

# **NewInstaller**

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# Chapter 1

## NewInstaller

### 1.1 The New Installer

New Installer V1.0

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- Shareware Release -

Introduction

What you can do with NewInstaller

System requirements

What you need to use it

Copyright and Disclaimer

Read this and don't blame me

Shareware

This program is Shareware

Usage

How to use it

Tooltypes

Some options for the script

Known problems

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Registration formular

Don't forget to include it in your letter

About the author

Who is behind all this

Greetings and thanks

They all helped me

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Wanted (I`m looking for...)  
Please read this section

History  
Program`s history

## 1.2 The keyfile

The Keyfile needs to be copied to devs:. The keyfile ←  
automatically  
upgrades the Demoverision to the Fullversion.

All future versions of NewInstaller will work with the keyfile  
without any restrictions.

You get the keyfile by sending US\$15 or 20DM and the filled in

Registration form  
to  
me  
.

You aren`t than allowed to spread the keyfile! In the keyfile is you`re  
complete adress saved. Spreaded keyfiles are an act of software piracy!  
I can trace every keyfile to the owner for 99%.

## 1.3 Introduction

There are many Software Packages on Aminet without any  
Installer although Commodore developed the Installer  
tool which provides a easy-to-use graphical user interface  
with powerful functions.

But many people complained that they were too lazy or it  
would be too hard to create a script for the Commodore  
Installer.

This time is over now. NewInstaller allows everyone to  
include a script in his Software Package for the famous Commodore  
Installer. But no - you need not to edit it - NewInstaller does  
all automatically.

The only thing you need to do is including an install icon  
in your Software Package with default tool NewInstaller.  
Additionally you can change some things in the  
Tooltypes  
.

NewInstaller is an intelligent program with powerful  
features. Here are some:

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- \* Multi language: Your Installer appears in the user's mother tongue because of the locale.library support and the more than 10 supplied catalogs
- \* Update function: NewInstaller keeps every Software installed with full path and version in mind
- \* Intelligent handling: If no name, author and version specified in the Tooltypes NewInstaller tries to figure them out
- \* Recognizing of many types: NewInstaller recognizes many filetypes. For example: Executables, docs, libs, fonts, ARexx scripts, MUI files, Prefs.... So if there is a Fonts drawer for example NewInstaller will tell the user that the program needs XXX.font in FONTS: and so on...
- \* Assign support: You can specify assigns in the Tooltypes which shall be added in S:User-Startup
- \* Unarchive support: LHA and LZX archives will be unarchived and the user can select the files from the archive he wants. This option can be turned off in the Tooltypes
  - . Then the archives will only be copied
- \* Confirm all operations: NewInstaller tells the user every operation before he does it so the user has to confirm the operation or skip it etc. This can be turned off in the Tooltypes
  - That were only some of NewInstaller's powerful features. Many things can be changed in the Tooltypes
    - . I decided to release NewInstaller as Shareware. The registration fee is 20 DM or \$15US-Dollars. Developers who use NewInstaller in their Software Package can gain a free keyfile
      - .

## 1.4 Copyright & Disclaimer

NewInstaller is copyrighted 1998 by Andreas Falkenhahn.

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NewInstaller shan't be sold for more than \$2 or 5 DM. If you have bought it for more, please change your dealer fast.

NewInstaller must distributed with all files in its drawer! Please spread it not ←  
as  
an DMS Archive, only as a disk or LHA/LZX archive.

NewInstaller is Shareware. If you use it you have to register it.

If NewInstaller is placed on a Cover CD/Disk I would really like to receive a free copy of the magazine. Thank you.

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If you have any problems with NewInstaller, found bugs or have suggestions please email or write me.

If you write, don't forget to send some stamps or \$\$\$, because the postal service in Germany is REALLY expensive.



I'm always interested in suggestions for features of the next version.  
Please don't hesitate to contact me.

NewInstaller was heavily developed on my:  
A1200T, 68040 40mhz, Mitsumi FX-400, 18MB Ram, OS3.1

NewInstaller was successfully tested on the following systems:  
A1200, M-TEC 030 42mhz, 10MB Ram, OS3.1  
A1200, 020 14mhz, 2MB Ram, OS3.0  
A2000, 020 14mhz, 2MB Ram, OS2.0  
A4000, 040 25mhz, 20MB Ram, OS3.1  
A4000, 060 50mhz, 64MB Ram, OS3.1, CV64/3D

## 1.6 Greets & Thanks

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all translators of ATO  
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WF King  
The Falconer  
A. v. K.  
Wusel  
Atlan  
Rick t. R.  
Jennes  
Marty McFly  
Noke Artificial Bytes  
Roadrunner  
H.W.  
Dodger  
Pearl  
Titanic  
Olli  
Steffen  
Phil  
Rave of Bizarre arts  
Antibrain of Bizarre arts  
Willi Hillenbrand  
Tazz / Animators  
Jones  
Rich  
Dr. Retro  
Cyberbit

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Mr. P  
Dirk  
Erich  
Marcel  
Marco  
Joggy Baer  
Richie  
Chris  
Michael  
all translators of ATO

## 1.7 System requirements

Hardware requirements:

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- Amiga with OS2.0 (or WinUAE)
- Harddisk with ~200kb free space and installed Workbench

Software requirements:

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- Commodore's Installer tool located in C: (it's on your Workbench disks)
- reqtools.library V38+ by Niço François

## 1.8 Usage

NewInstaller can be used from CLI or Workbench. If you start it from  
CLI the syntax is:

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1> NewInstaller [iconfile]
```

If you specify an iconfile NewInstaller reads its  
Tooltypes  
and generates

a script for Commodore Installer. The Commodore Installer will then be started  
by  
NewInstaller.

If you don't specify anything NewInstaller opens a requester which allows  
you to select to place an icon to your Software Package's directory or  
install something which doesn't consist of a Installer.

If you select "Create Installer": You need now to give NewInstaller the  
path of your Software Package. Then  
you need to specify the name of the  
Software Package, the author of it and  
it's version. Now you can select an  
icon for it. Inbuild icons are Standard,  
MagicWB and NewIcons. You can select your

own icon too. Now all is finished.

NOTE: You need NOT to do this with ↔  
NewInstaller.

You can do it by hand too. The only thing NewInstaller does is creating an icon in the specified directory with the

Tooltypes  
Name, Version and Author.

If you select "Install something": You need now to give NewInstaller the path you want to install from. Now NewInstaller tries to figure the name, author and version of the Software out and it then generates a script for it.

If you start NewInstaller from Workbench as default tool, you don't need to do anything. All runs automatically. There are some options which you can edit in the

Tooltypes  
, but that's not a must.

## 1.9 Program's History

V0.1: (Internal Beta)

- simple script generator

V1.0: (Shareware Release Version)

- added LHA and LZX archives support
- added locale.library support
- added Update function
- added more filetypes
- added free space check
- added many new tooltypes
- lots of bugfixes
- keyfile support
- Amiga Guide® Documentation

Future plans:

- MUI Version of Commodore Installer
- GFX Version of Commodore Installer: I saw this InstallerFX on Aminet but I wasn't surprised. It isn't that good. It kills the WB, is slow and so on - I'll try to make it better. See

this section

also, I'm looking for ↔  
graphicians

and musicians.

- more options
- your suggestion -> contact  
me

## 1.10 Shareware

NewInstaller is Shareware. That means if you use it regularly you have to register it for 20 DM or \$15US Dollars.

If you are from New Zealand you can register for only \$10US Dollars because I'm collecting stamps and I'm intensively looking for stamps from New Zealand. So if you're from New Zealand come on - REGISTER!

I've spend many time on this project that I decided to release it as Shareware. Please support Amiga and the developing of this program by registering! I think 20 DM or \$15 US-Dollars aren't that much so everybody can register.

Send the money with the  
Registration formular  
to:

Andreas Falkenhahn  
An der Trift 2  
36132 Eiterfeld-Arzell  
GERMANY

You'll then receive a disk with the latest version and your personal

keyfile  
. See the  
limitations  
section too.

NewInstaller is not a SASG product and so you have to pay the fee only one time - Updates are always free of charge for registered users!

I hope you know that spreading the  
keyfile  
is software piracy!

If I get my hands on a spreaded keyfile I'll look who owns it and that may have judicial follows. And for sure I'll ban your keyfile of course. You shouldn't

pirate software in these days! The Amiga has many good programmers lost due to software piracy. Don't let this become more! Register programs you like!

Developers that use NewInstaller in their Software Package can gain  
a

free keyfile  
.

## 1.11 Limitations

There aren't any limitations apart from the nervrequester at the start of NewInstaller which holds on 30 sec.

In all my other programs I made major limitations - so this is a test. If there are no registrations coming in - I'll add more limitations.

Support programmers who are still developing on Amiga and  
register  
.

NewInstaller costed me much of my freetime - so please register!

Register  
now.

## 1.12 Registration formular

NewInstaller

Registrationformular

Surname/name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Adress: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phonenumber (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Homepage: \_\_\_\_\_

I own the following computers:     A500     A600     A1000     A1200  
     A1500     A2000     A3000     A4000  
     CDTV     CD32     A5000     A6000  
     A2500     C64     PC     \_\_\_\_\_

with memory: Chip RAM: \_\_\_\_\_ Fast RAM: \_\_\_\_\_

Processor: 680\_0 \_\_mhz    Coprocessor:  yes     no    PPC: 60\_e \_\_mhz

Kickstart/Workbench:  1.2     1.3     2.0     3.0     3.1     \_\_\_\_.

I wanna get the keyfile:  per E-mail     per post

Used NewInstaller Version: V\_\_.\_\_\_

I'm a member of a group ( ) yes ( ) no Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I got NewInstaller from: \_\_\_\_\_

Error reports/Bugs/suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

With my signature I promise that the keyfile is only for my private use and that I give it not to any other people. I know that spreaded keyfiles are illegal and that that may have judicial follows.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## 1.13 Known problems

### Problem #1: Ram Install

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If you select Ram: as the install destination you get the error: On the selected volume is not enough free space! This is a bug in the OS so I cannot remove it! You can only set the Tooltype NOSPACHECK - then no check is done if there's enough space on the destination volume.

### Problem #2: Version problems

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If there are different executable versions with the ending \_0x0 or .0x0 NewInstaller allows you to select a version to install. This works fine if there's one executable group with this name - but if there're two it doesn't work. I'm working on a solution of this problem. If someone really need a fix contact

me

.

### Problem #3: Default tool C:\NewInstaller

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Do not specify the default tool C:\NewInstaller. NewInstaller cannot work then because the OS changes the directory then to C: but NewInstaller needs the directory from which to install

as the actual. Specify only NewInstaller as the default tool.  
Enter no path there or it won't work!

Problem #4: No update function!?

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Why does the update function in NewInstaller not work? You have to specify the VERSION tooltype. Otherwise the update function will not work.

Problem #5: File\_ID.diz is displayed wrong!

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That's not a bug! Most File\_ID.dizs contain ASCII graphic. That graphic is looking good with the font topaz 8 but if you have an other font as the standard font for example a XEN font installed the file can look strange. Sorry, but I cannot change this because the Commodore Installer uses the font installed so I cannot tell him to use topaz 8.

No more problems known. If you found a bug please contact me. Thank you very much. I'm always interested in suggestions, comments etc. Simply contact me :)

## 1.14 Tooltypes

With the help of the Tooltypes you have a powerful control over NewInstaller!

Here are all the Tooltypes and their functions:

ASSIGN<#>	-> Adds an assign to S:User-Startup. For example: ASSIGN1=MyProg:. You can add assigns up to ASSIGN99 !!
AUTHOR	-> Author sets the author of the Software. If you don't specify this NewInstaller tries to figure out the author. For 60% he finds the author but that's not sure. For example: AUTHOR=Andreas Falkenhahn
CONFIRMDATA	-> Datafiles (files which can't be traced to a filetype) are always copied silently. If you set CONFIRMDATA the user needs to confirm every datafile which shall be copied. CONFIRMDATA doesn't need any arguments. Set it in $\leftarrow$ brackets to disactivate and remove the brackets to activate.
DISPLAYIDDIZ	-> If the Tooltypes NAME, AUTHOR & VERSION are given they'll be displayed automatically at start. If you want the File_ID.diz displayed at start activate this tooltype.

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- ENDMSG Tooltype. -> You can specify a textfile up to 500 bytes in this  
The message in the file will then be displayed at the ending of the installation procedure. In combination with ENDQUIET really useful. For example: ENDMSG=msg.txt.
- ENDQUIET -> If you activate this Tooltype the Commodore Installer quits silently. This is most useful in combination with the ENDMSG Tooltype.
- EXECUTE -> If you specify a command here, it will be executed at the position you specified. Parameters are supported. For example: EXECUTE=MultiView %pReadMe.txt,4. This would execute MultiView with ReadMe.txt at the end of the installation. Make sure you add a %p before the filename. NewInstaller replaces the %p with the current pathname. Other positions: 1: Before the startmessage, 2: After the startmessage, 3: After the destination selection, 4: At the end. Don't forget to specify one of the 4 positions with a comma after the command.
- KICKVERSION NewInstaller -> If you specify a kickstart version in this tooltype will check if it's present. If not NewInstaller will abort. Here are the most interesting Kickstart versions: 37= Workbench 2.0, 39=Workbench 3.0, 40=Workbench 3.1. For example: KICKVERSION=37.
- NAME -> Set the name of the Software. This name will be used for much things in NewInstaller. If you don't specify this NewInstaller tries to figure out the name. For 70% he finds the right name - but that's not for sure. For example: NAME=Windows 98
- NOCONFIRM operations. -> In normal the user need to confirm the most copy- If you activate this tooltype all copying routines go away silently. I don't know if this is always good, because the user might be interested in what's going to be on his HD.
- NOEXPERT -> If you set this tooltype the user can select about his Amiga knowledge to Beginner, Novice or Expert. If this tooltype is in brackets or not present user is always an expert. NOTE: You should NOT set this tooltype because if the user isn't an expert some things are working wrong I need to rewrite the code for other knowledges. Please don't use it in this version.
- NOGAUGE -> While copying a window with a gauge is displayed. If you
-



- don't want the gauge displayed set this tooltype. ←  
Combined  
with WORKINGTEXT no gauge is most useful.
- NOIDDIZ → If found the file\_id.diz will be displayed at start. If ←  
you don't want this set this tooltype.
- NOSPACECHECK → Normally NewInstaller checks if there is enough room on ←  
the destination volume. Activate this tooltype if you don't ←  
want the harddisk space checked. This is useful if the user ←  
wants install the software to RAM:. Due to a bug in the OS RAM: ←  
is always 100% full.
- NOUNARC → LHA and LZX archives will be automatically unarchived at  
start so the user can select which files from the archive  
shall be copied. If you want the complete archive be ←  
copied set this tooltype.
- PARENTIDDIZ → If your File\_ID.diz is not in the main directory but in ←  
the parent directory you need to activate this tooltype. ←  
NewInstaller will look for File\_ID.diz then even in the parent ←  
directory. I don't if this is so useful. For example if I have 5 ←  
archives downloaded and unarchive them to RAM: and every archive  
will place its File\_ID.diz in the parent directory there' ←  
ll then be only the last left and if you want install the ←  
first program then you get the File\_ID.diz from the last... ←  
experimental!
- STARTMSG → In this tooltype you can specify a textfile which shall ←  
be displayed at start instead of the file\_id.diz or the ←  
standard startmessage. The textfile can be up to 500 bytes big. ←  
For example:  
STARTMSG=MyText.txt.
- VERSION → Set the version of the Software. If you don't set this ←  
NewInstaller tries to figure out what version is it. This works for ←  
40% but not for sure. NOTE: If the update function of NewInstaller ←  
shall be activated you MUST set this tooltype otherwise it won't ←  
work. For
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example: VERSION=1.3. Do not enter a "V" before the version. Only the numbers.

WORKINGTEXT -> You can enter a text here which shall be displayed while the Installer is copying files etc. A RETURN can be expressed in the text with a "\n" just like in C/C++. For example:  
WORKINGTEXT=Please wait...\nThe software is installing!\n\nBe patient!  
You do not need to add spaces between the left and right end.  
The text will be automatically centered.

## 1.15 Free keyfile

If you are a developer and use NewInstaller in your Software Package you can get a free keyfile.

This service is only available via email. Per post it would be to complicated, sorry.

Here's what you need to do to get it:

- 1) Send me an email (Andreas.Falkenhahn@gmx.de) and tell me that you use NewInstaller in your package :) And give me info where I can get your software (Aminet...) or attach it in the email.
- 2) Tell me your complete adress or fill out the Registration formular I can create a keyfile for you. The best would be to attach the Registration formular to the mail.

You should now get a keyfile. Additionally I'm always interested in comments, suggestions, opinions....Tell me all you want!

## 1.16 Wanted

I'm searching for anyone helping me with the design of NewInstaller's upcoming own installing engine. This shall be with cool graphics like the cool PC/MAC Installers. Please contact me if you're a graphician!

I want to create a real C:Installer replacement with cool graphics and sound. But I'm neither a graphician nor a musician. Please contact me

NOW  
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