's Address on how to reach me.

1.15 may the shadow be with you... ;-)

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