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Chapter 1

Text2Guide Release 02.00 documentation

1.1 Text2Guide Release 02.00 documentation

Text2Guide Program Guide

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### 1.2 Important

Copyright & legal stuff  
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### 1.3 Copyright & legal stuff

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## 1.4 Release Notes

Release: Text2Guide 02.00  
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This version is an update to version 01.00, that was included in the VideoMaxe Release 04.12.

Additionally features:

- o improved whole program structure...
- o can now convert links in texts
- o multiple node test
- o cli options

1.5 Introduction

After searching for a program of this kind in various ftp nets for quite a time (without success), I decided to write it myself.

Here it is!

1.6 Documentation

Text2Guide converts plain ASCII text into AmigaGuide (c) format. Sticking to some simple organisation of the text file one can simply realize a well structured guide file while still having a well readable text file at hand.

Startup
Text file organization
Options

1.7 Startup

Text2Guide is a CLI-Tool. Type Text2Guide and you'll get:

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Failed: Can't open input text file!

SYNTAX: Text2Guide <text_file> <guide_file> {+-uwt}

```
u: ignore underline of units, default on.
w: out warnings,                default on.
t: perform node test,           default on.
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```

That's rather self-explaining, is it not??

See `Options` for exact meaning of the options.

Note that `<guide_file>` automatically is removed if existent.

1.8 Text file organization

There are following rules for the text file:

- o The document starts with the keyword "Document" at the beginning of a line. The rest of this line will be taken as name of the AmigaGuide database.
In the document you are reading this is in the first line (where it normally should be).

- o You have to divide your text document in units. These units must start at the beginning of a line, and consist of arabic numbers divided by dots. Whole hierarchical relations are recognized. The rest of the line after this unit number will be taken as title of this unit.

Examples:

```
1. Einleitung      -> unit number "1",
                    title is "Einleitung"
4.2.1. Das Spiel beginnen -> unit number "4 2 1",
                    title is "Das Spiel beginnen"
```

- o Lines that are neither the first document line nor start with a unit number are texts. In texts, there may be links to other units, e.g. like `Test Link`. Such links start with an `"'"`-character and end with an `"'"`-character, containing the title of the required unit. Such links must be in one line.

Example: Please look at this document as example!

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Test Link

## 1.9 Test Link

You have clicked on the test link, so you are now in this chapter. Simply retrace or click `Text file organization` to get back.

## 1.10 Options

These options can be supplied to Text2Guide as arguments after the input and output file name. "-" will put off an option, "+" will put it on.

Option u: ignore underline lines, default on.

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If this option is on, lines directly following to lines with unit numbers are ignored. That is to let you underline such units in the plain text file.

For example this unit is defined in the text file by these two lines:

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If option u would be off, you would see the "-----" at the top of the window in the guide document...

Option w: out warnings, default on.

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If this option is on, warnings are written, else not. You should normally not put this off.

Option t: test for multiple nodes, default on.

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If this option is on, Text2Guide will perform a test for multiple defined nodes (->units) after transforming, and produce warnings if multiple nodes are found. Note that with "t" on and "w" off the test will be performed but no warnings written.

Example: Text2Guide Text2Guide.doc Text2Guide.guide -wt +u

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This will recompile this document; no warnings will be written and not multiple node test will be performed; underlines of units will be omitted (though "+o" is obsolete as the default is on).

## 1.11 The Author

The author is me and I am the author.

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