

MUITapes

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Chapter 1

MUITapes

1.1 MUITapes

MUITapes
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At first a little explanation: MUITapes is not localized yet. I hope you will use though, because it is very easy to use and it is always nice to learn some words of a different language :)

It is an expansion module for MUIVideo for the managment of videotapes.

Introduction	What is MUITapes?
Disclaimer	The status of MUITapes.
Requirements	System requirements.
Installation	Installation of the program.
Getting started	Programstart/parameters/toolTypes.
Usage	Usage of the program.
ARexx-Port	Commands of the ARexx-port.
History	The programhistory.
Author	The adress of the author.

1.2 Introduction

What is MUITapes?

It is an expansion module for MUIVideo for the managment of videotapes. MUIVideo is a database for the management of videofilms. MUIVideo is in its management oriented at the films, different to some other databases which are oriented at tapes. The ARexx-ports of both programs are used for the datatransfer.

1.3 Disclaimer

Disclaimer

MUITapes is freeware, this means you can use it without paying a fee for it. All rights of MUIVideo stay with the author. The files of this distribution must not be changed in any way. Only the costs for copying a disk may be charged for this program. 3,- DM or 2 US\$ are enough for one copy.

Contribution over the Aminet, the CDs and disks of Fred Fish, the Meeting Pearls CDs and the Amclust CD is allowed.

The author is not responsible for any damage caused by this program !
Use it at your own risk !

MUIVideo uses MUI.

1.4 MUI

This application uses

MUI - MagicUserInterface

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MUI is a system to generate and maintain graphical user interfaces. With the aid of a preferences program, the user of an application has the ability to customize the outfit according to his personal taste.

MUI is distributed as shareware. To obtain a complete package containing lots of examples and more information about registration please look for a file called "muiXXusr.lha" (XX means the latest version number) on your local bulletin boards or on public domain disks.

If you want to register directly, feel free to send

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1.5 Requirements

System requirements

MUITapes needs an Amiga with OS3.0 or better. It uses some systemfunctions which are only available since this version.

MUITapes uses MUI, this must be installed before MUITapes can be started.

A processor >68000 or more meomory is not needed.

A harddisk is not necessary but strictly recommended.

MUITapes is a standalone program that also works without MUIVideo. The sense of this program only comes up in teamwork with MUIVideo, so you have to have to take care of the system requirements of MUIVideo !

1.6 Installation

Installation of the program

To install MUITapes please copy the whole directory to your harddisk, further steps like assigns are not necessary.

Since version 1.13 of MUIVideo MUITapes is included in the archive. If you have followed the instructions in the MUIVideo.guide, MUITapes is installed correctly.

1.7 Getting started

Starting the program

MUITapes can be started in different ways:

1. By doubleclicking the icon.
2. Through the shell by entering its directory and typing "MUITapes" followed by RETURN.
3. Via the ARexx-script "start_muitapes.rexx" of MUIVideo.

Please check the manual of MUIVideo how to start an ARexxscript.

Parameters or tooltypes are not accepted by MUITapes.

1.8 Usage

Using the program

The window of MUITapes looks similar to this:

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|-| MUITapes |
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|| Bandarten | | Bänder || | |
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|+-----+ | | | |
|+-----+ +-----+ | |
|| Hinzufügen... | | Löschen | |
|+-----+ +-----+ | |
|+-----+ +-----+ +-----+|
|| Laden... | | Speichern | +-----+| |
|+-----+ +-----+ | |
| | +-----+ +-----+|
| Marke | | +-----+ +-----+|
| | +-----+ | Hinzufügen | | Löschen | |
| | +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+|
| Qualität | | Länge | | +-----+ +-----+|
| | +-----+ +-----+ | Laden | | Speichern | |
| | +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+|
| +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ +-----+ |
| | ARexx... | | Über... | | Sortieren | | Sp.&Beenden | |
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Please click on the gadgets for information.

1.9 Closegadget

Closegadget of the window:

Click here to quit the program. No data will be saved ! To save the data before ending please click Speichern & Beenden (save and quit).

1.10 Bandarten

List of tapesorts:

In this list the known sorts of tapes are shown. The list has three columns: The first shows the brand, the second the quality and the third the length. The fourth shows an internal number, the user has no influence on it.

Clicking an entry copies the values of the first three columns in the fields under the list.

If additionally an entry in the List of tapes (Bänder) is selected, a link will be made. This means the tape is from now of a selected type.

1.11 Tapes

List of tapes (Bänder)

In this list the known tapes are shown. The list has two columns, the first one shows the tapenumber/tapenname, the second shows an internal number that cannot be influenced by the user. MUITapes uses this numbers to connect the tapes and the sort of tapes.

Clicking an entry copies the data into the textfield under the list so they can be changed here. If a sort of tape is selected for this tape, the corresponding entry will be activated.

1.12 Hinzufügen...

Add a new sort of tapes

This button creates a new entry in the list of Bandarten. You can edit the data using the fields Marke (brand), Qualität (quality) and Länge (length).

1.13 Löschen...

Delete sort of tapes

This button deletes an entry in the list Bandarten.

Before deleting MUITapes tests whether in the list of tapes Bänder are still entries that are linked to this entry. If this is the case the program will show the number of tapes that still need this entry.

After a securityrequest the entry will be deleted.

1.14 Laden...

Load.. (sort of tapes)

Clicking this button opens a filerequester in which you can select a file with the sort of tapes Bandarten.

1.15 Speichern...

Save... (sort of tapes)

Clicking this button opens a filerequester in which you can select a file in that MUITapes saves the sort of tapes.

An existing file of the same name will be overwritten without request !

1.16 Marke

Brand:

In this field you can input the brand of the tape. If an entry in the list of tapes is marked the data will be changed after pressing RETURN.

1.17 Qualität

Quality:

In this field you can input the quality of the tape. If an entry in the list of tapes is marked the data will be changed after pressing RETURN.

1.18 Länge

Length:

In this field you can input the length of the tape in minutes. If an entry in the list of tapes is marked the data will be changed after pressing RETURN.

1.19 Eingabefeld für Bänder

Inputfield for tapes:

In this field you can input the number/name of the tape. If an entry in the list of tapes is marked the data will be changed after pressing RETURN.

1.20 Hinzufügen...

Add (tapes):

Adds an entry to the list of tapes (Bänder).

1.21 Löschen...

Delete (tapes):

Deletes after a securityrequest the activated entry in the list of tapes.

1.22 Laden...

Load (tapes):

Opens a filerequester to select a file to be loaded.

1.23 Speichern...

Save (tapes):

Opens a filerequester to select a file to save the list of tapes.

An existing file with the same name will be overwritten without request !

1.24 ARexx...

ARexx...:

Opens a filerequester in which an ARexx-script can be selected.

1.25 Über...

About:

Opens a window with information about the program. It can be closed with "OK".

1.26 Sortieren

Sorting:

Clicking this button sorts both lists (without case-sensitivity).

1.27 Speichern & Beenden

Save & quit:

Both lists will be saved and the program ends.

1.28 The ARexx-port

The ARexx-port of MUITapes:

MUITapes is an "Add-On" for MUIVideo, so a big part of its functionality depends on the communication between the programs. This communication is done via the ARexx-port.

If you don't know what ARexx is or how to use it, please consult the ARexx-manual. This is part of the systemmanuals since version 2.04.

The following is a description of the commands of the ARexx-port. Besides this description MUITapes knows the standard commands of every MUI-program. A description of these commands can be found in the documentation of MUI and MuiVideo.

The commands:

ABOUT

ADDKIND
ADDTAPE
COUNTKIND
COUNTTAPE
FINDTAPE
GET
GOTOKIND
GOTOTAPE
SET
SORT

1.29 ABOUT

ABOUT

Opens a requester with information about the program.

1.30 ADDKIND

ADDKIND MARKE/A,QUALITAET/A,LAENGE/A,QUIET/S

1.31 ADDTAPE

ADDTAPE NUMMER/A,ID/A,QUIET/S

1.32 COUNTKIND

COUNTKIND

Gives back the number of entries in the list of tapesorts.

1.33 COUNTTAPE

COUNTTAPE

Gives back the number of entries in the list of tapes.

1.34 FINDTAPE

FINDTAPE NAME/A

1.35 GET

GET FIELD/A

1.36 GOTOKIND

GOTOKIND NUMBER/A

1.37 GOTOTAPE

GOTOTAPE NUMBER/A

1.38 SET

SET FIELD/A,VALUE/F

1.39 SORT

SORT

Sorts both list alphabetically without case-sensitivity.

1.40 Programhistory

The programhistory:

Please consult the german manual.

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