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## **Chapter 1**

## **Boards**

## 1.1 Boards.library: Table of contents

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## 1.2 Boards.library: Introduction

The idea to write this library was the "expname.library", which was written by Richard Koerber. But his update-morale wasn't not very good (only after releasing my first version a new expname.library was available) and the code is also full of errors. That's why I wrote my own.

This library is able to decode the manufacturer ID and product ID of the expansion boards. If the board name is known, its string is returned; otherwise you will receive the string "Unknown" followed by the decimal value of the ID.

If you found any unknown board then don't hestitate and send me the

- \* Manufacturer name and ID number
- \* Product name and ID number

of all unknown boards fast as possible! :-)

You can use ShowBoards to list your boards. Contact me under my Address.

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### 1.3 Boards.library: Copyright

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## 1.4 Boards.library: Usage

**USAGE** 

It is very simple to use the boards.library.

1. GetBoardName()

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If you want to get the name of a special expansion board, you can pass the manufacturer ID and product ID directly to GetBoardName() by setting the pointer of the ConfigDev parameter to NULL.

If you want to get the name of all expansion boards or of a special expansion board, you have to get a ConfigDev structure first. Pass this structure to GetBoardName(), and ...:-)

2. NextBoardInfo()

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You have to use AllocBoardInfo() to allocate BoardInfo-structure. You're able to change the stringformat with some flags.

Then you can use NextBoardInfo() to fill the BoardInfo-structure. Many informations are available (all in ASCII). For futher informations look into the autodocs and includes.

If you don't need the BoardInfo-structure anymore, you have to deallocate it with FreeBoardInfo().

## 1.5 Boards.library: ShowBoards

ShowBoards

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ShowBoards is a small tool which uses the boards.library. It lists all connected expansion boards, shows names (if possible), address, size, manufacturer ID, product ID, flags and type.

If you use the argument "ALLKNOWN", all known boards are displayed. ShowBoardsMUI

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This is the MUI-Version of ShowBoards. It shows all your boards and some information about your system on the mainpage. On the other page you can see all known boards. You can print your boards to a selected path by using "Print". "About" shows some informations about the program a the author.

If there are entries which are introduced by a 'unknown' instead of a name, you should send me a description of the missing board

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asap with the following infos:

- ManufacturerID Manufacturer name
- ProductID Product name

e.g. Manufacturer #2167 Village Tronic

Product #12 Picasso II

I would appreciate your support ...

### 1.6 Boards.library: address

E-MAIL

Please send bug-reports, board descriptions, flames to...

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**SNAIL MAIL** 

If you want to send me a letter, then write to:

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## 1.7 Boards.library: History

V 1.0 · First release

· Knows 150+ Boards

V 2.0

- · added new Boards
- · added new Offsets
- · minor bug fixed (GetBoardName TRUE<->FALSE )
- · Guide+Developer files rewritten

V 2.1

· added new Boards

V 2.2

 $\cdot \ added \ new \ Boards \ (209 \ Boards \ known)$ 

V 2.3

· added new Boards (216 Boards known)

V 2.4

- · added new Boards (247 Boards known)
- · added C-Includes
- · ShowBoards littlebit changed

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· added new Boards (279 Boards known)

#### V 2.6

- · added new Boards (293 Boards known)
- · added ShowBoardsMUI

#### V 2.7

- · added new Boards (300 Boards known)
- · new ShowBoardsMUI

#### V 2.8

- · added new Boards (309 Boards known)
- · added E-Modules

#### V 2.9

· added new Boards (314 Boards known)

#### V 2.10

- · added new Boards (317 Boards known)
- · new ShowBoardsMUI (MUI 3.7 fix, Locale)

#### V 2.11

· added new Boards (346 Boards known)

#### V 2.12

· added new Boards (355 Boards known)

#### V 2.13

- · added new Boards (357 Boards known)
- · i have changed my EMail

#### V 2.14

- · added new Boards (361 Boards known)
- · new ShowBoards added

#### V 2.15

- · added new Boards (365 Boards known)
- $\cdot \ some \ ShowBoardsMUI\text{-}Catalogs \ added$

#### V 2.16

· added new Boards (370 Boards known)

#### V 2.17

- · added new Boards (375 Boards known)
- · new Includes (thanx to Dirk Stoecker)

#### V 2.18

- · added new Boards (379 Boards known)
- · new Catalogs added

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## 1.8 Boards.library: Credits

"Thanx" to the following guys

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- all people for sending me your board names

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- T.F.A for the ASM-One (that doesn't work on GFXCards :( )
- Commodore for the Amiga, one of the best computers!

... enjoy!!