

GuideCheck

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Chapter 1

GuideCheck

1.1 GuideCheck

GuideCheck V1.21

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1.2 Introduction

Introduction

GuideCheck is an usefull tool for guide creators.

GuideCheck is checking the whole guide file. A detailed report on any error allows to fix these bugs very easy.

1.3 Systemrequirements

Systemrequirements

OS2.0 or higher.

If you are using OS2.1 or higher, then GuideCheck will use the locale.library. The whole output will appear multilingual.

1.4 Featurelist

Features

- Very small and fast, because it is assembler written.
- Supports more than 50 guide commands.
- Checking links and other references.
- AmigaGuide files may be linked together.
- Dupe node detection
- Illegale character detection within node definitions

1.5 Distribution

Distribution

This program should be published on every public medium, as long as all files in the archive are unchanged. If this medium is a CD I expect a free copy. (AminetCDs excluded)

GuideCheck is Mailware.

I expect from everybody, who uses GuideCheck regularly, to send me an EMail or post card. I think this does not hurt anybody, and I will have more fun integrating new features or writing other tools.

Updates may be requested from Aminet.

I am not liable for injuries or data loss caused by GuideCheck. The use of GuideCheck is your own responsibility !!!

1.6 How to Install GuideCheck

How to Install GuideCheck

Just copy the "GuideCheck" command into the "C:" drawer.

If you want to use your language, it is required to install the specific catalog file of or country. English is default and there is no need for a catalog file.

Thats all!

1.7 GuideCheck

GuideCheck

GuideCheck is a CLI/Shell only program. The following template is used:

Name/A, NoDeepScan/S=NDS, NoOther/S=NO, NoNodes/S=NN, NoLinks/S=NL, NodeNameCheck/S=NNC, HTDS/S=HT, DEBUG/S

1.8 History

History

1.00

First official version

1.01

BUGFIX: Fixed a bug that causes local commands to report a "Missing Quotation Mark" when containing a "}".

1.02 - 1.10

FEATURE: Now Guidecheck supports **multi guide files**. CHANGED: Many small internal enhancements.

1.11

French doc files added! (Thanks to Frédéric Delacroix)

1.12

FEATURE: Forgot to implement the @ {FONT} command. (reported by Ronald Schmiers) BUGFIX: The @ {BG} and @ {BPEN} commands were creating error messages even if the command was correct. (reported by Ronald Schmiers) BUGFIX: Non existing external guide files caused GuideCheck to quit immediatly. This is now fixed. (reported by Ronald Schmiers)

1.13

BUGFIX: The syntax checker is specifying the exact command that caused an error by viewing its name. BUGFIX: Fixed the @ {SETTABS} commando.

1.14

FEATURE: Now @ {macro} support.

1.15

BUGFIX: Macros without arguments are no longer creating errors. FEATURE: Now its possible to abort the syntax output. BUGFIX: Macros within Macros are no longer allowed when using guide mode.

1.16

FEATURE: New italian catalog and manual. (Thanks to Walter Cazzola) FEATURE: New FAQ Chapter included: **FileLink**

1.17

FEATURE: GuideCheck.rexx included! This script allows to use GuideCheck direct on your Workbench. (Thanks to Nils Goers)

1.18

BUGFIX: Fixed the picture/datatype link problem!

1.19

FEATURE: The complete checking of node names is now **optional**. The only chars that are never allowed are: ":" and "/" because these chars indicate a dos path.

1.20 = 1.19

Added spanish manual and catalogs (Thanks to Victor M. Gutiérrez)

1.21

FEATURE: Added new style checking. (e.g. @ {b} missing) FEATURE: @database must be present at line 1! If not, its handled like a standard text file. FEATURE: The color description text of the @FG and @BG commands is now entirely checked. FEATURE: **DEBUG** option allows to output all linked non guide files. FEATURE: New file type output. (guide, text, binary)

1.9 Future

Future

I don't know. (-8 Your wishes are welcome.

1.10 Buglist

Buglist

Currently there are no other known bugs.

1.11 Thanx

Thanx

Thanks to Frédéric Delacroix for sending me the original CheckGuide (Author unknown). This tool has so many bugs, that I have decided to finish my own version and of course special thanx for the french translation.

Thanx to Walter Cazzola for the italian translation of GuideCheck.

Many thanks to Nils Goers for the GuideCheck-GUI!

Thanks to Silke Bormann for her SmurfDataBase and the possibly to check my program on a absolute untested guide.

1.12 The Author

The Author

If you find some bugs in GuideCheck, please send me a message, so that I can correct these bugs in the next version.

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FIDONET : 2:2449/246.15 INTERNET: geit@gmx.de <- If you see a "\" then ignore that character!

1.13 Other programs!

Other programs! BoulderDäsh [game/jump/boulderdaesh.lha]

Clone of the original Boulderdäsh for Amiga. It is the only version running faster on Amiga than the original. It looks and behaves like the original. I was asked, where the C64 is. (-8 And all this on a 68000 without Fastmem.

SimpleCat [dev/misc/simplecat.lha]

This tool is for programmers and user. Using this program you can change catalogs of programs with your favourite text editor in the easiest way. These programs must include a CS file. Search for it in the archive of the catalogs drawer.

Afind [util/misc/afind.lha]

With this program you can search for programs on your Aminet CDs in the easiest way. It is the same than the original tool on the CD, but here you can use AminetCDs and AminetSets mixed. So you are not forced to search for a program on the first 5 Aminet CDs, that is on AminetSet1 Disk b.

AView [util/misc/aview.lha]

AView is a great multiview enhancement/replacement! It is working like Multiview, but you are able to specify a special viewer/player for each file type.

Guideformat [text/edit/guideformat.lha]

GuideFormat is a simple tool. It is easy to format text blocks, even if there are "links" or other guide commands in.

GuideCheck [text/edit/guidecheck.lha]

GuideCheck ist ein Tool, das es erlaubt ein Guidefile vollständig zu prüfen und alle eventuellen Fehler aufzudecken.

SiedlerBoot [game/patch/siedlerboot.lha]

This allows to start the Settlers direct via CD and save the scores on HD. There is no hard disk install required. SiedlerBoot requires the "Amiga Plus Sonderheft 9" cover CDROM.

Execute64 [misc/emu/execute64.lha]

Execute64 allows to transfer file direct into the C64 and to start them. This allows to play games an use the Amiga a big file server.

R [util/cli/r.lha]

"R" creates a GUI for each DOS Programm. This allows you to use DOS commands even if you aren't very good in reading templates.

DVBControl [comm/misc/dvbcontrol.lha]

DVBControl is a software project for the Nokia MediaMaster (D-Box) and DVB2000 firmware. It allows to update firmware, edit channel settings and much more. So if you are using DVB2000 and an Amiga DVBcontrol is your only choice!

MCControl [hard/hack/mccontrol.lha]

MCControl (MemoryCard Control) is a card reader for Playstation MemoryCards. It requires a little selfmade hardware (~\$5) and the free software!

VBRControl [util/sys/vbrcontrol.lha]

VBRControl moves the processor vector base to fastram. This is increasing system speed.

AvailCPU [util/sys/availcpu.lha]

AvailCPU is a little program that shows the CPU usage by using the PowerLED!

TrackDisplayClock [util/time/trackdisplaycl.lha]

A hardware track display is very useful, if you need it! The most time this type of hardware is only good for lighting up the room! This will be changed when using TrackDisplayClock! TrackDisplayClock displays the system time on your track display! Its cool, its useful and of course the time is always in visual range. Delete all programs using screens, windows or icons to display the time and of course don't forget to remove your noclick tool! TrackDisplayClock is doing all these jobs and your system will be faster than before! (-8

1.14 The Pattern of GuideCheck: Name

Name

This argument specifies the name of the guide file.

1.15 The Pattern of GuideCheck: NoDeepScan

NoDeepScan

Under normal circumstances GuideCheck is scanning all files attached to one guide. So if a link specifies a node within an other AmigaGuide file than this file will be also checked.

This option forces GuideCheck to check only the **specified** file. Links to other files will be ignored.

1.16 The Pattern of GuideCheck: NoOther

NoOther

This switch deactivates the checking of nodes and links. Only the syntax of the guide file is checked.

1.17 The Pattern of GuideCheck: NoNodes

NoNodes

This argument disables the node checking. So GuideCheck is not reporting nodes which are not referenced in the guide.

1.18 The Pattern of GuideCheck: NoLinks

NoLinks

This switch disables the @LINK check.

Under normal circumstances GuideCheck is checking the node specified by @Link, @TOC, @Next, @Prev oder @Index commands.

1.19 The Pattern of GuideCheck: NodeNameCheck

NodeNameCheck

This switch enabled the hard node name checking. Instead of checking for the illegal characters ":" and "/" this mode activates other characters that should not be used within node names.

1.20 The Pattern of GuideCheck: HTDS

HTDS

This switch allows to check HTDS-files. HTDS is a datatype system that enhances the original AmigaGuide command set. Currently only some **Commands** are supported and a special **macro handling** is used.

1.21 The Pattern of GuideCheck: Debug

Debug

This switch allows to output all linked files. This is usefull for larger compilations with images and sounds.

1.22 All supported Commands

All supported commands

Commands using a whole line:

@Author @CopyRight @DataBase @EndNode @Font @Height @Help @Index **@Macro** @Master @Next @Node @OnClose @OnOpen @Pref @Remark @SmartWrap @Tab @Title @Toc @Ver @Width @WordWrap

HTDS Commands:

@Annotation **@Hyperguide** **@Include**

Commands used within text:

@{Body} @{BPen} @{BG} @{B} @{UB} @{UU} @{UI} @{U} @{I} @{JLeft} @{JCenter} @{JRight} @{LinDent} @{Line} @{Pard} @{Pari} @{Par} @{Plain} @{FG} @{APen} @{AmigaGuide} @{SetTabs} @{ClearTabs} @{Code} @{Tab}

HTDS commands used within text:

@{Font} @{Separator} @{Deffont} @{HyperGuide}

1.23 Command: @HyperGuide

Command: @HyperGuide

This command is only checked if present. If it is missing or not at the beginning, then nothing happens.

If think this is no so hard, because if someone is not able to write this line, then this person is not able to write a whole guide. (-8

1.24 Command: @Macro

Command: @Macro

The @Macro-Command is very complex. It is possible to specify arguments and it is possible, when using HTDS, to nest macros.

Let's take this macro:

```
@macro "Test" "lindent $1"
```

GuideCheck isn't checking if the specified argument is a number. (@indent expects a number). I don't think that I'll implement this.

Only the number of arguments will be counted, so the macro above requires exact one argument:

```
@ {test 4}
```

As you can see, the macro is not very usefull. (-8

HTDS

HTDS allows to nest macros. I don't use HTDS and GuideCheck is an AmigaGuide checking tool, so this feature is implemented, but there are some restrictions:

A Macro must be defined just before it is used. HTDS is scanning the whole text for macros without any checking. In addition to that the command @include is not working 100%, so external macros aren't present. But you are able to insert them at front of your guide file.

1.25 Command: @Include

Command: @Include

The include command is a HTDS command and is not really supported. GuideCheck is checking the syntax of this command, but there is no checking of the specified file.

1.26 Frequently ask Questions

Frequently ask Questions

AmigaGuide specific:

[My EMAIL address is reported as an error. Why?](#)

[Links to other amiga guide files are causing errors. Why?](#)

1.27 FAQ: My EMAIL address is reported as an error. Why?

My EMAIL address is reported as an error. Why?

The EMail problem is very easy to explain. GuideCheck is checking "@" as AmigaGuide command sequence and your EMail address is not a valid command.

It is not allowed to use a "@" within an AmigaGuide. Depending on the Version of the amigaguide.library this may cause various problems.

You are allowed to use a "@", like I just did, by using a "\" right before the "@"! When you are viewing the guide it looks like "@", but if you use a normal text editor it looks like "\\@". The backslash allows to insert characters that are normally not available or are used by the Amigaguide parser itself.

A backslash itself can be used in the same way: "\\\"!

1.28 FAQ: Links to other amiga guide files are causing errors. Why?

Links to other amiga guide files are causing errors. Why?

I think you are not using the Kickstart 3.1 version of the AmigaGuide datatype.

Some older versions allow special definitions of links into other guide files. These definitions aren't working with the newest version.

Like many times before! It's there. It's working. It's not allowed. It's used.

As Commodore said: "Everything what's not allowed, even if it is now working, won't work in the future."

@{"Link to other file" link "File2/Main"}

This is the only correct way. It's not allowed to remove the "/Main", even if it is working on your system.