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# **Chapter 1**

# **CatEdit**

#### 1.1 CatEdit 1.1

CatEdit 1.1

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Introduction

Requirements

Starting

Menus

Gadgets

Localization

Translating a catalog

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History
CatEdit was written by
Rafael D'Halleweyn
. Thanks go to Nico François
who had the original idea and also made some suggestions.

You offer infrared instead of sun You offer paperspoons and bubblegum

Prefab Sprout

NOTE: Due to the changing behaviors of AmigaGuide, Workbench 3.0 -and

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```
lower- users will find the quide a little odd: they will see
       several double backslashes (' \setminus ') where there should only be one
        ('\').
 NOTE2: Due to the changing behaviors of AmigaGuide the previous NOTE
        should have looked ridiculous to Workbench 3.1 -and higher-
        users, but the rest of the guide will be ok.
 NOTE3: There also exists a german guide, it will be available via
        AmiNET (os20/util/).
1.2 Introduction
                 Introduction
 One of the major updates of Workbench 2.1 was it's ability to run the
 Workbench or any other program (that is
               localized
               ) in different
 languages. This way, even if a program isn't translated in your native
 language, there is always a language that you understand.
 Now there is CatEdit, a program that allows you to translate
               localized
                programs in any language that the Amiga supports. Currently
 the Amiga supports 9 languages:
         -Dansk
         -Deutsch
         -Español
         -Francais
         -Italiano
         -Nederlands
         -Norsk
         -Português
         -Svenska
         languages are also possible but you'll have to make your own
  [Other
  '.language' file.]
 With CatEdit it is also possible to remove those little (or big)
 errors in the translation of a program or translate
               strings
                into
 other
               strings
                 that you prefer. You can even change Workbench
               strings
 Unlike the Commodore CatComp program, you don't need the original
               catalog description
                 to translate a
               catalog
               , all you need is a
```

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```
catalog
    (it doesn't matter which language, as long as you can understand it). But CatEdit can also read catalog descriptions
    , it
can even write catalog descriptions
```

# 1.3 Requirements to run CatEdit

Requirements

CatEdit requires Workbench 2.1 or higher (locale.library and iffparse.library version 38 or higher) and ReqTools version 38 or higher (© Nico François).

Don't forget: you also need an Amiga!!

## 1.4 Starting CatEdit

Starting CatEdit

CatEdit can be started from the Shell or the Workbench.

To start CatEdit from the Workbench you have to double-click its icon (the worldmap). Via Tool Types (use the 'Information...' menu item from the 'Icons' menu of the Workbench) you can set four arguments:

```
CATALOG
           - filename of
           catalog
            to be loaded;
DESCRIPTION - filename of the
           catalog description
            (.cd) to be
              loaded;
TRANSLATION - filename of the
           catalog translation
            (.ct) to be
                      (works only if a description is also
              loaded
              loaded, otherwise it is ignored);
PUBLICSCREEN - name of the public screen to open on (case
             sensitive).
```

You can also start CatEdit from the Workbench with a Project icon. When you set the Default Tool (use the 'Information...' menu item from the 'Icons' menu of the Workbench) of the icon to CatEdit, CatEdit will also be started.

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To start CatEdit from the Shell you have to enter 'CatEdit' in a Shell window. The template is:

CatEdit CATALOG/K, CD=DESCRIPTION/K, CT=TRANSLATION/K, PS=PUBLICSCREEN/K

The arguments have, of course, the same meaning as the tooltypes with the same name.

The CatEdit catalogs should be placed in the 'CatEdit/<language>' subdirectory of the directory where CatEdit resides in or in the 'LOCALE: Catalogs/<language>' directory.

#### 1.5 CatEdit Menus

Menus

This is a list of all menus and their items:

```
Project
              Open...
              Merge...
              Save
              Save As...
                 _____
              Info...
              About...
              Quit
               Edit
              Paste Original
              Find...
              Find Next
              Replace...
              Replace Next
              Change Language...
               Extras
```

Read

Catalog Description...

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```
Catalog Translation...
Write

Catalog Description...

Catalog Translation...
```

# 1.6 CatEdit Menus: Project/Open...

```
Open...
Read a
              catalog
               from disk into memory.
The filerequester will open in the 'LOCALE: Catalogs' directory if no
              catalog
              was specified as a shell argument or Workbench tooltype.
CatEdit can also read
              catalogs
              that contain no language or version
information. Version and revision will then be initialized to 1.1.
If the loaded
              catalog
              has been changed you will be asked if you want
to save that
              catalog
              before opening another one.
```

# 1.7 CatEdit Menus: Projects/Merge...

```
Merge

catalog
from disk with catalog in memory.

This is very handy if a
catalog
doesn't contain a certain
string
:
you first open the
catalog
you want to translate, you then merge a

catalog
in another language, but for the same program, that does
contain the
```

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```
string
Before merging begins you will be asked if you want
             strings
              that are
in both catalogs to replace the original, the new, both or no
             string(s)
If loaded
             catalog
              and the
             catalog
             to merge with don't have the same
name or if the versions aren't the same CatEdit will display a
requester saying that the
             catalogs
              or not compatible, you can then
choose to ignore the warning or cancel the merging.
```

#### 1.8 CatEdit Menus: Projects/Save

```
Save
Write a
             catalog
              to disk.
Before the
             catalog
              is saved the revision and the date of the catalog
are updated.
If the
             catalog
              is still in memory because a program was using it and
if you are using locale.library version 38 or 40 (Workbench 2.1, 3.0
and 3.1), CatEdit will try to flush the
             catalog
              from memory. If
CatEdit doesn't flush the
             catalog
              then programs using that
             catalog
               will still be using the old
             strings
              , because they are still in
memory.
For the flush to succeed no other program may be using the
             catalog
the time that the catalog is saved.
```

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Technical note: the catalog is flushed by trying to flush the locale.library from memory, but since it can't flush (CatEdit is still using it) it will only remove all the catalogs from memory. Since I'm not sure if this will also work with newer versions of the locale.library the flush will only happen with locale.library versions 38 and 40.

#### 1.9 CatEdit Menus: Projects/Save As...

```
Save As...
Save a
              catalog
               with a different name or in a different drawer.
A filerequester will appear where you can enter the new name/drawer.
If the
              catalog
               already exists you will be asked if you want to
overwrite that
              catalog
               (overwriting that
              catalog
              will mean that you
loose all the translations in that
              catalog
              , be careful) .
The rest of the 'Save As...' process is the same as
              Save
```

#### 1.10 CatEdit Menus: Projects/Info...

```
Info...

Gives information about currently loaded catalog: name of the catalog, version and revision, date, language of the catalog, number of strings in the catalog and 'more'.

'More' is the text that is placed after the date in the version string of the catalog, this can for example contain the name of the author of the catalog (i.e. by Rafael D'Halleweyn);
```

#### 1.11 CatEdit Menus: Projects/About...

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```
About...

Gives version information about CatEdit. It also gives information about the translation of CatEdit.
```

# 1.12 CatEdit Menus: Projects/Quit

# 1.13 CatEdit Menus: Edit/Paste Original

```
Paste Original

Replace the translated string with the original string

.

While working with a catalog CatEdit always keeps two representations of a string in memory: the original string (as it was loaded) and the new (i.e. translated) string
```

#### 1.14 CatEdit Menus: Edit/Find...

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Find...

#### 1.15 CatEdit Menus: Edit/Find Next

Find Next

When you select this menu-item CatEdit will start searching without first showing you the replace-requester
. If the find field of the replace-requester is empty the replace-requester will always appear before CatEdit starts to search.

# 1.16 CatEdit Menus: Edit/Replace...

Replace...

# 1.17 CatEdit Menus: Edit/Replace Next

Replace Next

When you select this menu-item CatEdit will start replacing without first showing you the replace-requester
. If the find field of the replace-requester is empty the replace-requester will always appear before CatEdit starts to replace.

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# 1.18 CatEdit Menus: Edit/Change Language...

Change Language...

Change the language of a catalog
.

A requester will be displayed where you can replace the language with the new language.

If the language is changed, the path of the file requester will also be changed, for example if you change from 'english' to 'nederlands' and the path was 'LOCALE:Catalogs/english/Sys' then the path will be changed to 'LOCALE:Catalogs/nederlands/Sys'.

# 1.19 CatEdit Menus: Extras/Read/Catalog Description...

Read Catalog Description... Read a catalog description into memory. If there is already a catalog loaded the catalogs will be merged, the catalog description will overwrite the original string and the string name. If there is no catalog loaded, the catalog description will fill both the original and the new string , the string names will also be read. While reading the catalog description , the validity of the string names will be checked and the string length will be compared against the minimum and maximum string length described in the catalog description. If something is wrong a requester will be displayed CatEdit 11 / 26

```
giving the type of error and its position in the catalog description \label{eq:catalog} \text{file.}
```

### 1.20 CatEdit Menus: Extras/Read/Catalog Translation...

```
Read Catalog Translation...
Read a
             catalog translation
              into memory.
You'll only be able to read a
             catalog translation
              if you have already
read a
             catalog description
When a certain string name can not be found a requester will be
displayed, you can then choose to ignore that
             string
              or stop reading.
While reading the
             catalog translation
             , the validity of the string
names will be checked and the
             string
              length will be compared against
the
    minimum and maximum
                              string length described in the
             catalog description
             . The
             % commands
              will also be compared against
the
             % commands
               of the original strings. If something is wrong a
requester will be displayed giving the type of error and its position
in the
             catalog translation
               file, after which the rest of the
             catalog translation
              will be read
```

#### 1.21 CatEdit Menus: Extras/Write/Catalog Description...

Write Catalog Description...

Write a

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```
catalog description
              to disk.
To be able to write a
             catalog description
             , CatEdit has to know the
names of the
             strings
             , if CatEdit doesn't know the names a requester
will appear asking you if you want CatEdit to generate these names.
These names will probably differ from the names in the original
             catalog description
              that was used to generate the
             catalog
If the file you selected already exists, a requester will appear
saying that the file already exists, you can then choose to overwrite
the old file.
WARNING: a
             catalog translation
              can't be used to recreate a
             catalog
so make sure that you also have a
             catalog description
              otherwise the
             catalog translation
              will be worthless.
```

## 1.22 CatEdit Menus: Extras/Write/Catalog Translation...

Write Catalog Translation...

Write a

catalog translation
to disk.

To be able to write a
catalog translation
, CatEdit has to know the

names of the

strings
, if CatEdit doesn't know the names a requester
will appear asking you if you want CatEdit to generate these names.

These names will probably differ from the names in the original

catalog translation
that was used to generate the
catalog
.

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If the file you selected already exists, a requester will appear saying that the file already exists, you can then choose to overwrite the old file.

The

catalog translation

will contain language and version

information. The strings placed in the

catalog translation

are the

new (e.g. translated) strings.

WARNING: a

catalog translation

can't be used to recreate a

catalog

,

so make sure that you also have a

catalog description

otherwise the

catalog translation will be worthless.

# 1.23 CatEdit Requesters: Replace-requester

Replace-requester

The replace-requester is the place where all find and replace operations start: here you can select what you want to find, with what you want it to replace (if the replace mode is enabled) and how to find.

There are three scan switches: 'Ignore case', 'Ignore accents' and 'Search backwards'. The 'Ignore case' switch activates a case-insensitive scan through the catalog. The 'Ignore accents' switch activates an accent-insensitive scan, this can be very handy because not every derivative of the same word will have the same accents. The 'Search backwards' switch activates a backwards scan, the strings will be scanned from left to right, but the catalog will be scanned from the current string to the first string (instead of the last string, when the switch is not activated).

The 'Replace mode' switch toggles the replace mode, so even when you opened the requester with

Find...

you can still use it to replace.

After the scan is started it will stop at the first occurence starting from the current cursor position. The cursor will then be positioned at the start of that occurence.

When in 'Replace mode' a text will appear in the screentitle:

Replace? (Y)es/(N)o/(G)lobal/(A)bort

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Pressing 'y' will replace the current occurence and scan to the next. When you press 'n' CatEdit will scan to the next occurence. Pressing 'g' initiates the 'global-replace-mode': all occurences are replaced without very questions. And if you press 'a' the replace will be aborted.

Note that while this question is in the screentitle you can still scroll the string listview and the show listview

show cyclegadget.

# 1.24 CatEdit Gadgets

Gadgets

or even cycle the

The main CatEdit window contains four gadgets: two listviews, one string gadget and one cycle gadget:

```
string listview
  (the upper listview) contains all the
strings
                      in
catalog
 and is used to select a
string
to
      edit;
string gadget
    is used to edit the selected
string
show cyclegadget
 selects the
string
 that you can see in the
show listview
show listview
    (the lower listview) gives a representation of
     the selected
string
```

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# 1.25 CatEdit Gadgets: String listview

```
String listview
The string listview is a list of all the
             strings
              that are in a
             catalog
             . The new
             string
              will always be displayed in that list.
You can scroll through the list with the scroll bar or the up and down
arrow-gadgets. You can also scroll with the arrow keys on the
keyboard: up and down will select the previous resp. next
             string
             . If
you press the arrow keys together with the shift key the listview will
scroll one view at a time, together with the ctrl key the listview
will scroll to the first or the last
             string
             . (Scrolling might not
work optimal under Kickstart 2.04.)
Whenever you select
             string
               from the list with the mouse, the
             string
              will automatically be placed in the
             string gadget
When no
               is loaded the string listview will be ghosted
(listview doesn't ghost under Kickstart 2.04).
```

## 1.26 CatEdit Gadgets: String gadget

```
String gadget

The string gadget always contains the currently selected string and is always active. With the string gadget you can edit the new string
```

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```
When you set the
              show cyclegadget
              to original you can always see the
original (untranslated)
              string
              . You can then use {\tt RightAmiga}~{\tt X} to {\tt make}
the string gadget empty, so that you can enter the new
                   return the
When
      you
            press
              string listview
               and possibly the
              show listview
               will be updated. If you forget to press return before
you select a new
              string
               your changes will be lost!
While entering a
              string
              , CatEdit will check that you don't enter an
invalid hexadecimal number with '\xspace'. The screen will flash if you do
and the key press won't be accepted.
When you press return the
              strings
              length will be compared against the
minimum and maximum string length (CatEdit will only know the minimum
    maximum length
                        if you
                                    loaded the catalog from
              catalog description
                                  is to short or to long, a
              ), if the length
requester will warn you about it.
When you press return the new and original
             string
              will be compared to
    if they contain the same
              % commands
              , if not, a requester will
warn you.
When no
              catalog
               is loaded the string gadget will be ghosted.
```

## 1.27 CatEdit Gadgets: Show cyclegadget

Show cyclegadget

With the show cyclegadget you can choose the string that is displayed

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# 1.28 CatEdit Gadgets: Show listview

Show listview

The show listview gives a WYSIWYG (What You See Is What You Get) view of the currently selected

string

. Newlines, formfeeds, vertical tabs

and  $'\0'$  force a newline. This is more or less the way that the string will look like when used by its program.

With the

show cyclegadget
you can select the
string
to view: the
original or the new

string

.

If the show listview contains more lines then it can display, you can scroll with the scroll bar or the up and down gadgets. You can also scroll the show listview with the keyboard: alt down scrolls the listview down, alt up scrolls the listview up (keyboard scrolling of the show listview doesn't work under Kickstart 2.04).

# 1.29 Localizing CatEdit

Localization

CatEdit is localized, this means that you can translate CatEdit in any language that the Amiga supports. The built-in CatEdit language is

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english and currently there is only a dutch (nederlands) translation.

If you want you can translate CatEdit in your own language. To do that you should -of course- use CatEdit. When you double-click the 'TranslateCatEdit' icon the CatEdit

strings

will automatically be

loaded, ready to be translated.

When translating CatEdit make sure that every shortcut (menus and gadget) is unique.

#### 1.30 CatEdit: Translating a catalog

Translating a catalog

When translating a catalog there are a few rules that you should stick to:

When you are picking the shortcuts for gadgets and menus, make sure that they are unique, don't use the same key twice. A good program will automatically use this new shortcut when the string

is changed. Gadget shortcuts are usually preceded by an  $\ensuremath{\hookleftarrow}$  underscore

'\_' (e.g. '\_Cancel') and menu shortcuts precede the menu text followed by a nil character (e.g. 'Q\0Quit'). The standard way to indicate that you don't want a shortcut is to not place an underscore in the gadget text or place a space ' ' in the menu text (e.g. '\0Quit').

Always make sure that the original string and the new string contain the same number and type of

% commands

. CatEdit will

automatically checks this.

Sometimes the

string

contains some sort of control sequence (hexadecimal numbers (\xXX) or escape sequences (starting with \e or \c)), it's best to leave them unchanged.

Since

catalogs

 $$\operatorname{don't}$$  contain information about minimum and maximum width, you should be careful not to use to short or to long

strings

Don't take advantage of catalogs

containing the programs

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copyright notice to change the copyright notice.

# 1.31 CatEdit Copyright

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# 1.32 CatEdit history

History

- -By accident I discovered that the generation of string names still allows double underscores (this was never meant to happen).
- -The previous error lead to another error: when reading a catalog DESCRIPTION with invalid string names, you would get a requester stating that a name was invalid while reading a catalog TRANSLATION. That has been changed to catalog description.
- -While building the menus for the CatEdit window, CatEdit made a mistake while looking for the command key. Bug report by Claus Jacobsen, thanks Claus.
- -When you pressed shift down the listview would first select the highest visible item and after that it would scroll ok. Fixed. Reported by Roger Andersson.
- -When you cancelled Merge, with the Merge-mode requester, the CatEdit window was no longer accessible. Fixed.
- -When you changed the language of a catalog that didn't contain language information the save path would be wrong, fixed.
- -Guide now looks better under Workbench 3.1 (and worse under older versions): the missing backslashes are now visible, users with an older Workbench will see double backslashes.
- -Included Danish catalog. Thanks to Claus Jacobsen.
- -Included German catalog. Thanks to Walter Dörwald. Walter also made a german translation of the guide, it is available via AmiNET (os20/util/).
- -Included Swedish catalog. Thanks to Roger Andersson and Magnus Holmgren.

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-Included latest release of the reqtools.library, version 2.1f. Thanks to Nico François.

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### 1.34 CatEdit: Catalogs

Catalogs

Catalogs are files that contain all the translated strings. They are normally placed in the 'LOCALE:Catalogs/<language>' drawer or in the 'PROGDIR:Catalogs/<language>' drawer ('PROGDIR:' is the directory where the program using the catalog resides).

These catalogs are very hard to change by hand, that's where  $\mathtt{CatEdit}$  comes in.

The normal way to make a catalog is with the 'CatComp' program from Commodore, but then you'll need a catalog description and a

catalog translation

# 1.35 CatEdit: Catalog Descriptions

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Catalog Descriptions (.cd)

A catalog description is a normal text file that describes a catalog

It contains every string that a program uses (in the original language) and the minimum and maximum width for that string.

The catalog description also contains a name for every string, this name should only contain uppercase alphanumeric characters and underscores  $(0...9A...B_{-})$ .

### 1.36 CatEdit: Catalog Translations

Catalog Translations (.ct)

A catalog translation is a normal text file that describes the translation of a  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{a}}$ 

catalog

in a certain language.

Within a catalog translation the

strings

are identified by there

names, these names should only contain uppercase alphanumeric characters and underscores  $(0...9A...B_{-})$ .

WARNING: a catalog translation can't be used to recreate a catalog

so make sure that you also have a catalog description otherwise the

catalog translation will be worthless.

#### 1.37 CatEdit: Localized

Localized

For a program to be able to work in different languages it has to be localized. That means that it has to look for it strings in the right

catalog
, e.g. the
catalog

that describe the strings in the language that you selected with the Locale preference editor.

#### 1.38 CatEdit: String

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String

Α

catalog

contains all the strings that a program uses. CatEdit always keeps two representations of a string in memory: the original (untranslated) string and the new (translated) string.

In CatEdit, strings can contain several control codes:

```
ASCII 7
\a
               (audible bell)
\b
      ASCII 8
                (backspace)
      ASCII 155 (CSI)
\c
\e
      ASCII 27 (ESC)
      ASCII 12 (formfeed)
\f
\n
      ASCII 10 (newline)
\r
      ASCII 13 (carriage return)
      ASCII 9
(tab)
\v
      ASCII 11 (vertical tab)
\ 0
      ASCII 0
      XX is a hexadecimal number
\xXX
```

The \o000 control code, to enter octal numbers, is not supported.

#### 1.39 CatEdit: % Commands

% Commands

Often % commands are used in strings to replace numbers or names that change during the execution of the program.

The format of the % commands that CatEdit recognizes is:

```
%[arg_pos$][flags][width][.limit][length]type
arg_pos ordinal position of the argument for this command;
       must follow the arg_pos value, if specified;
       only one allowed: '-' specifies left justification;
flags
width
       field width, if the first character is a '0', the field is
       padded with leading Os;
       must precede the field limit value, if specified;
limit
       maximum number of characters to output from a string (only
       valid for %s or %b);
length size of input data, can be a 'l';
       recognized types are:
type
         b BSTR,
          d signed decimal,
         D signed decimal using the locale's formatting
           conventions,
         u unsigned decimal,
         U unsigned decimal using the locale's formatting
            conventions,
         x hexadecimal with hex digits in uppercase,
          X hexadecimal with hex digits in lowercase,
```

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```
s string and c character

(the right brackets mean that that part is optional)

You can use the arg_pos to change the position of the arguments, for example if the original string was

'%ld chickens and %ld eggs'

you could change it to

'%2$ld eggs and %1$ld chickens'
and the information would still be correct.

CatEdit always checks to see if the original and new string contain
the same number and type of % commands.
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