BookCon

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1.2   BookCon 1.4a - Introduction

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 Introduction

 I have seen a couple of bookmark/hotlist-converters around in the past
 But no one is simple to use or support many formats..

 So I had to do such program :-).. it's easy to use..
 And it supports the "normal" standard formats...


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- -*- - ------------------------------------------------------------+
   |Are you up late at night just dying to surf the net. You reach for     |
   |Voyager. Oh No! The latest surfing sites were saved in IBrowse. Never  |
   |Fear! "BookCon" is Here! It's Graphical Interface will convert         |
   |IBrowse-hotlist to Voyager Bookmarks even add IBrowse's barlabels if used.|
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|EXPLORE THE CONVERSION POSSIBILITIES: Limited by imagination only!        |
|IBrowse, Voyager, AWeb, Netscape -) Netscape, AWeb, Voyager, IBrowse      |
|~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~|
|"BookCon" by OnyxSoft   http://www.alfaskop.net/~develin/onyxsoft.html    |
|                                                                          |
|                                          /Gary Robertson - Team Amiga|
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Features

This programs features :

· Import bookmarks from : IBrowse, VoyagerNG, AWeb , Netscape & Opera
· Export bookmarks to : IBrowse, VoyagerNG, AWeb, Netscape, Opera & Plain Text

1.3   BookCon 1.4a - Requirements

Requirements

This program needs following stuff:

· An Amiga (ohh gosh, you can't mean that) :-)
· AmigaDOS 2.04 or higher..
· Asl.library...
· "button.gadget" under "SYS:Classes/Gadgets/"
  If you havn't got this, get a democopy of the ClassAct by Finale-Development.
  Can be found under the URL - http://www.finale-dev.com

· 3.x or higher to use the locale-support (not required).

That's it !.. And a little memory to :-)

This program has been tested on following systems with success:

Amiga 4000 (AmigaDOS 3.1, CyberStorm MkII, CV3D, 2 Mb Chip/64 Mb Fast)

1.4   BookCon 1.4a - Installation

Installation

Place the program where ever you want...
That's about it...

If you want to use any other language then english (built in)
- start "language_install".. and choose between 6 different languages.

The installer will install it under "SYS:Locale/catalogs", if possible.
If there is any problems with this, please contact me...

Notice! the locale support needs AmigaDOS 3.0 or higher to work...

I will add a proper installer in next release...

1.5 BookCon 1.4a - Usage

Usage

1. Pick the file you want to convert to another format.. (format will be
   controlled automatically)
2. Choose what kind of format you want to export it to (use the cycle-gadget)
3. Pick the outgoing file..
4. Press on the "Convert" button, and if it's a valid bookmark there would
   be no troubles..

(5.) If you use the program the same way everytime (same path's & file's),
     you can press on the "Settings" button and from there you can
     save the current settings or change them...The saved changes will be
     there as default (so no more hard ASL-clicking :-))

If you are going to use PC/MAC bookmarks, remember to "filter" them through
CrossDOS or CrossMAC so they work OK... (if you have any problems with them)

Keyboard-shortcuts :

All shortcuts are underlined except the "Export-type"-cycle-gadget
which has the shortcut "x".

Tooltypes

4 different tooltypes are supported :

CONVERT   = Converts as if the "convert"-button where pressed.
CONVERT&QUIT = Converts and tries to quit the program.
OVERWRITE   = Overwrite if the destination file already exists.
NOREQ   = Make the "Quit" and "Conversion-Ready" requester not to "pop"-up.

The tooltypes are all disabled from beginning (use info from
Workbench to check/change this)

ARexx-commands

The ARexx-commands that are supported :

Quit   = Tries to quit the program.
Convert   = Converts as if the "convert"-button where pressed.
About   = Shows the about-requester (dunno why this is a feature) ;-)

The ARexx-support is not tested, so don't rely to much on it.
It will be better support for this in the future...

1.6 BookCon 1.4a - What's new?

What's new

· This version is just a fix for the latest version!

· Forgot to disable the tooltype-functions.

  The program tried to Convert and quit..
  And if you haven't used the program before, it acted kinda strange
  because it didn't find any prefs-file...

  The tooltypes should look like this when they are disabled :

  (CONVERT|CONVERT&QUIT)
  (OVERWRITE)
  (NOREQ)

· Removed a bug in the Opera-saver (minor).

1.7 BookCon 1.4a - History

History

· 14-07-1997 – First public release (1.00) of BookCon :

            · Imports: Netscape, IBrowse, VoyagerNG & AWeb
            · Exports: IBrowse, VoyagerNG & AWeb

· 22-07-1997 – Version 1.1 :

            · Added "Plain text" export on request..
            · Fixed a Win-Netscape bug (import)..
            · Added some specific "inline" browser support.
            · Added "Netscape" export just an hour before upload it
              to Aminet :-) (so there might be some bugs..)

· 24-07-1997 – Version 1.2ßeta :

            · Fixed the lousy "Plain text" – saver...
              (Released only to OnyxSoft-members during the yearly OnyxSoft
              developer-weekend, in the middle of the week) :-)

              Gosh, what A LOT beer can do to you, I really got enough :)

- 28-07-1997 - Version 1.2 :

    - Fixed the ASL-requester (when choosing catalogs..)
    - Removed the BUG I missed (IBSHORTCUT, NOMENU got in the URL
      during export, sorry) ;-)

- 06-08-1997 - Version 1.2c :

    - Fixed a misstake with "barlabel" in IBrowse.. (sorry again) :-)
    - Added prefs-support with "Save setting" so you can use it as
      a default setting..
    - Optimized the program, it's now smaller then before.. (I can do ←
       better)
    - Added an 'artificial' barlabel for Voyager. It almost looks like
      a barlabel.....NOT :-)..

- 12-10-1997 - Version 1.3a :

    - Changed the GUI a bit..
    - Added a gauge-meter (optional from the settings-window)
    - Internal optimized (might be a little faster to) ;-)
    - Changed the Netscape-output a little bit (minor)
    - The settings-window has now 4 working settings...
    - Fixed a lot of small bugs..
    - Added locale-support.. (+ a swedish catalog-file..)

- 12-01-1998 - Version 1.3b :

    - A betatester version ONLY!...

    - Fixed Netscape folder-depth (this one is really away now!)
    - Fixed another NS bug, when loading..
    - Changed the gaugebevel-plugin (made the program shrink a bit)

- 24-03-1998 - Version 1.4 :

    - Added Opera - format.
    - Now includes a NoGUI-version (CLI-Based).
    - Added real documentation (AmigaGuide).
    - ARexx support added.
    - Supports 4 different tooltypes..
    - Added - Croatian, Czech, Italian, Portugese & Serbian locale-files ←
       ,
      thanks to Amiga Translators' Organization (ATO).
    - Made a Installer-script for languages, which will make it whole ←
       easier to install.
    - Fixed yet another Netscape-bug (Thanks to Alexander Wild).
    - A new icon has replaced the old one.. ohh thank GOD for that! :-)
      (With NewIcons (no-border) & MWB-colours it looks pretty nice IMO ←
         .)
    - Updated the VNG-bookmark-saver (it says 2.95 now)... ;-)

- 25-03-1998 - Version 1.4a (minor fix) :

    - Forgot to disable the tooltype-functions.

· Removed a bug in the Opera-saver.

1.8   BookCon 1.4a - Future

Future

· Optimize it a whole lot, it's getting to huge for its functions :-(

· Import & Export for more formats : such as Finale WebCruiser etc. etc.

· Making a shared library of this program (bookcon.library)
  To make it easy to implement on any browser...

· Fix bugs..

· Start coding (again) on 'Hotlist-Creator' - the ultimate hotlist-tool :-)
  (where the "Bookcon.library" will be utilized)

1.9   BookCon 1.4a - Copyright & Disclaimer

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1.10   BookCon 1.4a - About the author

About the author

I don't want any money for this program (it's FreeWare)
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Or If you have some good ideas of programs that you can't find, but
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Look for the name Develin on the channels: "#AmigaSwe" or "#Oops!"..
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1.11   BookCon 1.4a - Thanks to..

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The Oops! crew............... Hi there mates ! , and "Robbe" to :-)
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+ All the people that have reported bugs, sended me suggestions or just liked
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