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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 Example4.c

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/*
/* Amiga C Encyclopedia (ACE)           Amiga C Club (ACC) */
/* -----           ----- */
/*
/* Manual: AmigaDOS                   Amiga C Club */
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/* Version: 1.0                      */
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/*
/*********************************************

/* This example demonstrates how you can create a RDArgs structure */
/* yourself and prepare it before you parse the command line with */
/* the help of the ReadArgs() function. Since we can prepare the */
/* RDArgs structure we can include extra help (will be displayed */
/* if the user types "?" to display the command line template and */
/* then types "?" again.), decide if the user should be able to */
/* see the command line template, etc... */

/* Include the dos library definitions: */
#include <dos/dos.h>

/* Include information about the argument parsing routine: */
#include <dos/rdargs.h>

/* Now we include the necessary function prototype files: */
#include <clib/dos_protos.h>      /* General dos functions... */
#include <clib/exec_protos.h>      /* System functions... */
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#include <stdio.h>          /* Std functions [printf()...] */
#include <stdlib.h>          /* Std functions [exit()...] */

/* Here is our command line template. This program handles three      */
/* types of command templates:                                         */
/* */
/* 1. "SoundFile/A" The ReadArgs() expects one file name, else the   */
/*    function will fail. Since there is no "/M"                         */
/*    option only one file name may be given.                            */
/* */
/* 2. V=Volume/K/N" The second type of argument is optional (no "/A"  */
/*    option. It must be a number ("N" - Number option                 */
/*    is set) and preceded by the keyword "Volume" or                  */
/*    "V" ("K" - Keyword required). If a keyword is                   */
/*    needed the user can either write the keyword a                  */
/*    space and then the number, or the user may write                */
/*    the keyword an equal sign (=) and then the                      */
/*    number. Please note that the "V=Volume" only                   */
/*    means that the user can write "V" instead of the                */
/*    longer keyword "Volume", and this equal sign has              */
/*    nothing to do with the optional equal sign the                */
/*    user may write after the keyword and before the                */
/*    number. (No decimal numbers, e.g. "4.57", "1.2",             */
/*    are accepted.)                                                 */
/* */
/* 3. "F=Filter/S" The user has an option of adding the argument     */
/*    "Filter". The "/S" option tells the ReadArgs()                  */
/*    function that this argument should be treated as               */
/*    a switch. If the argument is set the switch will            */
/*    be turned "on", else it will be "off". The "F="                */
/*    string means that the user also can use the                 */
/*    abbreviation "F" in stead of writing the whole                */
/*    argument "Filter".                                              */
/* */

#define MY_COMMAND_LINE_TEMPLATE "SoundFile/A,V=Volume/K/N,F=Filter/S"

/* Here are some valid command lines:                                     */
/* Example4 Bird.snd                                                 */
/* Example4 Bird.snd Volume=64                                         */
/* Example4 Bird.snd Volume 64                                         */
/* Example4 Bird.snd Filter                                            */
/* Example4 Bird.snd Volume=64 F                                         */
/* */
/* Here are some incorrect command lines:                                */
/* Example4           The file name is required!                      */
/* Example4 Bird.snd 64       The keyword "Volume" or "V" must        */
/*                           precede the number 64.                      */
/* Example4 Bird.snd V=5.25   Decimal values may not be used.       */
/* */

/* Three command templates are used: */
#define NUMBER_COMMAND_TEMPLATES 3

/* The command template numbers: (Where the result of each */
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/* command template can be found in the "arg_array".) */  
#define SOUNDFILE_TEMPLATE 0  
#define VOLUME_TEMPLATE 1  
#define FILTER_TEMPLATE 2  
  
/* Set name and version number: */  
UBYTE *version = "$VER: AmigaDOS/ParsingCommandLine/Example4 1.0";  
  
/* Declare an external global library pointer to the Dos library: */  
extern struct DosLibrary *DOSBase;  
  
/* Declare a pointer to a RDArgs structure which we will allocate */  
/* ourself with help of the AllocDosObject() function: */  
struct RDArgs *my_rdargs;  
  
/* Declared our own functions: */  
  
/* Our main function: */  
int main( int argc, char *argv[] );  
  
/* Cleans up nicely after us: */  
void clean_up( STRPTR text, int code );  
  
/* Main function: */  
  
int main( int argc, char *argv[] )  
{  
    /* Simple loop variable: */  
    int loop;  
  
    /* A pointer to the volume value: */  
    LONG *volume_value;  
  
    /* Store the pointer which is returned by ReadArgs() here: */  
    /* (ReadArgs() returns a pointer to a RDArgs structure if */  
    /* it could successfully parse the command line. Since we */  
    /* have created the RDArgs structure ourself before we */  
    /* call ReadArgs() it will simply return a pointer to the */  
    /* structure which we already have a pointer to. However, */  
    /* we need a separate variable to store the returned value */  
    /* in since we need to check if ReadArgs() actually could */  
    /* parse the command line or not. If not NULL is returned. */  
    struct RDArgs *temp_rdargs;  
  
    /* The ReadArgs() function needs an arrya of LONGs where */  
    /* the result of the command parsing will be placed. One */  
    /* LONG variable is needed for every command template. */
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LONG arg_array[ NUMBER_COMMAND_TEMPLATES ];
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/* We need dos library version 37 or higher: */
if( DOSBase->dl_lib.lib_Version < 37 )
    clean_up( "This program needs Dos Library V37 or higher!", 20 );
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/* We will now clear the "arg_array" (set all values to zero): */
for( loop = 0; loop < NUMBER_COMMAND_TEMPLATES; loop++ )
    arg_array[ loop ] = 0;
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/* Get a RDArgs structure from AmigaDOS: (We want a RDArgs */
/* structure with no special tags.) */
my_rdargs = (struct RDArgs *) AllocDosObject( DOS_RDARGS, NULL );
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/* Did we get the RDArgs structure? */
if( !my_rdargs )
    clean_up( "Could not create the RDArgs structure!", 21 );
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/* If we set the "RDAF_NOPROMPT" flag in the "RDA_Flags" field of */
/* the RDArgs structure the user will not be allowed to see the */
/* command line template by typing a single question mark (?). */
/* If you set this flag the question mark will be accepted as a */
/* complete argument if written. Normally you should not turn off */
/* this help function! In this example I have therefore put the */
/* line inside comment marks. (If you take them away the user */
/* will not be able to see the command line template nor the */
/* extra help line defined below.) */
/* */
/* my_rdargs->RDA_Flags = RDAF_NOPROMPT; */

/* Set an extra help line: (The user can see this help line by */
/* typing a question mark (?), so he/she will see the command */
/* template line, and then type a question mark again.) */
my_rdargs->RDA_ExtHelp = (UBYTE *) "This wasn't much help...";
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/* Parse the command line: (Note that we now use our */
/* own RDArgs structure which we have prepared.) */
temp_rdargs =
    ReadArgs( MY_COMMAND_LINE_TEMPLATE,
              arg_array,
              my_rdargs
            );
/* Have AmigaDOS successfully parsed our command line? */
if( !temp_rdargs )
    clean_up( "Could not parse the command line!", 22 );
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/* The command line has successfully been parsed! */
/* We can now examine the "arg_array": */

/* Print template 1, the file name: */
if( arg_array[ SOUNDFILE_TEMPLATE ] )
    printf( "File name: %s\n", arg_array[ SOUNDFILE_TEMPLATE ] );

/* Print template 2, the volume: */
if( arg_array[ VOLUME_TEMPLATE ] )
{
    /* Get a pointer to the volume value: */
    volume_value = (LONG *) arg_array[ VOLUME_TEMPLATE ];

    /* Print the volume: */
    printf( "Volume: %ld\n", *volume_value );
}
else
    printf( "No volume was set\n" );

/* Print template 2, the filter switch: */
if( arg_array[ FILTER_TEMPLATE ] )
    printf( "The sound filter was turned on!\n" );
else
    printf( "No sound filter will be used!\n" );

/* Before our program terminates we have to free the data that */
/* have been allocated when we successfully called ReadArgs(): */
FreeArgs( my_rdargs );

/* The RDArgs structure we allocated will be */
/* deallocated in the clean_up() function. */

/* Clean up and exit with a smile on your face! */
clean_up( "The End", 0 );
}

/* Handy function which closes and deallocates everything */
/* that you have previously opened or allocated. You can */
/* call this function at any time, and it will clean up */
/* nicely after you and quit. */

void clean_up( STRPTR text, int code )
{
    /* Return the RDArgs structure to AmigaDOS: */
    if( my_rdargs )
        FreeDosObject( DOS_RDARGS, my_rdargs );
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/* Print the last message: */
printf( "%s\n", text );

/* Quit: */
exit( code );
}
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