

CoolBooter

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Chapter 1

CoolBooter

1.1 DaCoolBooter V1.6

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Freeware Release (23.05.99)

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Introduction

What`s this !?

System requirements

What you need

Copyright & Distribution info

Important (as usual:)

Booting a game/demo

It`s as easy as possible!

About the author

Something about me

Greetings and thanks

Some greetings (a must read)

History

Program`s history

1.2 Introduction

Da Cool Booter (DCB) is a Rebootstarter for Games/Demos/Programs which need the full amount of chip memory or don`t like to be ran

from Workbench!

Some programs that need the full chip memory:

- Capital Punishment
- Hoi AGA
- Wendetta 2175
- Switchback
- Whammer Slammer
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Some programs which don't like to be ran from Workbench:

- Monkey Island I+II
- Indiana Jones III+IV
- Big Top o' Fun
- Windsurf Willy
- Prospector
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Additionally Da Cool Booter can boot directly your DMS disks! For this feature you need the program DMS2HD (Aminet: util/arc/DMS2HD1_5.lha) installed in C:. This feature does of course only work with DMS disks in DOS format!

There are some other programs which do nearly the same than Da Cool Booter, but here's why you should use DCB:

- it's really easy to use: Simply select a file and DCB will boot it or create a script for you so that you can easily start it without launching DCB Gui first
- it's highly optimized and system-friendly
- it has some nice extra features ;-)

Booting a game/demo is really easy.

See how easy you can
do
it.

1.3 Copyright & Distribution info

Da Cool Booter is (C) Copyright 1997-99 by Andreas Falkenhahn.

Da Cool Booter shan't be sold for more than \$2. If you have bought it for more, please change your dealer fast.

Da Cool Booter needs to be distributed with all files on the disk which must not be modified. Please spread it not as an DMS Archive, only as a complete disk or LHA/LZX archive.

If Da Cool Booter is distributed on a Cover CD/Disk, I would like to get a free copy of the magazine. Thank you.

I don't accede any liability if Da Cool Booter has something damaged. It was comfortable tested and at me nothing dangerous happened.

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If you have any problems with Da Cool Booter, found bugs or have suggestions please email or write to me.

If you like the program and would like to thank me for it, why not send me something nice (sweets, money, PPC cards ;)

My Amiga:

A1200, 68040 40mhz, Mitsumi FX-400, 18MB Ram, OS3.1

1.5 Greetings and thanks

Note: This section is outdated!

Greetings fly to:

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Excalibur / Airsoft
Gandalf of Infinity
WF King
The Falconer
A. v. K.
Wusel
Atlan
Rick t. R.
Jennes
Marty McFly
Noke Artificial Bytes
Roadrunner
H.W.
Dodger
Pearl
Titanic
Olli
Steffen
Phil
Rave of Bizarre arts
Antibrain of Bizarre arts
Willi Hillenbrand
Tazz / Animators
Jones
Rich
Dr. Retro
Cyberbit
Mr. P
Dirk
Erich
Marcel
Marco
Joggy Baer
Richie
Chris
Michael

1.6 System requirements

Minimum requirements:

- an Amiga with Harddisk ;)
 - OS2.04
 - reqtools.library by Niço François in libs:
 - some BCPL commands in C: (copy, remrad, mount, reset, assign)
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Recommended requirements:

- NewInstaller (util/wb/NewInstaller1_3.lha) for the installation
- DMS2HD (util/arc/DMS2HD1_5.lha) for the BootDMS feature of Da Cool Booter
- 68020+
- some extra memory

1.7 Booting a game

After starting Da Cool Booter a requester appears which welcomes you to the program.

If you select 'Continue'~now, a filerequester pops up asking you for a file to boot. Three different filetypes can be booted:

- a) Executable: An standard AmigaDOS executable. This is the most common type.
- b) Script: An AmigaDOS script which can be executed with IconX or Execute.
- c) DMS Archive: As the name says the filetype is DMS. The unpacked archive has to be an AmigaDOS disk of course. NDOS disks are not supported and will never be, because that's impossible.

If you've selected a DMS archive another requester will ask you if this is the only disk the game/demo/program has or if it consists of more than one disk. If this is the case you can enter how many disks shall be booted else. If you're using the BootDMS feature the first time you also have to supply a temporary directory where the archives will be unpacked in.

After that you can select if you want to boot the file now or if you want Da Cool Booter to create a script for you.

- a) Boot now: This will load in the file and reset your Amiga. Then the game/demo/program will be booted.
- b) Create Script: This will place a script with an icon in the selected file's directory. If you click this icon then, the game will be started with a reboot.

That was it!! Everything is done. Of course the reboot start will not work with all games/demos/programs but it should work with the most. You can contact me if you've problems in getting your favourite game/demo/program working.

1.8 History

Complete history of Da Cool Booter and RSTStart! (Da Cool Booter was named RSTStart until version 1.3)

V1.6: (Freeware Release Version)

- updated AmigaGuide® documentation
- added german catalogs and cd+ct files
- added locale.library support
- big code cleanup and optimization
- some visual changes
- removed keyfile code
- bugfixes

V1.5: (Internal Beta Version)

- added ability to boot DMS disks either

V1.4: (Shareware Release Version)

- now keyfiles are supported
- some bugfixes

V1.3: (Shareware Release Version)

- renamed the tool into "Da Cool Booter", formerly it was known as RSTStart
- added nice GUI through reqtools.library by Niço François
- added AmigaGuide® documentation

V1.2: (Freeware Release Version)

- now executables are supported either
- added a simple documentation

V1.1: (Freeware Release Version)

- fatal bug fixed

V1.0: (Freeware Release Version)

- controlled by CLI
- only scripts are supported

Future plans:

- more options
- your plan -> contact
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