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1.1 RICommoditiesLib

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1.2 overview

Overview

This library allows the easy use of Commodities. It requires Kickstart 2 or higher.

It allows your program to receive messages from Exchange (for example show interface, disable, quit etc) and to notify Exchange of the program's status (GUI available, disabled, enabled etc)

1.3 exchangelistchange

Functions : ExchangeListChange

Modes : Amiga

To be used in conjunction with ExchangeMessage, see ExchangeAppear for more information on usage.

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1.4 cxlistchange

Functions : CxListChange

Modes : Amiga

This is used in conjunction with ExchangeMessage, see CxAppear for more information.

1.5 makecommodity

Function : MakeCommodity

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : success=MakeCommodity(name\$,title\$,description\$)

This command attempts to add your Commodity to the list of commodities. A return value of -1 indicates success, 0 means failure. (not enough memory)

name\$ refers to the name of the Commodity and it should be unique. This is the name that appears when running the Commodity Exchange program. title\$ is the title of your program, e.g. "My Screen Blanker". description\$ is a brief description of your program.

The Commodity Exchange program will then have 'name\$' in its list of Commodities and when a user clicks on your commodity, it will display the title\$ and description\$.

1.6 sethotkey

Function : SetHotKey

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : success=SetHotKey(hotkey#,hotkeydescription\$)

This will add a hotkey event to your commodity so that after a hotkey has been pressed you can find out which one.

e.g.

success=SetHotKey(0,"lalt lshift a")

1.7 hotkeyhit

Function : HotKeyHit

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : hitkeynum=HotKeyHit

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This will return the number of the hot key which has been hit since the last 'CommodityEvent' was called, or -1 if no such hotkey has been activated.

1.8 commodityevent

Function : CommodityEvent

Modes : Amiga

Syntax: anyevent=CommodityEvent

This looks to see if either:

a) A hotkey has been pressed

b) A message from Exchange has been received

and returns -1 if such an event occurred, 0 if nothing has happened yet. This should be inside a Repeat-Until loop

e.g.

Repeat

VWait

ev.l=Event

ce.l=CommodityEvent

hk.l=HotKeyHit

; This must be used after CommodityEvent

Until ev or ce or hk

1.9 setcxstatus

Statement : SetCXStatus

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : SetCXStatus on|off

This sets the status of your Commodity to either Active (on) or Inactive (off) - this can be seen by running the Commodities Exchange program.

NOTE: WAS SetStatus -> Changed to clarify the fact its a Commodity Lib command.

1.10 exchangemessage

 ${\tt Function} \; : \; {\tt ExchangeMessage}$

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : messnum.l=ExchangeMessage

This looks to see if the Commodities Exchange has issued you with a message e.g. Hide Interface, Show Interface. It returns the message ID of the incoming message or 0 for no message.

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1.11 cxappear

Functions: CxAppear

Modes : Amiga Syntax : CxAppear

This is used in conjunction with ExchangeMessage

e.g.

em.l=ExchangeMessage
Select em
Case CxAppear
Gosub _appear
Case CxDisAppear
Gosub _disappear
End Select

The function merely returns the ID value associated with that particular Commodities Exchange message.

1.12 cxdisappear

Functions: CxDisAppear

Modes : Amiga
Syntax : CxDisAppear

This is used in conjunction with ${\tt ExchangeMessage}$, see ${\tt CxAppear}$ for more information.

1.13 cxenable

Functions: CxEnable

Modes : Amiga
Syntax : CxEnable

This is used in conjunction with ${\tt ExchangeMessage}$, see ${\tt CxAppear}$ for more information.

1.14 cxdisable

Functions: CxDisable

Modes : Amiga
Syntax : CxDisable

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This is used in conjunction with $\operatorname{ExchangeMessage}$, see $\operatorname{CxAppear}$ for more information.

1.15 cxkill

Functions: CxKill

Modes : Amiga Syntax : CxKill

This is used in conjunction with ${\tt ExchangeMessage}$, see ${\tt CxAppear}$ for more information.

1.16 cxchangelist

Functions: CxChangeList

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : CxChangeList

This is used in conjunction with $\operatorname{ExchangeMessage}$, see $\operatorname{CxAppear}$ for more information.

1.17 cxunique

Functions: CxUnique

Modes : Amiga
Syntax : CxUnique

This is used in conjunction with ${\tt ExchangeMessage}$, see ${\tt CxAppear}$ for more information.

1.18 exchangeappear

Functions: ExchangeAppear

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : ExchangeAppear

This is used in conjunction with ExchangeMessage

e.g.

em.l=ExchangeMessage

If em

If ExchangeAppear then Gosub _appear

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If ExchangeDisAppear then $Gosub_dispappear$ EndIf

This is intended as an alternative way of acting upon Exchange Messages.

1.19 exchangedisappear

Functions: ExchangeDisAppear

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : ExchangeDisAppear

This is used in conjunction with ExchangeMessage, see ExchangeAppear for more information.

1.20 exchangeenable

Functions: ExchangeEnable

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : ExchangeEnable

This is used in conjunction with ExchangeMessage, see ExchangeAppear for more information.

1.21 exchangedisable

Functions: ExchangeDisable

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : ExchangeDisable

This is used in conjunction with ExchangeMessage, see ExchangeAppear for more information.

1.22 exchangekill

Functions: ExchangeKill

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : ExchangeKill

This is used in conjunction with ExchangeMessage, see ExchangeAppear for more information.

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1.23 exchangechangelist

Functions: ExchangeChangeList

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : ExchangeChangeList

This is used in conjunction with $\operatorname{ExchangeMessage}$, see $\operatorname{ExchangeAppear}$ for more information.

1.24 exchangeunique

Functions: ExchangeUnique

Modes : Amiga

Syntax : ExchangeUnique

This is used in conjunction with $\operatorname{ExchangeMessage}$, see $\operatorname{ExchangeAppear}$ for more information.

1.25 commoditymsgport

Function: CommodityMsgPort

Modes : Amiga/Blitz

Syntax : msgport.l=CommodityMsgPort

This function returns the address of the Commoditiy's message port. Useful for doing extra things such as AddWaitEvent PortSigBit(CommodityMsgPort),xxxx

1.26 Example Programs

Example Programs

EXAMPLE 1 - a general Commodities example :

Load Example 1 Compile It!