AmigaAngels User Manual (V1.0)

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1.2   Disclaimer And Copyright

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1.3   Introduction And Features.

The concept of AmigaAngels was a very good one but the way in which it was implemented was not ideal. I found having to load the text into a word processor to conduct searches to be a little clumsey and short of Cut and Paste methods, there was no way to print single records. I decided what was needed was new of displaying the data. I toyed with the idea of using something such as Twist or Datastore but I was still unimpressed. I decided the only way of getting all the needed features was to write a dedicated database. So, now you know what it is and why it exists, you'll probably want to know just what features have been included. Here is a list of some of them:

· System Friendly Even works with hacks such as MCP and MultiCX.

· Multiple Print Options Printing never has been so easy!

· Multiple Search Options Find obscure Amiga setups and their creators!

· Window Zoom Get those windows tucked out of the way!

· Sleep Turn AmigaAngels into a harmless AppIcon!

· Window Snapshot Windows will appear where ever you want!

· Modern Modular Design Multi windows, the whole works really!

This is just a few of the many options available.

1.4   System Requirements.

I've tried to keep the system requirements to an absolute minimum so that all users can use the database. The system requirements are:

OS 2.0+

ReqTools V37+

Xen.font (Size 8)

The Xen.font and ReqTools can be found on the AFCD

1.5   Usage.

You can start the program by cli or Workbench. At startup, AmigaAngels will attempt to open the database using the default file path or the path specified in the prefs file. If the datbase could not be loaded AmigaAngels will give the choice to locate the database manually or just quit. AmigaAngels will not function without a working database file (named AmigaAngels.lst).

Once the database has been loaded, the first record will be displayed. This takes up the majority of the window. Below this are two rows of buttons.

Add - Opens the 'Add Record' window.

Next - Displays the next record.

Goto - Allows you to jump directly to a record number

Previous - Displays the previouse record.

More Notes - Displays more notes about the current record.

Help - Opens the online help file.

Print - Opens the 'Print' window.

Search - Opens the 'Search' window.

Settings - Opens the 'Settings' window.

Sleep - Shinks AmigaAngels to an appicon.

About - Displays program information.

Quit - Removes AmigaAngels.

1.6   The Add Record Window

This window allows you to add yourself to the AmigaAngels database. Just fill in the form as required. If you are giving you address remember to click the cycle gadget so that it reads 'ADD:' instead of 'PHONE:'

If you wish to insert a line break press the 'Alt' and 'P' keys together to make a ¶ symbol. This forces the following text onto a new line with a three charactor indentation.

Remember that the whole record (excluding More Notes) must be no more than 16 lines long. AmigaAngels automatically word wraps text so there is no need to add a line break every 80 charactors.

There are five buttons at the bottom of the window.

Save

Saves your new record to a seperate file. Send this file to Amiga Format where it will be added to the database. The Add Window is then closed.

Preview

Opens a new window and shows what you entry would look like in the database. Click the mouse once to close the window. A requester will popup with your 'More Notes' text. When you are satisfied click on Save.

Help

Brings up a requester with a short overview of the controls.

Cancel

Forgets you ever started your entry and closes the Add Window.

Clear

Removes all of your new entry text and allows you to start fresh.

1.7   The Print Window.

This window allows you to print all or part of the AmigaAngels database to a file or printer.

The Output File String gadget lets you type the destination use PRT: PAR: etc to send the output to a printer and typing RAM:MyRecord would send the output to a text file in RAM: called MyRecord.

1.8   The Search Window.

This majority of this window is filled with a listview which displays the results of your search. To start a new search just type the search string into the string gadget and press return.

Example:

Type A1200 into the string gadget and press return. The listview will now contain all of the records containing A1200 ie all of the users who own an A1200.

1.9   The Setting Window.

This part of the program allows you to control certain parts of AmigaAngels. The window contains 9 gadgets described below.

Snapshot Windows

This option allows each window to open at it's last known position.

Quick Quit

This option tells AmigaAngels not to save the settings or snapshot information when the user quits.

Popup At Start

If this option is enabled, AmigaAngels will start as normal. If it is not then it will go into sleep mode. An AppIcon will appear on the Workbench. To activate the main window, double-click on the AppIcon. This is handy if you have put AmigaAngels into your WBStartup drawer.

Database Location

This gadget holds the default location of the AmigaAngels.lst file. The 'L' button next to the string gadget opens a file requester so that the user may browse through file lists easily.

Icon Location

This gadget holds the default location of the AppIcon AmigaAngels will use when it is put into sleep mode. The file must be a standard ".info" icon file. The file exention is removed automatically.

Printer Output

This gadget holds the default destination for the printer. This could be set to PAR: or PRT: to send the output to a printer connected to the parallel port. Changing the destination to a file will cause the output to be redirected to the named file.

Save - This saves the current settings to disk.

Use - This saves the current settings to RAM: If you reset then the settins will be lost.

Cancel - This forgets your changes.

1.10 Addresses.

My home address is:

Field View,

20 Skiddaw Court,

Annfield Plain,

Stanley,

Co. Durham

DH9 8UB

England

My EMail address is:

DannyS@pemail.net

My Website address is:

http://www.shepherd.home.ml.org

1.11 Bugs.

What AmigaAngels has bugs? Well no, not to the best of my great wisdom (which is not all that great).

If you do find a bug then fill out the report form and send it to one of the addresses.

1.12 The Bug Report Form.

BUG REPORT FORM: AmigaAngels V1.0

NAME:_____

ADDRESS:_____

:_____

:_____

:_____

:_____

:_____

:_____

DESCRIBE THE BUG IN DETAIL:_____

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YOUR SYSTEM:

AMIGA: A500[] A600[] A1200[] A1500[] A2000[] A3000[] A4000[] OTHER_____[]

OS: 2.05[] 2.05[] 2.1[] 3.0[] 3.1[] OTHER_____[]

CPU: 68000[] 68020[] 68030[] 68040[] 68060[] OTHER_____[]

CPU SPEED: ____MHz

Thankyou for taking the time to fill in this form.