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Chapter 1

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1.1 RIARexx Library

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|                               RI ARexx Library   V2.5                               |  
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1.2 Whats it all about?

Overview

The RI ARexx Library is designed to allow the Blitz application programmer to add an ARexx port to their program. It provides simple commands for creating an ARexx port, sending ARexx commands to other ports, and reading the ARexx port for incoming commands.

1.3 rxcreateport

Function: `RXCreatePort`

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : `msgport.l=RXCreatePort(portname$)`

This function attempts to create a public message port with the name `<portname$>`. It returns a pointer to the message port or 0 if it fails. Failure is usually due to a public message port existing with the same name. This must be called before any other `RIARexxLib` commands.

1.4 rxdeleteport

Statement: RXDeletePort

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : RXDeletePort

This command removes and free's your message port so that no further messages can arrive. It will wait until all replies (which want a result) have been received and replies to all new messages with the error code HOSTNOTFOUND.

1.5 rxcreatemsg

Function: RXCreateMsg

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : rexxmsg.l=RXCreateMsg

This function attempts to allocate memory for an ARexx message. It returns a pointer to the message or 0 for failure. It will fail if no message port has been opened, or, if there is insufficient memory.

This must be called before calling RXCreateArg, RXSendMsg, RXFreeArgs, RXFreeArg, RXFreeArgsWait

1.6 rxsetarg

Statement/Function: RXSetarg

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : [success=]RXSetArg([rexxmsg,]argnumber,arg\$)

This command attempts to store the argument <arg\$> into the message argument slot specified by argnumber. Valid argument numbers are 1-16.

This command will return -1 for success, or 0 for failure.

1.7 rxreadport

Function: RXReadPort

Modes ; Amiga

Syntax : rexxmsg=RXReadPort

This function reads the message port created with RXCreatePort to see if a message is waiting. If there is, it returns a pointer to the message else 0. The return value from this function should be used with RXGetArg, RXReplyMsg, RXSendersName, RXNumArgs

1.8 rxwaitport

Function: RXWaitPort

Modes ; Amiga

Syntax : rexxmsg=RXWaitPort

This function waits at the message port created with RXCreatePort, for a message to arrive. It returns a pointer to the message else 0 (no port). The return value from this function should be used with RXGetArg, RXReplyMsg, RXSendersName, RXNumArgs

1.9 rxgetarg

Function: RXGetArg

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : arg\$=RXGetArg([rexxmsg,]argnum)

This function returns the <argnum> argument from a message read using RXReadMsg/RXWaitMsg. The return result is a string.

1.10 rxnumargs

Function: RXNumArgs

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : numargs=RXNumArgs([rexxmsg])

This function will return the number of arguments contained in a message received through RXReadPort/RXWaitPort.

1.11 rxreplymsg

Statement: RXReplyMsg

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : RXReplyMsg errorcode[,return\$]

This statement will reply to a message received via RXReadPort/RXWaitPort signalling to the sender that he/she can free the memory for it.

errorcode is the errorcode to return. 0 for no error

The optional return\$ parameter is a result string to be returned.

e.g.

```
address 'ThatPort'
```

```
RESULT=MYAREXXCOMMAND("MY PARAMETER")
SAY(RESULT)
```

The variable RESULT would contain the string <return\$>

NOTE: You should extract any information from the received rexxmsg BEFORE you reply to it.

1.12 rxsendmsg

Statement/Function: RXSendMsg

Modes : Amiga
 Syntax : [success=]RXSendMsg([rexxmsg,]portname\$)

This command will attempt to send the message created with RXCreateMsg to the public message port specified in <portname\$>. It will return -1 if all was ok, else 0. (eg. couldnt find port, no such rexxmsg)

1.13 rxsendersname

Function: RXSendersName

Modes : Amiga
 Syntax : portname\$=RXSendersName

This function will return the message port name of the task which sent you the message read by RXReadPort/RXWaitPort.

1.14 rxerrorcode

Function: RXErrorCode

Modes : Amiga
 Syntax : errorcode=RXErrorCode([rexxmsg])

If rexxmsg is not given, this function returns the error code number for the most recent message sent with RXRunCommand/RXRunScript/RXSendCommand/RXExecuteScript

If rexxmsg is given, this function returns the error code number for the given rexxmsg.

e.g.

```
If RXSendCommand("REXX","SAY('Hello')")="" Then NPrint "Error "+Str$(RXErrorCode)
```

1.15 rxsendcommand

Statement/Function: RXSendCommand

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : [result\$=]RXSendCommand([port\$,]command\$)

This function is a quick way of sending ARExx messages.

If port\$ is omitted, this will send the message to the default port specified with RXDefaultPort (or REXX if no default port is set)

command\$ should be a valid arexx command. Multiple commands are available by separating with a ;

Single quotes (') can be used instead of Chr\$(34) to save typing

e.g.

```
        RXSendCommand("REQUEST 'Please' 'Insert Volume' 'Yes|No'")
instead of RXSendCommand("REQUEST "+Chr$(34)+"Please"+Chr$(34)+" "+Chr.....
```

This function returns a result string. NULL string for error or an empty return string.

1.16 rxexecutescript

Statement/Function: RXExecuteScript

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : [result\$=]RXExecuteScript(scriptname\$)

This command tells ARExx to execute the ARExx script <scriptname\$>. The result string is the result returned by ARExx.

1.17 rxruncommand

Statement: RXRunCommand

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : RXRunCommand command\$

This function is a quick way of sending ARExx messages. It is identical to RXSendCommand except that:

- a) It does not return a result string
- b) It does not wait for a reply

1.18 rxrunscript

Statement: RXRunScript

Modes : Amiga
Syntax : RXRunScript scriptname\$

This command tells ARexx to execute the ARexx script <scriptname\$>. It is identical to REXecuteScript except that:

- a) It does not return a result string
- b) It does not wait for a reply

1.19 rxgetresult

Function: RXGetResult

Modes : Amiga
Syntax : result\$=RXGetResult

This function will look at your message port for a reply to the last message sent and return the result string.

1.20 rxwaitresult

Function: RXWaitResult

Modes : Amiga
Syntax : result\$=RXGetResult

This function will wait for a reply to the last message sent and return the result string.

1.21 rxmsgscript

Statement/Function: RXMsgScript

Modes : Amiga
Syntax : [suc=]RXMsgScript rexxmsg

This command sends a previously created rexxmsg to REXX telling it to execute the first argument as a script file.

e.g.

```
rexxmsg.l=RXCreateMsg
      RXCreateArg rexxmsg,1,"RAM:TEST.rexx"
      RXMsgScript rexxmsg
```

1.22 rxresults

Statement: RXResults

Modes : Amiga
Syntax : RXResults On|Off

This command lets you choose whether the ARexx commands which return a result will actually look for a result or not.

e.g.

```
RXResults Off : RXSendCommand("BLAH")
```

It will not wait for a result. When the message is replied to, the message is automatically free'd and no result is taken.

1.23 rxpriority

Statement: RXPriority

Modes : Amiga
Syntax : RXPriority pri

This command lets you specify a priority for your function host (the higher the value, the earlier your port is passed a function). This must be called BEFORE RXCreatePort

1.24 rxcomresult

Function: RXComResult

Modes : Amiga
Syntax : RXComResult

This function determines whether or not the last RX_____ Command was successful or not. 0 indicates success, -1 indicates failure.

1.25 rxdefaultport

Statement: RXDefaultPort

Modes : Amiga
Syntax : RXDefaultPort portname\$

This command lets you specify the name of the default port for commands which are not given a port name. The default default :-) portname is REXX

1.26 examples

Example

1.27 Example Programs

Example Programs

EXAMPLE 1 - An example of ARexx :

```
Load Example 1  
Compile It!
```
