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# Chapter 1

## MultiUser

### 1.1 MuMu Documentation

MuMu 1.0 -- Documentation  
MultiUser Management Unit  
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Introduction  
System Requirements  
Installation  
Usage

History  
Future

Author  
Credits

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## 1.4 introduction

MuMu is a graphical extension of the MultiUser package. It is a utility that can be used by the SystemAdministrator (root) to maintain the system on which the MultiUser-FileSystem is installed.

Some features of MuMu are :

- Maintenance of a database containing information about users and groups
- Automatic generation of the password file and the group file
- Fully configurable
- Complete GUI
- System monitoring
- Commodity
- AmigaGuide documentation

## 1.5 About MultiUser

The MultiUser package is Copyrighted © Geert Uytterhoeven.

Extract of the MultiUser documentation :

You've got an Amiga with Kickstart 2.04 or higher and several people are regularly fooling around with it ... Last week your sister deleted your 20MB JPEG collection by mistake and you don't want this to happen again ... Well, here's the answer: MultiUser!

MultiUser allows you to create a \*IX-like environment where several users live together in harmony, unable to delete each others files, unable to read those private love-letters of other users ... And this even if several users are working on the machine at the same time (on a terminal hooked up to the serial port) ...

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You are the sole user of your computer? Well, make sure it stays that way by installing MultiUser! People without a valid login ID and password won't be able to access files you have made private with MultiUser. If you make all files private (not readable for others), the only useful thing they could do, is boot from a floppy ...

And ... you do not have to reformat your hard drive!

## 1.6 System Requirements

MuMu requires :

- AmigaOS Release 2.04 (V37+)
- multiuser.library V39+ (© Geert Uytterhoeven)
- reqtools.library V38+ (© Nico François)
- that you are logged in as 'root'

## 1.7 installation

To install MuMu just double-click the Install icon.

or

You can install MuMu manually : (be sure you're logged in as 'root')

- Copy MuMu to a directory in your path (e.g. SYS:WBstartup)
- MProtect MuMu with RWED
  
- Copy the scripts to a directory in your path (e.g. \$home/S)
- MProtect the scripts with SRWED
  
- Copy this doc to your favourite docs directory (e.g. \$home/Docs)

## 1.8 usage

Please notice that during the explanation of the usage of MuMu I assume that you have read the documentation of the MultiUser package and that you fully understand its purpose and usage.

Some general topics :

- Commodity
- The DBase
- System Monitoring
- Commands
- Reports
- Settings

Using MuMu :

```
Starting MuMu
Main Window
```

## 1.9 MuMu as a commodity

MuMu is a commodity and can be controlled by the Exchange utility. Also you can specify some tooltypes in the icon (or arguments on the commandline).

- CX\_POPUP : Show MuMu's window (default : OFF)
- CX\_PRIORITY : Priority of the commodity (default : 0)
- HOTKEY : Hotkey to popup MuMu's window (default : lamiga ctrl help)

## 1.10 The DBase

The MuMu-DBase is a database which contains all information about the users of the system. (Users are sorted by their primary Group.)

When the DBase is saved, the password file and the group file will be updated automatically. This way you don't have to edit these files 'by hand' and thus you avoid inconsistencies between lines of one (or two) of these files.

## 1.11 Group's Data

The following information about a Group is stored in the DBase :

Name	Type(Len)	Explanation
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GroupID	Str(31)	Name by which the Group is known to the system (may not be empty and may not contain a ' ')
gid	Num	Groups's identifier (will be generated automatically)
Name	Str(63)	Group's full name (may not contain a ' ')
Note	Str(127)	Some notes you would like to remember
Excl	Bool	Excluded flag (i.e. Do members have access to the system ?)
Users	List	List of members (i.e. Users who have this Group as primary Group)
Mgr	UserID	UserID of the Manager (cfr. MultiUser doc)

Note:

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A Group which is excluded will stay in the DBase (with all the information

about its members intact) but its members will not appear in the password file.

## 1.12 User's Data

The following information about a User is stored in the DBase :

Name	Type(Len)	Explanation
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UserID	Str(31)	Name by which the User is known to the system (i.e. the string the user has to enter at a login request) (may not be empty and may not contain a ' ')
uid	Num	User's identifier (will be generated automatically)
Name	Str(63)	User's full name (i.e. in real life) (may not contain a ' ')
Home	Str(127)	User's homedirectory (i.e. the place where his/her files are placed)
Port	Str(31)	(only for AS225 compatibility)
Note	Str(127)	Some notes you would like to remember
Excl	Bool	Excluded flag (i.e. Does this User have access to the system ?)
SecGrps	List	List of Secondary Groups (cfr. MultiUser doc)

Note:

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A User who is excluded will stay in the DBase (with all his/her information intact (even the password)) but will not appear in the password file.

## 1.13 System Monitoring

MuMu implements a very simple form of system monitoring which is offered by MultiUser.

MuMu starts a task that displays information in the Main Window about users logging on to the system. It shows the number of logins, UserID, GroupID and time of first login.

Extensive system monitoring will be one of the things to implement in future releases. (Users logging out, tasks being killed etc.)

## 1.14 Commands

MuMu uses 4 'Commands' for establishing a great flexibility in adapting itself to its environment.

These Commands can be edited in the settings and have to be confirmed before execution.

NewGroup (Execute NewGroup / Group Window)

This Command should setup an appropriate directory for the members of a new Group.

By default the script MuMu.Group is executed.

NewUser (Execute NewUser / User Window)

This Command should setup an appropriate homedirectory (including subdirectories) for a new User

By default the script MuMu.NewUser is executed.

Check (Check System / Main Window)

This Command should ensure that all vital files of the system have the correct owner and protectionbits. Especially all MultiUser files should be controlled since problems with these files might cause some serious security problems.

By default the script MuMu.Check is executed.

Backup (Backup System / Main Window)

This Command should ensure that all vital files of the system are copied to a safe place (a floppy-disk for example). All MultiUser- and MuMu files should get a backup-copy on a floppy disk.

REMEMBER that the slightest problem with one of your .keyfiles is fatal. So MAKE BACKUPS OF YOUR .KEYFILES !!

By default the script MuMu.Backup is executed.

NOTE:

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You should edit the 4 scripts before you use them so that they reflect the configuration of your system.

## 1.15 Starting MuMu

MuMu can be started from Shell or Workbench. (Remember to specify the DONOTWAIT-tooltype if you decide to place MuMu in SYS:WBstartup)

If you run MuMu for the first time and you want to access the DBase MuMu will tell you that there isn't a saved DBase and he will ask if you want to start with a clean DBase (i.e. 1 Group 'root' with 1 User 'root').

Next you should access the dbase and add groups and users. You should NOT save the DBase UNTIL you have created a user for every entry in the password file. This is because you will lose the password of any user who is in the password file but not in the DBase (MuMu assumes that you've deleted this user from the DBase).

Then you should check all the homedirectories of all users and use the MProtect and SetOwner commands to restore the protectionbits and the ownership of their files. I know this might take some time but you'll only have to do it once. Read the note in the Configuration Window section for more details.

I'll try to add the possibility of generating a DBase from the password file in a future release. But this is easier said than done because a lot of consistency checks have to be done on the password file.

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Note:

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If you run MuMu for the first time it's probably a good idea to make a copy of the password file.

## 1.16 Main window

This is the main window of MuMu. Here you can access the DBase, generate reports, watch the system monitoring etc.

Gadgets

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Listview

The results of the System Monitoring

Access DBase ('D')

Opens the DBase Window

Edit Configuration ('C')

Opens the Configuration Window

Report ('R')

Generate a report for MuMu

System Check

Lets you execute the Check Command

System Backup

Lets you execute the Backup Command

Hide ('H')

Hides MuMu

Quit ('Q')

Quits MuMu

Project-Menu

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Access DBase ('Amiga-D')

See above

Edit Configuration ('Amiga-C')

See above

Report ('Amiga-R')

See above

About ('Amiga-?')

Shows version number etc.

Hide ('Amiga-H')

See above

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Quit ('Amiga-Q')  
See above

Settings-Menu  
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In this menu you can adjust the Settings for MuMu.

## 1.17 Generating Reports

There are 4 types of reports :

MuMu Report  
DBase Report  
Group Report  
User Report

## 1.18 MuMu Report

You will be asked for a filename and then all information concerning MuMu will be written to this file.

Example

-MUMU-MAIN-REPORT---MUMU-MAIN-REPORT---MUMU-MAIN-REPORT---MUMU-MAIN-REPORT--

MuMu 1.0  
Date : Wednesday 26-Jan-94  
Time : 14:24:10

MultiUser Management Unit  
© 1994 Litrik De Roy  
MuMu 1.0 (26.1.94)

Settings :  
ReportDir : T:  
ShowUtil : PPMore  
NewGroup : MuMu.NewGroup DIR SYS:Users/%g  
NewUser : MuMu.NewUser USERID %u HOME %h  
Check : MuMu.Check STARTUP  
Backup : MuMu.Backup TO T:  
Output : CON:0000/0000/0640/0200/MuMu Output/CLOSE/WAIT

System Monitoring :

#	User	Group	Since
---	-----	-----	-----
4	litrik	expert	Startup
3	root	root	Startup

--MUMU-REPORT-END-----MUMU-REPORT-END-----MUMU-REPORT-END-----MUMU-REPORT-END--

## 1.19 DBase Report

You will be asked for a filename and then all information concerning the DBase will be written to this file.

Example

--MUMU-DBASE-REPORT--MUMU-DBASE-REPORT--MUMU-DBASE-REPORT--MUMU-DBASE-REPORT--

```
MuMu 1.0
Date : Wednesday 26-Jan-94
Time : 14:24:17
```

DBase :

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```
# Groups : 3
# Users : 3
# Free Users : 61437
# Free Groups : 63485
# Free Guest-Users : 4095
# Free Guest-Groups : 2048
```

--MUMU-REPORT-END-----MUMU-REPORT-END-----MUMU-REPORT-END-----MUMU-REPORT-END--

## 1.20 Group Report

You will be asked for a filename and then all information concerning the Group will be written to this file.

Example

--MUMU-GROUP-REPORT--MUMU-GROUP-REPORT--MUMU-GROUP-REPORT--MUMU-GROUP-REPORT--

```
MuMu 1.0
Date : Wednesday 26-Jan-94
Time : 14:24:22
```

GroupID : expert

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```
Name : expert
gid : 2048 (0x0800)
Note :
# Users : 1
# Secondary Users : 0
Manager : root (65535)
Excl : no
```

```
--MUMU-REPORT-END-----MUMU-REPORT-END-----MUMU-REPORT-END-----MUMU-REPORT-END--
```

## 1.21 User Report

You will be asked for a filename and then all information concerning the User will be written to this file.

Example

```
-MUMU-USER-REPORT---MUMU-USER-REPORT---MUMU-USER-REPORT---MUMU-USER-REPORT--
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```
MuMu 1.0
Date : Wednesday 26-Jan-94
Time : 14:24:26
```

```
UserID : litrik
```

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```
Name : Litrik De Roy
uid : 4096 (0x1000)
gid : 2048 (0x0800)
Home : Applic:Users/litrik
Port : cli
Note :
Excl : no
# Manager : 0
Secondary Groups : 1
    root (65535)
```

```
--MUMU-REPORT-END-----MUMU-REPORT-END-----MUMU-REPORT-END-----MUMU-REPORT-END--
```

## 1.22 Saving of the DBase

Saving the DBase happens in several steps :

1

The passwordfile is scanned and all the passwords are collected

2

A new version of the passwordfile is generated from the DBase (if any passwords were changed they are now updated)

3

The old version of the passwordfile is deleted

4

The new version of the passwordfile is renamed (and thus all changes are in effect)

5

The old version of the groupfile is overwritten by a new one

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The DBase is saved

Note:

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The saved DBase contains only the passwords of excluded users. Users who are not excluded (and thus have an entry in the passwordfile) have their password in the passwordfile.

Steps 2-4 guarantee that if anything goes wrong when saving the new passwordfile no harm will be done since the old passwordfile is not overwritten until everything is ok.

## 1.23 DBase window

In this window you can edit the data of the DBase. For a full description of the information stored see The DBase.

Gadgets

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Statusline

Indicates the status of the DBase (Ok / Altered)

Groups

List of all Groups in the DBase

Add ('A')

Add a Group to the DBase. You will be prompted for a GroupID and you'll have to enter whether EVERY member of this group should be allowed to change his password or not. Next, this Group will be created and you will be able to fill in the rest of the data.

Delete ('D')

Delete the currently selected Group (must be confirmed)

View ('V' 'return')

Open the Group Window for the currently selected Group

Save ('S')

Saving of the DBase

Close ('C')

Closes the DBase without saving

Project-Menu

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Report ('Amiga-R')

Generate a DBase Report

Save ('Amiga-S')

See above

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Close ('Amiga-C')  
See above

Search-Menu  
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GroupID ('Amiga-G')  
Search a Group in the DBase. You will be prompted for the GroupID.  
(case insensitive)

GroupName  
Search a Group in the DBase. You will be prompted for the Name.  
(case insensitive)

gid  
Search a Group in the DBase. You will be prompted for the gid.

UserID ('Amiga-U')  
Search a User in the DBase. You will be prompted for the UserID.  
(case insensitive)

UserName  
Search a User in the DBase. You will be prompted for the Name.  
(case sensitive)

uid  
Search a User in the DBase. You will be prompted for the uid.

## 1.24 Group Window

In this window you can edit the data of a Group. For a full description of the fields used to store the information see Group's Data.

Gadgets  
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GroupID  
GroupID for the Group

Pwd Change  
Indicates whether EVERY User of this Group is allowed to change his  
password

Excl ('X')  
Excluded flag for the Group

Name  
Name for the Group

Note  
Note for the Group

Manager  
Manager for the Group

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## Users

List of all Users in this Group

## Add ('A')

Add a User to this Group. You will be prompted for a UserID and if not all members of this Group are allowed to change their password you'll have to enter whether THIS member should be allowed to change his password or not. Next, this User will be created and you will be able to fill in the rest of the data.

## Delete ('D')

Delete the currently selected User (must be confirmed)

## View ('V' 'return')

Open the User Window for the currently selected User

## Execute NewGroup

Lets you execute the NewGroup Command

## Project-Menu

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## Report ('Amiga-R')

Generate a Group Report

## Close ('Amiga-C' 'esc')

See above

## 1.25 User Window

In this window you can edit the data of a User. For a full description of the fields used to store the information see User's Data.

## Gadgets

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## UserID

UserID for the User

## Pwd Change

Indicates whether the User is allowed to change his password

## Excl ('X')

Excluded flag for the User

## Name

Name for the User

## Secondary Groups ('G')

Open the Secondary Groups Window to change the Secondary Groups

## Home

Homedirectory for the User

## Port

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Port for the User

Note

Note for the User

Last Login

Displays last login date

.plan

Shows contents of the User's '.plan'

.profile

Shows contents of the User's '.profile'

.sig

Shows contents of the User's '.sig'

Execute NewUser

Lets you execute the NewUser Command

Project-Menu

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Change password ('Amiga-P')

Let's you change the password of the user. You will be asked to type the new password twice and the next time the DBase is saved the new password will be in effect.

Report ('Amiga-R')

Generate a User Report

Close ('Amiga-C' 'esc')

See above

## 1.26 Settings

These settings can be adjusted in the Settings menu in the Main Window.

Log (which actions of MuMu should be logged in  
the log file of MultiUser)

Startup

Gen. Passwordfile

Save DBase

Report

Monitoring : a global report about MuMu will also contain a report about the System Monitoring

Group : a report about the DBase will also contain the reports about every Group in the DBase

User : a report about a Group will also contain the reports about every User in the Group

Dir : default directory for reports

Misc

Windowpos : remember window positions

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Show utility : name of the utility to show contents of textfiles  
(.profile, .plan etc.)

#### Templates

Group : edit the Group Template  
User : edit the User Template

#### Commands (Command to be executed when...)

NewGroup : a new Group is created  
( '%g' in this Command will be replaced by the GroupID before  
the Command is executed)  
NewUser : a new User is created  
( '%u' in this Command will be replaced by the UserID before  
the Command is executed)  
( '%h' in this Command will be replaced by the homedirectory  
before the Command is executed)  
Check : the system should be checked  
Backup : a backup of the system should be made  
Output : 'file' to write the output of these commands to

#### Save Settings

Save settings to disk

## 1.27 User Template

In this window you can edit the default information for a newly created User.

#### Excl ('X')

Excluded flag for the User

#### Name

Name for the User

#### Name = UserID

The name of the User will be the same as the UserID. This will probably be a good guess for the Name since it will look a lot like the UserID (although probably less cryptic).

#### Home

Homedirectory for the User

#### Concat Group

The GroupID will be appended to the homedirectory specified in the Homegadget.

#### Concat User

The UserID will be appended to the homedirectory specified in the Homegadget.

#### Note

Note for the User

#### Port

Port for the User

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Use ('U')  
Use the new Template

Cancel ('C')  
Cancels the whole operation

## 1.28 Group Template

In this window you can edit the default information for a newly created Group.

Excl ('X')  
Excluded flag for the Group

Name  
Name for the Group

Name = GroupID  
The name of the Group will be the same as the GroupID. This will probably be a good guess for the Name since it will look a lot like the GroupID (although probably less cryptic).

Note  
Note for the Group

Use ('U')  
Use the new Template

Cancel ('C')  
Cancels the whole operation

## 1.29 Configuration Window

In this window you are be able the edit the configuration file ('MultiUser.config') which is used by MultiUser to get some user-defined options and settings.

List of options  
Please read the documentation of MultiUser for a full explanation of all these options

Save ('S')  
Saves 'MultiUser.config' to its appropriate directory

Cancel ('C')  
Cancels the whole operation

Note:  
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The options PASSWDUIDLEVEL and PASSWDGIDLEVEL are hardcoded by MuMu! I did this because changing one of these values (by accident or on purpose) can have

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serious consequences which are very difficult to oversee if you have a lot of Users.

The purpose of these two options is to have the ability to define users as guests (so they can't change their passwords). If you change one (or both) of these options some Users might get another status.

Since there are too much limitations on changing the status of a user (guest <> normal i.e. changing password not allowed <> allowed) by changing these options, I decided to give PASSWDUIDLEVEL and PASSWDGIDLEVEL a hardcoded value of 4096 resp. 2048.

This means you can have 4096 guests in 2048 Groups, and you can not change the status of a User ! (These limitations should be sufficient)

### 1.30 Secondary Groups Window

In this window you can choose the Secondary Groups of a User. All available Groups are listed under 'Available' and all Secondary Groups under 'Member'.

```
cursorkeys
  Move in/between lists

-> ('return')
  Move Group to the Member list

<- ('return')
  Move Group to the Available list
```

### 1.31 history

Version 1.0

### 1.32 Version 1.0

Date : 26 Jan '94

First public release.

### 1.33 future

I'm thinking about the following features :

- Improved System Monitoring
  - MultiUser logfile maintenance
  - Online help
  - Font-sensitivity
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But of course the most important thing to do in the future is to keep MuMu compatible with the latest version of the MultiUser package. This means that when a new MultiUser package (with some new features) is released, I will try to update MuMu (according to these new features) as soon as possible.

### 1.34 The author

If you want to reach me (for bug reports, suggestions, comments, postcards etc.), you can do this in the following ways :

FidoNet (fastest)

2:292/603.61

Snail-Mail

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Schaapsvijver 11  
B3200 Aarschot  
BELGIUM

If you don't have FidoNet access and you think snail-mail is too slow then you can try to contact me via Geert Uytterhoeven (Check the MultiUser documentation for this). He's the author of MultiUser and since I'm a MultiUser-betatester (and he's a MuMu-betatester) I stay in touch with him.

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|
| And if I put this gun against my head      | En ik denk helder en bezopen |
| and pull the trigger I'll be dead         | aan wat ik liever anders had |
| But if I listen to my heart               | gedaan en                     |
| it says, Billy that ain't smart          | aan de kans die je           |
| so I'll shoot someone else instead       | nooit moet laten lopen      |
| Billy's smart circus / Carter the USM    | degeen die je niet moet     |
|                                           | laten gaan                   |
|                                           | Kans / The Scene             |
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|
| I know you want what's on my mind, I know you like what's on my mind, |
| I know it eats you up inside, I know, you know, you know              |
| Sex type thing / Stone Temple Pilots                                    |
|                                                                           |
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### 1.35 credits

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I use it for generating the skeleton of the GUI, and then I adjust the  
generated source (to eliminate some bugs, add backfilling, add newlook menus  
etc.).

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