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# Chapter 1

## and

### 1.1 Martin Gierich

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Directory: debug  
Amiga:

SAMPLE SOLUTION!

Description of task:

Describe the administrator of the debug directory as precisely as possible!

Given:

Name: Martin Gierich

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Studies:  
Elektrotechnics, at the "Universität Fridericiana zu Karlsruhe", 6th Semester (linearly growing)

Height (time invariant reference value):  
173 cm

Birth date:  
21.8.1971

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Relation Age:Height:  
13,3 years/m  
(directly deducted from the birth date)

Relation shoe size:height (especially important):  
24,27 1/m

Hobbies:  
Time absorber No. 1: Amiga  
doing electronic experiments  
windsurfing at good-weather conditions  
light athletics, especially long distance (10 km)

Desired:  
A more precise description

Permitted auxiliary items for solving the task:

A500 w/ flicker fixer and SVGA monitor  
1 MB Chip-RAM  
Kickstart switcher 1.3/2.04  
NTSC/PAL switcher for ECS-Agnus  
HP-Deskjet-500C printer

one of either:  
210 MB AT-Bus harddisk  
unused SCSI-2-Controller  
2 MB real Fast-RAM

or:  
A570-CDROM drive (makes up for a CDTV together with the A500)  
no harddisk, no Fast-RAM  
(how could Commodore ever sell something like this ?!)

further peripherals:  
video digitizer  
sound digitizer

Derivation of programming projects (trivial):

1993: DMAP  
My first great project. A multi-purpose tool that is very useful  
in the startup-sequence of floppy disks. Nowadays, in the age  
of the harddisk, it has lost part of its importance.  
Combined in just 5 KBytes are: screen blanker, mouse accelerator,  
virus checker, setmap etc.

1993-95: ZShell  
This is probably what I have used most of my time on. As the name  
implies: It's a replacement for the standard shell. In the ↔  
beginning  
it was the ZShell by Paul Hayter which I then gradually modified ↔  
to  
meet my needs. In the meantime I have even developed a concept:

Similarity to the standard shell, simple to use, extended editing capabilities (like file name completer), iconify-like function, ←  
lots  
of built-in commands.

1994: United Manager

As I'm taking part in a mail football game of the "United" type, I have written this program to save me a lot of the writing work.

1995: MiniXpkGuide

This represents a display program like Amigaguide or Multiview. As most of the work is done by the amigaguide.library, I could reduce the size of this program to about 500 bytes. Contrary to Amigaguide/Multiview it is capable of displaying XPK-packed documents.

Interim results (unreleased projects):

Video backup:

"Why shouldn't one store the harddisk on a video tape?", I thought with myself. The program was supposed to run in the background and send its data to the videorecorder over the disc drive port. ←

However,  
because I had forgotten that the video head has to be synchronized ←

I could dump all the source codes (and the hardware as well). Frustrated, I dropped the project.

Mousic:

MOUSIC=MOUSE+baSIC, this was supposed to become a new programming language, designed to easily and quickly let you create a program (as Basic was), and being mouse-controlled (that is, with a ←  
graphical  
user interface). The best thing about it, however, was that it ←  
should  
be possible to write a compiler for it on other computer systems so that the source code of one Mousic program could be taken to a new platform without modification, which results in portable graphical user interfaces.

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Picture 1: Older sketch from 1987

This one shows me getting an ear banger.

Picture 2: Image of me taking part in the "Badische Meile" 1993

(Running competition over 8,9km in Karlsruhe)

I was way off from the winning place. :-)

Picture 3: You can only get total power with at least two remote controls, 1991

Picture 4: Graphical display of my last vacations, 1994

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