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Chapter 1

Most_engl

1.1 Most_engl.guide

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Most V1.53
*****

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    General background information to Most

Configuration
    How to start Most

Keyboard commands
    Shortcuts, cursor movements and so on

Menus
    Which menus are available

The main window
    The main window and its functions

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    The second important window

The AppIcon
    How to use it.

XPK support
    How Most supports XPK

Pipe support
    Most can read out of a pipe
```

ARexx Port
 The wonderful world of ARexx

Known bugs
 Hopefully mostly empty...

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 It's your turn

Current version
 Where to get the latest Most

Greetings
 Who helped me

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1.2 Most_engl.guide/Copyright

Copyright

Most 1.53 is published under the concept of GiftWare! So if you find Most a useful tool (and of course use it) please make me a present of any kind - and make me very happy.

Beside this I keep my Copyright:

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You must get my agreement if you wish to publish Most in a commercial product. Especially it is not allowed to use Most for military purposes of any kind which includes using Most in companies which plan or only support military products.

You are allowed to include Most in PD packages which cost less than \$10.- ! But I ask you to keep the archive together. You have to include the documentation with each version. Thank you!

1.3 Most_engl.guide/Background

Background

There are some goals I try to achieve with Most:

- full workbench support

 - easy to use with mouse and keyboard
-

- flexibility
- memory friendly :-)

So Most uses a window for each text - there is no possibility to use it like Commodore's More in a shell. Of course you can choose another screen to open on or even an own CustomScreen. How much windows are opened by Most and where they are is absolut without interest and only limited by the amount of free (chip-) memory!

As each text is displayed in his own window there is also its own process behind. Cause of the windows are absolut independent of each other. Especially you can send ARexx commands to different windows simultaneous and you are free to open new Most windows even if previously opened windows are "busy" - there is Most's main process which handles all texts and some global ARexx commands (see ARexx Port).

To be memory friendly and to display very huge texts even on a 500KB system Most does buffering. Small texts, which fit completly into the buffer, are read only once and closed than so that you can e.g. edit and save it again. But if the text is larger than the configurated buffer length (yes, of course you can change the buffer size, but read on :-)) Most will do some sort of "paging". So memory usage will be limited by the buffer size you specified (little memory -> small buffer). On the other hand this slows scrolling and searching down!!! Sorry for this, but if you have enough memory just increase to buffer size to - let's say - 2 MB. Don't be afraid. Of course Most only uses the amount of memory it needs if a text is smaller than the buffer ;-)

There is one exception of the paging method: XPK packed files. In the current version Most does no paging to XPK files but reads the complete file into memory (see XPK support). Perhaps this will change in future, perhaps it will stay...

Oh, I nearly forgot that Most can display all ANSI sequences. Without this it wouldn't be a real text viewer. As I don't want to do old work again and again I decided to use the console.device. This enables you to mark lines and copy them with Amiga C into the clipboard! I regret that there are also some problems:

- You can only mark text inside the visible text portion.
- Scrolling is quiet annoying on an Amiga without 680x0 (x > 1).
- Don't load binary files. I warned you!!!

1.4 Most_engl.guide/Configuration

Configuration

Most does the following configuration steps on startup:

1. internal defaults
2. Environments Most/Most and Most/FileReq (When used from shell local environments will be read first!)
3. Shell-start: parse command line
 WB-start : parse ToolTypes
4. NEW since Most 1.53: For each text loaded Most will read the project icon (if exists) and use the new tooltypes. You can also include all ARexx commands in the tooltypes which will be executed just after loading the new text! So you can write local ARexx scripts directly into the icons of texts. For a list of the possible commands see
 ARexx Port
 .

And now, ladys and gentlemen, here are the options to be used in 2.), 3.) and 4.):

FILES
 list of filenames to be displayed

PUBSCREEN
 name of a PubScreen to open Most's window on

PORTNAME
 name of global ARexx port.

STARTUP
 ARexx script to be executed

WINDOWX
 x-coordinate of window

WINDOWY
 y-coordinate of window

WINDOWW
 width of window

WINDOWH
 height of window

SCREENMODE
 screenmode to open an own screen with

FONT
 fontname to use

FONTHEIGHT
 height of a given font

APPICON
 to show the AppIcon

ICONX
 x-coordinate of AppIcon

ICONY
 y-coordinate of AppIcon

BUFLEN
 length of read buffer

PIPELEN
 length of pipe buffer

QUOTES
 possible characters for include file recognition

DIRS
 search paths for includes

ENDS
 endings of include files

STACKSIZE
 adjust editor's stack size

1.5 Most_engl.guide/FILES

FILES
=====

Usage

A list of filenames to be displayed (only on shell command line!).
You can use any AmigaDOS wildcards.

1.6 Most_engl.guide/PUBSCREEN

PUBSCREEN
=====

Usage

Name of PubScreen where Most will open its windows on.

1.7 Most_engl.guide/PORTNAME

PORTNAME

=====

Usage

Custom name of global
ARexx Port
of Most. Overrides the default
name.

Default

MOSTPORT

1.8 Most_engl.guide/STARTUP

STARTUP

=====

Usage

Name of an ARexx script which will be executed every time Most
opens a window. (see
ARexx Port
).

Remember that you can use directly all ARexx commands as tooltypes
in project icons of text files (as a sort of "tooltype script").

1.9 Most_engl.guide/WINDOWX

WINDOWX

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Shortcut

WX

Usage

X-coordinate of
The main window

1.10 Most_engl.guide/WINDOWY

WINDOWY

=====

Shortcut

WY

Usage

Y-coordinate of
The main window
. -1 for centered windows

1.11 Most_engl.guide/WINDOWW

WINDOWW

=====

Shortcut

WW

Usage

width of windows

Default

600

1.12 Most_engl.guide/WINDOWH

WINDOWH

=====

Shortcut

WH

Usage

height of windows

Default

400

1.13 Most_engl.guide/SCREENMODE

SCREENMODE

=====

Shortcut

SM

Usage

A valid screenmode Most will use to open its on screen with (which will be a PubScreen named Most). You can get a list of the available screenmodes of your system if you start Prefs/ScreenMode.

Attention! The names of the screenmodes are different for most versions of the monitor files. Remember that you must specify a valid name, which means, that you must spell it exactly as in the monitor files. If in doubt start Prefs/ScreenMode and read the listview.

Example

```
SCREENMODE "Pal:HighRes"
```

1.14 Most_engl.guide/FONT

FONT

====

Usage

name of a font to be used. The name must include the .font postfix. Don't forget it! And be careful with proportional fonts.

Example

```
FONT "helvetica.font"
```

1.15 Most_engl.guide/FONTHEIGHT

FONTHEIGHT

=====

Usage

Tells Most which font height it should use. Works only together with the

FONT

option. If not specified Most uses the system default font's height.

1.16 Most_engl.guide/APPICON

APPICON

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Usage

A switch, which lets Most use an AppIcon on workbench. If you start Most with the APPICON option and without further file names,

Most will only put its AppIcon onto workbench and stay in background. (see
The AppIcon
)

1.17 Most_engl.guide/ICONX

ICONX

=====

Usage

X-coordinate of Most's
APPICON
on workbench

1.18 Most_engl.guide/ICONY

ICONY

=====

Usage

Y-coordinate of Most's
APPICON
on workbench

1.19 Most_engl.guide/BUFLEN

BUFLEN

=====

Usage

Very interesting option to justify Most's buffer size. In general: On small systems use small values, on larger systems try higher buffer sizes. BUFLEN defaults to 50 KB (which is quiet small :-). Texts smaller than the buffer size will be read complete into memory and use only the necessary amount of memory.

Default

50 000 Bytes

1.20 Most_engl.guide/PIPELEN

PIPELEN

=====

Usage

Most can also read out of a pipe. Normally it would allocate a buffer of

BUFLen

/10 Bytes for reading. With this option you can justify the buffer length for pipes by hand.

Example

PIPELEN 8192

1.21 Most_engl.guide/QUOTES

QUOTES

=====

Usage

You can specify a sequence of quote characters. These characters will be used for the "click-and-load" option: If you doubleclick on a word which stands between a quote character Most will try to load a text named like this word. This is very useful for programmers as you can view include files very easy!

Default

"' <> () {} []

1.22 Most_engl.guide/DIRS

DIRS

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Usage

Specify one or more directories Most will search through if you use the "click-and-load" function (see

QUOTES

). All directories

must be separated by |.

Example

DIRS "Include:|TexInputs:|LC:Include/"

1.23 Most_engl.guide/ENDS

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                ENDS
```

Usage

Postfixes to be appended on include files with the "click-and-load" function in the given order (see

- DIRS
- , see
- QUOTES
-).

Example

```
                ENDS ".c.h.tex"
```

1.24 Most_engl.guide/STACKSIZE

```
STACKSIZE
=====
```

Usage

Adjust the size of the editor's stack. Useful for example for the emacs ("Eight Megabytes And Constantly Swapping"?)...

Example

```
                STACKSIZE 50000
```

Default

8192 bytes

1.25 Most_engl.guide/Keyboard commands

```
                Keyboard commands
*****
```

In the current version Most supports all (and more!) keyboard shortcuts well known from More. Future versions will allow custom keyboard commands...

Scrolling

Searching

Open file

Edit file
Info requester
Help
Quit file

1.26 Most_engl.guide/Scrolling

Scrolling

=====

one line forwards
CURSOR DOWN NUMERICPAD 2 RETURN ENTER

one line backwards
CURSOR UP NUMERICPAD 8 DELETE

one page forwards
SHIFT CURSOR DOWN SPACE PAGE DOWN

one page backwards
SHIFT CURSOR UP BACKSPACE PAGE UP b

Jump to beginning of text
HOME <

Jump to end of text
END >

oen column to the right
CURSOR RIGHT NUMERICPAD 6

one column to the left
CURSOR LEFT NUMERICPAD 4

8 columns to the right
SHIFT CURSOR RIGHT

8 columns to the left
SHIFT CURSOR LEFT

1.27 Most_engl.guide/Searching

Searching

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search actual searchstring again
n

ignore upper/lower case

.

searching with distinction of upper/lower case

/

Open the search requester

f s

1.28 Most_engl.guide/Open file

Open file

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Load new text with l (a filerequester shows up).

1.29 Most_engl.guide/Info requester

Info requester

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Beside the usual

Copyright

you find here some information about the current text: Its filename, the filelength, the number of lines and the visual number of lines, and also the name of the XPK packer (or just "---" if the file isn't packed). At last there's a message indicating that the current text has been read completely into memory or - if not - the length of the used read buffer.

The Info requester can be opened with h.

1.30 Most_engl.guide/Help

Help

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If you press HELP, the AmigaGuide will be started with the documentation of Most. Of course this requires the AmigaGuide be installed correctly. If Most can't open the amigaguide.library it will open the

Info requester

.

AmigaGuide searches its documents in the current directory and also

in the paths listed in the environment variable AmigaGuide/Path.

1.31 Most_engl.guide/Edit file

Edit file
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If you press e, the current text will be loaded into an editor. The editor will be started in the background. The namen of the editors must be configurated in the environment variable EDITOR.

1.32 Most_engl.guide/Quit file

Quit file
=====

Close the text window with ESCAPE, CTRL-C or q.

1.33 Most_engl.guide/Menus

Menus

There are the following menus available:

Project

Commands to open, edit, print, close and info about the ↔
text

Move

different movements in the text

Menu Search

searching in the text

Extras

misc

Settings

save settings

1.34 Most_engl.guide/Project

Project

=====

New...

Opens a new window and brings up a filerequester where you can choose a text file to be displayed in the new window. If you cancel the filerequester the window will be closed. The position and dimensions of the filerequester can be stored in Settings

.

Open...

Asks you for a new file to be loaded into the current window.

Edit...

Starts the editor with the current text via RUN. The name of the editor can be configurated in ENV:Editor (see Edit).

Print

Simply prints the current text to PRT:.

Info...

Pops up the Info requester where you find some useful information to the current text like name, length, line count, visible lines, XPK packername and a short comment if the text has been loaded completely into memory or if it uses an buffer.

Quit

Quits the current window (and if it was the last one Most at all)

1.35 Most_engl.guide/Move

Move

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Move through the current text as the menus describe.

With the menu "Jump to line..." you can specify a certain line number in a requester where you will jump to.

1.36 Most_engl.guide/Menu Search

Menu Search

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searching...

The search requester
will be opened with its stringgadget activated.
If the search requester is open this menu is disabled.

forwards/backwards

Search string forwards/backwards (only with open search requester)

1.37 Most_engl.guide/Extras

Extras

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Refresh page

Reset console and redraw page

Set tabulator width...

Enter new numeric value for the tabulator width (per default
every 8th character there's a tab).

Execute ARexx Macro...

Asks for an ARexx Macro to be executed (see
ARexx Port
).

1.38 Most_engl.guide/Settings

Settings

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save

global Prefs

Save actual settings in two environments in ENV: and ENVARC:.
A subdirectory Most will be created automatically. All known
options from workbench or shell start are saved and also the
dimensions and position and the pattern string of the file
requester.

local Prefs

Does the same as above, but uses local shell variables. This
only works if you started Most from a Shell!

1.39 Most_engl.guide/The main window

The main window

Title

In the title the filename and on the right hand side the current column and line numbers are displayed. Format:

<filename> <column>/<line>

Gadgets

Beside the system gadgets there are three further ones which control text scrolling:

You can use the scroller continuously by click-and-dragging or for scrolling one page forwards/backwards if you click under/above the knob. The knob's position represents the current text position, its height the relation between the visible and the total text length. Use the arrows to scroll one line in the corresponding direction.

Mouse

"Click-And-Load" function.

If you doubleclick into the window Most will look at this position to find a word which is limited by one of the configurated quote characters (see

QUOTES

). This word (can include spaces!!) will be

treated as a filename for which Most searches first in the current directory and than in each further configurated (see

DIRS

)

directory. Most will also try the plain filename and than (if not found) append each prefix given with the

ENDS

option. The first

found file will be displayed in a new window. If no name matches, the screen will flash (DisplayBeep).

Example:

Doubleclick on ``#include <exec/exec.h>'' between ``<'' and ``>''. the file Include:Exec/Exec.h will be loaded, if you specifed ``DIRS Include:'' on startup.

Clipboard

You can easy mark any text in the visible text by click-and-dragging (drag without releasing the mouse button). Copy the marked block with Amiga-C into the clipboard. The current version doesn't support paste from the clipboard.

AppWindow

Take any "real" icon (no AppIcon) on workbench and drop it in Most's window. It will be loaded into the current window. If you drop more than one icons Most will open further windows.

1.40 Most_engl.guide/The search requester

The search requester

Here you can enter a search string and also manipulate the three search option. Therefor you can use the mouse and/or the keyboard shortcuts indicated by the underlined characters. Additionally you have the same functionality as in the main window! So no annoying re-activation of

The main window

.

- All menus are available as in the text window. Only the Menu Search will be disabled and instead "search forwards" and "search backwards" are unghosted.
- Beside the mentioned Requester shortcuts you can use all normal

Keyboard commands

like scrolling with the cursor keys!!! (Be sure the string gadget isn't activated)

1.41 Most_engl.guide/The AppIcon

The AppIcon

The AppIcon has two functions

Doubleclick

A filerequester will come up where you can choose a file to be loaded and displayed. If you select "Cancel" Most will show a security requester where you can quit Most.

Icons

Drag-and-drop one or more icons on the AppIcon and they will be loaded.

Comments:

Most uses his own program icon as its

APPICON

. Perhaps I will

support custom icons in the future but not yet ;-)

The coordinates of the AppIcon can be saved in the menu

Settings

. Use the options

```
ICONX
and
ICONY
for exact placement of the AppIcon.
```

1.42 Most_engl.guide/XPK support

```
XPK support
*****
```

Main goal of Most's XPK support is to hide any consequences of packed data from the user. This means, that any packed file (with XPK) will automatically be unpacked from Most if the XPK packages is correct installed. The only hint you get is in the information requester, where the line "XPK-packer:" will show you the used packer (usually you see "---" there). There is only one thing special with XPK packed data: The file will be loaded completely into memory and no buffering will be done!

If Most finds an encrypted files (with XPK of course), it opens a password requester and prompts you for the password. Be careful, because this is your only chance! If you give the wrong answer, you will see the encrypted file and have to reload it.

On the other hand if you don't have XPK you can use Most without any difference. The xpkmaster.library is not required by Most to run at all. Of course in this case XPK packed data will not be unpacked :-)

1.43 Most_engl.guide/Pipe support

```
Pipe support
*****
```

As a special feature Most 1.42 supports pipes. This means, that you can type something like "type foo | Most" at your (W)Shell prompt and Most will show the output of the first type command in its window!

As I said this feature is brand new. So I regret that I couldn't test it for all possibilities. Please report me any failure.

There are two small problems:

1. XPK doesn't work with pipes.
2. Second there is the problem with pipes that you cannot know how much data therein will be... So one effect is, that you cannot scroll back to the start of an file if you scrolled over the bounds of a buffer and the other one is that the size of the buffer will be (maximum

BUFLen
 / 10) every time (you can set the
 pipe's buffer size with the
 PIPELEN
 option). If the pipe's data
 fits completely into the buffer you have no restrictions for
 scrolling. But if the data is too large - Sorry.

1.44 Most_engl.guide/ARexx Port

ARexx Port

Beside the global ARexx port MOSTPORT (or the name you gave it with the option

PORTNAME

on startup) of Most's main process each text window has his own private ARexx port. To select a window first send the command

GetFileList

to the global port. You will receive a list of the available windows and its portnames.

All following ARexx commands can be sent to a private window port, but Most's main port does only understand the first 6 commands

GetFileList

,

GetScreenName

,

Quit

,

OpenNew

,

Set

and

Request

.

In RC Most will return an errorcode of

* 0 for no errors

* 5 if it couldn't open a new text with

Open

or

OpenNew

* 10 if the parameters for a command were wrong

* 20 for an unknown ARexx command

All other commands will return an errorcode of 20 if sent to MOSTPORT. Sorry, but the ARexx port isn't complete today. But I'm working on it :-)

The following ARexx commands are supported:

```
GetFileList
    get a list of available text windows and their portnames

GetScreenName
    ask for the name of the screen, where Most is running on

Quit
    quit Most

Request
    open a custom requester

Set
    set some options

OpenNew
    open a text in a new window

Open
    load a new text in the current window

Close
    close the current window

ToFront
    get the current window in front of you and visible

GetWindowDims
    ask for position and dimensions of the current window

Edit
    edit the current text

Info
    open the information requester

FirstPage
    jump to first page

LastPage
    jump to last page

NextPage
    show next page

PrevPage
    show previous page

NextLine
    scroll down up line

PrevLine
```

```
        scroll down one line

NextColumn
    scroll to the left

PrevColumn
    scroll to the right

NextTab
    scroll 8 chars to the left

PrevTab
    scroll 8 chars to the right

Goto
    goto a certain line and column

Search
    search
```

1.45 Most_engl.guide/GetFileList

```
GetFileList
=====
```

```
Template
    GetFileList
```

```
Result
    In RESULT you get a list of all available text windows and their
    port names. RESULT looks like this: {<window's name> <port name>
    }^+
```

```
Example
    GetFileList
    RESULT: "Most.dok MOST.0 Most.doc MOST.1"
```

1.46 Most_engl.guide/GetScreenName

```
GetScreenName
=====
```

```
Template
    GetScreenName
```

```
Result
    RESULT contains screen name.
```

```
Usage
```

1.49 Most_engl.guide/Set

Set
===

Template
Set CASE/S WORD/S BACK/S

Usage
Set some internal parameters like
CASE
 ignore upper/lower case on/off

WORD
 search only for whole words on/off

BACK
 search backwards on/off All parameters will be set if
 specified, and disabled otherwise.

Example
 Set CASE ON
 Enables casesensitiv searching, but disables the other two options.

1.50 Most_engl.guide/OpenNew

OpenNew
=====

Template
OpenNew FILE/K

Usage
Load a new text in a new window. The filename is optional. If you
don't specify a name a filerequester opens.

You don't need to select a current window before. This command
doesn't return until the new window is closed again!

Example
 OpenNew FILE Most.dok

1.51 Most_engl.guide/Open

Open

====

Template

Open FILE/K

Usage

Load a new text in the current window. The filename is optional.
If you don't specify a name a filerequester opens. This command
doesn't return until the window is closed again!

Example

Open FILE Most.dok

1.52 Most_engl.guide/Close

Close

=====

Template

Close

Usage

Closes the current window.

1.53 Most_engl.guide/ToFront

ToFront

=====

Template

ToFront

Usage

Makes the current visible: It will be made the frontmost window
and the screen it's on will be activated and go to front.

1.54 Most_engl.guide/GetWindowDims

GetWindowDims

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Template

GetWindowDims

Result

In RESULT stands <xpos> <ypos> <breite> <höhe>

Usage

Get the position and dimensions of the current window in RESULT

Example

```
GetWindowDims
RESULT - "40 40 600 180"
```

1.55 Most_engl.guide/Edit

Edit

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Template

Edit

Usage

Edit
the current text (runs editor).

1.56 Most_engl.guide/Info

Info

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Template

Info

Usage

Opens the
Info requester
to the current window.

1.57 Most_engl.guide/FirstPage

FirstPage

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Template

FirstPage

Usage

Show the first page of the current text.

1.58 Most_engl.guide/LastPage

LastPage
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Template
 LastPage

Usage
 Show the last page of the current text.

1.59 Most_engl.guide/NextPage

NextPage
=====

Template
 NextPage

Usage
 Show the next page of the current text.

1.60 Most_engl.guide/PrevPage

PrevPage
=====

Template
 PrevPage

Usage
 Show the previous page of the current text.

1.61 Most_engl.guide/NextLine

NextLine
=====

Template
 NextLine

Usage

Scroll up one line.

1.62 Most_engl.guide/PrevLine

PrevLine
=====

Template
 PrevLine

Usage
 Scroll down one line.

1.63 Most_engl.guide/NextColumn

NextColumn
=====

Template
 NextColumn

Usage
 Scroll left one column.

1.64 Most_engl.guide/PrevColumn

PrevColumn
=====

Template
 PrevColumn

Usage
 Scroll right one column.

1.65 Most_engl.guide/NextTab

NextTab
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Template
 NextTab

Usage

Scroll left 8 columns.

1.66 Most_engl.guide/PrevTab

PrevTab

=====

Template

PrevTab

Usage

Scroll right 8 columns.

1.67 Most_engl.guide/Goto

Goto

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Template

Goto LINE/K/N/A COLUMN/K/N

Usage

Jump to the specified line. Optional you can specify a new first column.

Example

Goto LINE 142

1.68 Most_engl.guide/Search

Search

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Template

Search TEXT/K

Usage

Without argument:

The search requester
opens or if already open
the current string will be search again.

With searchstring: Search for the given string.

Example

Search TEXT foobar

1.69 Most_engl.guide/Known bugs

Known bugs

- Several control sequences for cursor movements trash the display.
- Most has problems with the pipe of WShell.

1.70 Most_engl.guide/Ideas - Bug reports

Ideas - Bug reports

As mentioned before Most isn't complete today. There are some points I will improve in the future. I also have Commodore's Style Guide in mind and will follow its rules the next release better.

I'm absolut interested in any kind of responds - ideas, enhancements requests, criticism or bug reports. Call me, write me, mail me. I will hear you!

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1.71 Most_engl.guide/Current version

Current version

You can download the current version of Most from ftp.uni-passau.de (132.231.1.10) in the directory pub/amiga/local/UweR. You will also find other interesting software in pub/amiga/local ...

1.72 Most_engl.guide/Greetings

Greetings

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