

JPEG-Box

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Chapter 1

JPEG-Box

1.1 JPEG-Box_Documentation

JPEG-Box V4.10 (1.4.1999)

- SHAREWARE -

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A PerSuaSiVe SoftWorX PRODUCT.

Needs Kickstart V2.04. Kickstart release 3.x compatible.
GUI created with StormWizard 2.0

Actively supports PowerPC (TM) via powerUP (TM)
and ppc.library.

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WWW Support Site
<http://wdo.de/ark/> (AWeb-II)

Simon Edward's Image Engineer WWW Site
<http://www.amigaworld.com/support/imageengineer/>
(Image Processing program produced by Simon Edwards)

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1.5 PowerPC (powerUP) support

JPEG-Box includes a PPC native JPEG *saver* module - which is really extremely fast - that can only be utilized fromout the registered version ("JPEG-Box.svm" - respectively "JPEG-Box.dll" - won't be loaded and used unless you've registered JPEG-Box and installed your personal keyfile).

Besides that, there are several PPC modules available for use with SuperView-Libray, which JPEG-Box utilizes for *loading* graphics. More detailed information on these PPC modules (PPC-Lib and WOS versions) can be found in the documentation to

SuperView-Library V23+

Where to obtain PPC modules from ?

The PPC plugin modules basically already are part of Picture Manager professional V5.5 (or any upgrade from earlier versions).

Additionally, the (non-exclusive) PPC modules also can be ordered by registered (as well as newly registering) users of SuperView/SViewNG/SViewII. or ImageEngineer.

For details, please see the registration form coming with SViewII.

1.6 purpose

JPEG-Box is a program that has been designed to write JPEG (JFIF) files for WWW usage as easily as possible.

It can read any file format SuperView-Library does support and can make a JPEG file out of it (see USAGE section for details):

- support of external Fileformat-Libraries (SVOjects):

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|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| - IFF-ACBM | - Windows,OS/2 BMP | - PNM (PBM,PGM,PPM) |
| - IFF-ILBM | - JPEG (JFIF v6) | - IMG (GEM Graphics) |
| - IFF-DEEP | - PhotoCD | - WPG (WP Bitmaps) |
| - IFF-FAXX | - TIFF | - MacPaint MAC |
| - IFF-PBM | - PCX | - EPS (Header/PS) |
| - IFF-RGB8 | - Atari Degas | - C64 (Koala, Doodle) |
| - IFF-RGBN | - Spectrum ZX | - TIM |
| - IFF-RGFX | - XWD | - FBM |
| - IFF-YUVN | - Windows Icon | - CDR-Previews |
| - QRT/POV Raytrace | - Mac PICT-2 | - SGI |
| - SVG | - Targa | - Pictor/PCPaint |
| - SunRaster | - UtahRLE | - PNG |
| - CVP (passphoto) | - Amiga Icons (WB/Magic/New) | |

as well as all OS3-Datatypes
and 24 Bit DataTypes (picture.datatype V43).

Many formats with 24 Bit-Support.
Reads XPK- and PP20-packed data via Unpack.svobject.

Writes C-Sourcecode in chunky/RGB notation.

Together with external third party programs also the following file formats seamlessly can be embedded:

File Format	needs program	also needs support for
- AMF	MetaView	(ILBM)
- DXF/AutoCAD (tm)	MetaView	(ILBM)
- FIG	AmiFIG	(Postscript)
	or: MetaView	(ILBM)
- CGM	GPlot	(Postscript)

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|-------------------|-----|-------------|--------|
| | or: | MetaView | (ILBM) |
| - IFF-DR2D | | MetaView | (ILBM) |
| - IFF-DRSD | | MetaView | (ILBM) |
| - Limbo | | Limbo 4.0 | (PNM) |
| - Postscript (TM) | | Ghostscript | - |
| - WPG-Vector | | MetaView | (ILBM) |
| - WMF | | MetaView | (ILBM) |
- support of external peripheral devices (DEVICE-access SVOjects):
- Scanner (scanner.device of ScanQuix)

1.7 installation

Even if you use the supplied Installer-Script, you should read the following notes. If you do not own the standard Installer-Program you should read them even more carefully and follow the instructions given.

Note: Should after starting the installer script appear an error message "Can't find program 'Installer'" (or similar), you have to enter the correct path to your Installer program via the Workbench menu Icon/Information.
Please do also not forget, to obtain and install SuperView-Library !

If you own a KeyFile, place it to "S:", or place it elsewhere and change the environment variable "KEYPATH" to the corresponding directory.

The SuperView-Library has to be obtained and installed separately, anyway !

Needed Workbench Resources

HardDisk-Users won't perhaps have to install any additional Workbench Resources to their HardDisk.
Disk-Users will have to copy the following libraries into their "LIBS:"-Directory, if these not already do reside in ROM (may depend on the version of the operating system):

- gadtools.library V37+ (V39 versions recommended;
- asl.library V37+ it's really time to upgrade
- utility.library V37+ to OS 3.1)
- workbench.library V37+
- icon.library V37+

Users of OS V2.04 or greater should also install the following libraries:

- amigaguide.library V34+
(please avoid using V34 - it's known to cause problems)

Other needed Resources

You will also have to copy the following libraries to your "LIBS:"-Directory (plus SVOjects, SVDivers and SVOperators):

- superview.library V22+

- superviewsupport.library V13+

GUI has been designed with StormWizard 2.0, so this program needs "wizard.library" V37+ (you can find a copy on Aminet under "biz/haage/WizardLibrary.lha").

For PowerPC support (optional modules) the following libraries are needed:

- ppc.library V45+ (V46+ recommended)

1.8 updatenote

General

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Although the JPEG-Box archive does contain most of the needed parts, you might wish to get updates sometimes.

The newest version usually can be found on Aminet under Aminet:gfx/conv/JPEG-Box.LHA

SuperView-Library can be found under Aminet:gfx/misc/SvII-#?.lha

## 1.9 usage

The GUI is quite self-explaining:

You can load SuperView-Library supported formats from:

- disk
- clipboard
- specific devices (Scanner, etc.)

and save these as JPEG (JFIF) files with the following options:

- progression on/off
- compression 0..100 (attention: "0" means BIGGEST compression !)

The GUI will display some useful information about the work being done, there are also some useful menu entries.

It's also possible to view the JPEG compression source and destination files in a window on workbench. This way there's a preview possible.

That's it :-)

## 1.10 evaluationrestr

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This is the evaluation version of JPEG-Box, which is SHAREWARE.

- it ticks down a 30 seconds counter in the "annoy" requester at startup
- the PPC native JPEG save module ("JPEG-Box.svm" or "JPEG-Box.dll") can't be utilized

## 1.11 history

Please note the following:

- please use at least V41.101 of wizard.library.  
You should find a copy coming with demo versions of various programs under ftp.haage-partner.com

V4.10 (1.4.99):

- now at least does require SuperView-Library V23+
- uses new ppc launching system of above mentioned version
- .elf module renamed to .svm
- added WOS PPC module (.dll)

V4.00 (19.3.99):

- it's now possible to view the JPEG compression source and destination files in a window on workbench. This way there's now a preview function available.

V3.26 (2.3.99):

- small changes
- updated docs
- please upgrade at least to wizard.library 41.101
- credit card online registration via RegNet now is possible. Some special Offers have been set up for you, some of wich are derived from the usual Discount list.  
Or go to [http://home.t-online.de/home/Andreas\\_Kleinert/regnet.htm](http://home.t-online.de/home/Andreas_Kleinert/regnet.htm) and order with only one click! Please have a look!

V3.25 (1.1.99):

- updated docs, new year maintenance, etc.

V3.23 (28.11.98):

- now asks before overwriting existing files (optional)
- removed old logfile code
- adjusted version requirements
- reworked docs
- bumped version to illustrate equality to PNG-Box' state of development

V1.02 (16.11.98):

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- PPC I/O speedup

V1.01 (17.10.98):

- gadget text mentioned wrong extension (.png instead of .jpg)
- added modified GUI, with nicer JPEG 'icons'  
(-> graphics composed and added by Georg Rottlaender)
- made sure, that the progress bar ends at 100% always when saving  
(in 68k mode, sometimes 97% or something like this was possible)  
(-> Jon Peterson)
- updated docs

V1.00 (2.10.98):

- first release

## 1.12 correspondence

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\*\* - actually redirected to [http://home.t-online.de/home/Andreas\\_Kleinert/](http://home.t-online.de/home/Andreas_Kleinert/)

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|      Send bug-reports, money or whatever to:  |
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|      * Image Engineer Registration Site Europe * |
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|      german phone rates are HIGHLY expensive.
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Please think twice before sending them - my postbox

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- Usenet  
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 ARK@News.wwbnet.de (Z-Netz)  
 Andreas\_Kleinert@gmx.de (GMX)

(note, that mail sent to @gmx.de currently will be forwarded to @t-online.de - so, as long as it works, try to address the latter directly)

- If nothing else works, try one of these public Fido-Usenet gateways:

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 Andreas\_Kleinert@p18.f350.n2457.z2.fido.sub.org

From USA or elsewhere:  
 Andreas\_Kleinert@p18.f350.n2457.z2.fidonet.org

When reporting any bugs, please don't forget to include a detailed description of the bug and tell me, if it is reproduceable or not. Please also mention the version number of JPEG-Box you used and describe your system configuration (Amiga model 500/.../4000T-060, Kickstart/OS, RAM, HardDisk, special configurations).

## 1.13 Making use of 680x0 CPUs

Basically, this program does run with a plain 68000 CPU.

However, if you do own an 68020/030+68881/882 FPU or 68040/060+FPU, or maybe a dual processor board with PPC, you may wish to make use of the extra horse power.

There are certain configuration options, special libraries and/or patches available, so you perhaps should investigate into that issue a little bit deeper - but carefully.

### PPC Support

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1. With CyberStorm PPC cards, it may make sense to make use of the "SetFastAvec" and "Set60nsMode" (SetMemMode) tools, which should speed up the system performance somewhat, i.e. by addressing your RAM with 60ns instead of 70ns access time. Newer versions allow to do these settings fromout the card's bootmenu. If you get random crashes, step back to 70ns.
2. Make sure, that you have a lot of RAM on the accelerator, so that the PPC isn't forced to make accesses to the slow

motherboard RAM. If you get random crashes, make sure you followed the installation instructions, and did not configure SIMMs of different vendors for a 64 bit access bank.

3. This program does make use of "ppc.library". So: Make sure, that you a) don't have "powerpc.library" installed or b) have a version of "powerpc.library" installed, which does not conflict with "ppc.library" (V7 is said to work together with ppc.library). Don't install ppc.library without having a PPC board plugged in. Always make use of the newest 68040/68060.library plus ppc.library - as available under ftp.phase5.de or Aminet.

(There's BTW now indirect support for powerpc.library V14 as well, so you can decide. It should work to run the PPC-Library versions under Frank Wille's ppc.library emulation for WOS.)

4. Read the corresponding FAQ pages for more information on PPC support and configuration - especially note, that a keyfile is required for fully functional PPC support within this datatype.

#### 68020/030+68881/882 FPU and 68040/060+FPU Support

Usually, Amiga OS' mathieeee-Libraries do automatically manage the coprocessor support, but for some reasons, these libraries are not used with this datatype:

- they can't be shared between processes
- they are not actually optimized for 68040/060+FPU as with OS 3.1

Unfortunately, the used FFP libraries don't support an FPU at all.

But there are certain patches available on Aminet, to speed up FPU support in general, add FPU support for the FFP libraries or in general allow more efficient use of the 040/060 CPUs, e.g. by avoiding unnecessary emulation of missing instructions through 68040/68060.library.

Make sure, that those patches don't conflict with certain versions of the 680x0 libraries or even are part of these already. If you've carefully read the docs you may wish to check out the following solutions:

1. Fix bugs within the math libraries

This one has nothing to do with the FFP libraries, but since there's also a bug in mathieeesingbas.library (which resides in ROM), you should install a patch for that:

- a) best solution is a newer SetPatch Version V43.x (available from ftp.amiga.de somewhere in "/pub/")
- b) if SetPatch V43 does not work with your OS version,

you should try for example "SetMathPatch"  
 (coming e.g. with GhostScript - see Aminet:gfx/show)

Those patches may conflict with some math library replacements - it seems to be logically, that a completely rewritten replacement library of course does not need to be patched any further. At least not for the same bugs...

## 2. Patching the math#? libraries for better (or introducing) FPU support:

- a) - FMath V40.6   Aminet:util/libs/FMath406.LHA  
       - FFPPatch    Aminet:util/boot/ffppatch.lha
- b) - HSMathLibs   Aminet:util/libs/HSMathLibs\_040.lha  
       Aminet:util/libs/HSMathLibs\_060.lha
- c)    various other patches from the "util" area of Aminet

With the 68040/68060.libraries of p5, according to their docs, further patches of the math libraries are not recommended - however may work nevertheless.

## 3. General 040/060 speedup

For automatic speedup on 68020+ systems, this datatype makes use of utility.library.

This one has nothing to do with the FPU, but if you do own a 060 and OS 3.0 you should perhaps consider to install "Mult64Patch", which claims to implement the 64 bit integer functions UMult64/SMult64 of utility.library V39+ (which have to be software emulated on the 060) two times faster than the patches done by 68060.library and four times faster than the trap emulation. A speed test program is included.

That program can be found under Aminet:util/boot/Mult64Patch.lha - however, it may already be obsolete for newer versions of your 68060.library. Do the speed check, then decide.

## 4. Better performance on 680x0 and PPC

Here, the following tools work quite fine on a 040/PPC board (taken in this order from s:startup-sequence):

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C:FastExec >NIL: <NIL: NOEXEC FASTSSP FASTVBR FASTEXP FASTMEM FASTINT ↔
REBOOT
C:SetPatch QUIET
C:QuickRom >NIL: <NIL:
Run >NIL: <NIL: C:CpuBlit
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|                 |                |                            |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| FastExec V2.9   | (Aminet)       | -> various speedups        |
| SetPatch V43.6b | (www.amiga.de) | -> OS patches              |
| QuickRom V36.08 | (Aminet)       | -> ROM to RAM              |
| CpuBlit98       | (Aminet)       | -> let the CPU do blitting |

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This all runs fine in 60ns mode, together with SetFastAvec,  
PPCInstall and CyberGraphX V3.

## 1.14 thanks

Thanks go to (in order of appearance ;-)

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(some of these people did register, others did make  
suggestions/bug reports - how about you ?)

- Roman Patzner (RomIcons)            - Georg Rottlaender

Credits go to Georg Rottlaender <Georg.Rottlaender@home.ivm.de>  
for improving my original PNG-Box Wizard GUI and making it more  
user-friendly, plus for some changes to the JPEG-Box GUI.

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