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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Part 10 - The MAKEDIR Command

AMIGADOS FOR BEGINNERS

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PART 10 - THE MAKEDIR COMMAND

Location - "c" directory (all versions)

Purpose - To make a new directory

Availability - All AmigaDOS Versions

MAKEDIR is an essential command if you are going to divide your disk into a number of directories. If you have all files in the root directory you will soon find it hard to keep track of them all (see article "Files Directories & Paths").

The format can be one of:-

MAKEDIR directory\_name (All Versions AmigaDOS)

MAKEDIR directory\_name directory\_name ..... (AmigaDOS 2+ Only)

The "name" must comply with the rules for naming files and directories.

The second format (with two or more directory names) is available only in AmigaDOS Versions 2+. The directory names can be in the same disk/directory or in different disks/directories. If the latter, then the full path names to each directory must be shown. For example:-

```
MAKEDIR Ram:Temp DF1:Mydir df0:s/Special_Subdir
```

There are no "options" with the "MAKEDIR" command. It is quite straightforward in its use.

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For instance, to create a new directory named "Letters", enter:-

```
> MAKEDIR Letters
```

This will create the new directory within the current directory. This may not be the location that you really want for the new directory. If so, use the full path name for the new directory. For instance:-

```
> MAKEDIR df1:Letters
```

```
> MAKEDIR df1:Letters/Personal
```

```
> MAKEDIR df1:Letters/Business
```

The first command will create a directory "Letters" in the root directory of the disk in df1: and the next two will create sub directories "Personal" and "Business" within the "Letters" directory.

TIP for v1.3 on - after entering the first command, press the UP cursor key to regain that command and add the "/Personal" and press return. Then press UP cursor key twice to enter the third command.

The "MAKEDIR" command will not allow the use of things like:-

```
> MAKEDIR df1:Letters/Personal
```

unless "DF1:Letters" already exists. If you try to do so you will get an error message:-

```
Can't create directory df1:Letters/Personal
```

However, with AmigaDOS Versions 2+ you CAN use multiple directories and create sub directories in a previously no existing directory by using things like this:-

```
> MAKEDIR df1:Letters df1:Letters/Personal df1:Letters/Business
```

instead of these three lines (mentioned above):-

```
> MAKEDIR df1:Letters
```

```
> MAKEDIR df1:Letters/Personal
```

```
> MAKEDIR df1:Letters/Business
```

This is because the MAKEDIR command creates the first directory in the command line before going on to create the second, third and so on.

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