

GuideCheck

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Chapter 1

GuideCheck

1.1 GuideCheck

GuideCheck V1.21

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1.2 Introduzione

Introduzione

GuideCheck è uno strumento utile per i creatori di guide.

GuideCheck controlla l'intera guida. Un report dettagliato degli errori riscontrati permette di correggerli molto facilmente.

1.3 System Requirements

System Requirements

OS2.0 o superiore.

Se si usa OS2.1 o superiore, GuideCheck userà la locale.library.

1.4 Caratteristiche

Caratteristiche

- Molto piccolo, veloce ed interamente scritto in assembler.
- Supporta più di 50 comandi amigaguide.
- Verifica i link e gli altri riferimenti.
- AmigaGuide file possono essere collegati insieme.
- Rilevamento nodi inutili.
- Rilevamento caratteri illegali presenti nella definizione di un nodo.

1.5 Distribuzione

Distribuzione

Questo programma può essere distribuito tramite qualsiasi mezzo pubblico, fintanto che tutti i file contenuti nell'archivio non vengono alterati. Se questo mezzo è un CD mi aspetto di riceverne una copia gratuita. (CD di Aminet esclusi)

GuideCheck è Mailware.

Attendo, da chiunque usi GuideCheck regolarmente, un e-mail o una cartolina. Credo che questo non infastidisca nessuno ed io mi divertirò maggiormente ad inserire nuove caratteristiche o a scrivere nuovi programmi.

Gli aggiornamenti saranno rilasciati su Aminet.

Io non mi ritengo responsabile per i danni o la perdita di dati dovuta all'uso di GuideCheck. L'uso di GuideCheck è a tuo rischio e pericolo !!!

1.6 Come Installare GuideCheck

Come Installare GuideCheck

È sufficiente copiare il comando "GuideCheck" nella directory "C:".

Se si vuole utilizzare il proprio linguaggio, bisogna installare lo specifico catalogo. L'inglese è per default e non è necessario alcun catalogo.

Questo è tutto!

1.7 GuideCheck

GuideCheck

GuideCheck è un programma eseguibile solo da CLI o da Shell. Il seguente template è usato:

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 Futuro

Futuro

Non ne ho idea. (-8 Eventuali consigli sono i benvenuti.

1.10 Elenco Errori

Elenco Errori

Non ci sono altri errori conosciuti.

1.11 Ringraziamenti

Ringraziamenti

Grazie a Frédéric Delacroix per avermi mandato l'originale CheckGuide (Autore sconosciuto). Questo programma aveva così tanti errori, che ho deciso di finire la mia versione.

Grazie a Silke Bormann per il suo SmurfDataBase e per la possibilità di controllare il mio programma su un amigaguide assolutamente non verificato.

1.12 L'Autore

L'Autore

Se trovi qualche errore in GuideCheck, per favore mandami un messaggio, così che possa correggere tale errore nella prossima versione.

Guido Mersmann Glatzer Straße 12 48477 Hörstel Germany

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 and 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: Nome

Nome

Questo argomento specifica il nome del file amigaguide da verificare.

1.15 The Pattern of GuideCheck: NoDeepScan

NoDeepScan

Normalmente Guidecheck verifica tutti i file riferiti da un amigaguide file. Quindi se un link specifica un nodo inserito in un altro file AmigaGuide, anche questo verrà verificato.

Questa opzione forza GuideCheck a controllare solo il file **specificato**. I link ad altri file vengono ignorati.

1.16 The Pattern of GuideCheck: NoOther

NoOther

Questo interruttore disabilita il controllo di nodi e link. Solo la sintassi del file amigaguide viene controllata.

1.17 The Pattern of GuideCheck: NoNodes

NoNodes

Questo interruttore disabilita il controllo dei nodi. Quindi GuideCheck non riporta l'elenco dei nodi non referenziati.

1.18 The Pattern of GuideCheck: NoLinks

NoLinks

questo interruttore disabilita il controllo di @LINK .

Normalmente GuideCheck controlla i nodi introdotti da comandi @Link, @TOC, @Next, @Prev o @Index.

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 an datatype system that enhances the original AmigaGuide command set. Currently only some **Commands** are supported and an 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 an 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 an 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

Specifiche di AmigaGuide:

[Perchè il mio indirizzo EMAIL viene riportato come un errore?](#)

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

1.27 FAQ: Perché il mio indirizzo EMAIL viene riportato come un errore?

Perché il mio indirizzo EMAIL viene riportato come un errore?

Il problema degli indirizzi e-mail è molto semplice da spiegare. GuideCheck controlla le stringhe che iniziano con "@" cercando di rilevare un comando Amigaguide. Però gli indirizzi e-mail non sono comandi validi.

Non è permesso usare un "@" all'interno di un AmigaGuide. A seconda della versione della amigaguide.library il loro uso può causare vari problemi.

È possibile usare un "@", inserendo appena prima uno "\"! Leggendo la guida apparirà come un "@", ma utilizzando un normale text editor apparirà come "\"@\"!. il backslash permette di inserire caratteri che altrimenti non sono disponibili.

Un backslash può essere inserito scrivendo un doppio backslash "\\\"!

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.