ADFormat

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You _MUST_ read the Legal Stuff chapter before using ADFormat.

1.2 ADFormat - Overview

I like AmigaGuide(tm). I like AD2HT, too. But the thing which I did't like was the ugly layout of the Autodocs after they processing. No Multi-Column layout and no justification. First I thought about writing a new AD2HT, but then I thought, wait, why don't you just reformat the existing ones?

That's what ADFormat does. It takes an AmigaGuide converted Autodoc file (the ones produced by AD2HT) and reformats the main node of it, with adjustable column number. The buttons are formated so that all buttons will become as big as the biggest button in the main node.

Additionally, ADFormat can produce a "Return to Autodoc-it"-Button at the top of an Autodoc's Function list. This will greatly improve the handling of the autodocs.

This program is sort of a fast hack, I wrote it on a rainy afternoon in august '93. It may still be buggy, see the Known Bugs section.

1.3 ADFormat - Requirements

To use ADFormat, you need the following :-

    - An Amiga Computer.
    - at least Kickstart 37.175 (not tested with V36, it _may_ work)
    - Workbench 2.0

    Optionally, the following :-

    - AmigaGuide
    - AD2HT
    - The Amiga Autodocs

The last three item are not essential, but It won't make much sence 8-).

1.4 ADFormat - Legal stuff

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any language you like, but I will only understand german and english (and
a _little_ frensh – don't count on this). Please also keep in mind that
other countries may have other time, and please don't call between 10pm and
10am.

1.5   ADFormat - Installation

Installing ADFormat is easy – Just copy it into a directory somewhere within
your path – C: would be nice. You may want to copy this Guide file to
somewhere where you store your documentation files.

No installer script is supplied – It would take longer to write one than it
took to write the program. Installation is easy, though, for someone who
knows how to use the shell.

1.6   ADFormat - Usage

ADFormat may only be used from the Shell. The argument template is

    FROM/A,TO/K,COL/K/N,VERBOSE/S,BACKLINK/S

FROM   is the file you want to convert. This argument must be present.

TO   is an optional parameter which specifies an alternate output file.
            By default, ADFormat overwrites the original file.

COL   specifies how much columns of buttons you would like to have. COL
            may be any number, but no checks are performed. You may specify
            e.g. 1000 columns, but this won't look _THAT_ good.

VERBOSE   prints debug informations while processing the file. This option
            is kind of a debug switch, and not much use.

BACKLINK   Generates a "Back to Autodoc-it" button at the top of the function
            list. This is usefull only if you use the Autodoc-it file for
            your autodocs.

Examples:
    ADFormat intuition BACKLINK COL 3

    Formats intuition autodoc with three columns and the "Back to autodoc-it"
    button.

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    ADFormat intuition to intuition.out

    Format intuition with 1 column, writing it out to intuition.out
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1.7 ADFormat - Known Bugs

Currently, I am not aware of any bugs. Should you discover some, let me know.
(See Legal Stuff for address)

1.8 ADFormat - History

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    Revision History
    Date        Revision    Comment
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    15-Aug-93   1.0         First public release
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1.9 ADFormat - Future

If you should have any ideas on what features ADFormat is missing, please
let me know (See Legal Stuff for address)