

# **StartupPlus**

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## Chapter 1

# StartupPlus

### 1.1 StartupPlus

StartupPlus  
11 December 1996

by: Jon Morrison

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Legal Information	Register and save your self a law suit.
Disclaimer & About	I'm not responsible, Honest!!!
Installing	How to install StartupPlus.
Author & Tech	About the author and compiler.
Registering	This is Shareware.
Features	What StartupPlus does.
Bugs	Bugs in StartupPlus.
Where to get Updates	Places to get newer versions
Catalogs	Information on included catalogs
History	Previous versions.
Whats New	Whats new in v1.2
Thanks	
Idea's	Got an Idea?
Magic User interface	This Application uses MUI

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StartupPlus  
StartupPlusPrefs

### 1.2 Legal Stuff..

Legal Information

This program is SHAREWARE not FREeware, you can do what you want with it, except gaining money by selling it to anyone. However, I strongly recommend to read this entire DOC file, because I take NO REPRESENTABILITY

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if you hang your system and can't get it back. If you insist in spreading this program please spread the archive.

If you want to contact me, for bugs, chat, registering or anything under the sun see the section titled AUTHOR.

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### 1.3 Believe me, I'm not responsible

#### Disclaimer

I can not be held responsible for any loss or problems you might receive by using this program.

#### About

Ultimate in WorkBench Startup Management.

This is a replacement for the much loved AutoStart 95.3 (I liked it anyway) and WBStartup+ v2.7. It manages your WBStartup drawer or at least what was meant to be in that drawer. This system is unique to any system of its type as far as I know. I say unique because it uses Drag 'n' Drop and the interface is almost totally configurable, thanks to MUI.

The two programs below are what gave me the idea.

AutoStart 95.3 ©1995 to Ian J. Eimman  
WBStartup+ v2.7 © 1996 John Hughes

AutoStart was good because you could leave your programs where you want them. It also means you don't have to make copies of the programs you want to execute, which means you save space on your SYS: drive, you don't have duplicate copies of programs hanging around, and you have complete manageability of the programs you load.

WBStartup+ is also a good program but not half as good as AutoStart is. The thing I liked about this program is the graphics that it had to offer. The manageability it gave you over the WorkBench start was not very good at all.

Now by mixing these two programs together, adding some new ideas, MUI, Drag 'n' Drop and some tender loving care you get StartupPlus.

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### 1.4 Installation Instructions ;)

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- XSense v1.0
- Autocorrect facility. Only for people with MUI and know how to program in 'C'. Has only been tested with DICE v2.07.
  - Available for me or AUI Magazine, January 1997

#### A Note on Shareware

Shareware means that you can try it out, but if you use it regularly you should send the author the requested registration fee. This not only encourages the author to produce more work, they also feel wanted, and you will often receive the latest version of the software.

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## 1.6 Contributions ;)

### Shareware

StartupPlus is Shareware.

If you use StartupPlus, please register your copy.

This program is a SHAREWARE evaluation program. Registering this program will cost you:

£ 5 sterling - Just Registration, with update.  
Excluding Postage & Packing.

£15 sterling - Registration and updates, when available.  
Including Postage & Packing.

Send to:

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Welwyn Garden City  
Hertfordshire  
AL7 3RJ  
ENGLAND

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Of course I will take any type of donations. :)

If you don't use StartupPlus, or don't like it, please send me a

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postcard stating where you are and tell me why. Thanks. :)

## 1.7 Synopsis (Syn? what!)

StartupPlus does the following:

- Easy to use GUI preferences program for OS2.x.
- Lets you choose the order in which the startup programs run.
- Lets you enable and disable the running of each program quickly.
- Allows you to have access to Workbench while all of your startup programs are being loaded.
- Progress window shows the icon of the program that is being loaded, and a progress bar with userdefine window background.

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## 1.8 Any Bugs?

Bugs

- 1) I've disabled the Ask Window due to I can't get the bugger to work. Sorry.

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## 1.9 Where and how to get Updates

Locations to find Updates

All StartupPlus updates are first posted to registered StartupPlus users:

Updates are also available by registering your present copy:

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## 1.10 History

History

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- v1.0 8 September 1996  
First release.
  
- v1.1 12 September 1996  
Fixed WBIcon loading problem  
Removed external WBIcon loading program from StartupPlus & Prefs  
No longer have to have a window at startupp time  
Added Ask Window  
Modified Prefs  
Added More Tooltypes
  
- v1.11 29 October 1996  
Removed About Icon by request  
Added KeyFile for security  
Now remembers path names  
Datafiles now saved in ENVARC:
  
- v1.2 11 December 1996  
Main program now programmed in BOOPSI  
Disabled the Ask Window Perminatly. I'll get it to work soon.  
Now Loads the datatypes from the icon it was loaded from.  
Apparently I would not work if the Icon name was changed  
The icon of currently loading program is displayed on the window  
There is now a KEYFILE  
Improved Install Script

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## 1.11 How to use StartupPlus

### How to use StartupPlus

Place StartupPlus in your "WBStartup" drawer. You will find this drawer on your SYS: drive.

To load the data file you will need to place the DATAFILE ToolType into the icon.

e.g. DATAFILE=S:DataFile.SUP

Calling uo the Ask Window  
using the mouse:

Press the Left, Middle or Right mouse button on the window.

using the keyboard:

Press the Control, Del, Help or CapsLock keys.

NB. This function is not available when there is no window

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AS I SAID BEFORE NOT IN USE AT PRESENT

#### Using the Ask Window

There are two listviewers. The one on the left contains all programs with the Skip or Ask flags set. The other is contains nothing. Now by dragging one of the programs from the left listviewer over to the right will be added to the execution sequence. When you press the 'Continue with Execution Sequence' button, anything that is now in that right listviewer will no be executed.

NB. If you drag something over to Execution Sequence that you know has the Ask Flag set, then drag it back again, that ask flag will be removed and replaced with a skip flag. Any changes you make via the Ask window will not be saved.

#### Changing the Background

Not an easy task but it is possible.

- First open the MUI preferences program.
- You can either do this via the MUI program or via the StartupPlus program.
- Now goto the menu and under Project you will find an Open Function. Use it.
- Now you should have file requester. Press on the 'Volumes' button and then click on 'EnvArc:'. When the listviewer has finished displaying the 'EnvArc:' dir click on 'MUI' directory.
- Click on 'STARTUPPLUS.1.prefs' and then on the 'OK' button.
- The preferences file should now be loaded in to MUI.
- Click on the test button to initial the change in preferences.
- Now click on the Windows entry in the MUI Listviewer.
- The window should change it apperance, with new gadgets and options.
- In the top right hand corner of this window is an bordered section named Background.
- Now you should be aware of two boxes, one named 'Window' and the other called 'Requester'.
- Click on the box named 'Window' and a new smaller window will apper called 'Abjust Background'.
- Now there are three pages to choose from. 'Pattern' 'Color' and 'Bitmap'

#### Pattern:

- Under 'Pattern' you have to choice of 18 diffrent patterns.
  - Choose a colour and click on 'OK'.
    - 1 Now the 'Window' should have changed to the pattern you have just chosen.
    - 2 Now go back to the menu and choose 'Save As'.
    - 3 Now you should have file requester. Press on the 'Volumes' button and then click on 'EnvArc:'. When the listviewer has finished displaying the 'EnvArc:' dir click on 'MUI' directory.
    - 4 Click on 'STARTUPPLUS.1.prefs' and then on the 'OK' button.
    - 5 Do steps 2 to 4 again but this time you want 'Env:' and not 'EnvArc:'.
    - 6 When you have saved both of these files click on the 'Cancel' button. Do not click on the the Save button. This will save you new preferences as a global preference for all MUI
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applications.

Color:

- Under 'Color' there are three More pages.  
'MUI' 'Colormap' and 'RGB'
- 1 Choose a page and colour and click on 'OK'.
  - 2 Now the 'Window' should have changed to the colour you have just chosen.
  - 3 Now go back to the menu and choose 'Save As'.
  - 4 Now you should have file requester. Press on the 'Volumes' button and then click on 'EnvArc:'. When the listviewer has finished displaying the 'EnvArc:' dir click on 'MUI' directory.
  - 5 Click on 'STARTUPPLUS.1.prefs' and then on the 'OK' button.
  - 6 Do steps 3 to 5 again but this time you want 'Env:' and not 'EnvArc:'.
  - 7 When you have saved both of these files click on the 'Cancel' button. Do not click on the the Save button. This will save you new preferences as a global preference for all MUI applications.

Bitmap:

- Either enter the path and name of the picture you want to display.
  - You can use the get button at the end of the string gadget to get the path and name of a picture.
- 1 Now the 'Window' should have changed to the picture you have just chosen.
  - 2 Now go back to the menu and choose 'Save As'.
  - 3 Now you should have file requester. Press on the 'Volumes' button and then click on 'EnvArc:'. When the listviewer has finished displaying the 'EnvArc:' dir click on 'MUI' directory.
  - 4 Click on 'STARTUPPLUS.1.prefs' and then on the 'OK' button.
  - 5 Do steps 2 to 4 again but this time you want 'Env:' and not 'EnvArc:'.
  - 6 When you have saved both of these files click on the 'Cancel' button. Do not click on the the Save button. This will save you new preferences as a global preference for all MUI applications.

TOOLTYPES

STARTPRI/n - The Priority which the StartupPlus has at startup time.

Must have a value between +128 to -127

DONOTWAIT - Tells WorkBench not to wait for the program to return.

DISABLED/b - Boolean value (TRUE OR FALSE)  
Disable's program.

DATAFILE/s - The name and location of the datafile.

WINDOW/b - Boolean value (TRUE OR FALSE).

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HOTKEYS/f - Calls up the Ask Window via a hot key  
Flag values (CONTROL|CAPSLOCK|HELP|DEL)

ASKATSTARTUP/b - Boolean value (TRUE OR FALSE)  
Brings up the Ask Window at startup

VOIDASK/b - Boolean value (TRUE OR FALSE)  
At startup you get a requester asking wheather or not you want to load a program that you have set the Ask flag for. With VOIDASK it skips all of there programs.

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## 1.12 How to use StartupPlusPrefs

How to use StartupPlusPrefs

Loading/Saving DataFiles:

Warning: The name of the file in the icon will be used for Loading and Saving. If you change the name of the data file you will need to change the name in both the icons.

When saving make sure you end the file with '.SUP'. It's not essential but does help.

Adding a program:

Drag and drop the icons you want to ru onto the ListView. This will add the program into your "Execution Sequence".

You can also drag the programs you wish to execute onto the "StartupPlus's" iconified icon.

You can use the New request (Menu or GUI)

or finaly you can use the get button. located at the end of the string requester.

Any new item will be displayed with these settings:

Execution Type: WorkBench  
Ask : False  
Skip : False

If you changes these settings remember to save the file.

NB: New items added will apper at the bottom of the ListView.  
The execution sequence of these programs depend on the order in which they apper in the executiion sequence.

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#### Inserting a program:

If you insert an item it will be insert one place above the currently selected item. all items below will be pushed down one position.

#### Deleting a program:

Delete's the currently selected item in the list viewer.

#### Changing the Execution Type:

There are three gadgets here: A cycle gadget, and two check buttons. Choose the execution type by choosing either:

- WorkBench - Loads the program from its icon.
- AmigaDos - Loads the program from the cli/shell
- AREXX - Executes the AREXX script
- Script - Executes the DOS script

Ask: Asks the user during startup if they want to execute the program

Skip: Skips the program all together when started.

NB. You can only have one or the other.

#### Editing scripts:

Loads the script into the texteditor you requested in the icon.

Only works on Scripts.

#### Execution Order:

The Execution order is the order that it appers in the Listviewer. It can be changed by using the Drag 'n' Drop sorting tequnique that is unique to this Startup Program as far as I know.

#### TOOLTYPES

TEXTEDITOR/s - Enter the name of you choosen text editer here.  
Default is 'ED'.

DATAFILE/s - The name and location of the datafile.

HELPBUBBLES/b - Boolean value (TRUE|FALSE)

HELPPFILE/s - Where the helpfile is located. Default is 'Help:'  
This just gives you the power to decide where the help file lives.

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## 1.13 How contact me if you know a diffrent language

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## CATALOGS

Localization of StartupPlus is under development...

If you know a language other than English, that is supported by the Amiga, drop me a line and I see what we can work out.

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## 1.14 Special Thanks

## SPECIAL THANKS

- Mark Ritter of Swiss Army-knife Utilities for his help and sequestions  
Look he got free registration... See what can happen.
- Also greetings to Commodore Int.  
Rest in Peace. (or should that be pieces?)
- And a whole host of fine and attractive girls:  
Julie Martin, Ruth James, Shabree Vohra,  
Emma Coffey, Kathrin Coffey, (sisters)  
and the other 30 from my little black book.
- Ian J. Eimman for the main idea - Author of AutoStart
- John Hughes for some idea's - Author of WBStartup+

I have to give them a shout as it is the ideas from both of there programs that made this one.

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## 1.15 Got an Idea?

Got any Idea's you want  
brought to life

As you can see I'm not one for original idea's, so if you have one, that is relistic and you want to see brought to life. Draw a few pic's of the interface a design spec and whats its ment to do. You might get a full free membership and up dates, as well as you name world wide, and some hard cash for doing nothing.

Who knows it might be BIG!

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## 1.16 MUI © Copyright 1993/94 by Stefan Stuntz?

This application uses

MUI - MagicUserInterface

(c) Copyright 1993/94 by Stefan Stuntz

MUI is a system to generate and maintain graphical user interfaces. With the aid of a preferences program, the user of an application has the ability to customize the outfit according to his personal taste.

MUI is distributed as shareware. To obtain a complete package containing lots of examples and more information about registration please look for a file called "muiXXusr.lha" (XX means the latest version number) on your local bulletin boards or on public domain disks.

If you want to register directly, feel free to send

DM 30.- or US\$ 20.-

to

Stefan Stuntz  
Eduard-Spranger-Straße 7  
80935 München  
GERMANY

or

£15.-

to

Paul Jewell  
7 Fairfield Avenue  
Cardiff  
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UK

## 1.17 Whats new this time around...

Brought to Life

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**Program:**

Since v1.11:

- Enhanced programming
- Changing Icons
- Better icon handling
- KeyFile

**Preferences:**

Since v1.1:

- better looking GUI
  - Enhanced Programming
  - Better icon handling
  - Keyfile
-