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1.2 iffDT Copyright

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1.3   Introduction to iffDT

Introduction

iffDT is a DataTypes subclass for loading and displaying iff-files. Once installed it will let all DataTypes aware programs to recognize and load iff-files and view its contents as text.

1.4   Requirements for iffDT

Requirements

iffDT requires AmigaDOS 3.0 or higher (datatypes.library).

iffDT requires also the hypertext.datatype © by Stefan Ruppert.

1.5   Installation of iffDT

Installation

Use supplied Installer script to copy necessary files. If you go for "Manually Selectable" installation you will need to activate class by double-clicking on DEVS:DataTypes/iff icon or using AddDataTypes REFRESH from Shell.

1.6   Configuring operation of iffDT

Configuration

Please use for configurating the Datatype DTpref.

New Chunks

I hate writing docs... So at the moment no information here. Please look at the chunk-descriptions included in this package. If you want to make your own chunk-descriptions you could contact me.

1.7   iffDT Notes

Notes

iffDT shows all informations about an iff-file.

1.8   iffDT History

History

Version 40.1 - initial release.

Version 40.2

· Over 55 new chunk-types by Seal@CHATLINE.MCNET.DE (Niels 'Frolic' Froehling)

· Speed optimization. Now chunk-types will be only loaded once for each iff-file

1.9   To do in iffDT

To do

· Learn more chunk-type

· What do you want else?

1.10   DataTypes Information

DataTypes

DataTypes is an AmigaDOS subsystem (introduced in AmigaDOS 3.0) for dealing with different types of files found on different machines (PC's, Macs and Amigas). DataTypes can be used to recognize type of any file and to interpret informations stored in that file. A client application such as MultiView can then show that data in an appropriate way.

DataTypes divide all files into the following main categories:

· syst (System) - system files;

· text (Text) - textual files;

· docu (Document) - documents (spreadsheet data, text with

pictures etc.);

· soun (Sound) - sound samples;

· inst (Instrument) - musical instruments;

· musi (Music) - songs;

· pict (Picture) - graphics;

· anim (Animation) - animations;

· movi (Movie) - animations with sound.

Each category is further divided into sub-classes. Each sub-class interprets one type of file, converting it to some universal format.

iff.datatype is a sub-class of System group.

1.11   About the Author

About the Author

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