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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 Welcome to the MPAGui HELP guide.

What is MPAGui

Requirements

Usage

MUI VERSION

NEW !!

Who made it ?

Copyright

What's NEW ?

CREDITS

This GUIDE is for both the MUI and the non-mui versions of MPAGui.

Use MPAGui at your own risk. It works perfectly on my system so don't blaim me if something goes wrong when using it.

### 1.2 What is MPAGui ?

MPAGui is a GUI (Graphical User Interface) for  
MPEGA

It'll give you access to the a number of functions of MPEGA  
using a very easy to use GUI. There are two versions available.  
An MUI and a NON MUI version.

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How 2 use MPAGui

How 2 use MPAGui MUI

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### 1.3 WHAT YOU'II NEED !

- AREXX <- supplied with Workbench.

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MPEGA

<- Best MPEGA player in the WORLD !

-MPEG FILES would be very handy too !

-The Mui version needs

MUI

and

MUIREXX

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### 1.4 How to use MPAGui

0. If you've got MUI you SHOULD use the MUI version, as it's got ↔  
MORE

options !

Click here

for more info on the MUI version.

1. You can use it straight from CD or you can install it to your harddrive, using the supplied installer.
2. When you first start MPAGui it will use my default preferences, change these to the values you want to use and save them using the save button.
3. Here's a discription of the functions of MPAGui.  
If you want to you can access all functions using the keyboard shortcuts mentioned before the function in the list below.

- MAIN MENU -

0 Frequency <- This allows you to change the maximum playback

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frequency. The higher the frequency the better the sound quality and the higher the CPU usage.

- 1 Mixing Frequency <- This allows you to change the mixing frequency
- 2 Playback quality <- This allows you to change the quality with which the music is played. The higher the playback quality, the higher the CPU usage.
- 3 Buffer size <- Change the size of the playback buffer.
- 4 Wait till buffer is full <- music won't be played until the buffer (defined with option 03) is filled.  
Use this if playback isn't smooth
- 5 mono playback <- Play music back in MOMO (only the left channel will be decoded and played back through both)
- 6 counter <- This will allow you to change the counter used during playback.
- 7 MPEG\_A executable <- This allows you to specify where MPEG\_A is installed and it's name. This executable will also be used for CONVERTING.
- 8 MPEG\_A files drawer <- Here you can select the drawer where your .MP FILE OR your PLAYLIST is installed.  
!! WHEN USING A DRAWER DON'T FORGET TO PUT A / AT THE END (i.e. work:music/).
- 9 SELECTED MP FILE <- The name of the MP OR the PLAY LIST you want to use. (it must be in the directory specified at 8).
- A AHI <- Allows you to use AHI for output.
- P PLAY <- Play back MP file with selected options.
- S SAVE PREFS <- Saves the specified options to S:BB\_MP\_Agui.prefs.
- C CONVERT <- This will open up the Conversion menu
- Q QUIT <- Leave MP\_Agui.

- CONVERSION MENU -

- P S Path <- The path where your MP files are installed. \*
- F S File <- The file you want to convert. \*
- O Out format <- Select the file type you want to convert your MP file too (WAV or AIFF).
- V Division <- Downsample by 1,2 or 4 times.
- D Destination <- Enter the name of the destination file

(i.e. Workbench:Wav/Rains.WAV)

C CONVERT                   <- Start conversion  
                              Sound playback will be disabled during  
                              conversion.

M Main Menu                 <- Go back to the main menu.

S Save                       <- Save prefs. \*

Q Quit                       <- Leave MPAGui

\* -> This option is available in both menus !

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## 1.5 MPAGui MUI Edition

You can run this program straight from CD or you can install it to your harddrive.

To install MPAGui MUI simply double click on the install icon. Select the directory where you want to install it and wait till you get a message saying MPAGui MUI has been installed.

Here's a short discription of the menus:

### Main

1. MP Source File   -> Enter the name and path of an MP file and press enter to add it to the list. If you click on the small gadget next to the string you'll get a requester where you can select a MP file using the mouse.
  2. Destination File -> If you want to convert your MP file to a wav, aiff or raw file enter the name of the destination file here.
  3. Load Playlist   -> Load a Playlist.
  4. Save Playlist   -> Save all entries in the list to a Playlist file.
  5. Clear List       -> Remove ALL entries from current list.
  6. Remove Selected -> Remve Selected enty from list
  7. Play selected   -> Play the file highlighted in the list above.  
                      You can highlight a file by clicking on it.
  8. Play List       -> Play ALL the files in the current list.  
                      The files in the list are dragable so you can  
                      change the order in which the files are played.
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9. Convert selected -> Start converting the Source file to the Destination file.

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#### Prefs

1. Mpega Executable -> Enter the complete name and path of mpega or select it by clicking on the requester gadget.
2. T Buffer Size -> Change the size of the time buffer.
3. Priority -> Change the priority of MPEGAs.
4. Maximum Frequency -> Select the maximum playback frequency.  
A frequency of 44100 is not possible on standard pal or ntsc screens.
5. Mixing Frequency -> Select the mixing frequency
6. Playback Quality -> Change the playback quality.
7. Counter -> Select the kind of counter to be used during playback
8. Output Format -> Select the fileformat to convert your MP file to when you press the convert button in the main menu.
9. Mono -> Allows you to playback your MP file in mono.
10. Ahi -> Allows you to use AHI for playback.
11. Wait -> If wait is selected, the buffer defined with the buffer slider will be filled before playback. Use this if playback isn't smooth.
12. Async -> Turn Async on or off
13. Filter -> Turn the filter off or set it on auto.
14. Play Ram -> This will copy the entire MP file to RAM: before playing it. Use this options if your (hard)drive takes up a lot of cpu time.  
!! WON'T WORK WITH LISTS !!
15. Save Prefs -> This will save the prefs to ENVARC:MPAgui.prefs  
These prefs will be loaded every time you load MPAgui.

#### HELP

A Help balloon will appear if you leave the pointer over a button, cycle, string or list for a couple of seconds.



## 1.6 About ME !

MY AMIGA:

A1200 Tower (infinitiv)  
 blizzard 1230-IV  
 16 MB fast ram  
 kickstart 3.1  
 4 x CDRom  
 250 MB harddrive

ME:

Barry Beukhof  
 Spaaksingel 12  
 6716 KG Ede  
 The Netherlands

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                A          MM      MM  I  GGGGGG          A
              A A          M M      M M  I  GG   GG          A A
            A  A          M  M      M M  I  G   GG          A  A
          A      A          M  M M      M  I  G           A      A
        AAAAAAAAAA          M      M      M  I  G           AAAAAAAAAA
      A              A          M              M  I  G   GGGGG  A              A
    A      A      A          M              M  I  G           G  A      A      A
  A              A  M              M  I  GGGGGGGGG  A              A

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MAKES IT POSSIBLE !

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## 1.7 NEW FEATURES

New:

- Made an MUI version.
- The ability to save your setup !!
- The ability to use the time counter.
- The ability to use MP to RAW, AIFF or WAV decoding with frequency division.
- The ability to use the AHI output option.
- The ability to load and playback a playlist.
- Some SMALL changes in the interface.

- Changed the name to MPAGui (used to be MPEGAGui).

The following options are only available in the MUI version:

- The ability to change the priority.
- The ability to disable async.
- The ability to make a playlist and save it.
- Interface can be iconified.
- The filter can be set to off or auto.
- The option to have the MP file copied to ram before playback .
- A help balloon will appear if you leave the pointer over a gadget/list.

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## 1.8 Copyright

Come on, copyright on a stupid script like this !  
You've gotta be kidding !

Everyone whos thoughts resemble the ones above is absolutely right.

there is NO copyright on these scripts, so feel free to use and  
abuse them, any way you want.

## 1.9 About MPEGA

MPEGA is written by by Stephane TAVENARD.

It is available as giftware on various magazine CDroms, aminet and  
several buletin boards.

It is an highly optimized MPEG audio decoder. It can decode MPEG audio  
standard streams, layer I, II & III. The output can be either a raw PCM  
file, a WAV file, a AIFF file or AMIGA-builitn audio device (14-bit/  
cybersound/AHI).

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## 1.10 MagicUserInterface

This application uses

MUI - MagicUserInterface

(C) Copyright 1993-97 by Stefan Stuntz

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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.

Support and online registration is available at

<http://www.sasg.com/>

## 1.11 MUIrexx

MUIrexx by Russ Leighton

'MUIrexx' is a program which serves as an interface between 'ARExx' (Copyright (C) 1987, William S. Hawes) and MagicUserInterface (Copyright (C) 1993-97, Stefan Stuntz). 'MUIrexx' does not provide complete access to all of the capabilities of MagicUserInterface (MUI), however, quite a lot of capability is implemented in 'MUIrexx' such as notification, icon buttons, application objects (objects that react to icons dropped on them), and drag/drop objects, as well as many standard MUI objects. Complete graphical user interfaces as well as full applications can be developed using 'MUIrexx' and 'ARExx' macros. Additionally, it is also possible to dynamically change or add objects after the application has been created.

Since MUI is an object oriented extension it was felt that the general flavor of object oriented programming (OOP) should be retained in the 'ARExx' implementation. Therefore, the command structure has a familiar OOP look to it which is somewhat of a departure from normal 'ARExx' programming construction.

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## 1.12 CREDITS

Stephane Tavenard ->  
mpega  
William S. Hawes -> AREXX made way back in 1987 but still VERY ←  
good !

Stefan Stuntz       ->  
                  MUI  
                  Russ Leighton       ->  
                  MUIrexx