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Chapter 1

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1.1 Main Menu

Trekkie Version 2.2

Release Date: 20. July 1996

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Welcome to Trekkie, the Amiga Star Trek database.

Introduction/Features

Installation~~~~~

Configuration~~~~~

Usage~~~~~

Copyrights~~~~~

Author~~~~~

History~~~~~

Check out Trekkie's homepage, with pictures of Star Trek's makers, ↔
the latest

beta-versions and datafiles. The address:

<http://www.fh-brandenburg.de/~osterburg/stefan/trekkie.html>

1.2 Introduction/Features

Introduction

Trekkie is a database, that offers the possibility to manage all the Star

Trek episodes. Apart from collecting the usual data such as Episodetitle, -number, Stardate and so on, it facilitates to build a kind of "Who is Who" by managing the "Maker"-information. Moreover there is a - admittedly simple - video database included. You can add pictures, texts or sounds to episodes and makers, by giving Trekkie the filenames. If you specify Multiview as external view program you can show/play these files from Trekkie.

The program requires Kickstart/Workbench 3.0. A complete datafile may easily make the program to require 2MB and more of RAM. Running it on a 68000 machine would probably have been a strain on nerves an coffee consum, that's why it requires at least an 68020 processor.

1.3 Installation

To install Trekkie, just copy all files to the desired directory. ←

By default

Trekkie uses Magig WB's XEN-Font as fixed-width listfont.

If you don't have that you can also use the supplied trekkie.font. In that case copy it to your FONTS: directory and unset the XEN
tootype
.

1.4 Configuration

The basic Preferences are stored in the icon's tooltypes:

SCREEN

Defines the Screenmode. No matter how small the selected screen is, Trekkie opens a screen of at least 640x410 pixels. If the tootype is not specified the program uses an EURO72 Productivity Screen.

Valid values are:

Euro72	:	opens a Euro 72 Productivity Screen
VGA	:	opens a Multiscan Productivity Screen
PAL	:	opens a PAL Interlace Screen
PAL NONLACE	:	opens a Pal HighRes (Autoscroll) Screen
NTSC	:	opens a NTSC Interlace Screen
NTSC NONLACE	:	opens a NTSC HighRes (Autoscroll) Screen
DBLPAL	:	opens a DBLPAL flickerfree Screen
DBLNTSC	:	opens a DBLNTSC flickerfree Screen
\$modeID	:	for modeID put the hexadecimal ID of any screenmode.

DATA

Specifies filename and path, of the data file to load on startup.

VIEW

Specifies path, filename and possible parameters of the external picture view program.

XEN

If specified the program uses the XEN.font instead of the trekkie.font as non-proportional font.

If you put this tooltype as XEN=9 the size 9 of XEN.font is used otherwise size 8.

USEDOSPATTERN

If set Trekkie uses AmigaDOS
Search~Patterns
instead of the build
in search patterns, when doing text searches.

You can also store your favourite settings for

Listmask

,

Sortpattern

, and

Selectionpattern

as default, or make different patterns available on the

F1-F10.

1.5 Usage

The program is started by doubleclicking on its icon. If a default ↔
datafile
is specified in the tooltypes, it is now loaded. That can, depending on size
of the file and speed of your CPU, take a short while.

Trekkie has two windows from which all other functions can be accessed. The

Listmode

window and The

Editmode

window. On startup the Listmode is active.

Both windows feature the same menus:

Project:

New Starts a new project and goes to Editmode

Load Loads a datafile from disk

Merge Merges a datafile with the current project (

Note!

)

Save Saves the current project

Save As .. All Data Saves the project under a given name

Selection Saves only entries of current selection

Print List Prints the current selection as shown on screen

About Shows a short Info about the Author

Quit Hidden secret function ;-)

Episode:

New Creates a new episode entry and goes to Editmode

Copy Copys currently selected/displayed entry ← and goes to Editmode

Delete Deletes currently selected/displayed entry ←

Print Prints currently selected/displayed entry.

View Pictures Views the pictures for the selected episode.

Display:

Edit Mode Goes to Editmode with currently selected entry.

List Mode Goes to Listmode

All Entries Cancels current selection and displays all entries again.

Search Lets you specify a Selectionpattern and shows appropriate entries in Listmode afterwards

Sort Lets you specify a
sortpattern
and appropriately
sorts the episodes

Listmask Lets you define the appearance of the table in

Listmode
Save As Saves the prefs for
Selectionpatten
,
Sortpattern and
Listmask
all at once.

Special:

Makerlist Gives you a list of all or certain makers with
several search options

Maker Birthdays Gives you a a calendrically sorted list of
all makers with specified birth- and/or deathday

Videolist Gives you a list of all or certain videos.

Average Rating Calculates the average
Rating
of the curent
selection. A rate of 0 is not considered

Stardate Overlaps Gives you a list of all episodes where the
previous episode ends (according to the stardate)
later than the next starts.

Statistics Gives you some nice statistics about your database.

Preferences:

DOS Search Patterns If checked AmigaDos
Searchpatterns
are used instead
of the built in.

Change Screenmode	Lets you change the screenmode of Trekkies screen.
Set Standardfile	Lets you chose the file that Trekkie loads on startup
View Program	Lets you chose the Fileviewer Trekkie uses when showing pictures.
Save Prefs	Saves the above Prefs (except DOS Search Patterns) to the Tooltypes .

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1.7 Author

If you have bugreports or suggestions, you don't like the way I have done certain things and the like please contact me.

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1.8 History

Programm History

- 08/94 -The idea is born. Developement begins.
- 28.01.96 -FIRST UPLOAD Release 1
- 31.01.96 -there was a mistake that I created while compiling the upload version. :-(Sorry! (Toggle beetween Listmode and Editmode via menu did not work.)
 - I failed to add the trekkie font to the first release
- SECOND UPLOAD Version 1.01
- 19.04.96 -English Translation.
 - possibility to add pictures to epidodes included.
 - Reworked Maker-Management.
 - Added new Makerjobs.
 - The None Star Trek Work is now viewed in a list, which makes more entries possible. I took that opportunity to include the information of the Star Trek Actors's Other Roles FAQ.
 - Replaced huge Cycle-Gadgets for makerjobs.
 - Makerlist with some search-options included.
 - Fields for Birth- and Deathday added - Star Trek Calender
 - Added Category field for Episodes.
 - Added more Printing Capablilities.
 - New Statistics window.
 - Improved load speed.
 - Filerequesters remember last dir and sizing information.
- THIRD UPLOAD Version 2.0
- 16.05.96 -small bugfix
 - XEN tooltype added
 - put datafile to extra archive.
- FOURTH UPLOAD Version 2.1
- 27.05.96 -finally caught a bug that appeared seemingly without pattern from the very beginning ;-) (program used to produce rubbish on the screen after returning from Makeredit when you started the Makeredit by selecting the gadget below the list in editmode and not by doubleclicking.)
 - added support for Amiga-DOS search patterns
 - from now on Trekkie comes with an AMIGAGUIDE® DOCUMENTATION.
- 06.07.96 -changed the representation of "exists" information in listmode
 - availability of pictures now represented in listmode, including

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 - some money or
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To apply the setting click on Use, to cancel all changes click on -guess what-Cancel.

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1.12 Sortpattern

In the sort window you can set the sort criteria. The three lists contain all items the list can be sorted by.

When the list is sorted to episodes a firstly compared by the primary criterion. If they are different - fine - they are put into the according order, if not the second criterion is applied. If there is no difference either the third criterion is used.

You can also save or load these settings. Just give the select Save/Load from the menu and give a filename (you should add .srt as extension).

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1.13 Search Pattern

Trekkie's search function gives you the possibility control the ↔
current

Selection

.

Basically you can give Trekkie the search criteria and the program adds/removes the according data to the current Selection or starts a new selection.

If no entry is left in a new selection all episodes make up the new selection.

By clicking Select from all Trekkie starts a new selection - all data is searched for appropriate episodes, and all matches form the new selection.

Select from Selection only searches episodes in the current selection.

Extend selection searches episodes, that are not in the current selection and adds all matches to it. Episodes that were already selected are not removed

from the selection even if they don't match the new pattern.

Cancel leaves the current selection unchanged and returns to listmode.

As for the search pattern:

The texts are - according to the chosen setting - searched by using AmigaDOS or the internal Searchpatterns. (See~here .)

All cycle gadgets with the possible settings no matter/never/only work as follows:

no matter: as it says the field does't matter, any episode will match only : only episodes where the appropriate option is set will match never : only episodes where the appropriate option is not set will match

For instance:

If you set Several Parts to Only you will get a list of all episodes that were shown in several parts.

The TV/Movie and Book cycle gadgets work closely together, and since they have caused some confusion here are all possible settings and their result (when selecting from all)

TV/Movie	Book	Result
only	no matter	everything that has been on TV if novelized or not
only	only	everything that has been on TV and novelized
only	never	everything that has been on TV and not novelized
never	no matter	everything that has not been on TV
never	only	everything that has not been on TV
never	never	everything that has neither been on TV nor apperared as novel (why is it in the list anyway? ;-)) normally nothing -> which means all
no matter	no matter	any episode will do
no matter	only	everything that has appeared as novel
no matter	never	everything that has not appeared as novel

You can also save or load these settings. Just give the select Save/Load from

the menu and give a filename (you should add .sel as extension).

If you specify default.sel as name those settings are loaded on startup. In the Listmode and Editmode settings saved as f1.sel, f2.sel, f3.sel, ... f0.sel can be accessed directly by pressing the keys F1-F10.

1.14 Listmode

The listmode window represents the data as the name implies as a sorted list. ←

The

sortpattern
and the
appearance
of the list can be defined by the user.

Furthermore it is possible to display only a selection of episodes in the list.

One entry of the list can be selected by clicking on it once. With that entry several options can be performed (Copy, Delete, Print).

By doubleclicking on an entry you can go to the editmode for the respective episode.

By pressing on of the keys F1-F10 you can apply the sortpatterns, searchpatterns and listmask settings you have previously saved under the appropriate name.

BTW:

1. A star in the Series/No.field indicates that you have added pictures for that episode.
2. The "exists" information, which indicates if you own the video and/or book of a certain episode is shown in the following order:
American Video, American Book, German Episode, German Book.
A "*" indicates that you own an item, a "-" that you don't. A space means that an episode has not been released as book or video.

1.15 Editmod

The editmode displays all the data for an episode and lets you ↔ change it.

By pressing on of the keys F1-F10 you can apply the sortpatterns

,

searchpatterns settings you have previously saved under the appropriate name.

The keys cursor up and down can be used to go to the previous and next episode.

The makers can be

edited

or respectively more information about a certain

maker be shown by doubleclicking on the name in the list. Click on New to add a maker to the episode, and on Remove to remove a maker from the list. Click on view to show the pictures for a selected maker. A * in front of the name indicates that there are pictures attached for a certain maker.

Note: When you find out that for instance not David Livingston directed a certain episode but Alexander Singer, do not edit David Livingston's name to Alexander Singer - this way you would give the credits for everything that Mr. Livingston has ever done to Mr. Singer - instead you must Remove Livingston from the list and add a New Entry for Singer.

The meaning of most of the fields in the input mask should be clear, however here are some clues:

By checking the checkbox for Several Parts you can help Trekkie (and yourself) to find episodes that have been shown in several parts, but do not have the Part I, Part II, ... in there episode title.

The TV/Movie and Book checkbox is to identify if a certain entry has appeared as book and/or TV episode. Normally at least on of them should be checked.

The Length information's so far only meaning is for the Statistics function.

The Am. exists and Ger. exists checkboxes let you indictate if or if not you have a certain episode in your own collection. When checked you can specify the number of the video cassette it is on and the position on the tape for TV/Movie episodes.

For rating see

here

.

1.16 Note!

You can merge two datafiles (for instance one on DS9 and one on the Next Generation) using this function.

But you should consider:

1. That can take quite a while. This is due to the fact, that for every maker that is in the datafile, the appropriate one in the existing data is searched, and if found both are put into one entry.
2. When joining together two makers, the Non Star Trek work of one datafile is simply added to the other. The program does not test if a certain entry does already exist.

1.17 selection

A selection basically is a certain compilation of episodes that
fulfill
conditions you can define by using the
Search
function.

Everything that does not fulfill these conditions is not shown in
listmode
and

basically not considered in almost any operation that Trekkie performs on the entire list (such as Makerlist, Printlist, Statistics ...). Exception to that rule is for instance the Save function, that always saves all entries. If you want to save a selection of episodes only, you must use Save As Selection.

1.18 Prints

Before printing is actually started a window appears, that lets you set several options.

Paper Length gives the total number of lines, that fit on one page including empty lines at top and bottom.

Line spacing makes Trekkie send the appropriate Esc-sequences to the printer.

Paper width gives the total number of characters in one line, including spaces at left and right page margins.

Character pitch makes Trekkie set appropriate mode on the printer.

If papertype is set as Single Trekkie pauses after every page.

Headline and Bottomline are texts that appear on every page. If you put ## into the text those characters are replaced by the pagenummer. The checkbox in front of the text gadgets indicate if such a line shall be printed.

With Skip Top, Skip Bottom, Skip Left and Skip Right you can define the page margins that must remain empty.

If Print escape sequences is not checked all escape sequences are filtered out, and a linefeed is printed as LF only otherwise a Linefeed is printed as LF+CR. To filter the sequences is especially useful if you print to a file and use that file in a wordprocessing program.

With Print To File you can do exactly that - all output is sent to a file.

You can save your favourite settings (Save Prefs). Click Start Print to go for it, Cancel to abort.

1.19 list of all or certain makers

With makerlist you can get an alphabetically sorted list of all or certain makers.

The Makerlist preferences window lets you specify some search criteria. By specifying the Name, Personal Information, Other work than Star Trek and Role Search patterns you can let Trekkie search for those strings in the appropriate fields. Minimum number of jobs gives the possibility to let only makers appear in the list, who have done more than only one or two episodes in Star Trek.

With the two list views in the window you can achieve, that for instance only actors are listed. The jobs that are to be listed have to be in the right list. You can move an item between the lists by clicking once on it. With All and None you can move all items at once.

Click Use to produce the list (which can take a few moments) and Cancel to abort.

In the makerlist you can doubleclick on an item to get the Makeredit window for that person.

Please note the following known bug that I will probably never completely correct: Lets say, apart from many others there are the following two entries in the list:

Rush, Marvin

Rush, Marvin V.

You realize that this is the same person, doubleclick and change one name in the Makeredit window. Trekkie will now join the two persons into one, thereby deleting one person. That change however will not be shown in the makerlist. There will still be both entries. Even worse, if you doubleclick on an entry below those two, you will get to edit the wrong entry. Worse again - click on the last item and Trekkie will hang (I might do something in the future to prevent at least this).

Solution: Leave the makerlist window after such an action (Cancel from the menu).

The list can be printed by selecting Print" link "Print" 0} by selecting Print from the menu. To get back to List/Editmode select Cancel from the menu.

1.20 Videolist

This function produces an (extract of a) videolist for the current selection of episodes, sorted by cassette number.

You can also make Trekkie show only a certain range of cassette numbers.

Click on use in the Define Videolist window to produce the list with the desired settings, click on Cancel to abort.

The resulting list can be Printed by selecting Print" link "Print" 0} by selecting Print from the menu. To go back to the List/Editmode select Cancel from the menu.

1.21 Rating

The values for rating can range from 0 to 99. In whatever way you decide to use this range you should always reserve the 0 for episodes you have not yet rated for.

Trekkie takes this for granted when calculating the average rating.

1.22 edited

The makeredit window displays all available information on a certain maker and lets you edit it. ←

When you have created a new maker (by clicking New in Editmode), all fields except that for the Name are disabled until you enter a name and press return. When you did that, the given name is looked up in the list of all makers. If found you get to edit the data of that person, otherwise an empty form is displayed. Normally you would now set the Job and Role for the current episode.

Whenever you change the name of the maker and press return, the new name is looked up again. If a match is found Trekkie asks you if you wish to join the two entries together.

As for the Birthday and Day of Death information: It is given in the format d.m.y. If only the year is known you should give 0.0.y as date.

In the Non-Star Trek work list view you can enter new lines using the below string gadget. Remove an entry by clicking on the appropriate gadget. You can sort the entries in the list with the buttons Top, Up, Down, Bottom.

You can go to a selected entry in the Star Trek work list by doubleclicking on it. BTW there are only episodes in that list that are in the current

selection

.

The current maker can be Printed using the Print" link "Print" 0} using the Print item from the menu. To go back to editmode you have three possibilities: Doubleclick an entry in the Star Trek work list. Use the window's close-gadget. Select Cancel from the menu.
