

Smartass

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Chapter 1

Smartass

1.1 Contents

He who trains his tongue to quote the learned sages,
will be known far and wide as a
Smartass

-- Howard Kandel

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1.2 introduction

What?

A fortune cookie program for your pleasure. Smartass contains more than 65200 different cookies. Murphy's laws, Devil's Dictionary, myths, jokes, computer mimics to stories, AI Hacker's Dictionary and not to forget - quotes from famous people.

How?

Smartass puts text to the Shell or opens a highly configurable MUI window.

Why Smartass?

- Smartass uses MUI - which makes its appearance very configurable
- Also supports output to the Shell
- Very large cookie file (2.8 Meg crunched)
- [Next] button: Go to the next cookie without having to reload the program.
- Preparse possibilities: Display all cookies or origins in bold, italic, centered...
- Save individual cookies to a file.
- Optionally, the window can be made borderless, ie. no title, border and sizegadget will be displayed.
- Possibility to disable the "Browse" buttons, the "Origin" area and the "Exit" gadget.

I can't deny three major disadvantages: The data file is very large, not configurable, and displaying a cookie may take some time.

1.3 Copyright

Copyright

Copyright 1995, 1996 Smartass Team. All Rights reserved.

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Amiga-port and all the nice MUI stuff (C) 1995, 1996 Christian Kemp.

Smartass requires and uses

MUI
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1.4 MUI

This application uses

MUI - MagicUserInterface

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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.

If you want to register directly, feel free to send

DM 30.- or US\$ 20.-

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1.5 Requirements

Requirements

- Kickstart and Workbench 2.04 or later.
 - MUI 3.1 or later.
 - A 68020 or better
 - Memory usage depends on your configuration, for example whether you want
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- Smartass to have a background pattern, but should not exceed 600k.
- Nearly 3.0 Megabytes.
(Only ≈ 40 kilobytes have to reside on your boot partition.)
 - You need the complete cookiefile, Smartass will not be able to display any cookies without it! The cookiefile can be found on Aminet as util/misc/Smartass_dat.lha and is about 2.8 MB large.

1.6 Installation

Installation

Installation is accomplished through an Installer¹ script.

Simply follow these steps:

- Unpack Smartass_dat.lha and Smartass_bin.lha to RAM: or any other directory. (If you haven't already done this).
Warning: Unpacking to RAM will require over 3 Megabytes of free memory!
- Doubleclick on the RAM icon, then on the Smartass drawer.
- Doubleclick on the Install icon
- Follow the on-screen instructions.
- If the Installation was successful, delete the Smartass drawer that still resides in the RAM disk.

Please do not install Smartass manually, it only causes unnecessary trouble.

¹ Installer is not included in this archive.

1.7 Usage

Usage

WORKBENCH

Simply start Smartass by clicking on its icon.
A window will be opened, click on "Exit" to close it, or take a look at the

menus
.

If the NEXT mode is turned on, you will see an additional button near the Exit button. This button can be used to display a new cookie without having to reload the program.

Smartass can be customised via
tooltypes
and the
MUI prefs program. (refer to the

Menus
section).

SHELL

Simply enter its name in a Shell window.

The following command line options are supported:

GUI - Smartass will behave just as if started from Workbench.
Cookiefile - Specify the cookiefile (normally "Smartass.dat")

Cookiefile is obligatory if GUI is not specified.

1.8 Menus

Menus

Project menu

About

- A requester with the version number, a giftware notice and my contact address will appear. Click on Continue to close the requester.

About MUI

- Displays informations about the version of MUI installed on your Amiga.

Quit

- Will have the same effect as clicking on the close or Exit gadgets:
Close the window and quit.

Edit menu

Save cookie as...

- This function allows you to save an individual cookie to a file.

Information menu

Cookie...

- Displays the total number of cookies and the number of the displayed cookie.

Settings menu

MUI...

- Show the MUI settings window, where you can modify the graphical appearance of Smartass.
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1.9 Tooltypes

Tooltypes

Using tooltypes is described in-depth in your Workbench manual.

- The SMARTASSFILE tooltype

Used to specify the location and name of the Smartass cookie file.

- The COOKIE_PREPARSE tooltype

Used to specify the look of the cookie text.

Possible options are BOLD, CENTER, HIGHLIGHT, ITALIC, LEFT, RIGHT, UNDERLINE, they can also be combined.

Example: <COOKIE_PREPARSE>=BOLD|CENTER>

- The COOKIEFONT tooltype

Used to specify the font in which the cookie text will be written.

Example: <helvetica.font>

- The COOKIEFONTSIZE tooltype

Used to specify the size of the COOKIEFONT.

Example: <15>

- The EXIT tooltype

Used to specify if the Exit button should be displayed.

Example: <BUTTON=FALSE>

- The NEXT tooltype

Used to specify if the "Next" button should be displayed.

- The NOBORDER tooltype

When this tooltype is specified, the Smartass window won't have a border, a sizing gadget, a close gadget and a title anymore.

1.10 Contact Address

Contact address

Please send long letters, e-mails, bug-reports, suggestions, postcards, gifts, money and used A4000/060's to:

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WWW : <http://www.vo.lu/homepages/ckemp/>

You can write in German, English, or French.

1.11 About the author

About the author

I'm 19 years old and I'm currently going to secondary school (high-school).

I've been using Amigas since 1990 and my current setup includes an A1200 with 68030, 8 Meg of Fast RAM, Microvitec monitor, 250 MB hard disk, PCMCIA DoubleSpeed CD-ROM and TriStar 28k8 modem.

1.12 Thanks

7.3 Thanks

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1.13 Past

Past

v2.0

- First version from me

2.0.1

Changes since v2.0:

- Now includes Information/Cookie... menu item
- Forgot to include the AFD-Copyright file in v2.0 :-)
- The executable is now optimised for the 68020

2.0.2

- The cookie is no longer displayed in a listview,
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but in a normal text gadget. Some tooltypes have become obsolete because of this.

1.14 Present

Present

Known bugs:

- Apparently Smartass still produces some Enforcer hits. I have no way of finding out, as I don't have an MMU.
- The Installer script may not work sometimes. I have not been able to reproduce this.

1.15 Future

Future

Planned features for the next version

- Support for the new v5.0 datafile with over 80000 cookies.
- Prefs program instead of setting tooltypes.
- And, of course, your suggestions
I didn't receive any so far. :-(