AmiFind Installer

Installer v1.0 for AmiFind v1.0

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This program is used to install AmiFind into a directory of your choice, and optionally create a program item in Program Manager or a menu item in AmiPro that will directly launch AmiFind.

For more information on any Installer options, position the cursor or focus (gray dotted rectangle) on that option, and press F1.

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Quick install instructions

Set the Install To directory to wherever you want AmiFind to be; the default setting should work fine.   The Install From directory setting can be left alone unless you get an error message when you try to install; if this happens, then set Install From to the current location of the AmiFind files.

If you want an "AmiFind..." option to appear in your AmiPro file menu, select Autoinstall in AmiPro File Menu.   If you want an AmiFind icon in Program Manager, select Add AmiFind to Program Manager and select the name of the group you would like it to appear in from the dropdown list.

Now, select Install AmiFind Now!

AmiFind Installer options:

Install from:
Install to:
Autoinstall in AmiPro file menu
Add AmiFind to Program Manager
Install AmiFind Now!
Exit Installer

Install from

The Install From directory should be set to the directory that currently contains the AmiFind files. If you are installing from a floppy, this will be A:\ or B:\.   If you are installing from a hard drive, select the directory where the Installer is located.

Install to

The Install Into Directory tells Installer where to put the AmiFind files after the install.   You can set this option to any directory; if you enter a directory that does not exist, Installer will create the directory.   I suggest either the AmiPro directory (the default) or a separate AmiFind directory.

The Delete Originals option tells AmiFind whether to move or copy the files.   If you are installing from a network or floppy drive, this option will be automatically deselected, because in these cases you probably want the original files to remain on the disk.   If you are installing from a hard drive, this option will be selected because you probably already have another copy of the AmiFind files on a floppy disk or in a ZIP file.   Then, when Installer copies the files to the Install To directory, it deletes the files from their original locations so that you do not have two copies of AmiFind on your hard drive using up disk space.

Autoinstall in AmiPro menu

This option creates a macro that loads automatically every time AmiPro is run, that adds an "AmiFind..." option to your file menu.

The only reason that you would not want Installer to do this is if you do not want an AmiFind command in your menu, or if you already have an Autoexec macro and do not want Installer changing it.

In the latter case, you can deselect this option and add the line "Exec AddFindr.SMM" to your existing program load macro.

Add AmiFind to Program Manager

Select this option if you would like Installer to create an AmiFind icon in any specified group in Program Manager.

Simply select the Add option and then click the down arrow and select the name of one of your existing groups to create the AmiFind icon.   If you want to create a new group for AmiFind, type the name in the text field next to the down arrow.

Install AmiFind now!

Once you have all other options selected to your liking, choose Install AmiFind Now! to perform the installation.

The program files will be copied to the selected directory, and if you so selected AmiFind will be added to Program Manager or the AmiPro file menu.

Exit Install

Ends the Installer.   If the install was successful, you will be given the option to remove the install program and this help file, since their function is now completed.

How to use the Installer

The following are detailed instructions on the use of Installer.

Installer copies files from their current location to a directory of your choice, and optionally makes it easier for you to access AmiFind.

First, make sure that the Install From directory is set to the current location of the AmiFind files (it should be, unless you ran Installer from a different directory).

Next, set the Install To directory to wherever you want the AmiFind files to end up.   The default is your AmiPro directory, which is not a bad choice since there are only 3 files required by AmiFind. Selecting Delete Originals will cause Installer to move, rather than copy, the files from their current location to the new location.   This option defaults to off when installing from a floppy or network drive, or on when installing from a fixed hard drive.

Select Autoinstall in AmiPro File Menu if you want an "AmiFind..." option to appear in the File Menu of AmiPro.   To do this, Installer has to create a new Autoexec macro, so if you already have an Autoexec macro, you can stop Installer from doing this and insert the line "Exec AddFindr.SMM" at the end of your current Autoexec macro.

The Add AmiFind to Program Manager creates a new program item in the group of your choice (you can only do this if Program Manager is running).   Press the down arrow and select one of your existing groups to add AmiFind to, or type the name of a new group.

Now click Install AmiFind Now! and you're off!

AmiFind Overview

AmiFind is designed to help you quickly and easily located "lost" files, created by Ami Pro and, to a lesser degree, other programs.

The idea in AmiFind is to locate your files based on the minimum amount of information you remember about a file that you saved perhaps years ago.   If you have any idea how you named or described the file, you can find it quickly; you can even search the document text itself, although this takes much longer.

AmiFind enables you to locate a file based on its name, date (of creation or last modification), description, keywords, or contents.   Remember a few letters of the filename?   How about a word from the description, or one of the keywords?   Even a general idea of the last time you accessed the file, or when it was created, will help find the file.   Finally, you can search through the text of your files, finding words in the main body.   And of course AmiFind has powerful wildcard and pattern-matching capabilities.

Once you have entered all information about the file that you remember, called search criteria, you are presented with a list of all matching files.   At this point, you can print the list of files, or copy it to the Windows clipboard.   You can view the document description, or the entire Doc Info window, just like in Ami Pro.   Or, you can load one ore many files into Ami Pro for easy editing, or print any files you want.   All without leaving AmiFind!

Go ahead.   Try it out for a week, or two.   Take a month.   At the end of this time, if you find AmiFind to be a useful addition to your collection of software tools, please register it.   Otherwise, delete it, or pass it on for a friend to try.   Enjoy!