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Chapter 1

mftp

1.1 mftp documentation

mftp - MUI File Transfer Protocol

Version 1.31 © by Michael Neuweiler 1994 - 1995
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mftp is a ftp client for the AmiTCP protocol stack.
Useful features as directory caching, adjustable transfer buffer size,
MUI interface and a lot more make it much easier to work with than with
standard command line ftp clients.

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1.2 Copyright and shareware conditions

Copyright and shareware conditions

Copyright:

Copyright © 1994 - 1995 by Michael Neuweiler

I know nobody reads this section (as I do).. but I can't help ;-)
Anyway it's short. This program is shareware - what means anyone
can use it as long as he/she/it doesn't gain profit out of it and
the usage has nothing to do with military or other stuff which might

endagnger other creatures. mftp may only be redistributed as complete archive with all copyright notices left intact.

Shareware:

You can use the program for as long as you wish without paying for it. The program is not crippled in any way but if you want to get rid off the requester at the startup you have to register.

Waranty:

The author won't take any responsibility for any problems caused by mftp. Although it has been tested and optimised it is likely that there are still some bugs left which might crash your or the remote system and cause data loss.

1.3 How to register

How to register mftp

mftp is Shareware. The unregistered version is not crippled in any way. The only thing that is special is a requester at the program startup. It is not meant to really annoy you but to remember you to support the author with a shareware fee of about US \$10.

I know some might say: "Bah, why send him 10\$ if mftp works anyway ?!" Well I, I spent a lot of time programing this piece. I even had to completely rewrite it because there was a bug which made A4000 crash and which was not found (now I know what it was... :)

So please, please send 10 sFr. (Swiss Francs) or similar (i.e. US \$10) and you will receive a keyfile which makes the requester appear no longer.

The safest thing would be a money transfer to my bank account:

Bank : Swiss Credit (Schweizerische Kreditanstalt)
Account: 0872 - 867811-40
Branch : Zuerich, Wollishofen

Another way would be a money transfer to my postcheck account:

To : PTT Switzerland (PTT Schweiz)
Account: 80-224959-4

Or just simply send me a bill by standard mail to :

Michael Neuweiler
Hauriweg 6
CH-8038 Zuerich
Switzerland

BTW: This address should also be referred to in the first two solutions.

I'll preferably send you the keyfile by email ! If I should send you a disk please insert also an envelope with the right postage on it and a disk.

1.4 How to reach the author

The Author

If you experience problems using mftp or have a suggestion what could be included or if you just want to say how great you think mftp is...

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Switzerland	

Complaints will be redirected automatically to /dev/nil :)

1.5 What you need to run mftp

Requirements

Computer: Amiga 500 - 4000T

Memory : When AmiTCP is already running, 150kB should be enough.

OS : Kickstart 2.1 or better

Software: AmiTCP 3.0 or better (maybe 2.3 works too.. never tried it)
© 1994 by Network Solution Development Inc, Finnland
available on AmiNET or other sites.

MUI 2.3 or better
© 1992-94 by Stefan Stunz, Germany
available on AmiNET or other sites.

1.6 How to install mftp

Installation

Workbench: Simply drag the mftp icon to a place you want to.
Copy the catalog of your choice to LOCALE:Catalogs/language

CLI : Copy the executable to a path of your choice.
i.e.: copy mftp amitcp:

```
        copy mftp.info amitcp:
Copy the catalogfile to the according directory.
i.e.: copy deutsch/mftp.catalog LOCALE:Catalogs/deutsch
```

If the file 'mftp.key' is included, copy it to 's:'

That's it ! (Straightforwad, isn't it ? :)

You can start mftp from CLI or Workbench... as you wish.
To be on the save side you should use a stack size of
about 5000 Bytes. I think the maximum mftp uses is around 3000 Bytes.

1.7 Help on operation

Operation

When you start mftp a window should appear which looks simmlar to this:

```
local path
O  binary    remote path
O
                                -->
                                toggle
                                parent
                                refresh
                                mkdir
                                copy
                                move
                                rename
                                delete
                                view

    Connect
    Close
    Setup
    About
    Exit
```

1.8 Local path string gadget

Local path string gadget

This string gadget contains the current directory of your computer.
You can enter a path manually but usually this is not necessary.
To its right you'll find a popup gadget which offers a list of available
drives and assigns.

1.9 Local popup drive list

Local popup drive list

If you click on this gadget a list which contains all available drives and assigns will popup. You can select one by simply clicking on a entry once.

1.10 List of local files and directories

List of local files and directories

This list contains the files and directories in the current path on your local machine. Double click on a directory to enter it. If you double click on a file you start the filetransfer (only possible when connected).

1.11 Remote path string gadget

Remote path string gadget

This string gadget contains the current directory of the remote computer. You can enter a path manually but usually this is not necessary. To its right you'll find a popup gadget which offers a list of the directories you've already been in during this session.

1.12 Remote popup history list

Remote popup history list

If you click on this gadget a list which contains all the directories you already visited during the current session. It is a history list. You can select a directory by simply clicking on a entry once.

1.13 List of remote files and directories

List of remote files and directories

This list contains the files and directories in the current path on the remote machine. Double click on a directory to enter it. If you double click on a file you start the filetransfer.

1.14 Cycle gadget: Transfer mode

Cycle gadget: Transfer mode

This cycle gadget lets you choose the transfer mode.
Available modes are:

- binary: No changes are made to the file.
You will get a 1:1 copy. (mostly used)
- ascii : This mode is useful for transferring text files.
Depending on the direction cr/lf are transformed to lf or vice versa.
- auto : mftp will use the ascii and binary pattern list to
determine if binary or ascii mode should be used for a file.

1.15 Direction of transfer/ Active list

Direction of transfer/ Active list

This button lets you chose the active list. The buttons below this one have only effect on the list the arrow points away from. The arrow also indicates the direction of the transfer for copying or moving files. It changes its state automatically if you click on a file in the list which wasn't active.

1.16 Toggle file/directory selection in active list

Toggle file/directory selection in active list

This toggles the selection of files and directories in the active list. The ones which were selected become deselected and the other way around.

1.17 Go to parent directory

Go to parent directory

Change to the parent directory of the active list and get its contents.

1.18 Refresh the active list

Refresh the active list

Refresh the file/directory listing which is currently active.
If the right (remote) listing is active and the
directory caching is on, mftp will clear the directory's cache
and retrieve it from the remote host again.

1.19 Create a directory

Create a directory

Create a directory in the active list.
A requester will ask you for its name.

1.20 Copy files

Copy files

This copies all selected files in the direction the arrow points.
Only files will be copied; you can't copy directories.

1.21 Move files

Move files

This moves all selected files in the direction the arrow points.
Only files will be moved; you can't move directories.
The files at the source will be deleted (only if the
transfer was successful) !!

1.22 Rename files/directories

Rename files/directories

Rename all selected files and directories in the active list.
A requester will ask you for each filename.

1.23 Delete files or empty directories

Delete files or empty directories

Delete all selected files and empty directories. You will be prompted if you really want to do this unless you didn't deselect confirm delete in the setup.

1.24 View files

View files

View the contents of the selected files. The default viewer is `SYS:Utilities/More` but you can override that if you set the environment variable `PAGER` (`env:PAGER`) to the viewer of your choice. If you do so, you have to see to it that this viewer doesn't detach itself (i.e. `-keepIO`). Be careful if you select more than one file. mftp will start a separate process for each and this will popup as many viewers as files were selected.

1.25 FTP Output

FTP Output

This is a list of the ftp output.
You can change the number of lines in the setup.

1.26 Close connection

Close connection

Close an already existing connection.
This flushes the directory cache.

1.27 Open the about requester

Open the about requester

Shows version information and address of the author.

1.28 Terminate mftp

Terminate mftp

Closes an eventually existing connection and exits.

1.29 Open connect requester

Open connect requester

Opens a requester to enter data which will be used to connect to a remote host or adding one to the host list (in setup):

Hostname	A label for this host
Address	The name/address of the remote host
Username	The username you login with
Password	The according password
Account	Account name (usually not needed)
Directory	The desired directory to start
Anonymous	Login as anonymous user

If you click on "Okay" mftp will try to establish a connection to the given host. A status display will appear and inform you about the progress and giving you also the ability to abort. If mftp is not able to get a connection it might take some time until it returns to normal operation. Although it appears like it crashed it didn't. It's only a timeout of about one or two minutes.

"Abort" will cancel the requester without further action.

1.30 A label for this host

A label for this host

If you use the connect requester only for establishing a connection this field is of no use.

But, in the setup it is possible to enter a list of hosts which can be recalled later by the popup gadget to the right. In combination with this list the field has the function of a label for the entry.

Examples you could enter :

```
Mike's computer (root)
Mike's computer (mike)
AminET at wustl
AminET at eunet
```

1.31 The name/address of the remote host

The name/address of the remote host

In this field you have to enter the name or the IP-address of the host you wish to connect to.

Examples:

```
ftp.wustl.edu
ftp.eunet.ch
130.59.10.40
```

1.32 Username to login with

Username to login with

In case you're not going to login as anonymous user you have to enter the username you want to use.
If you select anonymous this field will become ghosted as mftp will use the username "anonymous" automatically.

Exapmles:

```
dolphin
root
guest
```

1.33 Password to login with

Password to login with

Here you have to enter the password which corresponds to the given Username. If you select anonymous this field will become ghosted as mftp will use your email address as password automatically (has to be set in the setup).

1.34 Name of the account

Name of the account

This field holds the name of your account. Usually you don't need to enter anything here as it's obsolete - mftp still supports it.

1.35 The desired directory to start

The desired directory to start

Enter the path of the directory you wish to be in after login. This is useful to jump to a directory that i.e. holds amiga files.

Examples:

```
~aminet
/pub/software/amiga
```

1.36 Login as anonymous user

Login as anonymous user

If you select this field Username, Password and Account will become ghosted and you will login as anonymous user. This way you don't have to enter the username "anonymous" and your email address as password. mftp will use the email address that was given in the setup as password.

1.37 Change the setup

Change the setup

This opens a window which offers three different pages:

General:

email address	Enter your email address
Default transfer	Default transfer mode
~ Treat link as	Way to treat links
Show ftp output	Opens a list with ftp output
Log ftp messages	Log ftp messages to a file
Auto update	Update directory contents automatically
Confirm delete	Popup a requester before deleting
Transfer bell	Does a DisplayBeep at the end of transfer
Directory caching	Enable Directory caching
Transfer buffer	Set size of transfer buffer
History lines	Number of lines in ftp output
Local filelist weight	Weight of the local filelist

Hosts:

List	List of predefined hosts
Edit	
New	Add new host to list
Remove	Remove selected host
Up	Move selected host up
Down	Move selected host down
Sort	Sort the list

Auto Recon:

Binary patterns	List of file patterns for binary transfer
ASCII patterns	List of file patterns for ASCII transfer
Edit	Edit the selected entry
New	Add a new pattern to according list
Remove	Remove the selected entry from the list

Save

Use

Cancel

1.38 Enter your email address

Enter your email address

Enter your email address here. It will be used as password when you login as anonymous user.

1.39 Default transfer mode

Default transfer mode (default: binary)

Set which transfer mode you want to use when you start mftp the next time.

1.40 Way to treat links

Way to treat links (default: automatic)

Select wheter you want links on the remote host to be listed as files or directories.

If you choose 'auto' mftp does a short query on the remote host for each link. Depending on the amount of links this can take some time. In this mode mftp is also able to determine the correct size of a link !

1.41 Opens a list with ftp output

Opens a list with ftp output (default: off)

If selected there appears a list in the main window which shows all the responses we get from the remote host.

NOTE: If you use NTSC 600x200 you might want to deselect it so MUI won't switch to a smaller, unreadable font.

1.42 Log ftp messages to a file

Log ftp messages to a file (default: off)

This function is not supported yet.

1.43 Update directory contents automatically

Update directory contents automatically (default: on)

If selected mftp always updates the listing when you change the directory on the remote host (should usually be on). When deselected you have to do a manual refresh every time you change a directory or connect to a host.

1.44 Popup a requester before deleting

Popup a requester before deleting (default: on)

If selected you must confirm everytime when you want to delete something. Otherwise every delete will delete the files IMMEDIATELY !!
So be careful if it's not selected !

1.45 Does a DisplayBeep at the end of transfer

Does a DisplayBeep at the end of transfer (default: on)

Every time a transfer is complete mftp will do a DisplayBeep which will flash your screen or play a sound (as selected in your preferences/sound).

1.46 Enable Directory caching

Enable Directory caching (default: on)

Enables directory caching. This way mftp doesn't need to get the entire file list from the remote host when you change to a directory you have previously been in. mftp uses a directory in 'T:' to save every directory. (If you run out of memory you might want to delete these files - NOT the directory !! - because mftp doesn't check if there is enough room. The files will automatically be deleted if you close a connection.

If enabled it speeds up changing directories a lot !

1.47 Set size of transfer buffer

Set size of transfer buffer (default: 32768)

Set the size in bytes for the transfer buffer. It is used while receiving and sending files. If you think mftp accesses your disk too often while transferring, just enlarge the buffer. mftp will access the disk always when 'x' bytes are received. So be careful not to set a very high value. If you receive a file and the transfer fails you lose the data that hasn't been written yet.

Approx. 32 kB is a reasonable value here for dialup connections.

1.48 Number of lines in ftp output

Number of lines in ftp output (default: 50)

Set the amount of lines which will be displayed in the ftp output list. If you're short with memory I suggest not to use a value higher than 50.

NOTE: mftp will write the lines even if you switched off the ftp output and therefore this value still determines the memory usage.

1.49 Weight of the local filelist

Weight of the local filelist (default: 100)

Set the weight of the local filelist in percent. If it's lower than 100 the remote filelist will grow bigger and vice versa.

NOTE: This change doesn't take effect immediately !
You have to restart mftp first.

1.50 List of predefined hosts

List of predefined hosts

With this list you can predefine hosts which will be easily accessible in the connect requester later (in the popup list).
A double click on an existing entry has the same effect as Edit.

1.51 Edit selected entry

Edit selected entry

"Edit" will open a requester where you can edit the currently selected entry.

1.52 Add new entry to list

Add new entry to list

This will add a new entry to the list and let you enter the required data in a requester which pops up.

1.53 Remove selected entry

Remove selected entry

This removes the selected entry from the list.

1.54 Move entry up

Move entry up

Move the selected entry one step upwards in the list.

1.55 Move entry down

Move entry down

Move the selected entry one step downwards in the list.

1.56 Sort the list

Sort the list

Sort the list alphabetically.

1.57 List of file patterns for binary transfer

List of file patterns for binary transfer

Here you can specify a list of file patterns which will be used to determine if mftp uses binary mode to transfer a file (in case "auto" is selected as transfer mode). Standard amiga filepatterns are recognized.

Examples:

```
*.lha
*.lzh
*.zip
*.exe
```

NOTE: If a filename would match a pattern in the binary list and the ascii list mftp will use ascii mode !!

1.58 List of file patterns for ASCII transfer

List of file patterns for ASCII transfer

Here you can specify a list of file patterns which will be used to determine if mftp uses ASCII mode to transfer a file (in case "auto" is selected as transfer mode). Standard amiga filepatterns are recognized.

Examples:

```
*.txt
*readme
*.doc
```

NOTE: If mftp can't find a match in this list it will use binary mode.

1.59 Save the setup

Save the setup

This will save the setup permanently (to envarc:mftp.config). The current directory on the local machine (yours) will also be saved so the next time you start mftp you are back in your donload directory or whatever you wish. If you changed the size of the transfer buffer mftp tries to allocate the memmory.

NOTE: It is not mftp's job to save the properties of the windows. Please refer to the MUI manual on how to accomplish that.

1.60 Use the setup

Use the setup

This will save the setup to env:mftp.config only. So if you perform a reset the changes will be lost.

NOTE: If you changed the size of the transfer buffer mftp tries to allocate the memmory.

1.61 Cancel all changes

Cancel all changes

If you select "cancel" the setup will not be saved

in any way and mftp reloads the last used or saved configuration (env:mftp.config).

1.62 What is still not implemented

What is still not implemented

- * AREXX support
- * The abort button in the connect status window should produce a faster effect, I know..
- * Some people would like menus too instead of these nice buttons at the bottom... :)
- * Individual settings for each predefined host would be interesting too. Somehow in the same manner as term does.
- * Optimizing the handshake with the remote host.
mftp does too much at the moment - could be faster.

If you have any suggestions what else could be included, please email me !

1.63 Known Bugs

Known Bugs

There are no known bugs at the moment ! :)

1.64 About MUI and AmiTCP

MUI & AmiTCP

MUI info:

This application uses MUI - MagicUserInterface
© Copyright 1993/94 by Stefan Stuntz

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 DM 30.- or US\$ 20.- to Stefan Stuntz, Eduard-Spranger-Straße 7, 80935 München, GERMANY

AmiTCP info:

AmiTCP/IP is proprietary, copyrighted product of the NSDi - Network Solutions Development Inc, Finland.

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