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Chapter 1

Webcleaner

1.1 Webcleaner documentation

1.2 Introduction

The World Wide Web has become the main method of accessing the untold riches of the Internet (for "untold riches", read "lightbulb jokes and pages on how to speak Klingon"). The Amiga is now blessed with four

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(at the time of writing) widely available WWW browsers - a year ago there was only one. The trouble is that all four browsers rely on the same set of Workbench fonts (Times and Helvetica), making text very difficult to read on TV sets or non multisync monitors.

It is possible to give your browser a new look by using outline fonts. However these tend to look ragged at lower point sizes. Until someone comes up with a better solution, here's Webcleaner. Bitmap fonts designed to be legible, yet stylish enough for everyone to use.

Version 1 of Webcleaner was released way back in February 1996, and originally contained six heading fonts, plus one each for body text and fixed width text. Then the people at Ibrowse (bless 'em) decided to implement the tag, which means that the main text could be any one of seven different sizes! So with a heavy heart it was back to the drawing board, and Webcleaner 2 was released in October with a brand new look.

Response to Release 2 was overwhelmingly positive, but one of the main criticisms was the ugliness and size of the fixed width font. Here, then, is version 2.11 which includes three different sizes of Webfixed, so take your pick!

The fonts were drawn between May and December 1996 using Cloanto's Personal Fonts Maker 2 - thanks, Amiga Shopper, for the Coverdisk!

1.3 What you get

The Webcleaner archive consists of the following:

Webcleaner.guide - this file

fonts/WebBold - six fonts used for headings

fonts/WebFixed - three fonts used for fixed space text
fonts/WebLight - seven fonts used for main body text

1.4 What goes where

Installation is easy. Just copy the fonts to your fonts: directory. Do this by opening the Shell and typing:

copy <webcleaner directory>/fonts all fonts:

Now all you need do is configure your web browser.

1.5 AMosaic settings

Edit your prefs file with either of the following methods:-

a) Use either AMprefs or ConfigAMosaic to alter AMosaic's preferences. Both of these programs are available from ftp.omnipresence.com.

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These are the recommended settings to use:-

font	WebLight/15	h1font	WebBold/32
boldfont	WebLight/15/bold	h2font	WebBold/24
italicfont	WebLight/15/italic	h3font	WebBold/21
plainfont	WebFixed/xx	h4font	WebBold/18
fixedfont	WebFixed/xx	h5font	WebBold/15
addressfont	WebFixed/xx	h6font	WebBold/14

(where xx can be either 13, 14 or 15 depending on your preference.)

OR...

b) Use a text editor to edit envarc:mosaic/prefs, adding the above lines.

1.6 Aweb settings

Note: Aweb 1.0 has a hasty habit of needlessly changing some of the heading fonts to Bold type, which means having to un-bold them every time you run the program. Solution: get an updated version.

Select "Settings/Change Settings..." from the main menu.

Select the "Browser 1: Font settings" page.

Click on each line in turn and change each font by clicking on the Ff button.

These are the recommended settings to use:

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CITE, DFN:
Normal: WebLight/15
                                              WebLight/15 Italic
                         CODE, KBD, SAMP, TT: WebFixed/xx
       WebBold/32
H1:
H2:
        WebBold/24
                         EM:
                                              WebLight/15 Bold Italic
н3:
       WebBold/21
                         STRONG:
                                              WebLight/15 Bold
       WebBold/18
                                              WebFixed/xx Italic
H4:
                         WAR.
H5:
       WebBold/15
H6:
       WebBold/14
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(where xx can be either 13, 14 or 15 depending on your preference.)

Once that's done, remember to save the settings.

1.7 IBrowse settings

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(At the time of writing, Release 1.01 is current)
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Select Settings/General from the main menu and select the Fonts click-tab.

Type in the following information:

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Headline	Normal	Misc
H1: WebBold/32	7: WebLight/32	Fixed: WebFixed/xx
H2: WebBold/24	6: WebLight/24	Address: WebFixed/xx
H3: WebBold/21	5: WebLight/21	Plain: WebFixed/xx
H4: WebBold/18	4: WebLight/18	
H5: WebBold/15	3: WebLight/15	
H6: WebBold/14	2: WebLight/14	
	1: WebLight/13	

(where xx can be either 13, 14 or 15 depending on your preference.)

1.8 Voyager settings

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(At the time of writing, version 1.0 is current.)

Select Settings/GUI from the main memu and select the Fonts click-tab.

Insert the following details:

Normal font: WebLight/15
Fixed font: WebFixed/xx
Headline 1 font: WebBold/32
Headline 2 font: WebBold/24
Headline 3 font: WebBold/21
Headline 4 font: WebBold/18
Headline 5 font: WebBold/15
Headline 6 font: WebBold/14
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1.9 Running your browser on an interlaced screen

For browsers that require MUI (i.e. IBrowse, Voyager and Amosaic):

(where xx can be either 13, 14 or 15 depending on your preference.)

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1. Select "Settings/MUI", then click on "System".
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- 2. Click on "Call Inspector". PSI will now load.
- 3. Select "New", then click on "Edit..."
- 4. Give your new screen a name by editing the "Public Name".
- 5. Add an amusing title by editing the "Screen Title".
- 6. Change the Default font to "WebLight/14" (or whatever you wish).
- 7. Select the "Attributes" click-tab and click on "High Res Laced".
- 8. Click on "OK", then click on "Save."
- 9. Now you can use this screen by selecting the "Public Screen Name" and clicking on "Save".

If you have an older version of MUI which does not include PSI, refer to the AMosaic FAQ for more details at: http://www.phone.net/ATCPFAQ/amosaic.html

TIP: If you've registered MUI, you can also eliminate some of the flicker around boxes and gadgets.

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Aweb can be run on an interlaced screen as follows:

- 1. Select "Settings/Change Settings..." from the main menu.
- 2. Select the "Screen 1: Screen" page.
- 3. Select "Open on own public screen".
- 4. Select "Screen Mode" and click on "High Res Laced".

1.10 The inevitable legal bit

No warranty, either expressed or implied, is associated with the Webcleaner archive. Being bitmap fonts, they are unlikely to break your forearms, kidnap your hamster or spill ketchup on your brand new curtains. But you never can tell.

The Webcleaner archive is freely distributable as long as the contents (including this file) remain unaltered and intact. However, any companies who wish to distribute the Webcleaner archive (or any part) as part of their Web browsing package (or any other type of software) must obtain permission from me first.

1.11 Talk to me, please

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Feel free to let me know what you think of Webcleaner. My email address is: ham@celtic.co.uk
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For the latest information, check out the Webcleaner Home Page at: http://www.geocities.com/SiliconValley/Park/1580

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