

ShowAmiga96_E

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Chapter 1

ShowAmiga96_E

1.1 ShowAmiga96 - Contents

ShowAmiga96 Version 1.2 (31.12.1997)

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This is just another bootpic-viewer, but with some important features:

- o READY 4 FUTURE
ShowAmiga96 only works on Amigas, which have installed the Picasso96-graphicsboard software.
- o FAAAST
The bootpic is saved in the executeable in chunkypixel-format and therefore it can be written into gfx-board-memory in a very short time. (On my 25mHz A4000T with PicassoIV loading and showing is finished in less than one second.)
- o RESOURCESAVING
After loading the pic, ShowAmiga96 just needs 10k of Amiga-memory. The picture-data only exists in gfxboard-memory and isn't buffered. So waste and fragmentation of Amiga-memory is minimized during boottime.

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1.2 ShowAmiga96 - Copyright

Copyright

This software is subject to the "Standard Amiga FD-Software Copyright Note".
It is MAILWARE as defined in paragraph 4b.
For more information please read AFD-COPYRIGHT (Version 1 or higher).

I don't know where I found the nice Amiga-logo, but as I can remember, it's just PD.

1.3 ShowAmiga96 - Requirements

Requirements

- o any Amiga
- o OS 3.0
- o Gfx-board with Picasso96-software

If you find some bugs, just
contact me

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(Maybe someone wants to correct the english documentation...;-)

1.4 ShowAmiga96 - Installation

Installation

The installation is done by an Installer-script. The three programs

ShowAmiga96 (to display the bootpic)
ShowAmiga96_Close (to close the screen)
ShowAmiga96_Prefs (to change the prefs)

will be copied into the selected directories.

After that, the Installer needs to know, which Picasso96-monitordriver you use and where it is placed. This is necessary because ShowAmiga96 displays the pic at a moment, when the drivers from DEVS:monitors aren't loaded yet. Therefore ShowAmiga96 does it itself before the screen is opened.

The main-executeable is called at the beginning of the startup-sequence. Editing the startup-sequence will be done by the Installer automatically (a backup called "Startup-Sequence.SA96" will be created in "S:"). As "Expert", you can edit the startup-sequence or user-startup yourself: after installation insert the following lines AFTER ENV: HAS BEEN ASSIGNED!!!

```
run >nil: C:ShowAmiga96 >ram:showamiga96.err
wait 1 sec
```

At the end you can run the

```
prefs-program
```

```
. Even if you dont't want to change
```

the config, it's recommended to check the success of the installation. Simply press the "Test"-Button...and if it works, the following reboot should be no

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problem
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1.5 ShowAmiga96 - Prefs-programm

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Prefs-program
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The prefs-program is based on many Reqtools-requesters, which guide through the configuration and explain every action - in german :-)
I hope this helps a bit, until the programs are localized...

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Weiter=Continue
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Abbruch=Cancel
```

After a correct installation, ShowAmiga96_Prefs recognizes the mainprog by a tooltype-entry. Otherwise, a filerequester is opened, where you have to choose the ShowAmiga96 file.

Having loaded and checked the file, the prefs-program opens the mainmenu, which offers the following buttons.

Bild	In a filerequester you can choose a new bootpic, which will be converted into chunkypixel-format and that will be saved into the mainprog. The old picture will be overwritten. These IFF-ILBM formats are allowed in this version: 320 x 240 pixel , 256 colors 640 x 480 pixel , 256 colors 800 x 600 pixel , 256 colors
DisplayID	ShowAmiga96 detects the best-fitting screenmode it-self. However if you want to select a special mode, simply choose one from the list.
MonitorDelay	In the appearing requester you can enter a value (in 1/50 seconds) which will be used as a delay time after the sa96-screen has been opened. I needed this function, because my monitor needs nearly one second to synchronize a new screenmode. After the time has been elapsed, the fade-in of the bootpic starts.
Einblendgeschwindigkeit	In this requester you can select a number from one to nine that represents the speed for the fade-in. One is the slowest one.

SA96-Close	With these functions you can change the behaviour of the closer (ShowAmiga96_Close).
WaitWindow	<p>After the closer has been launched from wbstartup-drawer, the program can wait for the appearance of a special window. This can be e.g. a Toolmanager-dock which needs some time to draw its images. If you want your WB to look complete when shown, this function is the right one for you.</p> <p>ShowAmiga96_Close only recognizes the windows by comparing their screen-coordinates, which you can enter in two requesters (first x, second y). If you use Toolmanager, you can get the values from the Toolmanger-prefs. Otherwise there are still tools like ARTM, RSys, Scout,...</p> <p>If a window can't be found at the specified location (check it with "Test"), the closer waits 15 seconds and continues.</p>
Fade Effects	<p>The ShowAmiga96-screen can be closed by using one of the following fade effects:</p> <p>Close: the bootpic will be closed and the Workbench will appear (simple!)</p> <p>Fade out: the bootpic will be faded out before the Workbench appears</p> <p>FadeWBblack: the bootpic will be faded out to black and the WB will be faded in</p> <p>FadeWBwhite: like FadeWBblack, but with white as fadeto-color</p> <p>(the FadeWBxxx-functions create a copy of the WB-screen to save the Pensharing from being disturbed)</p> <p>(the FadeWBxxx-functions don't work on hi/truecolor screens)</p>
Test	<p>Simulates a Shell-call of the ShowAmiga96-mainprog. All changes will be saved automatically. Pressing the left mousebutton calls the closer with all its adjustments.</p>
Beenden	<p>Quits the prefs-program and saves the configuration into the ShowAmiga96 mainprogram.</p>

1.6 ShowAmiga96 - Error Elimination

Error Elimination

The errorrequesters of ShowAmiga96 aren't shown until the WB has been loaded and therefore don't disturb the boot-process.

"Can't open Picasso96API.library v. 0"

! Apparently there is no Picasso96-software installed on your system.

"Picasso96 hat keinen passenden Bildschirmmodus
in der Liste der verfügbaren Modi gefunden."

! Picasso96 was unable to find a fitting screenmode. Try to select one
(
 ShowAmiga96_Prefs - DisplayID
). If this fails, you have to define
a new mode with PicassoMode.

"Datenübergabe an Fader und Closer fehlgeschlagen."

! ShowAmiga96 creates a file called "ShowAmiga96.dat" in RAM: to transmit
some data to the closer. If the file could not be written, this message
appears.

"Picasso96-Monitortreiber wurde nicht gefunden: xxx"

! The monitordriver you selected during the installation could not be found.
Maybe you installed a new one or moved it to a new place. To update the
mainprog without new installation, perform the following prefs-call from
a shell.

```
ShowAmiga96_Prefs <mainprog> <path of monitordriver>  
Example: Prefs/ShowAmiga96_Prefs C:ShowAmiga96 DEVS:Monitors/PicassoIV
```

"Die Installation wurde nicht korrekt über das Install-Skript durchgeführt!
ShowAmiga96 ist nicht lauffähig!"

! This error appears, if ShowAmiga96 has been installed by hand or if the
Installer-script has been interrupted. The program will not without

```
    Installer-installation  
    !!!
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"Bitmap konnte nicht allokiert werden."

"Bitmap konnte nicht gelockt werden."

"Picasso96-Screen konnte nicht geöffnet werden."

"Fenster konnte nicht geöffnet werden."

"Konnte Bitmapadresse nicht finden."

! These errors should not occur on correct Picasso96-systems...

1.7 ShowAmiga96 - Support Address

Support Address

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