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Chapter 1

Filer

1.1 Filer.guide

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An Intuition controlled file manager

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1.2 Filer.guide/BI_CRIGHT

Basic Informations

Copyright and other legal stuff

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1.3 Filer.guide/BI_REG

Registration

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As you may have noticed in the copyright I'm working since seven years at Filer. It always consumed and will continue to consume a large amount of my time.

I cannot afford just working for fun. Thus, I decided to release Filer as shareware. I already tried to release Filer as a commercial product but the german software company which licensed it was not able to release it for over one year. So I cancelled the contract.

The unregistered version of Filer pops up the About requester regularly to remind you to register and has some features disabled:

- directory cache inactive
- can't format disks
- command panel's bank can't be switched

Registered users will be shipped a disk with the newest public release of Filer, along with a personalized, so-called "keyfile". It enables all the missing features and disables the ShareWare reminders. This keyfile will work with all future releases of Filer, so you can simply download the latest version from your local bulletin board without having to wait weeks for your update passing through the slow mail channels. The keyfile must not be distributed in any way. A TeX DVI file and a postscript file of the manual are also supplied with the registered version.

The fee for a Filer registration is

- 40.- DM (D-Mark),
- 40.- SFr (Schweizer Franken),
- 180.- FF (French Francs),
- 30.- US\$ (US Dollar)

or an equivalent amount of US\$ 35.- (Thirty-five!) in any other currency. "Thirty-five" because I have to visit my bank and sell your foreign currency which is kind of expensive here in Germany. If you think your bank does it cheaper, feel free to get some US\$ 30.- at home and send them.

The fastest, cheapest and easiest way to register is put the money together with the filled registration form into a letter and send it to

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Euro cheques (in DM) are also welcome, but please do not send any kind of foreign cheques since the bank charges outrageous fees from both the sender and the receiver. If you really feel you must use a such cheques, please include extra US \$10.-.

You can also transfer the money directly to my bank account, but beware: international transfers via banks are very expensive.

Stadtsparkasse Paderborn, BLZ 472 501 01, Konto 16168007

Attention: Paying via bank transfer does NOT mean that you get your registered version of Filer before paying.

In any case, be sure to provide me with your name, address, phone number and e-mail address for filing purposes. You can send this information via electronic mail, if you wish. This data will be stored and processed in electronic form. There is a sample registration form in the file "OrderForm".

All registrations will be handled as fast as possible and should be

finished in about two weeks.

1.4 Filer.guide/IN_PURPOSE

Introduction

Purpose

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Filer is an Intuition controlled file manager for OS 2.04 and newer.

You can use Filer for copying, deleting and renaming files or creating directories. You can create, list and extract archives with it or use it as an universal viewing tool. Filer even is able to control your whole system as a replacement for the Workbench.

Some of Filer's features are:

- * font-sensitive, resizable and Style Guide compliant GUI
- * ARexx interface
- * highly configurable
- * keyboard support
- * class support
- * archive support

1.5 Filer.guide/IN_SYSR

System requirements

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Filer requires Amiga operating system version 2.04 or better. To be able to use all features version 3.1 is recommended.

Kickstart 1.3 is not supported; this operating system is considered obsolete.

Filer requires at least one megabyte of RAM to run because Workbench 2.04 needs a lot of memory for itself. A hardisk or a faster CPU is not required but increase performances and comfort, of course.

1.6 Filer.guide/IN_INST

Installation

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It is really easy to install Filer:
Just copy the binary and the icon (called "Filer" and "Filer.info") to any directory and that's it.

Also, it's not a bad idea to copy the supplied configuration file (called "Examples/Filer.RC") to the "S:" directory of your system drive.

1.7 Filer.guide/UF_ST

Usage of Filer

Programm Startup

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If you start Filer from CLI you can specify the following arguments:

FROM, TO, SELECT/K, ACTION/K, SLEEP/S

With FROM and TO you can choose which directories shall be read as source and target directory.

If the SELECT argument is supplied all files and directories in the source directory matching this AmigaDOS pattern will be selected automatically.

With ACTION you can define an ARexx command which will be executed after the directories have been read and the selection was done.

By combining these four arguments you can initiate complete operations from CLI using something like this:

Filer FROM Pictures: TO Backup: SELECT "#?.JPG" ACTION COPY

If Filer is started with the SLEEP option it will automatically go to sleep mode. In this mode it will use only a few resources and wait for activation via ARexx. This can e.g. be done via the

Filer's Commodity

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If you start Filer from CLI while another instance is already running all supplied arguments will be sent to the first instance via ARexx. To gain similar comfort if you launch Filer from the Workbench you can use the

Filer's Commodity

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1.8 Filer.guide/UF_MW

The Main window

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The main window of Filer contains the following control elements:

Status Bar

The long gadget at the top

Directory Listview

The two large listviews

Device Listview

The small listview in the middle

Path Gadget

The two large string gadgets

Copy Gadget

The two arrows between the string gadgets

CD Gadget

The two gadgets labeled "CD"

Parent Gadget

The two gadgets labeled "/"

Cache Gadget

The two gadgets labeled "?"

Pattern Gadget

The two gadgets labeled "Pattern"

All Gadget

The two gadgets labeled "All"

None Gadget

The two gadgets labeled "None"

Sort Gadget

The two gadgets labeled "Sort"

Command Panel

The 4 rows of gadgets at the bottom

1.9 Filer.guide/UF_MW_SBAR

Status Bar

The Status Bar is used to display information about operations performed by Filer. E.g. if you copy files the one which is currently copied will be shown there.

Events shown in the Status Bar are saved in a history buffer. You can look at this history buffer after clicking on the Status Bar. The viewer used for this can be configured with the

VIEWER
command in the

config file.

The contents of the Status bar and the history buffer may be modified by the ARexx commands

STATUS
,
HISTORY
and
CLEARHISTORY
.

1.10 Filer.guide/UF_MW_LV

Directory Listview

The directory listviews are used to display the contents of the directories presently loaded. Each listview has two scrollers with additional arrows, one at the right side for vertical and one at the bottom for horizontal movement. Above each directory listview is a small status line. If no files or directories are selected you can see the free disk space otherwise the number and the total number of bytes occupied by the selected files and directories is shown. The directory listview with the highlighted status line is the active one. You can activate the other one by clicking on its status line. The active one is always the one which is affected by operations like deleting or renaming files. For copy or move operations it is the source directory.

You can select files and directories by clicking on them. Drag select is supported, too. Doubleclicking on a directory loads this directory, doubleclicking on a file starts a

Auto Action
for this file.

The format used for displaying data in this listview can be controlled with the

FORMAT
command in the configuraton file. The sort order can be

controlled with the
SORT
command in the configuration file

You can activate the inactive listview with the ARexx command
OTHERDIR
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1.11 Filer.guide/UF_MW_DLV

Device Listview

The third listview in the middle of the main window is the device listview. Real devices (e.g. "DF0:", "DH0:" or "RAM:") are displayed in the upper half, assigns and volumes in the lower half.

Filer has a filter for the device listview which is controlled by the

HIDE
command in the config file.

By double clicking on one of the devices shown in the listview you can load it into the active directory listview. If you want to do this with a single click turn the

DOUBLECLICK
option off.

1.12 Filer.guide/UF_MW_PATH

Path Gadget

The two path gadgets below the directory listviews contain the pathnames of the directories actually loaded. You can load a directory by entering its pathname into one of these gadgets.

The path gadget of the active directory listview can be activated by the ARexx command

ENTERDIR
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1.13 Filer.guide/UF_MW_COPY

Copy Gadget

These gadgets are used to copy the contents of one directory listview to the other. The left arrow copies from right to left, the right one from left to right. Only the contents of the listviews is modified, the directories themselves are not affected.

1.14 Filer.guide/UF_MW_CD

CD Gadget

With the CD gadget you can change the current directory of the directory listviews. After you activated this gadget by clicking on it you can select any directory or device shown in ANY of the three listviews. The selected directory will be loaded in the listview above the CD gadget. To cancel this function click on the gadget again.

1.15 Filer.guide/UF_MW_PAR

Parent Gadget

With the parent gadget you can load the parent directory of the current one into the directory listview above this gadget. If there is no parent directory nothing happens.

The same can be done with the ARexx command

PARENTDIR

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1.16 Filer.guide/UF_MW_CACHE

Cache Gadget

With the cache gadget you can open the cache selection requester. This requester shows all directories which are currently in Filer's cache. You can select one of these and it will be copied into the directory listview above the cache gadget.

The order of the directories in this requester can be controlled with the

SORTCACHE

flag in the config file.

The same can be done with the ARexx command
SELECTCACHE

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1.17 Filer.guide/UF_MW_PAT

Pattern Gadget

With the pattern gadget you can open the pattern matching requester. Any AmigaDOS pattern can be entered and all matching files and directories in the directory listview above the pattern gadget will be selected.

The same can be done with the ARexx command
PATTERN

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1.18 Filer.guide/UF_MW_ALL

All Gadget

Selecting one of these gadgets will select all entries in the directory listview above.

The same can be done with the ARexx command
ALL

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1.19 Filer.guide/UF_MW_NONE

None Gadget

Selecting one of these gadgets will deselect all entries in the directory listview above.

The same can be done with the ARexx command
NONE

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1.20 Filer.guide/UF_MW_SORT

Sort Gadget

If you select this gadget all selected entries will be sorted to the top of the

directory listview
and deselected. If no entries are selected the normal order is restored.

1.21 Filer.guide/UF_MW_PANEL

Command Panel

At the bottom of Filer's main window is the command panel, four rows of eight gadgets each. With these gadgets you can start any kind of operation e.g. copying or deleting files. Filer supports upto to eight configurations for the panel at the same time, but you can NOT switch between them with the unregistered version.

The contents of the command panel can be changed with the
BUTTON
or

XBUTTON
command in the config file.

One of the eight panel configurations can be activated with the ARexx command

BANK
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1.22 Filer.guide/UF_MENU

Pull-Down Menus of the Main window

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Filer's main window has these menus:

- * Project
 - * About...
 - Open the copyright requester
 - * Clean Up Memory
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Clean the directory cache and flush all unused libraries and devices.

* Quit

If the
STAY
option is on goto sleep mode else quit Filer.

* Quit & Die

Quit Filer even if
STAY
option is on.

* Preferences

* Miscellaneous

* Stay Resident

Set the
STAY
option.

* Silent

Set the
NOASK
option.

* Extend Path

Set the
EXTEND
option.

* Cache

Set the
CACHE
option.

* Doubleclick

Set the
DOUBLECLICK
option.

* Deselect

Set the
DESELECT
option.

* Use ExAll()

Set the
EXALL
option.

* Automatic Requesters

Set the
AUTOREQUESTER
option.

* Memory Display

Set the
MEMWINDOW
option.

* Weekdays

Set the
WEEKDAYS
option.

* reversed Colors

Set the
REVERSECOLORS
option.

* Sort Cache

Set the
SORTCACHE
option.

* Select Icon

Set the
SELECTICON
option.

* Click on Border for Parentdir

Set the
BORDERPARENTDIR
option.

* Update Listview

Set the
LISTVIEWUPDATE
option.

* Activate Window

Set the
ACTIVATEWINDOW

option.

* Read directory after Diskchange

Set the
DISKCHANGE
option.

* Multiple Drag and Drop

Set the
MULTIDRAGANDDROP
option.

* Copy

* Flags

Set the
COPYFLAGS
option.

* Date

Set the
COPYDATE
option.

* Comment

Set the
COPYNOTE
option.

* Overwrite

Set the
OVERWRITE
option.

* Check free Diskspace

Set the
CHECKFREE
option.

* Format

* Verify

Set the
VERIFY
option.

* FFS

Set the

FFS
option.

* International

Set the
INTERNATIONAL
option.

* Directory Cache

Set the
DIRCACHE
option.

* Sound Playback

* Loop

Set the
LOOP
option.

* Filter

Set the
FILTER
option.

* Sort Left Directory Listview

* By Name

Sort left
directory listview
by filename.

* By Date

Sort left
directory listview
by filedate.

* By Size

Sort left
directory listview
by filesize.

* Sort Right Directory Listview

* By Name

Sort right
directory listview
by filename.

- * By Date

- Sort right
directory listview
by filedate.

- * By Size

- Sort right
directory listview
by filesize.

- * Display Mode...

- Open the
Display Mode
requester.

- * Snapshots the position and size of the main window on a public screen.

- * Font...

- Open the
Font
requester

- * Screen Font...

- Open the
Screen Font
requester

- * Colors...

- Open the
Color
requester.

- * Viewer

- * Display Mode...

- Set the
Display Mode
for the internal text viewer.

- * Font...

- Set the
Font
for the internal text viewer.

- * External...

- Switch to an external
text viewer

- .
 - * Command Buttons...
 - * Contents...
 - Set the contents of the buttons in the command panel
 - .
 - * Font...
 - Set the font for the command panel
 - .
 - * Display Format...
 - Set the Display Format for the directory listviews
 - .
 - * Editor...
 - Set the Editor
 - .
 - * Hide...
 - Set the filter for the device listview
 - .
 - * Edit
 - Edit the Preferences with the external text editor.
 - * Load
 - Load the Preferences.
 - * Save
 - Save the Preferences.
-

1.23 Filer.guide/UF_REQ

Filer's Standard Requesters

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Filer has four standard requesters for various purposes:

* The message requester

The message requester is used to display any kind of messages, especially error messages. An example for this requester is the copyright requester. You can close this requester by clicking on the gadget or pressing a key. If the

AUTOREQUESTER

option is on

deactivating the window will be enough, too.

A message requester can be opened with the ARexx command

ALERTBOX

.

* The decision requester

The decision requester is used if Filer has a question to the user. This requester has two gadgets labeled "Yes" and "No". For a positive decision click on "Yes" or press Y, y, RETURN or SPACE, for a negative one click on "No" or press N, n or ESC. If the

AUTOREQUESTER

option is on, deactivating the window will be

considered as a negative answer, too.

A decision requester can be opened with the ARexx command

QUESTBOX

.

* The string requester

The string requester is used if Filer requires an textual input. You can close this requester by finishing your input with RETURN or clicking on one of the two or three gadgets. The rightmost gadget is always used to abort a function.

A string requester can be opened with the ARexx command

GETSTRING

.

* The operation requester

The operation requester appears during many operations e.g. copying or deleting files. It is used to show the progress of the current operation and to abort it by pressing ESC or clicking on the "Abort" gadget.

1.24 Filer.guide/UF_FN

Filer's builtin functions

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Filer has these internal functions:

Compare	Compare files and directories.
Copy	Copy files and directories.
Copy As	Copy files and directories with new names.
Delete	Delete files and directories.
Disk Usage	Check free disk space.
Duplicate	Duplicate files and directories.
FileNote	Modify filenotes.
MakeDir	Create directories.
MakeLink	Create links.
Move	Move files and directories.
Move As	Move files and directories with new names.
Protect	Modify protection flags.
Relabel	Relabel volumes.
Rename	Rename files and directories.
Change Owner	Change owner of files.
Change Group	

	Change group of files.
Action	Automatically handle files.
Hex Dump	View hexdumps of files.
Run	Execute programs and shell scripts.
Type	View text files.
Add	Add files to archives.
Add & Delete	Move files to archives.
Extract	Extract files from archives.
List	List contents of archives.
Edit	Edit text files.
Format	Format disk or harddisks.
Search	Search for files or directories.
Quit	Quit Filer.

1.25 Filer.guide/UF_FN_COMP

"Compare" function

This function compares all selected files and directories in the active directory listview with the files and the directories of the same names shown in the other directory listview. After the operation is finished statistics about the comparison results are shown in a requester.

Informations about single files and directories can be queried with the

status bar

.

You may abort this function via the

operation requester

.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command

COMPARE

.

1.26 Filer.guide/UF_FN_COPY

"Copy" function

This function copies all selected files and directories in the active

directory listview

to the directory shown in the other listview,

directories are recursively scanned and recreated on the target side.

Dates, protection flags and filenotes may be copied, too, depending on the

configuration

.

You may abort this function via the

operation requester

.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command

COPY

.

1.27 Filer.guide/UF_FN_COPYAS

"Copy As" function

This function copies all selected files and directories in the active

directory listview

to the directory shown in the other listview. For

each selected entry you will be prompted for the name of the copy.

Directories are recursively scanned and recreated on the target side.

Dates, protection flags and filenotes may be copied, too, depending on the

configuration

.

You may abort this function via the

operation requester

.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command

COPY AS

.

1.28 Filer.guide/UF_FN_DELETE

"Delete" function

This function deletes all selected files and directories in the active

directory listview

. If the

NOASK

option is turned on, a warning

requester will appear before the operation is started.

If Filer hits a delete protected file, a requester will appear. You have three options: Delete this file anyway, delete all protected files or abort the operation.

You may abort this function via the

operation requester

.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command

DELETE

.

1.29 Filer.guide/UF_FN_DU

"Disk Usage" function

This function calculates the disk usage of everything selected in the active

directory listview

. These directories will not become deselected.

You may abort this function via the
operation requester
.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
DU
.

1.30 Filer.guide/UF_FN_DUPLICATE

"Duplicate" function

This function duplicates all selected files and directories in the
active

directory listview
. For each file or directory you will be asked
for a new name via a requester and Filer will create a copy with the
new name in the same directory.

Dates, protection flags and filenotes may be copied, too, depending on
the

configuration
.

You may abort this function via the
operation requester
.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
DUPLICATE
.

1.31 Filer.guide/UF_FN_FILENOTE

"FileNote" function

This function modifies the filenotes of all selected files and
directories in the active

FILENOTE
. You can change every filenote with
a string requester. You can leave out files by selecting the "Skip"
gadget.

You may abort this function by selecting the "Cancel" gadget.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
FILENOTE
.

1.32 Filer.guide/UF_FN_MAKEDIR

"MakeDir" function

This function opens a requester to ask for the name of a new directory. After the directory is successfully created, you will be asked whether an icon should be created for it. Of course, Filer will use the system default drawer icon.

You may abort this function by selecting the "Cancel" gadget.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
MAKEDIR
.

1.33 Filer.guide/UF_FN_MAKELINK

"MakeLink" function

This function opens a requester to ask for the name of the new link. When you have entered the name you will be prompted whether you want to create a hardlink or a softlink. After you selected the typ of the link a file requester for selecting the link target will appear.

You may abort this function by selecting the "Cancel" gadget.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
MAKELINK
.

1.34 Filer.guide/UF_FN_MOVE

"Move" function

This function moves all selected files and directories in the active
directory listview

to the directory shown in the other listview, existing files are overwritten. Directories are recursively scanned and recreated on the target side. Moving a file or directory means to copy it and delete the original file.

Dates, protection flags and filenotes may be copied, too, depending on the

configuration

.

You may abort this function via the operation requester

.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command

MOVE

.

1.35 Filer.guide/UF_FN_MOVEAS

"Move As" function

This function moves all selected files and directories in the active

directory listview

to the directory shown in the other listview. For each selected entry you will be prompted for the name in the target directory. Directories are recursively scanned and recreated on the target side. Moving a file or directory means to copy it and delete the original file.

Dates, protection flags and filenotes may be copied, too, depending on the

configuration

.

You may abort this function via the operation requester

.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command

MOVE AS

.

1.36 Filer.guide/UF_FN_PROTECT

"Protect" function

This function opens a requester for setting the protection flags. If a flag is toggled to Set it will be set, Unset means to clear it and Ignore will be left unchanged. After clicking the "Okay" gadget the protection flags of all selected files and directories in the active

directory listview
will be changed.

You may abort this function by selecting the "Cancel" gadget.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
PROTECT
.

1.37 Filer.guide/UF_FN_RELABEL

"Relabel" function

This function opens a requester to ask for a new volume name. After you entered it, the volume will be relabeled.

You may abort this function by selecting the "Cancel" gadget.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
RELABEL
.

1.38 Filer.guide/UF_FN_RENAME

"Rename" function

For each selected file and directory in the active
directory listview
a

requester is opened. You can enter a new name into this requester and the file or directory will be renamed. You can leave out files by selecting the "Skip" gadget. If a file or directory with the specified name already exists you have the options to enter a new name, to skip the file or to abort.

You may abort this function by selecting the "Cancel" gadget.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
RENAME
.

1.39 Filer.guide/UF_FN_CHOWN

"Change Owner" function

This function opens a requester to ask for the name of an Envoy user. You can enter a decimal number, too. Afterwards the owner of all selected files and directory will be changed to that one.

This function will not work with the version 37 or older of the ROM FileSystem. Newer versions of the ROM FileSystems will store the owner but ignore it otherwise. Access control is only active if you export the volume via Envoy.

You may abort this function via the
operation requester
.

1.40 Filer.guide/UF_FN_CHGRP

"Change Group" function

This function opens a requester to ask for the name of an Envoy group. You can enter a decimal number, too. Afterwards the group of all selected files and directory will be changed to that one.

This function will not work with the version 37 or older of the ROM FileSystem. Newer versions of the ROM FileSystems will store the group but ignore it otherwise. Access control is only active if you export the volume via Envoy.

You may abort this function via the
operation requester
.

1.41 Filer.guide/UF_FN_ACTION

"Action" function

This function performs an
Auto Action
on all selected files directories
in the active
directory listview
.

You may abort this function via the
operation requester
.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
ACTION
.

1.42 Filer.guide/UF_FN_HEXDUMP

"Hex Dump" function

This function shows a hexdump of all selected files in the active
directory listview
using the internal
text viewer
.

You may abort this function by pressing SHIFT ESC in the text viewer
window.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
HEXDUMP
.

1.43 Filer.guide/UF_FN_RUN

"Run" function

This function executes all selected files in the active
directory listview
. You can even execute shell scripts this way.

You may abort this function selecting the close gadget of the shell window.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command

```
RUN
```

```
.
```

1.44 Filer.guide/UF_FN_TYPE

"Type" function

This function shows all selected files in the active directory listview as text files.

You may select the text viewer with the VIEWER command in the config file.

You may abort this function by pressing SHIFT ESC in the text viewer window.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command

```
TYPE
```

```
.
```

1.45 Filer.guide/UF_FN_ADD

"Add" function

This function is used to create archives or to add files to existing archives.

To create a new archive select all files and directories to add and no file in the target directory listview. You will have to enter the name for the new archive in a requester.

To add files to an existing archive select the archive in one directory listview and the files and directories in the other listview. This listview with the files must be the active one if you invoke this function.

Archive formats can be added with the

```
ARCDEF
```

```
command in the config file.
```

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command

```
ADD
.
```

1.46 Filer.guide/UF_FN_ADDDEL

"Add & Delete" function

This function is used to create archives or to add files to existing archives. The files will be deleted after being archived.

To create a new archive select all files and directories to add and delete and no file in the target directory listview. You will have to enter the name for the new archive in a requester.

To add files to an existing archive and delete them select the archive in one directory listview and the files and directories in the other listview. This listview with the files must be the active one if you invoke this function.

After all files have been archived successfully they will be deleted. If the

```
NOASK
```

option is turned on, a warning requester will appear before that.

Archive formats can be added with the

```
ARCDEF
```

```
command in the config file.
```

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command

```
ADD DELETE
.
```

1.47 Filer.guide/UF_FN_EXTRACT

"Extract" function

This function extracts files from all selected archives in the active

```
directory listview
```

```
. If a file is no known archive format the function  
will abort with a requester. You can enter a pattern for the files to  
be extracted.
```

Archive formats can be added with the
ARCDEF
command in the config file.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
EXTRACT
.

1.48 Filer.guide/UF_FN_LIST

"List" function

This function lists the contents of all selected archives in the active
directory listview
. If a file is not of a known archive format the
function will abort with a requester.

Archive formats can be added with the
ARCDEF
command in the config file.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
LIST
.

1.49 Filer.guide/UF_FN_EDIT

"Edit" function

This function edits all selected files with an external text editor.
After the last file has been edited the directory is checked for
changes and reread if necessary.

You may select the text editor with the
EDITOR
command in the config
file.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
EDIT
.

1.50 Filer.guide/UF_FN_FORMAT

"Format" function

Attention:

This function is extremely dangerous.
You may destroy vital data.
Be careful!

This function opens the format requester. At the left side you can see a listview with all available trackdisk like devices. Select one by clicking on it or use the cursor keys to move the cursor and SPACE or RETURN to select.

At the top of the window you see a large box which is used to show information about the select device. You can see the drive's name and size, the FileSystem used, the exec device and unit number there.

Below the information box you find four setup gadgets. The "Verify" gadget is used to turn verify mode on and off for low level formats. "FastFileSystem", "International Mode" and "Directory Cache" are used to specify the filesystem type used for the new volume. These settings are not available for custom filesystems like CrossDOS.

At the bottom of the format requester you can see the four operation gadgets. "Format" is used to format a volume, "Quick Format" just creates a new directory structure. "Install" writes a standard bootblock to disk (only supported for standard filesystem on disk-like devices). "Cancel" is used to close the requester and return to the main window.

The default settings for the "Verify", "FastFileSystem", "International Mode" and "Directory Cache" gadgets can be modified with the

SET
command in the config file.

You can close the requester by selecting "Cancel" or pressing ESC.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command

FORMAT
.

1.51 Filer.guide/UF_FN_SEARCH

"Search" function

This function asks for a search pattern first. You can enter any AmigaDOS pattern now and Filer will search all selected directories in the active

directory listview

for Files which names match this pattern.
During the scan a normal CON: window is used to display the results.
The parameters of this window can be changed with the
CONHANDLER
in the
configuration file.

You may abort this function by pressing ESC in the search window.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
SEARCH
.

1.52 Filer.guide/UF_FN_QUIT

"Quit" function

This function will quit Filer. If the
NOASK
option is turned off a
requester appears to verify you're not kidding. If the
STAY
option is
turned on Filer will free most of its resources and go to sleep mode
waiting for reactivation via ARexx e.g. from the
Filer Commodity
.

This function can be invoked with the ARexx command
QUIT
.

1.53 Filer.guide/UF_KBD

Keyboard control
=====

Important:

Since version 3.10 Filer is controllable completely through keyboard use.
Filer has no builtin default key map. All key shortcuts must be defined in
the configuration file. Thus, the keys described in this manual work only
if you use the definitions from the supplied example configuration.

Key control is available for these topics:

Basic control
Cursor support
Listview movement
Command shortcuts
Directory shortcuts

1.54 Filer.guide/UF_KBD_BASIC

Basic control

TAB

activate the other
directory listview
.

RETURN

activate the
path gadget
of the active
directory listview
.

+

select all files and directories in the active
directory listview
.

-

deselect all files and directories in the active
directory listview
.

HELP

open the
pattern matching requester
.

/

load the parent directory of directory in the active
directory listview
.

?

open the
cache selection requester
.

1.55 Filer.guide/UF_KBD_CURSOR

Cursor support

You can move the cursor in the active
directory listview
with these

keys:

SPACE

(de)select entry under the cursor and move cursor one line down

ENTER

perform

auto action

for entry under cursor

CURSOR-UP

cursor one line up

CURSOR-DOWN

cursor one line down

SHIFT CURSOR-UP

cursor one page up

SHIFT CURSOR-DOWN

cursor one page down

CTRL CURSOR-UP

cursor to top

CTRL CURSOR-DOWN

cursor to bottom

1.56 Filer.guide/UF_KBD_LV

Listview movement

You can scroll the active
directory listview
with these keys:

8

one line up.

2 one line down.

9 one page up.

3 one page up.

7 to the top.

1 to the bottom.

4 one character left.

6 one character right.

1.57 Filer.guide/UF_KBD_CMD

Command shortcuts

a Invoke "Add" function.

c Invoke "Copy" function.

c Invoke "Delete" function.

e Invoke "Edit" function.

f Invoke "Format" function.

h Invoke "Hex Dump" function.

k Invoke "MakeDir" function.

l Invoke "Relabel" function.

m Invoke "Move" function.

n
 Invoke "FileNote" function.

o
 Invoke "Action" function.

p
 Invoke "Protect" function.

q
 Invoke "Quit" function.

R
 Invoke "Rename" function.

s
 Invoke "Search" function.

T
 Invoke "Type" function.

u
 Invoke "DU" function.

x
 Invoke "Extract" function.

1.58 Filer.guide/UF_KBD_DIR

Directory shortcuts

F1
 Read directory "SYS:" to active
 directory listview
 .

SHIFT F2
 Read directory "SYS:" to inactive
 directory listview
 .

F1
 Read directory "T:" to active
 directory listview
 .

SHIFT F2
 Read directory "T:" to inactive
 directory listview
 .

1.59 Filer.guide/UF_ACT

Auto Action

=====

Filer supports automatic handling of Files, so called "Auto Actions". An auto action for a single file can be started by doubleclicking on that file. To do this for all selected files use the

ACTION
function.

During an Auto Action Filer checks files in this order:

- * Known archive format: List archive's contents.

Archive formats can be added with the
ARCDEF
command.

- * Known class: Start the specified external tool.

Classes can be added with the
CLASS
or
REXXCLASS
command.

- * IFF file: use internal loader if type is known otherwise abort.

- * AmigaOS executable: Execute it.

Shell scripts will not be executed but viewed. To execute a script use the

RUN
function.

- * Textfile: View it.

The text viewer can be set with the
VIEWER
command.

The Auto Action is finished after the first successful check. If all these checks fail an error requester appears.

1.60 Filer.guide/UF_D_D

Drag and Drop

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Since version 4.00 Filer supports Drag and Drop. In other words you

can grab an entry from one of the
 directory listviews
 with the mouse
 and drop it at another location. You can use this feature to easily sort
 directory listviews, copy and move files or directories or extract
 archives.

To use Drag and Drop you must take an entry and drop it on one of the
 directory listviews
 . To take means to click on an entry with the mouse
 and move it while you still hold down the mouse button. If you use the
 left mouse button you must also press a special key, for the middle
 mouse button this is optional. To abort Drag and Drop simply press the
 right mouse button.

If you drop an entry on the same directory listview it will be
 inserted at exactly that location. If you drop it on the other
 directory listview an action will be initiated depending on what
 special key you pressed. You can configure this via the configuration
 commands

```
DRAGANDDROP
and
DRAGANDDROPDIR
.
```

Additionally you have the possibility to draw entries from the
 device listview
 to one of the directory listviews in which the drive's
 contents will be read.

1.61 Filer.guide/UF_TEXT

Filer's internal Text viewer

=====

Filer has an internal text viewer for viewing text files and
 hexdumps. The text viewer features high display speed, ANSI support and
 searching (not in hexdump mode). The text viewer does no hardware
 banging and therefore works fine with the Workbench emulations supplied
 with some graphic cards.

The text viewer can be controlled with these keys:

```
CURSOR-UP / 8
one line up.
```

```
CURSOR-DOWN / 2
one line down.
```

```
SHIFT CURSOR-UP / 9
one page up.
```

SHIFT CURSOR-DOWN / 3
one page down.

CTRL CURSOR-UP / 7
to the top

CTRL CURSOR-DOWN / 1
to the bottom

F / S
opens the search requester.

N
repeats the search.

ESC / 5
exits the textviewer.

SHIFT ESC
exits textviewer and aborts if Filer's
TYPE
function was used.

1.62 Filer.guide/UF_CF

Filer's Configuration File

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Filer uses an text file for it's configuration. I prefer this method because you can modify such a file with your favourite editor. IFF files are nice for the programmer but bad for the user.

The configuration file is called "Filer.RC" and must be located in the "S:"-Directory - "ENV:" is already overloaded in my opinion. If you want to keep the configuration file in another directory use the environment variable "FILERCONFIG" to tell Filer the full filename. The configuration file will be read if Filer is started or the

Load
menu
item is selected.

The configuration file contains commands, one per line. Comments are introduced with a "#" and end at the next newline. Commands and keywords are case insensitive. Parameters are usually separated by commas, string parameters are surrounded by quotes. Inside string parameters the control sequences "\\ " (backslash), "\"" (quote) and "\n" (linefeed) will be recognized.

A piece of a configuration file may look like this:

```
#  
# Example configuration for Filer 4.06
```

```
#  
  
# display mode for Filer's screen  
  
DISPLAY ""  
SCREEN 2,DEFAULT,DEFAULT  
WINDOW "",0,16,640,200
```

If you use the "Save" menu item filer will create a new configuration file from scratch. As a result of this user created comments will be overwritten.

Filer supports the following configuration commands:

User interface configuration:

```
DISPLAY  
  
SCREEN  
  
WINDOW  
  
COLOR  
  
RGB  
  
FONT  
  
PANELFONT  
  
SCREENFONT  
Program control configuration:
```

```
BUTTON  
  
XBUTTON  
  
KEY  
  
CLOSEGADGET  
  
STARTUP  
  
SHUTDOWN  
Global configuration:
```

```
SET  
Directory Listviews:
```

```
FORMAT  
  
SORT
```

Miscellaneous flags:

COPYBUFFER

HIDE

HISTORY

Textviewer:

VIEWER

VIEWERDISPLAY

VIEWERFONT

Starting external programs:

ADDPATH

STACK

CONHANDLER

Integration of external programs:

EDITOR

ARCDEF

DEFARCEXT

IFFDEF

TOOL

REXXTOOL

CLASS

REXXCLASS

Drag and Drop:

DRAGANDDROP

DRAGANDDROPDIR

1.63 Filer.guide/UF_CF_DISPLAY

DISPLAY

SYNOPSIS

```
DISPLAY "mode"
```

DESCRIPTION

DISPLAY specifies the mode for Filer's screen. This can be either an empty string to clone the workbench, a screen mode name from the display database like "NTSC:HighRes Interlace" or "PubScreen" to open Filer on a public screen.

ARGUMENTS

mode: a display mode keyword.

DEFAULT

```
DISPLAY ""
```

SEE ALSO

```
SCREEN  
,  
WINDOW
```

1.64 Filer.guide/UF_CF_SCREEN

```
SCREEN
```

```
-----
```

SYNOPSIS

```
SCREEN depth,width,height
```

DESCRIPTION

SCREEN is used to set the depth and dimension of the screen used by Filer. Filer currently supports screens with a minimum of 4 colors upto a maximum of 16 under OS 2.x and 256 under OS 3.x. The width and height parameter may be used to create screens with dimensions larger than the visible area. This is useful for autoscroll or Workbench emulation's without screen mode support. You can use DEFAULT for either width or height to get the default dimension from the display database.

ARGUMENTS

depth : depth of the screen [2-8].
width : width of the screen
height: height of the screen

DEFAULT

```
SCREEN 2,DEFAULT,DEFAULT
```

SEE ALSO

```
DISPLAY  
,  
WINDOW
```

1.65 Filer.guide/UF_CF_WINDOW

WINDOW

SYNOPSIS

WINDOW "name", left, top, width, height

DESCRIPTION

WINDOW is used to set the public screen for Filer's window and the dimensions of this window. The first argument is the name of the public screen. If the string is empty the default public screen is used. The left and top arguments are used to specify the upper left corner of the window. You may use DEFAULT for one or both arguments as a synonym for the left or upper edge of the visible area of the screen. The width and height arguments are used to specify the size of the window. Again you may use DEFAULT as a synonym this time for the width or height of the visible area of the screen.

ARGUMENTS

name : name of the public screen.
left : left edge of the window.
top : top edge of the window.
width : width of the window.
height: height of the window.

DEFAULT

WINDOW "", DEFAULT, DEFAULT, DEFAULT, DEFAULT

SEE ALSO

DISPLAY

,

SCREEN

1.66 Filer.guide/UF_CF_COLOR

COLOR

SYNOPSIS

COLOR pen, RGB

DESCRIPTION

COLOR is an obsolete command to set the colors for Filer's screen. It's only supported for compatibility reasons, use RGB instead.

ARGUMENTS

pen: a pen number [0-15].
RGB: a hexadecimal RGB value.

SEE ALSO

RGB

1.67 Filer.guide/UF_CF_RGB

RGB

SYNOPSIS

```
RGB pen, red, green, blue
```

DESCRIPTION

RGB sets the color for one of the pens of Filer's GUI. Pens 0-3 are always be used, the other 12 pens need to be allocated by a RGB command. The supplied RGB values select one color out of 16777216 possible colors. The best way to adjust these values is to use the internal color requester.

ARGUMENTS

```
pen : pen number [0-15].
red : hexadecimal RGB red value [0-FF].
green: hexadecimal RGB green value [0-FF].
blue : hexadecimal RGB blue value [0-FF].
```

DEFAULT

```
RGB 0, A0, A0, A0
RGB 1, 00, 00, 00
RGB 2, FF, FF, FF
RGB 3, 60, 80, B0
```

1.68 Filer.guide/UF_CF_FONT

FONT

SYNOPSIS

```
FONT "name", size
```

DESCRIPTION

FONT sets the font used for the Filer's listviews and the status bar. This font must NOT be a proportional font.

ARGUMENTS

```
name: name of the font.
size: size of the font.
```

DEFAULT

```
FONT "topaz", 8
```

SEE ALSO

PANELFONT
,
SCREENFONT

1.69 Filer.guide/UF_CF_PANELFONT

PANELFONT

SYNOPSIS

PANELFONT "name",size

DESCRIPTION

PANELFONT sets the font used for the Filer's main panel (the command buttons in the main window). This font may be a proportional font.

ARGUMENTS

name: name of the font.
size: size of the font.

DEFAULT

PANELFONT "topaz",8

SEE ALSO

FONT
,
SCREENFONT

1.70 Filer.guide/UF_CF_SCREENFONT

SCREENFONT

SYNOPSIS

SCREENFONT "name",size

DESCRIPTION

SCREENFONT sets the font used as default font for Filer's screen. This font is used e.g. for window and screen titles or for buttons in all preference requesters. This font may be a proportional font.

ARGUMENTS

name: name of the font.
size: size of the font.

```
DEFAULT
  SCREENFONT "topaz",8
```

SEE ALSO

```
FONT
,
PANELFONT
```

1.71 Filer.guide/UF_CF_BUTTON

```
-----
      BUTTON
```

SYNOPSIS

```
BUTTON row,column,"label","command"
```

DESCRIPTION

BUTTON defines the look and purpose of one of the command buttons in the main panel. Row and column specify the position of this button. Label is the label printed on the button. It may contain underscores to mark a hotkey for the button (You must of course define this hotkey via a KEY command). Command is the command that is sent to Filer's ARexx interface if you click on this button.

ARGUMENTS

```
row      : row of the button [0-3]
column  : column of the button [0-7]
label   : label of the button
command: ARexx command for the button
```

EXAMPLE

```
BUTTON 0,0,"_Copy","COPY"
BUTTON 0,1,"_Delete","DELETE"
```

SEE ALSO

```
XBUTTON
,
Filer's ARexx Interface
```

1.72 Filer.guide/UF_CF_XBUTTON

```
-----
      XBUTTON
```

SYNOPSIS

```
XBUTTON bank,row,column,pen,"label","command"
```

DESCRIPTION

XBUTTON is an eXtended version of
BUTTON

. It's used to specify
buttons with different pens and for other banks. Filer supports 8
seperate banks of command buttons for the main panel (see
BANK
).

The bank for the button belongs is specified by the bank argument.
Pen is the number of the pen used for this button (pen colors are
specified with

RGB

). The arguments of row, column, label and
command work the same way as described in the section about the

BUTTON

command.

ARGUMENTS

bank : number of the panel bank [0-7]
row : row of the button [0-3]
column : column of the button [0-7]
pen : pen number for the label [0-15]
label : label of the button
command: AReXX command for the button

EXAMPLE

```
XBUTTON 0,0,0,1,"_Copy","COPY"
XBUTTON 0,0,1,2,"_Delete","DELETE"
```

SEE ALSO

BUTTON

,
Filer's AReXX Interface

1.73 Filer.guide/UF_CF_KEY

KEY

SYNOPSIS

```
KEY "description","command"
```

DESCRIPTION

KEY defines a command key for Filer. If the specified key is
pressed the command is sent to Filer's AReXX port. Although the
commodities syntax is used for key descriptions these command keys
are NO hotkeys, they are only active if Filer's window is
activated.

ARGUMENTS

description: a key in commodity syntax description.

command : ARexx command for the key.

EXAMPLE

```
KEY "c", "COPY"  
KEY "d", "DELETE"
```

SEE ALSO

Filer's ARexx Interface

1.74 Filer.guide/UF_CF_CLOSEGADGET

CLOSEGADGET

SYNOPSIS

```
CLOSEGADGET "command"
```

DESCRIPTION

CLOSEGADGET defines the ARexx command which is sent to Filer's ARexx port if you click on the close gadget (available only in pubscreen mode) of the main window. You may use every command for this, but it should be either

```
ICONIFY  
or  
QUIT  
.
```

ARGUMENTS

command: ARexx command for the close gadget.

DEFAULT

```
CLOSEGADGET "QUIT"
```

SEE ALSO

```
QUIT  
,  
ICONIFY
```

1.75 Filer.guide/UF_CF_STARTUP

STARTUP

SYNOPSIS

```
STARTUP "command"
```

DESCRIPTION

STARTUP defines the ARexx command executed at startup time. It

will not be executed if Filer is
uniconified

.

ARGUMENTS

command: startup ARexx command.

DEFAULT

STARTUP ""

SEE ALSO

SHUTDOWN

1.76 Filer.guide/UF_CF_SHUTDOWN

SHUTDOWN

SYNOPSIS

SHUTDOWN "command"

DESCRIPTION

SHUTDOWN defines the ARexx command executed at shutdown time. It
will not be executed if Filer is
iconified

.

ARGUMENTS

command: shutdown ARexx command.

DEFAULT

SHUTDOWN ""

SEE ALSO

STARTUP

1.77 Filer.guide/UF_CF_SET

SET

SYNOPSIS

SET "variable" ON|OFF

DESCRIPTION

SET is used to modify miscellaneous parameters for Filer. Variable
is the name of the parameter and ON or OFF the value for it. The
following variables are supported:

* EXTEND

This flag controls the path extension. If the path extension is active all pathname in the active directory listview will be "extended". E.g. if you change to the directory "L:" you'll get something like "System3.0:L" (depends on the name of your system partition), "DF0:" would be expanded to the volume name of the disk in drive 0. There are some bogus filesystems which cause problems with this option e.g. older versions of SerNet or the freely distributable version of MessyDOS (MSH). So if you use one of them turn the option off.

* CACHE

This flag controls the directory cache. Filer has a own directory cache for faster operation especially on floppy disk. If you are low on memory you can switch the cache off.

* DOUBLECLICK

This flag controls the device listview in the main window. If it is turned on you need to double click on an entry in the device listview to load it into the active directory listview. If it is turned off a single click suffices. This flag had a different purpose in older versions of Filer.

* COPYFLAGS

If this flag is turned on Filer copies protection flags of files or directories. This is also the default behaviour of the CLI command "Copy".

* COPYDATE

If this flag is turned on Filer copies the creation date of files or directories. The CLI command "Copy" does the same if you use the "DATES" option.

* COPYNOTE

If this flag is turned on Filer copies filenotes of files or directories. The CLI command "Copy" does the same if you use the "COM" option.

* ASYNCHRON

If this flag is turned on Filer tries to read and write parallelly while copying files. In conjunction with a powerful hostadapter this will speed up things.

* OVERWRITE

If this option is inactive Filer ask before overwriting a file while

copying
,
duplicating
or
moving
files.

* NOASK

This flag turns off some user requests, e.g. the warning if you invoke

DELETE

. Beginners should leave this option turned off.

* STAY

If this flag is turned on Filer will stay resident in memory after you use

QUIT

. This way in can be reactivated quickly by

FilerCom

or via ARexx.

* DESELECT

If Filer stores a directory in its directory cache all entries are marked as unselected. If you want your selections to stay active turn this option off.

* EXALL

With this option you control how Filer reads directories. If it is turned on Filer uses the fast ExAll() call. This call has lots of bugs under OS <3.1, so you'll better turn it off under OS 2.x.

* AUTOREQUESTER

To allow fast usage Filer's

standard requesters

can be

configured to vanish if you deactivate their window. This causes trouble with some weird commodities e.g. any kind of auto window activators. If you are not using one of the commodities it's good idea to turn this option on.

* MEMWINDOW

This flag controls Filer's memory usage window. If it is turned on the window appears. If Filer's running in pubscreen mode there's no window, the memory usage is displayed in the title bar of the main window.

* WEEKDAYS

Normally Filer displays all dates of files or directories in standard AmigaDOS format "DD-MMM-YY". If you turn this option on Filer will also use synonyms (e.g. yesterday) and weekdays (monday, tuesday, etc.).

* REVERSECOLORS

Older versions of Filer displayed directories in black and files in white. The actual version displays directories in white and files in black like the ASL filerequester does. If you want the old look switch this option on.

* SORTCACHE

In the
cache window
the directories are displayed in a
last-in-at-top order per default. If you turn this option on they will be sorted alphabetically.

* SELECTICON

If you switch this flag on Filer will select or deselect the icon file automatically in the directory listview if you select or deselect a single file or directory.

* BORDERPARENTDIR

By switching this flag on you will activate two invisible parent gadgets one at the left border and one at the right border of the main window. Both are located next to the

directory listviews

.

* LISTVIEWUPDATE

If this flag is turned on Filer will keep its

directory listviews

uptodate while performing operations. While deleting files vanish immediately, while copying they appear immediately on the target side. The required graphic operations will of course slow down the operation a little bit.

* ACTIVATEWINDOW

With this flag you can decide whether Filer will bring its screen or its window to front and activate it after an operation has been finished.

* DISKCHANGE

This flag controls how Filer reacts on diskchanges. If you insert a new volume in a device which is shown in one

directory listviews
the root directory of this volume is
automatically read if you have turned on this option.

* MULTIDRAGANDDROP

If this flag is turned on Drap & Drop will affect not only the entry moved with mouse but all selected entries in the same directory listview.

* CHECKFREE

If this option is active Filer checks the target volume from the required free disk space before copying, moving or duplicating files or directories. If there is not enough disk space left the user is requested to confirm the operation.

* VERIFY

This flag is the preset for the "Verify" gadget in the
format requester
.

* FFS

This flag is the preset for the "Fast File System" gadget in the
format requester
.

* INTERNATIONAL

This flag is the preset for the "International" gadget in the
format requester
.

* DIRCACHE

This flag is the preset for the "Directory Cache"
gadget in the
format requester
. This flag is always turned
off under OS <3.0.

* LOOP

If you don't want that the 8SVX player repeats samples in a loop switch this flag off.

* FILTER

If this flag is switched off the 8SVX player will disable the audio filter while playing samples.

ARGUMENTS

variable: name of the variable to set.
boolean : either ON or OFF.

DEFAULT

```
SET EXTEND ON
SET CACHE ON
SET DOUBLECLICK ON
SET COPYFLAGS ON
SET COPYDATE ON
SET COPYNOTE ON
SET ASYNCHRON OFF
SET OVERWRITE ON
SET CHECKFREE OFF
SET NOASK OFF
SET STAY OFF
SET DESELECT ON
SET EXALL ON
SET AUTOREQUESTER OFF
SET MEMWINDOW ON
SET WEEKDAYS OFF
SET REVERSECOLORS OFF
SET SORTCACHE OFF
SET SELECTICON OFF
SET BORDERPARENTDIR OFF
SET LISTVIEWUPDATE OFF
SET ACTIVATIEWINDOW ON
SET DISKCHANGE OFF
SET MULTIDRAGANDDDROP OFF
SET VERIFY ON
SET FFS OFF
SET INTERNATIONAL OFF
SET DIRCACHE OFF
SET LOOP ON
SET FILTER ON
```

1.78 Filer.guide/UF_CF_FORMAT

FORMAT

SYNOPSIS

```
FORMAT "description"
```

DESCRIPTION

FORMAT controls the format used for the
directory listviews

. Each

character represents a field to show in the display. The following
characters are valid:

* "N": name

* "T": type (FI, DI, SL or HL)

- * "L": length in bytes
- * "P": protection flags
- * "D": date
- * "X": extended info (filenote or softlink target)
- * "F": extended flags (Envoy)
- * "O": owner (Envoy)
- * "G": group (Envoy)

The format description is not case sensitive. The values for owner and group may be unavailable under OS 2.x.

ARGUMENTS

description: format description (see above).

DEFAULT

FORMAT "NLPTDX"

1.79 Filer.guide/UF_CF_SORT

SORT

SYNOPSIS

SORT Side Criterion

DESCRIPTION

SORT controls the criterion used to sort the entries in the
directory listviews
. They can be sorted by name, date or size.

ARGUMENTS

Side : either LEFT or RIGHT.
Criterion: either NAME, DATE or SIZE.

DEFAULT

SORT LEFT NAME
SORT RIGHT NAME

1.80 Filer.guide/UF_CF_COPYBUFFER

COPYBUFFER

SYNOPSIS

COPYBUFFER bytes,ON|OFF

DESCRIPTION

COPYBUFFER controls the size and memory type of the buffer used for copying files. Bytes is the maximum buffer size in bytes. You may increase this value to a very high value, because Filer will halve the buffer size automatically until enough free memory is available. Too large values may nevertheless cause problems with some filesystems, especially network filesystem. The second argument, a boolean value, is used to control the memory type of Filer's copy buffer. If it is turned on Filer allocates its buffer in so called "24 bit DMA memory". "24 bit DMA memory" is memory which can be used by a Zorro II card for DMA transfer. Using this type of memory makes copying of files on e.g. an A4000/040 with an A2091 hostadapter.

ARGUMENTS

bytes : size of the copy buffer in bytes.
24 bit DMA: either ON or OFF.

DEFAULT

COPYBUFFER 131072,OFF

1.81 Filer.guide/UF_CF_HIDE

HIDE

SYNOPSIS

HIDE "device:"

DESCRIPTION

HIDE is used to declare AmigaDOS devices, volumes and assigns which will not show up in the device listview. This command may be used multiple times.

ARGUMENTS

device: a AmigaDOS device.

EXAMPLE

```
HIDE "CLIPS:"  
HIDE "ENV:"  
HIDE "ENVARC:"
```

1.82 Filer.guide/UF_CF_HISTORY

HISTORY

SYNOPSIS

HISTORY bytes

DESCRIPTION

HISTORY sets the size of Filer's history buffer. This buffer is used to log all actions done by Filer. It can be shown by clicking on the status bar.

ARGUMENTS

bytes: history buffer size in bytes.

DEFAULT

HISTORY 16384

SEE ALSO

Status Bar

1.83 Filer.guide/UF_CF_VIEWER

VIEWER

SYNOPSIS

VIEWER "command"

DESCRIPTION

VIEWER is used to install an external textviewer for Filer. Command is a CLI command which will be called as textviewer. It should contain a "%s" to mark the location where the filename will be inserted. An empty command will activate the internal textviewer.

ARGUMENTS

command: CLI command to call external textviewer.

DEFAULT

VIEWER ""

EXAMPLE

VIEWER "MultiView %f PUBSCREEN %p"

SEE ALSO

Starting external programs

1.84 Filer.guide/UF_CF_VIEWERDISPLAY

VIEWERDISPLAY

SYNOPSIS

```
VIEWERDISPLAY "mode"
```

DESCRIPTION

VIEWERDISPLAY specifies the mode for the screen of Filer's textviewer. This can be either an empty string to clone Filer's screen, a screen mode name from the display database like "NTSC:HighRes Interlace" or "PubScreen" to open the textviewer on Filer's screen.

ARGUMENTS

mode: a display mode keyword.

DEFAULT

```
VIEWERDISPLAY ""
```

1.85 Filer.guide/UF_CF_VIEWERFONT

VIEWERFONT

SYNOPSIS

```
VIEWERFONT "name",size
```

DESCRIPTION

VIEWERFONT sets the font for Filer's internal textviewer. This font must NOT be a proportional font.

ARGUMENTS

name: name of the font.

size: size of the font.

DEFAULT

```
VIEWERFONT "topaz",8
```

1.86 Filer.guide/UF_CF_ADDPATH

ADDPATH

SYNOPSIS

```
ADDPATH "directory"
```

DESCRIPTION

ADDPATH is used to build Filer's CLI command search path. When

starting an external program e.g. a textviewer or an archiver
Filer will search for the executable in all specified directories.
This command may be used multiple times.

ARGUMENTS

directory: directory for the command search path.

EXAMPLE

```
ADDPATH "SYS:System"  
ADDPATH "SYS:Tools"  
ADDPATH "SYS:Utilities"
```

1.87 Filer.guide/UF_CF_STACK

STACK

SYNOPSIS

STACK bytes

DESCRIPTION

STACK sets the stack size which Filer uses for calling external programs. Some programs need more than the standard 4000 bytes, so if you have some memory left 16384 should be a nice value.

ARGUMENTS

bytes: stack size in bytes.

DEFAULT

STACK 4000

1.88 Filer.guide/UF_CF_CONHANDLER

CONHANDLER

SYNOPSIS

CONHANDLER "device:", "flags"

DESCRIPTION

CONHANDLER sets the conhandler and flags used for Filer's CLI windows. Device is the AmigaDOS device name of the handler. Flags are some additional flags for opening the window like "ALT/", "SMART/" or "NODRAG/". "AUTO/CLOSE/" are added automatically.

ARGUMENTS

device: device name of the console handler.
flags : flags for the console window.

DEFAULT

```
CONHANDLER "CON:", ""
```

EXAMPLE

```
CONHANDLER "KCON:", "FONTtopaz.11/"
```

1.89 Filer.guide/UF_CF_EDITOR

```
EDITOR
```

SYNOPSIS

```
EDITOR "command"
```

DESCRIPTION

EDITOR defines the texteditor used by the "Edit.
Command is a CLI command which will be called as editor. It
should contain a "%s" to mark the location where the filename will
be inserted. The editor should NOT detach from CLI because Filer
checks the directory for changes after the editor has terminated.

ARGUMENTS

command: CLI command to call the texteditor.

DEFAULT

```
EDITOR "Ed %s"
```

SEE ALSO

Starting external programs

1.90 Filer.guide/UF_CF_ARCDEF

```
ARCDEF
```

SYNOPSIS

```
ARCDEF "pattern", "addcmd", "listcmd", "extractcmd" [,"flags"]
```

DESCRIPTION

ARCDEF can be used to add support for any archive file format to
Filer. ARCDEF is not easy to use, but the supplied config file
contains configurations for the most popular archive formats. If
you miss one contact

```
me
```

```
.
```

Pattern is an AmigaDOS pattern which matches the filenames of the
archive files e.g. "#?.lha".

Addcmd is the command for adding files to an archive which must

contain "%s" twice. The first occurrence one marks the location for the filename of the "listfile". This is NOT the file which shall be added but a file where all files to be added are listed, one each line. This method is much faster than adding each file individual. The second "%s" marks the location for the archive's file name. If an archive program doesn't support this you should activate the single file mode with the "s" attribute. In this case the first argument is the name of the archive and the second one the name of the file which shall be added. If an archive program doesn't support creating archives (e.g. "UnZip") use an empty string for addcmd.

Listcmd is the command for listing the contents of an archive. The "%s" marks the location where the filename of the archive should be inserted.

Extractcmd is the command for extracting files from an archive. There must be two "%s" in it: The first one marks the location for the archive's filename, the second one is replaced by the patterns entered by the user.

Flags is an optional parameter for miscellaneous flags. Each character represents a single flag, these ones are supported:

- * "d":
If the archive program supports recursive directory scanning itself, you can tell Filer not to do this job. This may have the advantage that empty directories will be archived, too.
- * "q":
Some archive programs (e.g. "LhA") need quotes around filenames with spaces some don't (e.g. "LhArc", "LZ" or "Zoo"). This flag turns the generation of quotes on.
- * "s":
Some archive programs (e.g. "LZX") don't support reading the list of files which shall be added to an archive from a file. With this flag you can activate the single file mode.
Warning: This will change the order of the arguments in the Addcmd.

ARGUMENTS

pattern : AmigaDOS to identify archive files.
 addcmd : CLI command for adding files to an archive.
 listcmd : CLI command for listing files in an archive.
 extractcmd: CLI command for extracting files from an archive.
 flags : optional flags.

EXAMPLE

```
ARCDEF "#?.lha", "LhA -2 -a -e -r -x -i%s a %s", "LhA -a -x v %s",
"LhA -a -m -x x %s %s", "qd"
```

1.91 Filer.guide/UF_CF_DEFARCEXT

DEFARCEXT

SYNOPSIS

```
DEFARCEXT "extension"
```

DESCRIPTION

DEFARCEXT defines the default extension for filenames of archives created with Filer's "Add function. Specify the extension used by your favourite archiver, here.

ARGUMENTS

```
extension: filename extension.
```

DEFAULT

```
DEFARCEXT ""
```

EXAMPLE

```
DEFARCEXT ".lha"
```

1.92 Filer.guide/UF_CF_IFFDEF

IFFDEF

SYNOPSIS

```
IFFDEF "type", "command"
```

DESCRIPTION

IFFDEF can be used to add support for any IFF file format. Type is a IFF identifier like "ILBM", "8SVX" or "ANIM". Command is a CLI command which will be called as a loader. It should contain a "%s" to mark the location where the filename will be inserted. Since version 3.20 Filer performs no special IFF handling any more. "IFFDEF" commands are treated as a short form of the

```
CLASS
command.
```

Filer has internal loaders for pictures ("ILBM") and samples ("8SVX"), but you can define external loaders for these formats, too.

ARGUMENTS

```
type      : IFF identifier.
command: CLI command to call external loader.
```

EXAMPLE

```
IFFDEF "ANIM", "VT %s BUFSIZE 1024 CONT"
```

SEE ALSO

Starting external programs

1.93 Filer.guide/UF_CF_TOOL

TOOL

SYNOPSIS

```
TOOL "pattern", "command"
```

DESCRIPTION

TOOL can be used to add support for any file type. Pattern specifies a file pattern for the file type. Command is a CLI command which will be called as a loader. It should contain a "%s" to mark the location where the filename will be inserted.

ARGUMENTS

pattern: AmigaDOS file pattern.
command: CLI command to call.

EXAMPLE

```
TOOL "#?.dvi", "ShowDVI -l %s"
```

SEE ALSO

CLASS

,
REXXCLASS

,
REXXTOOL

,
Starting external programs

1.94 Filer.guide/UF_CF_REXXTOOL

REXXTOOL

SYNOPSIS

```
REXXTOOL "pattern", "command"
```

DESCRIPTION

REXXTOOL can be used to add support for any file type. Pattern specifies a pattern for the file type. Command is a ARexx command which will be sent to Filer's ARexx port. It should contain a "%s" to mark the location where the filename will be inserted.

ARGUMENTS

pattern: AmigaDOS file pattern.
command: ARexx command to call.

EXAMPLE

```
REXXTOOL "MOD.#?", "PlayModule %s"
```

SEE ALSO

```
CLASS
,
REXXCLASS
,
TOOL
```

1.95 Filer.guide/UF_CF_CLASS

```
CLASS
```

SYNOPSIS

```
CLASS "pattern", "header", "command"
```

DESCRIPTION

CLASS is an extended form of
TOOL
. Pattern and command were
already described there.

Header is a description of the first 32 bytes of the file. Many file formats can't be identified by their filenames, but by some special bytes in their header. You can specify upto 32 bytes and Filer will compare them with the file header. If you only specify five characters only five will be compared, of course. "?" can be used as a wildcard for any character, no other wildcards are supported.

ARGUMENTS

pattern: AmigaDOS file pattern.
header : file header description.
command: CLI command to call.

EXAMPLE

```
CLASS "#?", "GIF8", "VT %s"
CLASS "#?", "??????JFIF", "FJPEG %s"
CLASS "#?.(guide|hyper)", "", "MultiView %f PUBSCREEN %p"
```

SEE ALSO

```
REXXCLASS
,
REXXTOOL
,
TOOL
,
Starting external programs
```

1.96 Filer.guide/UF_CF_REXXCLASS

REXXCLASS

SYNOPSIS

```
REXXCLASS "pattern","header","command"
```

DESCRIPTION

REXXCLASS is an extended form of
 REXXTOOL
 . Pattern and command
 were already described there.

Header is a description of the first 32 bytes of the file. Many file formats can't be identified by their filenames, but by some special bytes in their header. You can specify up to 32 bytes and Filer will compare them with the file header. If you only specify five characters only five will be compared, of course. "?" can be used as a wildcard for any character, no other wildcards are supported.

ARGUMENTS

pattern: AmigaDOS file pattern.
 header : file header description.
 command: ARexx command to call.

EXAMPLE

```
REXXCLASS "#?.dms","DMS!","DMSWrite %s"
```

SEE ALSO

```
CLASS
,
REXXTOOL
,
TOOL
```

1.97 Filer.guide/UF_CF_D_D

DRAGANDDROP

SYNOPSIS

```
DRAGANDROP "pattern","button","command"
```

DESCRIPTION

With this command you can define what happens to a file if you use

Drag and Drop

. Pattern is an AmigaDOS pattern which matches the filenames to be affected by this action. button is the mousebutton or a combination of a mouse button and a special key which is used to initiate this action. Valid values for button are LEFTBUTTON for the left mouse button and MIDBUTTON for the middle mouse button if you have a mouse with 3 buttons. You can use a special key as prefix with the middle mouse button and you have to use one with the left mouse button. Possible values are special keys like SHIFT, ALT or CONTROL or any combination of them. Command finally is the ARexx command which shell be executed.

ARGUMENTS

pattern: AmigaDOS file pattern.
 button : mouse button description.
 command: ARexx command to call.

EXAMPLE

```
DRAGANDDROP "#?.lha", "ALT LEFTBUTTON", "EXTRACT ALL"
DRAGANDDROP "#?", "SHIFT LEFTBUTTON", "COPY"
DRAGANDDROP "#?", "MIDBUTTON", "MOVE"
```

SEE ALSO

DRAGANDDROPDIR
 ,
 Drag and Drop

1.98 Filer.guide/UF_CF_D_D_DIR

DRAGANDDROPDIR

SYNOPSIS

```
DRAGANDROPDIR "button", "command"
```

DESCRIPTION

With this command you can define what happens to a directoy if you use

Drag and Drop

. button is the mousebutton or a combination of a mouse button and a special key which is used to initiate this action. Valid values for button are LEFTBUTTON for the left mouse button and MIDBUTTON for the middle mouse button if you have a mouse with 3 buttons. You can use a special key as prefix with the middle mouse button and you have to use one with the left mouse button. Possible values are special keys like SHIFT, ALT or CONTROL or any combination of them. Command finally is the ARexx command which shell be executed.

ARGUMENTS

button : mouse button description.
 command: ARexx command to call.

EXAMPLE

```
DRAGANDDROPDIR "ALT LEFTBUTTON", "READDROPDIR"  
DRAGANDDROPDIR "SHIFT LEFTBUTTON", "COPY"  
DRAGANDDROPDIR "MIDBUTTON", "MOVE"
```

SEE ALSO

```
DRAGANDDROP  
,  
Drag and Drop
```

1.99 Filer.guide/UF_RX

Filer's ARexx interface

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Filer has a builtin ARexx interface to make it possible to create new functions or to handle file classes in a smarter way.

The name of this port is always "FilerRexx" as only one instance of Filer can run at the same time. Rexx scripts for Filer should have the extension ".filer" to be executed in the normal way.

Many examples for Rexx scripts can be found in the "Rexx" directory of the original distribution archive.

Filer supports the following ARexx commands:

Basic commands...

VERSION

EXIT

FILERTOFRONT

CD

GETCD

Commands to invoke builtin functions...

ACTION

ADD

CHGRP

CHOWN

COMPARE

COPY

DELETE

DU

DUPLICATE

EDIT

EXTRACT

FILENOTE

FORMAT

HEXDUMP

LIST

MAKEDIR

MAKELINK

MOVE

PROTECT

QUIT

RELABEL

RENAME

RUN

SEARCH

TYPE

Commands for controlling the User interface...

ALL

BANK

ICONIFY

NONE

PATTERN

SELECTCACHE

READSOURCEDIR

READTARGETDIR

READLEFTDIR
READRIGHTDIR
READDROPDIR
ENTERDIR
OTHERDIR
PARENTDIR
UP
PAGEUP
HOME
DOWN
PAGEDOWN
END
LEFT
PAGELEFT
LEFTMOST
RIGHT
PAGERIGHT
RIGHTMOST
CURSORUP
CURSORPAGEUP
CURSORHOME
CURSORDOWN
CURSORPAGEDOWN
CURSOREND
CURSORSELECT
CURSORSELECTUP
CURSORSELECTDOWN
CURSORACTION
Commands for Rexx scripts...

LOCKFILER

UNLOCKFILER

PANEL

STATUS

HISTORY

CLEARHISTORY

RX

TEMPFILENAME

ALERTBOX

QUESTBOX

FILERREQ

GETSTRING

SETSTRING

EXEC

EXECANDWAIT

FOREACH

GETSCREENNAME

GETSOURCEPATH

GETTARGETPATH

GETLANGUAGE

GETNUMENTRIES

GETNAME

GETINFO

SELECTBYNAME

SELECTBYPATTERN

TOGGLEENTRY

UPDATESOURCEDIR

UPDATETARGETDIR

1.100 Filer.guide/UF_RX_VERSION

VERSION

SYNOPSIS

VERSION

DESCRIPTION

VERSION returns the version information of Filer.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

Filer's version in format "Filer <VERSION>.<REVISION>".

1.101 Filer.guide/UF_RX_EXIT

EXIT

SYNOPSIS

EXIT

DESCRIPTION

EXIT terminates Filer immediately without any further checks. Use this command only in emergency situations e.g. if an ARexx script which used

LOCKFILER

terminated before calling

UNLOCKFILER

. For

buttons or keys

QUIT

should be used.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.102 Filer.guide/UF_RX_FILERTOFRONT

FILERTOFRONT

SYNOPSIS

FILERTOFRONT

DESCRIPTION

FILERTOFRONT brings Filer's screen or window to front. If Filer is in sleep mode it will be reactivated (the screen or window will be reopened).

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.103 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CD

CD

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SYNOPSIS

CD DIR/A

DESCRIPTION

CD changes the current directory of Filer.

ARGUMENTS

DIR: the new current directory

RESULT

None.

1.104 Filer.guide/UF_RX_GETCD

GETCD

SYNOPSIS

GETCD

DESCRIPTION

GETCD returns the pathname of the current directory of Filer.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

Current directory of Filer.

1.105 Filer.guide/UF_RX_ACTION

ACTION

SYNOPSIS

ACTION

DESCRIPTION

ACTION invokes Filer's
ACTION
function.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.106 Filer.guide/UF_RX_ADD

ADD

SYNOPSIS

ADD DELETE/S

DESCRIPTION

ADD invokes Filer's
ADD
function. If the "DELETE" option is
supplied all files successfully added to the archive will be
deleted afterwards.

ARGUMENTS

DELETE: delete files and directories after archiving

RESULT

None.

1.107 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CHGRP

CHGRP

SYNOPSIS

CHGRP

DESCRIPTION

CHGRP invokes Filer's
Change Group
function.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.108 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CHOWN

CHOWN

SYNOPSIS

CHOWN

DESCRIPTION

CHOWN invokes Filer's
Change Owner
function.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.109 Filer.guide/UF_RX_COMP

COMPARE

SYNOPSIS

COMPARE

DESCRIPTION

COMPARE invokes Filer's
Compare

function.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.110 Filer.guide/UF_RX_COPY

COPY

SYNOPSIS

COPY AS/S

DESCRIPTION

COPY invokes Filer's
COPY
function. If the "AS" option is supplied
Filer will prompt for the name of the copy of each file and
directory.

ARGUMENTS

AS: prompt for filenames of copies

RESULT

None.

1.111 Filer.guide/UF_RX_DELETE

DELETE

SYNOPSIS

DELETE

DESCRIPTION

DELETE invokes Filer's
DELETE
function.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.112 Filer.guide/UF_RX_DU

DU
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SYNOPSIS
DU

DESCRIPTION
DU invokes Filer's
Disk Usage
function.

ARGUMENTS
None.

RESULT
None.

1.113 Filer.guide/UF_RX_DUPLICATE

DUPLICATE

SYNOPSIS
DUPLICATE

DESCRIPTION
DUPLICATE invokes Filer's
DUPLICATE
function.

ARGUMENTS
None.

RESULT
None.

1.114 Filer.guide/UF_RX_EDIT

EDIT

SYNOPSIS

EDIT

DESCRIPTION

EDIT invokes Filer's
EDIT
function.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.115 Filer.guide/UF_RX_EXTRACT

EXTRACT

SYNOPSIS

EXTRACT ALL/S

DESCRIPTION

EXTRACT invokes Filer's
EXTRACT
function.

ARGUMENTS

ALL: extract all files without asking for pattern

RESULT

None.

1.116 Filer.guide/UF_RX_FILENOTE

FILENOTE

SYNOPSIS

FILENOTE

DESCRIPTION

FILENOTE invokes Filer's
FILENOTE
function.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT
None.

1.117 Filer.guide/UF_RX_FORMAT

 FORMAT

SYNOPSIS
 FORMAT

DESCRIPTION
 FORMAT invokes Filer's
 FORMAT
 function.

ARGUMENTS
 None.

RESULT
 None.

1.118 Filer.guide/UF_RX_HEXDUMP

 HEXDUMP

SYNOPSIS
 HEXDUMP

DESCRIPTION
 HEXDUMP invokes Filer's
 HEXDUMP
 function.

ARGUMENTS
 None.

RESULT
 None.

1.119 Filer.guide/UF_RX_LIST

LIST

SYNOPSIS

LIST

DESCRIPTION

LIST invokes Filer's
LIST
function.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.120 Filer.guide/UF_RX_MAKEDIR

MAKEDIR

SYNOPSIS

MAKEDIR

DESCRIPTION

MAKEDIR invokes Filer's
MAKEDIR
function.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.121 Filer.guide/UF_RX_MAKELINK

MAKELINK

SYNOPSIS

MAKELINK

DESCRIPTION

MAKELINK invokes Filer's
MAKELINK

function.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.122 Filer.guide/UF_RX_MOVE

MOVE

SYNOPSIS

MOVE AS/S

DESCRIPTION

MOVE invokes Filer's

MOVE

function. If the "AS" option is supplied

Filer will prompt for the new filename of each file and directory.

ARGUMENTS

AS: prompt for new filenames

RESULT

None.

1.123 Filer.guide/UF_RX_PROTECT

PROTECT

SYNOPSIS

PROTECT

DESCRIPTION

PROTECT invokes Filer's

PROTECT

function.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.124 Filer.guide/UF_RX_QUIT

```

                QUIT
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SYNOPSIS
    QUIT

DESCRIPTION
    QUIT invokes Filer's
        QUIT
        function.

ARGUMENTS
    None.

RESULT
    None.
```

1.125 Filer.guide/UF_RX_RELABEL

```

                RELABEL
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SYNOPSIS
    RELABEL

DESCRIPTION
    RELABEL invokes Filer's
        RELABEL
        function.

ARGUMENTS
    None.

RESULT
    None.
```

1.126 Filer.guide/UF_RX_RENAME

```

                RENAME
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SYNOPSIS
    RENAME

DESCRIPTION
    RENAME invokes Filer's
```

RENAME
function.

ARGUMENTS
None.

RESULT
None.

1.127 Filer.guide/UF_RX_RUN

RUN

SYNOPSIS
RUN

DESCRIPTION
RUN invokes Filer's
RUN
function.

ARGUMENTS
None.

RESULT
None.

1.128 Filer.guide/UF_RX_SEARCH

SEARCH

SYNOPSIS
SEARCH

DESCRIPTION
SEARCH invokes Filer's
SEARCH
function.

ARGUMENTS
None.

RESULT
None.

1.129 Filer.guide/UF_RX_TYPE

TYPE

SYNOPSIS
TYPE

DESCRIPTION
TYPE invokes Filer's
TYPE
function.

ARGUMENTS
None.

RESULT
None.

1.130 Filer.guide/UF_RX_ALL

ALL

SYNOPSIS
ALL

DESCRIPTION
ALL selects all entries in the active directory listview.

ARGUMENTS
None.

RESULT
None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE
KEY "ALL", "+"

SEE ALSO

NONE

1.131 Filer.guide/UF_RX_BANK

BANK

SYNOPSIS

BANK WHICH/A

DESCRIPTION

BANK switches the active bank of the command panel. With "BANK" you can access up to 256 (twohundredfiftysix) command buttons which should be enough for everyone. This command is disabled in the unregistered version.

ARGUMENTS

WHICH: PREV to go to previous bank
WHICH: NEXT to go to next bank
WHICH: 0-7 to go to that bank

RESULT

The active panel bank.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

```
KEY "1", "BANK 0"  
KEY "2", "BANK 1"  
BUTTON 0, 7, "->", "BANK NEXT"  
BUTTON 1, 7, "<-", "BANK PREV"
```

1.132 Filer.guide/UF_RX_ICONIFY

ICONIFY

DESCRIPTION

ICONIFY

SYNOPSIS

ICONIFY puts Filer in an iconified state. Filer frees most of it's resources and waits for reactivation via it's ARexx interface. If Filer is waked up it will reload the directories that were in the directory listviews before Filer was iconified.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.133 Filer.guide/UF_RX_NONE

NONE

SYNOPSIS

NONE

DESCRIPTION

NONE deselects all entries in the active directory listview.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "NONE", "-"

SEE ALSO

ALL

1.134 Filer.guide/UF_RX_PATTERN

PATTERN

SYNOPSIS

PATTERN

DESCRIPTION

PATTERN opens the pattern matching requester for the active directory listview.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "HELP", "PATTERN"

SEE ALSO

Pattern Gadget

1.135 Filer.guide/UF_RX_SELECTCACHE

SELECTCACHE

SYNOPSIS

SELECTCACHE

DESCRIPTION

SELECTCACHE opens the cache selection requester for the active

directory listview.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "SHIFT ?", "SELECTCACHE"

SEE ALSO

Cache Gadget

1.136 Filer.guide/UF_RX_READSOURCEDIR

READSOURCEDIR

SYNOPSIS

READSOURCEDIR DIR/A

DESCRIPTION

READSOURCEDIR reads the specified directory in the active directory listview. If the directory is read successful the complete pathname is returned otherwise nothing.

ARGUMENTS

DIR: Pathname of the directory to read.

RESULT

Full pathname of the directory

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "F1", "READSOURCEDIR SYS:"

SEE ALSO

READTARGETDIR

,

READLEFTDIR

,

READRIGHTDIR

,

1.137 Filer.guide/UF_RX_READTARGETDIR

READTARGETDIR

SYNOPSIS

READTARGETDIR DIR/A

DESCRIPTION

READTARGETDIR reads the specified directory in the inactive directory listview. If the directory is read successful the complete pathname is returned otherwise nothing.

ARGUMENTS

DIR: Pathname of the directory to read

RESULT

Full pathname of the directory.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "SHIFT F1", "READTARGETDIR SYS:"

SEE ALSO

READSOURCEDIR

'

READLEFTDIR

'

READRIGHTDIR

'

1.138 Filer.guide/UF_RX_READLEFTDIR

READLEFTDIR

SYNOPSIS

READLEFTDIR DIR/A

DESCRIPTION

READLEFTDIR reads the specified directory in the left directory listview. If the directory is read successful the complete pathname is returned otherwise nothing.

ARGUMENTS

DIR: Pathname of the directory to read

RESULT

Full pathname of the directory.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

BUTTON 0,0,"DF0:", "READLEFTDIR DF0:"

SEE ALSO

```

READRIGHTDIR
,
READSOURCEDIR
,
READTARGETDIR
,

```

1.139 Filer.guide/UF_RX_READRIGHTDIR

```

READRIGHTDIR
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```

SYNOPSIS

```

READRIGHTDIR DIR/A

```

DESCRIPTION

READRIGHTDIR reads the specified directory in the right directory listview. If the directory is read successful the complete pathname is returned otherwise nothing.

ARGUMENTS

DIR: Pathname of the directory to read

RESULT

Full pathname of the directory.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

```

BUTTON 0,4,"DF0:","READRIGHTDIR DF0:"

```

SEE ALSO

```

READLEFTDIR
,
READSOURCEDIR
,
READTARGETDIR

```

1.140 Filer.guide/UF_RX_READDROPPDIR

```

READDROPPDIR
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```

SYNOPSIS

```

READDROPPDIR

```

DESCRIPTION

READDROPPDIR checks whether the first selected entry in the active

directory listview
is a directory. If this is the case it will
read that directory in the other directory listview.

ARGUMENTS
None.

RESULT
None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE
DRAGANDDROPPDIR "ALT LEFTBUTTON", "READDROPPDIR"

SEE ALSO

DRAGANDDROPPDIR

1.141 Filer.guide/UF_RX_ENTERDIR

ENTERDIR

SYNOPSIS
ENTERDIR

DESCRIPTION
ENTERDIR activates the pathname gadget of the active directory
listview so a new directory pathname can be entered.

ARGUMENTS
None.

RESULT
None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE
KEY "RETURN", "ENTERDIR"

SEE ALSO

Path Gadget

1.142 Filer.guide/UF_RX_OTHERDIR

OTHERDIR

SYNOPSIS
OTHERDIR

DESCRIPTION

OTHERDIR activates the currently inactive directory listview.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "TAB", "OTHERDIR"

1.143 Filer.guide/UF_RX_PARENTDIR

PARENTDIR

SYNOPSIS

PARENTDIR

DESCRIPTION

PARENTDIR loads the parent directory of the active directory listview into it. If there is no parent directory nothing is done.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "SHIFT /", "PARENTDIR"

1.144 Filer.guide/UF_RX_UP

UP

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SYNOPSIS

UP

DESCRIPTION

UP moves the visible region of the active directory listview one step up. The cursor is only moved if it's on the lower end of the visible region.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

```
KEY "NUMPAD 8", "UP"
```

SEE ALSO

```
DOWN  
,  
CURSORUP
```

1.145 Filer.guide/UF_RX_PAGEUP

PAGEUP

SYNOPSIS

```
PAGEUP
```

DESCRIPTION

PAGEUP moves the visible region of the active directory listview one page up. If the cursor gets out of the screen it's moved to the lower end of the visible region.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

```
KEY "NUMPAD 9", "PAGEUP"
```

SEE ALSO

```
PAGEDOWN  
,  
CURSORPAGEUP
```

1.146 Filer.guide/UF_RX_HOME

HOME

SYNOPSIS

```
HOME
```

DESCRIPTION

HOME moves the visible region of the active directory listview to the top. If the cursor gets out of the screen it's moved to the

lower end of the visible region.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "NUMPAD 7", "HOME"

SEE ALSO

END
,
CURSORHOME

1.147 Filer.guide/UF_RX_DOWN

DOWN

SYNOPSIS

DOWN

DESCRIPTION

DOWN moves the visible region of the active directory listview one step down. The cursor is only moved if it's on the upper end of the visible region.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "NUMPAD 2", "DOWN"

SEE ALSO

UP
,
CURSORDOWN

1.148 Filer.guide/UF_RX_PAGEDOWN

PAGEDOWN

SYNOPSIS

PAGEDOWN

DESCRIPTION

PAGEDOWN moves the visible region of the active directory listview one page down. If the cursor gets out of the screen it's moved to the upper end of the visible region.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "NUMPAD 3", "PAGEDOWN"

SEE ALSO

PAGEUP
,
CURSORPAGEDOWN

1.149 Filer.guide/UF_RX_END

END

SYNOPSIS

END

DESCRIPTION

END moves the visible region of the active directory listview to the bottom. If the cursor gets out of the screen it's moved to the upper end of the visible region.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "NUMPAD 1", "HOME"

SEE ALSO

HOME
,
CURSOREND

1.150 Filer.guide/UF_RX_LEFT

LEFT

SYNOPSIS

LEFT

DESCRIPTION

LEFT moves the visible region of the active directory listview one step to the left.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "CURSOR_LEFT", "LEFT"

SEE ALSO

RIGHT

1.151 Filer.guide/UF_RX_PAGELEFT

PAGELEFT

SYNOPSIS

PAGELEFT

DESCRIPTION

PAGELEFT moves the visible region of the active directory listview one page to the left.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "SHIFT CURSOR_LEFT", "PAGELEFT"

SEE ALSO

PAGERIGHT

1.152 Filer.guide/UF_RX_LEFTMOST

LEFTMOST

SYNOPSIS

LEFTMOST

DESCRIPTION

LEFTMOST moves the visible region of the active directory listview to its leftmost position.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "CONTROL_CURSOR_LEFT", "LEFTMOST"

SEE ALSO

RIGHTMOST

1.153 Filer.guide/UF_RX_RIGHT

RIGHT

SYNOPSIS

RIGHT

DESCRIPTION

RIGHT moves the visible region of the active directory listview one step to the right.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "CURSOR_RIGHT", "RIGHT"

SEE ALSO

LEFT

1.154 Filer.guide/UF_RX_PAGERIGHT

PAGERIGHT

SYNOPSIS

PAGERIGHT

DESCRIPTION

PAGERIGHT moves the visible region of the active directory listview one page to the right.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "SHIFT CURSOR_RIGHT", "PAGERIGHT"

SEE ALSO

PAGERLEFT

1.155 Filer.guide/UF_RX_RIGHTMOST

RIGHTMOST

SYNOPSIS

RIGHTMOST

DESCRIPTION

RIGHTMOST moves the visible region of the active directory listview to its rightmost position.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "CONTROL CURSOR_RIGHT", "RIGHTMOST"

SEE ALSO

LEFTMOST

1.156 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CURSORUP

CURSORUP

SYNOPSIS

CURSORUP

DESCRIPTION

CURSORUP moves the cursor one step up. If the cursor is at the top of the visible region of active directory listview Filer scrolls one step up.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "CURSOR_UP", "CURSORUP"

SEE ALSO

CURSORDOWN

,
UP

1.157 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CURSORPAGEUP

CURSORPAGEUP

SYNOPSIS

CURSORPAGEUP

DESCRIPTION

CURSORPAGEUP moves the cursor to the top of the visible region of active directory listview. If it is already there Filer scrolls one page up.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "SHIFT CURSOR_UP", "CURSORPAGEUP"

SEE ALSO

CURSORPAGEDOWN

,
PAGEUP

1.158 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CURSORHOME

CURSORHOME

SYNOPSIS

CURSORHOME

DESCRIPTION

CURSORHOME moves the cursor and the top of the visible region to the first entry.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "CONTROL CURSOR_UP", "CURSORHOME"

SEE ALSO

CURSOREND

,
HOME

1.159 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CURSORDOWN

CURSORDOWN

SYNOPSIS

CURSORDOWN

DESCRIPTION

CURSORDOWN moves the cursor one step down. If the cursor is at the bottom of the visible region of active directory listview Filer scrolls one step down.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "CURSOR_DOWN", "CURSORDOWN"

SEE ALSO

CURSORUP
,
DOWN

1.160 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CURSORPAGEDOWN

CURSORPAGEDOWN

SYNOPSIS

CURSORPAGEDOWN

DESCRIPTION

CURSORPAGEDOWN moves the cursor to the bottom of the visible region of active directory listview. If it is already there Filer scrolls one page down.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "SHIFT CURSOR_DOWN", "CURSORPAGEDOWN"

SEE ALSO

CURSORPAGEUP
,
PAGEDOWN

1.161 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CURSOREND

CURSOREND

SYNOPSIS

CURSOREND

DESCRIPTION

CURSOREND moves the cursor and the bottom of the visible region to the last entry.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

```
KEY "CONTROL CURSOR_DOWN", "COURSEEND"
```

SEE ALSO

CURSORHOME

```
,
```

END

1.162 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CURSORSELECT

CURSORSELECT

SYNOPSIS

CURSORSELECT

DESCRIPTION

CURSORSELECT toggles the entry under the cursor.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

```
KEY "SPACE", "CURSOSELECT"
```

SEE ALSO

CURSORSELECTDOWN

```
,
```

CURSORSELECTUP

1.163 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CURSORSELECTDOWN

CURSORSELECTDOWN

SYNOPSIS

CURSORSELECTDOWN

DESCRIPTION

CURSORSELECTDOWN toggles the entry under the cursor and moves the cursor one step down. If the cursor is at the bottom of the

visible region of active directory listview Filer scrolls one step down.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "SPACE", "CURSOSELECTDOWN"

SEE ALSO

CURSORSELECT
,
CURSORSELECTUP

1.164 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CURSORSELECTUP

CURSORSELECTUP

SYNOPSIS

CURSORSELECTUP

DESCRIPTION

CURSORSELECTUP toggles the entry under the cursor and moves the cursor one step up. If the cursor is at the top of the visible region of active directory listview Filer scrolls one step up.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

KEY "SPACE", "CURSOSELECTUP"

SEE ALSO

CURSORSELECT
,
CURSORSELECTDOWN

1.165 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CURSORACTION

CURSORACTION

SYNOPSIS

CURSORACTION

DESCRIPTION

CURSORACTION performs an auto-action on the entry under the cursor.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

1.166 Filer.guide/UF_RX_LOCKFILER

LOCKFILER

SYNOPSIS

LOCKFILER

DESCRIPTION

LOCKFILER obtains a lock for Filer. While you have got this lock Filer can neither be quit the normal way nor get locked again. This mechanism is very useful for scripts.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

A lock needed for UNLOCKFILER or nothing if Filer is already locked. If this happens a Rexx script should terminate.

SEE ALSO

EXIT
,
UNLOCKFILER

1.167 Filer.guide/UF_RX_UNLOCKFILER

UNLOCKFILER

SYNOPSIS

UNLOCKFILER KEY/N/A

DESCRIPTION

UNLOCKFILER unlocks Filer after it has been locked with
LOCKFILER

Without this call Filer can NOT be terminated the normal way, so
ensure that your Rexx scripts always call UNLOCKFILER. If a script
crashes use

EXIT

ARGUMENTS

KEY: A lock obtained by
LOCKFILER
RESULT

None.

SEE ALSO

EXIT
,
LOCKFILER

1.168 Filer.guide/UF_RX_PANEL

PANEL

SYNOPSIS

PANEL STATUS/A

DESCRIPTION

PANEL turns Filer's
command panel
on or off. If it's turned off
the window will get a busy pointer and no inputs are accepted
until the panel is turned on again. ARexx scripts should always use
this command to prevent the user from doing nasty things while a
script is running.

ARGUMENTS

STATUS: either ON or OFF.

RESULT

None.

1.169 Filer.guide/UF_RX_STATUS

STATUS

SYNOPSIS

STATUS MSG/F

DESCRIPTION

STATUS changes the contents of Filer's status bar to the supplied message. The message is NOT added to the history buffer.

ARGUMENTS

MSG: message text for status bar.

RESULT

None.

SEE ALSO

Status Bar
,
HISTORY
,
CLEARHISTORY

1.170 Filer.guide/UF_RX_HISTORY

HISTORY

SYNOPSIS

HISTORY MSG/F

DESCRIPTION

HISTORY changes the contents of Filer's status bar to the supplied message. The message is added to the history buffer.

ARGUMENTS

MSG: message text for status bar.

RESULT

None.

SEE ALSO

Status Bar
,
STATUS
,
CLEARHISTORY

1.171 Filer.guide/UF_RX_CLEARHISTORY

CLEARHISTORY

SYNOPSIS

CLEARHISTORY

DESCRIPTION

CLEARHISTORY clears Filer's history buffer.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

SEE ALSO

Status Bar

,

HISTORY

,

STATUS

1.172 Filer.guide/UF_RX_RX

RX

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SYNOPSIS

RX CMD/F/A

DESCRIPTION

RX executes a ARexx command in Filer's shell window. This way a script or CLI commands called by it can use Filer's window for input and output. To start a Rexx script you can supply the shortform "ScriptName" instead of "Rexx:ScriptName.filer".

ARGUMENTS

CMD: ARexx command to execute

RESULT

None.

1.173 Filer.guide/UF_RX_TEMPFILENAME

TEMPFILENAME

SYNOPSIS

TEMPFILENAME

DESCRIPTION

TEMPFILENAME generates a unique name for a temporary file. These names are unique for the lifetime of Filer so this command can be used mutiple times in a ARexx script. The filename always points to the directory "T:".

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

An unique name for a temporary file.

1.174 Filer.guide/UF_RX_ALERTBOX

ALERTBOX

SYNOPSIS

ALERTBOX MSG/F/A

DESCRIPTION

ALERTBOX opens a requester with a single button and displays the supplied message. Multiple lines in the message text may be seperated by "|" characters.

ARGUMENTS

MSG: message text for requester.

RESULT

None.

SEE ALSO

QUESTBOX

,

FILERREQ

1.175 Filer.guide/UF_RX_QUESTBOX

QUESTBOX

SYNOPSIS

QUESTBOX MSG/F/A

DESCRIPTION

QUESTBOX opens a requester with two buttons labeled "Yes" and "No" and displays the supplied message. Multiple lines in the message text may be separated by "|" characters. If the user answers "positive" true (1) is returned else false (0) is returned.

ARGUMENTS

MSG: message text for requester.

RESULT

User's choice.

SEE ALSO

ALERTBOX
,
FILERREQ

1.176 Filer.guide/UF_RX_FILERREQ

FILERREQ

SYNOPSIS

FILERREQ TITLE/A,MSG/A,GADGETS/M/A

DESCRIPTION

FILERREQ is the most general command to open a Filer requester. You must specify the window title, the message text and labels for one or more gadgets. Multiple lines in the message text may be separated by "|" characters. You can use underscores in the gadget labels to mark the following character as hotkey for that button. The leftmost button has always RETURN and SPACE as additional hotkeys, the rightmost one ESC. If the user selects the leftmost gadget 0 is returned, the next one returns 1, ..., the rightmost one returns the number of gadgets minus one.

ARGUMENTS

TITLE : requester's window title
MSG : message text for the requester
GADGETS: labels for one or more gadgets

RESULT

User's choice.

SEE ALSO

ALERTBOX
,
QUESTBOX

1.177 Filer.guide/UF_RX_GETSTRING

GETSTRING

SYNOPSIS

GETSTRING MSG/F/A

DESCRIPTION

GETSTRING opens a string requester with two buttons labeled "Okay" and "Cancel", displays the supplied message and ask for string. Multiple lines in the message text may be separated by "|" characters. If the user completes the input by pressing RETURN or clicks on the "Okay" gadget the input string is returned else nothing is returned. The initial contents of the string gadget may be set with

SETSTRING

.

ARGUMENTS

MSG: message text for requester.

RESULT

User's input.

SEE ALSO

SETSTRING

1.178 Filer.guide/UF_RX_SETSTRING

SETSTRING

SYNOPSIS

SETSTRING STRING/F

DESCRIPTION

SETSTRING sets the initial contents for the string gadget in the requester opened by

GETSTRING

.

ARGUMENTS

STRING: contents for the string gadget.

RESULT

None.

SEE ALSO

GETSTRING

1.179 Filer.guide/UF_RX_EXEC

EXEC

SYNOPSIS

EXEC CMD/F/A

DESCRIPTION

EXEC opens a CLI window on Filer's screen and performs the supplied CLI command.

ARGUMENTS

CMD: CLI command to be executed

RESULT

None.

SEE ALSO

EXECANDWAIT

,

FOREACH

,

Starting external programs

1.180 Filer.guide/UF_RX_EXECANDWAIT

EXECANDWAIT

SYNOPSIS

EXECANDWAIT CMD/F/A

DESCRIPTION

EXECANDWAIT opens a CLI window on Filer's screen and performs the supplied CLI command. If the command does any output to the window the user will be requested to press RETURN after the command has completed.

ARGUMENTS

CMD: CLI command to be executed

RESULT

None.

SEE ALSO

EXEC

,

FOREACH

,

Starting external programs

1.181 Filer.guide/UF_RX_FOREACH

FOREACH

SYNOPSIS

FOREACH COMMAND/A,DIRS/S,WAIT/S

DESCRIPTION

FOREACH is a simple method to integrate external programs into Filer. The supplied CLI command will be called for each selected file and if the "DIRS" option is set for each selected directory, too. It should contain a "%s" to mark the location where the filename will be inserted. Don't forget the quotes around the command.

ARGUMENTS

COMMAND: CLI command to call foreach file
DIR : process also directories
WAIT : wait for an acknowledgement after the last file was processed

RESULT

None.

CONFIGURATION EXAMPLE

BUTTON ..., ..., "GZip", "FOREACH \"gzip -9 %s\""

SEE ALSO

EXEC
,
EXECANDWAIT
,
Starting external programs

1.182 Filer.guide/UF_RX_GETSCREENNAME

GETSCREENNAME

SYNOPSIS

GETSCREENNAME

DESCRIPTION

GETSCREENNAME returns the name of the public screen on which Filer's window was opened. This screen may be either a screen opened by Filer, the Workbench screen or any other public screen. This name can be used to open own windows on Filer's screen.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

Name of the public screen on which Filer's window was opened.

1.183 Filer.guide/UF_RX_GETSOURCEPATH

GETSOURCEPATH

SYNOPSIS

GETSOURCEPATH

DESCRIPTION

GETSOURCEPATH returns the pathname of the directory in the active directory listview. If no directory is loaded nothing is returned.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

Pathname of the directory in the active directory listview.

SEE ALSO

GETTARGETPATH

1.184 Filer.guide/UF_RX_GETTARGETPATH

GETTARGETPATH

SYNOPSIS

GETTARGETPATH

DESCRIPTION

GETTARGETPATH returns the pathname of the directory in the active directory listview. If no directory is loaded nothing is returned.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

Pathname of the directory in the inactive directory listview.

SEE ALSO

GETSOURCEPATH

1.185 Filer.guide/UF_RX_GETLANGUAGE

GETLANGUAGE

SYNOPSIS

GETLANGUAGE

DESCRIPTION

GETLANGUAGE returns the language of the catalog currently used by Filer.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

The current language.

1.186 Filer.guide/UF_RX_GETNUMENTRIES

GETNUMENTRIES

SYNOPSIS

GETNUMENTRIES SELECTED/S

DESCRIPTION

GETNUMENTRIES returns the number of the entries of the directory shown in the active directory listview. If the "SELECTED" is supplied the number of selected entries is returned.

ARGUMENTS

SELECTED: return number of selected entries.

RESULT

Number of (selected) entries.

1.187 Filer.guide/UF_RX_GETNAME

GETNAME

SYNOPSIS

GETNAME INDEX/N/A

DESCRIPTION

GETNAME returns the filename of an entry in the active directory listview. The name is preceded by a single character which is either a "D" for a directory or a "F" for file. If this character is lowercase the entry is selected.

ARGUMENTS

INDEX: index of an entry [1-number of entries].

RESULT

Filename with special prefix.

EXAMPLES

Results of calls of GETNAME could look like this:

* "fFoo": selected file called "Foo"

* "Dbar": not selected directory called "bar"

SEE ALSO

GETINFO

1.188 Filer.guide/UF_RX_GETINFO

GETINFO

SYNOPSIS

GETINFO INDEX/N/A,FORMAT

DESCRIPTION

GETINFO returns information about an entry in the active directory listview.

ARGUMENTS

INDEX : index of an entry [1-number of entries]. FORMAT: format of the result.

RESULT

Information in special format.

EXAMPLES

Results of calls of GETINFO could look like this:

* ---RWED DI 20-Jan-94 09:38:24

* 213 -S-RW-D FI 19-Dez-93 18:10:32

SEE ALSO

GETNAME

1.189 Filer.guide/UF_RX_SELECTBYNAME

SELECTBYNAME

SYNOPSIS

```
SELECTBYNAME NAME/A
```

DESCRIPTION

SELECTBYNAME selects the specified file or directory if it is present in the active directory listview. The command is mainly useful for Filer's commodity.

ARGUMENTS

NAME: Filename of a file or directory

RESULT

None.

1.190 Filer.guide/UF_RX_SELECTBYPATTERN

SELECTBYPATTERN

SYNOPSIS

```
SELECTBYPATTERN PATTERN/A
```

DESCRIPTION

SELECTBYPATTERN selects all files and directories in the active directory listview which match the supplied the AmigaDOS pattern.

ARGUMENTS

PATTERN: AmigaDOS pattern

RESULT

None.

1.191 Filer.guide/UF_RX_TOGGLEENTRY

TOGGLEENTRY

SYNOPSIS

```
TOGGLEENTRY INDEX/N/A
```

DESCRIPTION

TOGGLEENTRY toggles the state of the entry with the supplied index in the active directory listview.

ARGUMENTS

INDEX: index of an entry [1-number of entries].

RESULT

None.

1.192 Filer.guide/UF_RX_UPDATESOURCEDIR

UPDATESOURCEDIR

SYNOPSIS

UPDATESOURCEDIR

DESCRIPTION

UPDATESOURCEDIR checks whether the directory in the active listview has been changed since it has been read from disk. If this is indeed true the directory is reread. This command may be used from ARexx scripts which modify the contents of the directory e.g. by calling a CLI command.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

SEE ALSO

UPDATETARGETDIR

1.193 Filer.guide/UF_RX_UPDATETARGETDIR

UPDATETARGETDIR

SYNOPSIS

UPDATETARGETDIR

DESCRIPTION

UPDATETARGETDIR checks whether the directory in the inactive listview has been changed since it has been read from disk. If this is indeed true the directory is reread. This command may be used from ARexx scripts which modify the contents of the directory e.g. by calling a CLI command.

ARGUMENTS

None.

RESULT

None.

SEE ALSO

UPDATESOURCEDIR

1.194 Filer.guide/UF_EXT

Starting external programs

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You can use external programs to extend Filer's possibilities. The can be used to

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edit
or
view
textfiles, to
automatically handle
files or
```

to create new functions via the

```
FOREACH
ARexx command.
```

These programs will always be invoked in a CLI environment. If a custom shell e.g. WShell is installed it will be used instead of the standard system shell. The

```
stack
,
path
and
console handler
used for this shell
```

can be defined in the configuration file. The path of the invoking shell respectively the Workbench is used, too.

You usually supply a synopsis for calling the external programm. You can use these special strings in this synopsis:

- * %%: the percent sign
- * %s: the name of the involved file
- * %b: the name of the involved file without name extension
- * %f: the full path of the involved file
- * %p: the name of Filer's PubScreen
- * %S: the full path of the source directory
- * %T: the full path of the target directory

If you refer to an undefined directory an error message is displayed.

1.195 Filer.guide/UF_CX

Filer's Commodity

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Filer comes with a commodity called "FilerCom". This commodity can be used to start Filer via a HotKey or an AppIcon on the Workbench. The advantage of an external program for this purpose is that you don't have to keep Filer in memory.

Arguments

Arguments supported by FilerCom.

HotKey

Starting Filer via HotKey.

AppIcon

Using the Application Icon.

1.196 Filer.guide/UF_CX_ARGS

Arguments

FilerCom supports these arguments:

* PATH=path

Path of the main program, default: "SYS:Tools/Filer"

* AUTOREXXCMD=cmd

ARexx command for AppIcon, default: no command

* ICON=ON|OFF

Turn AppIcon on or off, default: OFF

* ICONXPOS=xpos

x-position of the AppIcon, default: Workbench's choice

* ICONYPOS=ypos

y-position of the AppIcon, default: Workbench's choice

* ICONNAME=name

Name of the AppIcon, default: "Filer"

* ICONFILE=path

Name of the icon file for the AppIcon, default: "SYS:Tools/Filer"

* CX_PRIORITY=priority

commodity priority

* HOTKEY=description

hotkey for invoking Filer, default "LCOMMAND f"

If you start FilerCom from the Workbench (e.g. in the "WBStartup" drawer) put these arguments in the tooltypes of its icon. If you start it from CLI supply them as command line arguments including the "=".

1.197 Filer.guide/UF_CX_HOTKEY

Starting Filer via HotKey

If FilerCom is installed you just have to press the HotKey and Filer will be loaded. This can take some time especially on slow system, so be patient. If Filer is already in memory FilerCom will bring Filer's screen to front.

1.198 Filer.guide/UF_CX_APPICON

Using the Application Icon

FilerCom's AppIcon can be used in different ways:

* Doubleclick on the AppIcon

After doubleclicking on the AppIcon Filer will be loaded. If Filer is already in memory FilerCom will bring Filer's screen to front.

* Drop one or two drawer icons on the AppIcon

If you drop a drawer icon on FilerCom's AppIcon the directory will be read into Filer. If you also drop a second drawer icon this directory will be read, too, but the
 directory listview
 with the
 first directory will be reactivated.

* Drop tool or project icons on the AppIcon

If you drop icons of files on FilerCom's AppIcon the directory

which contains these files will be read into Filer and the files will be selected. If you have specified a ARexx command as

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argument
  this ARexx command will be executed. A good choice for
this command is
  ACTION
  .
```

1.199 Filer.guide/OT_UPD

Other topics

Updates
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Whenever a new release of Filer gets released, I will post some information in the appropriate newsgroups of some electronic networks. The new archive will soon be available on many bulletin boards and on all Aminet FTP servers. Major releases will also come with some PD disks.

As mentioned above, registered users will neither need a new keyfile nor a special personalized program version. They can use all new features immediately.

Owners of Filer version 2.0x or 3.0x have to send a letter (including postage), a disk, their address and 10,- DM to me to receive a keyfile. There is no update option for the version 1.2 released on the Amiga Power Disk 9.

1.200 Filer.guide/OT_SUP

Support
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If you have some questions, comments, suggestions or even flames, please feel free to contact me at one of the following addresses. If you send your letter via e-mail, there's a good chance for getting a quick reply.

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1.201 Filer.guide/OT_HIST

History

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- * 0.1 - 1.1
not released
 - * 1.2
released on Amiga Power Disk 9
 - * 1.3 - 1.4
not released
 - * 2.00 - 2.07
released on Fish Disk 562 as Shareware, new features:
 - * requires OS 2.04 or newer
 - * ASCII configuration file
 - * support for other IFF formats
 - * class support
 - * archive file support
 - * 3.00 - 3.05
sold to IPV but never released by them, new features:
 - * ARexx interface
 - * complete GUI made with GadTools
 - * user configurable main panel
 - * screenmode support
 - * extended class support
 - * new RTG-compatible textviewer
 - * 3.10
Shareware again, new features:
 - * supports now window mode on any PubScreen
 - * font sensitive (incl. complete new preference requesters)
 - * keyboard support
 - * ARexx interface extended
 - * textviewer supports ANSI control characters, less memory required
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and many more ...

- * 3.11
 - * fixed MungWall hit in the audio player.
 - * supports samples as large as largest block of any free memory.
 - * increased maximum header size for
CLASS
and
REXXCLASS
.
 - * 3.12
 - * fixed small bug in new audio player
 - * screen switching without stoping the audio player is now possible
 - * some small improvements
 - * 3.13
 - * siz gadget of the main window now at the bottom border
 - *
AUTOREQUESTER
option now off per default
 - * added work arround for one of the ExAll() bugs under V37
 - * improved memory management
 - * 3.14
 - * no more crashes with BAD 8SVX-files
 - * location of the
configuration file
can be setup
 - * if fonts are not configured system default fonts are used
 - * 3.15
 - * improved audio player
 - * uses "CHAN" chunk to identify stereo samples
 - *
Loop
can be switch on and off via config option
 - * audio
Filter
can be switch on and off via config option
 - * new config option
SELECTICON
 - * fixed some small bugs
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- * Filer Commodity 1.20
 - * FilerCom can be used to restart/iconify Filer by using the "Show"/ "Hide" gadget in the "Exchange" program.
 - * Filer does not detach from CLI anymore. This feature was somehow hacked and it confused SegTracker. And in post 1.3 times there are other ways to start programs in the background.
 - * 3.20
 - * finally localized
 - * Improved ARexx interface
 - * ReadArgs() style argument parsing
 - * external programs or scripts launched from Filer can use the ARexx interface now, no more lookups
 - * two powerful new commands
 - FILERREQ
 - and
 - FOREACH
 - *
 - STARTUP
 - and
 - SHUTDOWN
 - command
 - * added (optional) invisible parent gadget at left and right border like in MagicFileRequester (controlled with the
 - BORDERPARENTDIR
 - configuration flag)
 - *
 - Add & Delete
 - *
 - Copy As
 - *
 - Move As
 - * optional fancy
 - listview updating
 - * optional
 - overwrite protection
 - while copying files
 - * optional automatic
 - diskchange
 - recognition
 - * some small bug fixes and improvements
 - * Filer Commodity 1.30
 - * adapted to the new ARexx interface
 - * 3.21
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- *
 - menu item
 - for snapshotting the main window
- * fixed some bugs especially in the display update
- * 3.22
 - * some small bug fixes
 - * improved "Hide" requester
 - * improved ARexx command
 - GETINFO
 - * Envoy users and groups are shown by name.
 - * new functions
 - Change Owner
 - and
 - Change Group
 - * Filer Commodity 1.31
 - * Version number in the Commodity description was wrong.
- * 3.23
 - * some small bug fixes
- * 3.24
 - * some small bug fixes
 - *
 - Add
 - function can now create "LZX" archives.
 - * new configuration flag
 - EXTRACTALL
 - * Invoking shell's respectively Workbench's
 - path
 - is used.
 - * complete new ILBM loader (supports 24Bit images)
 - * complete new 8SXV loader
 - *
 - sort criterion
 - for the directory listviews can be changed.
 - * improved function
 - Rename
 - * improved
 - command panel
 - editor
 - * new function
 - Compare
 - * Filer Commodity 1.40
 - * clones Workbench path before launching Filer.

- * 4.00
 - * some small bug fixes
 - * supports "screennotify.library"
 - * complete reworked ListView engine
 - * The ARexx command
EXTRACT
has a new argument "ALL" which
replaces the configuration flag "EXTRACTALL". The
configuration file is automatically adapted.
 - * supports
Drag and Drop
now
 - * increased maximum length of various configuration parameters
to 256 characters
 - * The window of the
builtin textviewer
can now be resized
horizontally, too.
 - * The ARexx command "SELECTENTRY" was renamed to
SELECTBYBAME
.
 - * new ARexx command
SELECTBYPATTERN
* new configuration flag
ACTIVATEWINDOW
* improved function
MakeLink
* added configurable
Drag and Drop
support
 - * * 4.01
 - * some small bug fixes
 - * improved documentation
 - * 4.02
 - * some small bug fixes
 - * 4.03
 - * fixed bad bug in directory management
 - * 4.04
 - * added work around for bug in FastFileSystem
 - * improved ARexx command
GETNUMENTRIES
* 4.05
 - * fixed Enforcer hit when double clicking on the
-

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device listview
  * 4.06
* fixed Enforcer hit in function
  FILENOTE
    * fixed problem with softlinks in function
  SEARCH
    * little improvement to directory cache handling
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1.202 Filer.guide/OT_FUT

Future

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Here are some ideas for future versions of Filer:

- * Filename completion and history in the path gadgets
- * User defined menus

Important:

There is absolutely NO guarantee that these features will ever be implemented. So don't be disappointed, if they aren't in the next version.

1.203 Filer.guide/OT_ACK

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