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Chapter 1

Read_Me_First!!

1.1 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Read Me First!!

AMIGADOS FOR BEGINNERS

READ ME FIRST!!

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ABOUT AMIGADOS FOR BEGINNERS

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1.3 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Read Me First!! - What AmigaDOS For Beginners IS

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WHAT AMIGADOS FOR BEGINNERS IS

What "AmigaDOS For Beginners" IS:-

What "AmigaDOS For Beginners" attempts to do is to provide the beginner with an introduction to the use of AmigaDOS by providing information and examples of the AmigaDOS commands in a way that takes the user through various commands and their main options without getting too tied up in their format and template. In my experience, most beginners cannot quickly understand the formats and templates given in texts about AmigaDOS. By following through these notes, it is hoped that the beginner can become familiar with the main options of most commands without needing to worry too much about formats and templates.

So... whereas I may not always give you the FULL story about an AmigaDOS command all in the one article I WILL attempt to cover it all by the time you have read through to the last article. However, if you want the full story all at once, all you need to do is double click on the highlighted references to follow through to later articles and read the whole story.

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1.4 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Read Me First!! - What AmigaDOS For Beginners Is NOT

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WHAT AMIGADOS FOR BEGINNERS IS NOT

"AmigaDOS For Beginners" is NOT a replacement for the AmigaDOS manual.

While every AmigaDOS command is covered, "AmigaDOS For Beginners" is not intended to be a full and definitive description of the format or template of all these commands. If you want that sort of thing then read the AmigaDOS manual.

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1.5 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Read Me First!! - Copyright

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The registration fee is:-

Decode file sent by e-mail	Decode File sent by Snail Mail #
\$ 15.00 USA currency	\$ 20.00 USA currency
\$ 15.00 Australian Currency	\$ 20.00 Australian Currency

BANK NOTES ONLY - NO CHEQUES!!

The higher fee for snail mail is to cover the cost of a floppy disk together with postage and packaging.

Yes - I know that US money is worth more than Australian but if it is in foreign currency I have to spend time trying to find somewhere to convert it and money to cover the cost of conversion to Australian money.

Anyway, being an Australian is BETTER!! ;-)

If any other country's bank notes are sent I will NOT be responsible for returning them!! - YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!

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* I will NOT be held responsible for any money lost in the mail. The loss will be YOURS.

If it does not turn up then you will have to take my word for it. (Trust me - I am an Amiga owner!! :-)

* Send it AIRMAIL unless you want to wait a few months!!

* Include your name and the address to which I should send the decoding file.

The address should preferably be an e-mail address but if you have included the higher registration fee, then give me your snail mail address.

* If you have internet access then send me an e-mail to tell me it is on the way.

* After I receive the money, I will send you the decoding instructions by e-mail or snail mail depending on the fee paid.

* IF YOU ARE USING WORKBENCH 1.x THEN TELL ME and I will send you the full non Amigaguide version (which is also hypertext but of a different sort.

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1.9 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Read Me First!! - Non Amigaguide Version

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NON AMIGAGUIDE VERSION FOR WB 1.x

I have a non Amigaguide version that uses a hypertext program called "HT" which works reasonably well under Workbench 1.3 and earlier.

However, BE WARNED that this is an early version of "AmigaDOS For Beginners" and there may be omissions and inaccuracies in it. In particular, it does NOT take into account any changes in AmigaDOS from Version 3.0 onwards.

I DO NOT intend to waste time going through it looking for any such omissions and inaccuracies. The demand for this version would be far too small to warrant it.

If you order this version, I will NOT be held responsible for any such omissions and inaccuracies.

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1.10 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Read Me First!! - Disclaimer

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RESEMBLANCES & APOLOGIES

All characters mentioned in these articles are fictitious and any resemblances to real persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental.

In particular, I apologise to any persons named Joe Bloggs, Peter Piper or Jack Spratt and his wife for using their names!!

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1.12 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Read Me First!! - Acknowledgements

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- * Commodore-Amiga for giving us such a marvellous computer!
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- * Commodore Hornsby User Group Inc. (C.H.U.G.) for giving me such enjoyment over the years.
- * Dr. Sheila Waller (a member of C.H.U.G.) for doing a pre-release check of the original version of this set of articles and making suggestions for improvements and corrections of errors.

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1.13 AmigaDOS For Beginners - ARexx For Beginners

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AREXX FOR BEGINNERS

Written especially for beginners to the Amiga and/or ARexx this set of Amigaguide documents contains (approximately):-

- 54 Articles
- 3 Appendices
- 1 Glossary
- 228 Example ARexx scripts

Its aim is to lead the beginner through the intricacies of using ARexx.

Many of these articles have previously appeared in "Peripheral", the magazine of Commodore Hornsby User Group Inc., but have all been revised

and updated for inclusion in this set.

"ARexx For Beginners" is not Public Domain. Demo versions are available through my web home page or through Aminet (docs/help).

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1.14 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Read Me First!! - Updates

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UPDATES TO AMIGADOS FOR BEGINNERS

Note - A version string has been included only in the file:-

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Version 3.1

- Changes to registration fees and author's address.
- Added references in 23.Protect and Glossary to the "h" protection which I previously had omitted (why I do not know!!)
- Added indicator as to which AmigaDOS versions the various commands are available in the index Commands Alphabetically.
- Some minor correction of links (no change in context)

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Version 3.0

First Internet Release
Considerable changes to many articles.

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Update information prior to Version 3.0 has been removed as this section was growing too big and as v3.0 saw a major update.

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