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# Chapter 1

# RadMan - The Rad Disk Manager. © Alan Graham 1997

## 1.1 RadMan - The Rad Disk Manager. © Alan Graham 1997

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While your here.....

Thats it really!

## 1.2 Read me first before seeing your Lawyer!

The entire RadMan package is written and copyright © 1997 by Alan Graham with exception of the fonts & icons which I had on my hard drive. If I have used a font or icon of yours, please contact me  
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and I will have your work removed from the package, or your work credited in the next release.

No parts of this package may be altered by any means (this includes editing, reprogramming, crunching, resourceing etc.), except archiving. If the file is to be archived, it must be complete, including the following files:

DOSDrivers Dir ----rwed 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

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Icons Dir ----rwed 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

Disk.info 1589 ----rw-d 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

MWB.info 1526 ----rw-d 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

default.info 3333 ----rw-d 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

original.info 481 ----rw-d 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

Fonts Dir ----rwed 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

Topal.font 264 ----rw-d 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

Topal Dir ----rwed 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

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futuraB.font 1044 ----rw-d 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

futuraB Dir ----rwed 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

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Alan.gif 5311 ----rw-d 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

Radman 134 ----rw-d 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

Radman.info 2684 ----rw-d 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

Radman.guide 8381 ----rw-d 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

Radman.guide.info 1842 ----rw-d 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

rm 59656 ----rwed 27-Nov-97 20:05:48

It is permitted to change the "Radman" drawer icon to suit the style of any compilations, CD's etc. that it is included in. As a request, not a demand, I would like to be **informed** of any compilations it is included in.

Radman v0.9 is freeware, but I would appreciate any bug reports and comments forwarded to **me**.

The author is in no way liable for any changes made to any part of the package, or consequences thereof as he is in no way liable for damages or loss of data directly or indirectly caused by this software.

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### 1.3 How to contact Alan Graham.....

I'm very easy to reach!

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Web-page: [http://members.tripod.com/~Alan\\_Graham/Index.html](http://members.tripod.com/~Alan_Graham/Index.html)

Please send me bug reports - this is only a Beta version of RadMan.

Please contact me if your interested in Blitz Basic programming and wish to share information and ideas.

Hear from you soon!

### 1.4 Pretty Simple

The installation is pretty easy. Just drag the "Radman" drawer to wherever you wish it to be.

There are no fonts to copy, instead, an assign is made upon starting the program to add Radmans fonts directory to the FONTS: assign. This assign is removed when you exit the program, so you should never notice.

Unfortunately, as I have just started using Blitz Basic 2, and have very little idea about accessing DOS libraries, the program needs the following files at the following paths:

C:Mount

C>Delete

SYS:System/Format (SYS: is shorthand for the disk you booted from i.e. Workbench disk, DH0:, etc..)

C:Copy

C:Remrad

C:Avail

If anyone more proficient in Blitz Basic knows how to get round these limitations, then **contact** me.

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## 1.5 How it works.....

First of all, the Unit, Size & Buffer controllers.

By clicking on the relevant arrows you can alter the values either a lot less, a little less, a little more or a lot more. Dead easy.

The program stores different information for each unit. Ensure you have the correct unit selected before performing any actions on that unit (i.e. Removing it, or Mounting it).

I have set default levels to that of a floppy disk when you first use it. To save confusion, I have limited the possible size of the disks to between 300k and 4000k (approx.).

If you wish to make disks outside this size, **contact** me and I will tell you how to.

The button "<< Mount Now >>" will mount a RAD disk immediately with the stated parameters.

The button "Write mount file" will open a requester, asking for the path to create a mount file to. This will, ultimately, result in an icon at the path that, when clicked, will mount the device given in the parameters. Use a text editor to look at the file if you wish - it is a standard mount file.

The "Remove Rad Drive" button removes that specified Rad Drive from Workbench. It is very important that you do not try to re-mount a Rad disk after it has been removed. I have tried to make this impossible, but I must warn you that the computer will crash (Commodore's fault - not mine) if you try to re-mount a removed drive.

It is allowable, though, to mount a rad disk of a different unit number (until you run out of unit numbers ;->) from the removed one.

The "FFS" cycle gadget switches the format from FFS to OFS. FFS gives more space in the disk so keep it on that. Cannot think why you would want a OFS Rad disk, but it's there anyway.

The "Trashcan" clickbox enables or disables a trashcan on the Rad device.

The "Name" string gadget controls the name of the "Mount Now" rad device (but not the Write Mount file device). The name can be upto 16 characters long - the default is "Radman".

Any important messages appear in the message port.

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## 1.6 Known Bugs.....

### Known Bugs

Actually, I have found all of the major bugs now. But there is probably many little bugs.

Find any? - [Contact me](#).

## 1.7 What the hell is this?

Radman is a Graphical User Interface for the Amiga DOS Rad drive.

It allows you to easily mount pseudo-devices on your workbench that are reset-proof (but will not survive a heavy Guru). Thus it can be used to create VERY fast booting "disks" - especially useful for floppy only machines.

The original mount file at "Storage:DosDrivers/Rad" from Commodore gave the idea that all RADs must be 880k DD sized. In actual fact, they can be almost any size (memory permitting!). To change the size, you had to load text editors and calculate values in 11k chunks. I thought this was very clumsy for a "User Friendly" computer. You can now easily change the device size (still in 11k chunks) and instantly mount a RAD device with/without Trashcan and in OFS and FFS format.

Thanks to Amiga Computing for inadvertantly giving me the idea and to Amiga Format for their Blitz demo and tutorials, which I used to create this prog.

As far as I know, this program will only work only KS2.0+ machines.

If the program works fine on your computer, and you are on the Internet, please [E-Mail](#) me to tell me. Obviously, contact me if it doesn't work & I'll try my best to fix it for you.

## 1.8 Help - Should you need it.....

This is the help file. Simple enough to use.

Click on the buttons to read about things, and click on the small button at the top left hand corner of the screen to stop reading things.

Simple, isn't it?

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