

HTMLread

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Chapter 1

HTMLread

1.1 Willkommen bei HTMLread.guide

HTMLRead 1.1

<http://www.htmlread.50g.com>

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What are the functions of HTMLread and who needs it?
What you need to install HTMLread
How to install HTMLread?

How HTMLread works?
Errormessages
DISCLAIMER
Who wrote HTMLread?
Future?
Known problems
Thanx and greetings!

Help! HTMLread doesn't work!

Additional programs

HTMLreadPrefs
GenesisPlugin
clearCache
DownloadPrefs
Optimizer (removed)

Espionage by means of HTML-E-mails

How it works and how HTMLread protects you

1.2 Help! HTMLread doesn't work!

Help! HTMLread doesn't work

The problem: HTMLread doesn't react if you want to read a HTMLmail.
Here is a checklist. Check every item!

- start HTMLreadPrefs
- set »Show HTML-MAIL« to »ALL«

- check at youre MUI-config for the program YAM (and youre HTMLviewer)
if you have enabled the rexxport.
- check YAM-Config! How to install HTMLread?
(Take a special look at item f)!)
- Is the binary »HTMLread« in C: ?

If it doesn't work nevertheless, write me an EMail

1.3 How to use clearCache?

clearCache

Unfortunately, YAM doesn't allow to start another action while deleting a message. Therefore, some pictures can possibly stay in the CacheFile and waste space on the hard disc.

ClearCache is a script which posts all messages in the cache and checks if the emails still exist which belong to the pictures. If they don't exist it deletes the pictures which are not needed any more.

There are three possibilities to do that:

picture: clearCache

Purge all:

Deletes all pictures of the cache.

Caution! You use the command "delete cachePfad/#? ALL".

Be sure that this path of the cache stands alone like
"MAIL:HTMLread/".

If you only use "MAIL:" you would delete everything on MAIL:,
not only the pictures.

(The use of this option is on your own risk!!)

Fast check:

Fast check expects already existing index-files which are
usually installed automatically.

Those index-files usually include datas which accelerate
the check.

This only works if the emails are still can be found in the
folder where you opened them. If you opened an email in the
incoming folder and it's still there, you can use "Fast check".

If you moved it to the archive, "clearCache" recognizes
that it is'nt there any more and wants to delete the pictures.

In this case you have to use "Complete check", so the index-file
gets updated. Then, the next time you can use "Fast check" again.


```

>>
END          |||
             |||          DELETE
READ
WAIT
LOAD         |||
             ||+-----+||
             |+-----+||
             |          SAVE
QUIT         |
             +-----+

```

1.5 How to use DownloadPrefs?

```
SAVE
```

Saves the HRDownload.liste.

1.6 How to use DownloadPrefs?

```
QUIT
```

Quits DownloadPrefs.

1.7 How to use DownloadPrefs?

The menu of DownloadPrefs:

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+-----...
| Project  |
|-----...
| About   |
+-----+
| Open    |
| Last Saved |
| Save As |
|-----|
| Quit    |
+-----+

```

Project:

```

About      : shows the version of the program
Open       : loads the HRDownload.liste under another name
Last Saved : loads the last HRDownload.liste
Save As    : saves the HRDownload.liste under another name
Quit       : quits DownloadPrefs

```

1.8 How to use DownloadPrefs?

LOAD

Will put the message in the STATUS of loading.
The pictures of this message will be loaded the next time.

1.9 How to use DownloadPrefs?

WAIT

This will put the message in the STATUS of WAIT.
The pictures of this message won't get loaded the next time. They will be left out.

1.10 How to use DownloadPrefs?

READ

DownloadPrefs will tell YAM to show the mail of current interest.

1.11 How to use DownloadPrefs?

DELETE

With this order you can delete an email from the list.

1.12 How to use DownloadPrefs?

END

You will go to the end.

1.13 How to use DownloadPrefs?

>>

Go forward five mails.

1.14 How to use DownloadPrefs?

>

Go to the next mail.

1.15 How to use DownloadPrefs?

<

Go to the last mail.

1.16 How to use DownloadPrefs?

<<

Go backwards five mails.

1.17 How to use DownloadPrefs?

TOP

Go to the beginning.

1.18 How to use DownloadPrefs?

DATE

DATE will show you the time when you got the mail.

1.19 How to use DownloadPrefs?

MAILPART

This shows you the MailPart for which you are going to load the pictures.

1.20 How to use DownloadPrefs?

SUBJECT

This will show you the subject of the email.

1.21 How to use DownloadPrefs?

FROM

FROM will show you from who you got the message.

1.22 How to use DownloadPrefs?

STATUS

will show you the status of the message:

LOAD : When you open the message the next time the pictures will be loaded

WAIT : When you open the message the next time the pictures will be left out

In brackets you can read the number of the email and how many emails there are altogether.

1.23 How to use DownloadPrefs?

Folder

Here the current folder is shown. The mail of current interest is from this folder. The emails are put in an order by folders.

In brackets you can read the number of the current folder and the number of all folders.

1.24 Introduction

What are the functions of HTMLread.rexx and who needs it?

HTMLread.rexx is an ARExx-script which helps you to get rid of an annoying problem of YAM. As you know, YAM is not capable to show HTML-mails which are often sent from Netscape or the IE. Because of the HTML-tags it is pretty hard to get to read such an HTML-mail. Certainly, it is possible to recognize such a mail and then read it with a HTML-viewer. This exactly gets automated by this ARExx-script. That means if you got such a mail and you want to read it HTMLread.rexx will immediately recognize it and start the HTML-viewer. So this script can be used by everybody who occasionally gets such HTML-mails and wants to read them.

1.25 What need HTMLread?

What need HTMLread

- For HTMLread you only need YAM2.1
- DownloadManager needs (rexx)reertools.library and MicroRexx.
- HTMLreadPrefs needs BetterString.mcp (and of course MUI, too)

The archive contains them and they are getting installed automatically when you install HTMLread.

1.26 How to install:

How to install HTMLread.rexx

- a) Use the installer!
- b) Start YAM or click this button: run YAM:YAM
- c) Start the configuration-window!
- d) Choose »ARexx« from the list!
- e) Choose from the list on the right side:
»When reading a message«

- f) Now choose ARexx and enter at »Script«:
YAM:Rexx/checkHTML.rx

Caution! If HTMLread doesn't react to emails which have a HTML-code, maybe you are using a wrong path for HTMLread.rx in checkHTML.rx. Or the path in ENV:HTMLread is not set or wrong.

To set ENV:HTMLread use the two buttons:

Set ENV:HTMLread Open a FileRequester and set ENV:HTMLread
Copy HTMLread TO ENVARC: Copy ENV:HTMLread TO ENVARC:HTMLread

If line 4 is »HTMLread=""«, checkHTML.rx will use ENV:HTMLread instead. If not ←

checkHTML.rx uses the given path:

for example »HTMLread="YAM:Rexx/HTMLread.rx"«

I propose that you use the HTMLread file in ENV: (»HTMLread=""«)

Start an editor:

AmigaOS 3.5 / 3.9 SYS:Tools/EditPad YAM:Rexx/checkHTML.rx

AmigaOS 2.x / 3.x C:ed YAM:Rexx/checkHTML.rx

picture: checkHTML.rx

You also can use YAM:Rexx/HTMLread.rx instead of YAM:rexx/checkHTML.rx in the YAM Configuration. But this will slow down the checking of the HTMLcode.

- g) HTMLread usually uses the ConfigFile ENV:HTMLread.config
If you want to use another ConfigFile you have to enter its name in the line "Script" after YAM:Rexx/HTMLread.rx. Don't forget the "space" between them.
- h) Take care that the buttons: »Open console window« and »Wait for termination« are NOT MARKED!

picture: YAM-Window

- i) Choose from the list on the right side:
»After getting mail«
- j) Now choose ARexx and enter at »Script«:
YAM:Rexx/HRdownload.rx
- k) Take care that you DID NOT click on the button: »Open console window« and take care to CLICK on the button »Wait for termination«

picture: YAM-Window


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| | Make Imagelist : @| Make Imagelist | |
| | SaveWebImage  : @| SaveWebImage  | |
| | Quiet         : @| Quiet         | |
| | Cachepath     : Cachepath        # | |
| | Downloadlist  : Downloadlist     # | |
| | Downloadmanager: Downloadmanager # | |
| | OnOffline     : OnOffline        # | |
| +-----+-----+-----+-----+ |
|           Save   Use   Quit           |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+

```

1.28 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

Default

If set, HTMLread use the internal saved default settings.
The checkmarks are disabled if you choose the viewer »other«.

1.29 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

Quiet

If you choose this function the downloadmanager won't always open the status windows. Then you'll only find the download-informations in the statusline of YAM. The status windows will only be opened when you'll read a message. They will not be opened when you just received messages and the downloadmanager has started.

If you choose NO the status windows will always be opened.

1.30 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

OnOffline

You're offline and then decide to download pictures from the web (Look at Make Imagelist) the computer must go online.
The OnOfflinePlugin start youre TCP/IP-Stack and go online.
You have to tell your HTMLreadOrefs this plugin and it has to be of the type OnOfflinePlugin.

The Miami Plugin controls if MiamiDx is available. If it is available the plugin will try to go online with it. If MiamiDx isn't available the casual Miami will be used.

The MiamiPlugin should be located at the path YAM:Rexx/. Its name is "MiamiOnOff.rx".

For Genesis choose the Genesisplugin .

The GenesisPlugin should be located at the path YAM:Rexx/. Its name is "GenesisOnOff.rx".

1.31 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

Downloadlist

Here you'll find the options to the list where the pictures are saved while you are offline. You'll find those options under Make Imagelist. Take care that you don't choose a place where the datas get lost if you reset. E.g., this is ENV: because it usually is located at the RAM disc. A better place is ENVARC: because it's located at the hard disc.

1.32 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

Downloadmanager

The downloadmanager is the most important plugin of HTMLread. It has to be stated and it has to be of the type HTMLreadDownloadplugin. HTMLreadPrefs will control this and will tell you if it is not correctly installed. With this Downloadmanager HTMLread downloads the pictures from the web. Its name is "Hrdownload.rx" and it should be in the file YAM:Rexx/.

Right now, YAM is used to download pictures. It is planned that in future there will be a plugin which will do this with HTMLresume or other programs.

picture: HRDownload

1.33 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

Cachepath

Here you tell the computer where the pictures are saved first. The cachepath has to be in an own file. You may not put it in MAIL: only since then datas can get lost!

You can put it for example in »MAIL:HTMLread/«. This file has to exist. So you can make it with »mkdir mail:HTMLread« for example.

The cachepath can be controlled with clearCaches.

1.34 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

SaveWebImage

If an email has pictures which are in the web you can download them. Here you can determine if the pictures are saved in a cache so you don't need to go online if you want to read the email with its pictures. HTMLread will figure out by itself if the picture is saved in the cache and then it will replace the picture from the web automatically. So you can also read this message offline with all its pictures.

The pictures will be saved at the path which is named at the Cachepath. With the script clearCache you can control this cache.

Ask first: Asks you if the pictures should be saved

NO : Doesn't save the pictures in the cache but in t: which usually is located in the RAM disc and will be deleted after a reset. (This makes sense if you have any confidential pictures.)

YES : Will save the pictures.

1.35 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

LoadWebImage

There are emails which have pictures which are not contained in the email but are in the web. With LoadWebImage you can decide if HTMLread will load those images from the web. You can decide this at Make Imagelist.

If you already loaded those pictures and they are saved in the cache HTMLread will automatically insert them into the email. (Also if you put LoadWebImage at NO)

YES = Load the pictures from the web.

NO = Leave out those pictures.

1.36 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

Make Imagelist

If HTMLread discovers an HTML-email which contains pictures which are in the web and you're offline HTMLread can react differently:

Ask first: - You are asked if you want to go online
- Do you want to scip those pictures
- Add to Downloadlist

picture: Ask-Requester

YES : The pictures will be saved in the list automatically, you will not be asked ↔

NO : The pictures will always be left out when you are offline, the pictures will only be loaded when you're online

1.37 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

Viewer:

Here you can choose a viewer from the list. If your viewer isn't shown, choose »other«. After you have selected the viewer, a filerequester will show up. There you have to enter the path and the name of your HTML-viewer.

```
picture: fileRequester
```

1.38 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

Viewername:

If you chose "other" then the stringinput viewername is enabled. It asks for the name of your own HTML-viewer.

```
picture: viewername
```

1.39 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

StartARG:

```
picture: StartARG
```

Here you can define arguments for ya viewer. (If you chose a preselected one from the list, HTMLread will do this job for you.)

You only have to define if:

- a) you chose Viewer = »other« or
- b) you don't like the preselected args

But, however, if you want to use different arguments, HTMLread additionally gives you:

%ys for the PublicScreen that you selected.

%hm for the HTML-Mail-File.

example:

```
StartArg: "PUBSCREEN=%ys FILE=%hm"
```

1.40 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

PublicScreen:

```
picture: PublicScreen
```

Define a screen for your viewer. You can submit this Screenname by the variable %ys (f.ex. if you want to use a non preselected viewer with your

own arguments)

If you type nothing, %ys automatically becomes Workbench.

I recommend you to type »YAM«, this opens your viewer on the same screen that YAM uses.

1.41 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

Path+Viewer:

picture: Path+Viewer

Includes Path and Programname of your chosen HTML-viewer.
You always have to fill in if you want to use none of the preselected ones from the list.

for example:

Path+Viewer: "SYS:Utilities/MultiView"

1.42 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

ARexxPort:

picture: ARexxPort

If you want to control your HTML-viewer via ARexx you have to maintain the ARexxPortName here. (Only necessary if you chose a non-preselected viewer)

If the HTML-viewer knows various ARexxPorts (f.ex. AWeb: AWEB.1, AWEB.2, AWEB.3...) then HTMLread detects the right one automatically.
For that you have to set a point ».« at portnames end.

examples:

ARexxport: "AWEB." for various necessary ports

ARexxport: "VOYAGER" for a fixed port

1.43 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

REXX:OpenFile:

picture: REXX:OpenFile

These are the ARexx-commands which were submitted when the HTML-Viewer starts.
Various commands have to be separated by a semicolon ";". Apart from this, HTMLread also knows the same variables like described under StartArgs.
Leave this field empty if you are going to use a preselected HTML-viewer from the list, HTMLread knows the right ARexx commands.

```
example:
REXX:OpenFile: "OPENURL FILE://localhost/%hm;SCREENTOFRONT"
```

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```
REXX:NewWindow:

picture: REXX:NewWindow
```

These are the ARexx-commands which were submitted while the HTML-Viewer is ←
running.

Various commands have to be separated by a semicolon ";". Apart from this, HTMLread also knows the same variables like described under StartArgs. Leave this field empty if you are going to use a preselected HTML-viewer from the list, HTMLread knows the right ARexx commands.

```
example:
REXX:NewWindow: "OPENURL NEWWIN file://localhost/%hm;SHOW;SCREENTOFRONT"
```

1.45 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

Show HTML-Mail:

Here you can choose how HTMLread should behave if it detects a HTMLmail:

ALL	= Show all HTML-documents without asking! Show Attachments as well!
Ask befor	= same but asks. picture: Ask-Message
Only first mailpart	= Only checks the 1st document in a mail, starts the viewer if need be. Only Shows HTMLmails without additional ascii-text.
Only 1st & 2nd mailpart	= Only checks the 1st and the 2nd document in a mail, starts the viewer if need be. If a mail consists of ascii-text and HTMLcode, both of them are showed.

1.46 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

Save:

Save the config.

1.47 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

Use:

Do only save to ENV: not to ENVARC: .

1.48 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

Quit:

quits HTMLreadPrefs!

1.49 How to use HTMLreadPrefs?

The menu of HTMLreadPrefs:

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+-----+-----+-----...
| Project | | HTMLreadPrefs |
|-----+-----+-----...
| About  | | Font        |
|-----+-----+-----...
| Open   | | Snapshot    |
|-----+-----+-----...
| Last Saved | | MicroRexx  |
|-----+-----+-----...
| Save As | | Load       |
|-----+-----+-----...
| Quit   | | Save       |
|-----+-----+-----...

```

Project:

```

About      : shows the version of the program
Open       : loads the HRDownload.liste under another name
Last Saved : loads the last HRDownload.liste
Save As    : saves the HRDownload.liste under another name
Quit       : quits DownloadPrefs

```

HTMLreadPrefs:

```

Font       : here you can choose the font:
             SystemFont: You use youre normal font (Prefs/Font).
Snapshot   : The windowposition for the window.
MicroRexx  : If no MicroRexx is running HTMLreadPrefs must start MicroRexx.
             Set here the path and MicroRexx.
Load       : loads the HTMLreadPrefsonfig.
Save       : saves the HTMLreadPrefsonfig to ENV(ARC):HTMLreadPrefs/

```

1.50 How HTMLread works?

How HTMLread works

After correct Installation of HTMLread, everytime you read a Mail, YAM

executes HTMLread.rx. It checks if the mail includes HTMLcode (MIME-Type TEXT/HTML, this is the identifier for a HTMLdocument). If yes, HTMLread also checks the existence of pictures, saves them and changes the picturepath in the HTML source in a way, that your preferred HTML interpreter can find and show them. If this is done, HTMLread starts your HTMLviewer.

Of course HTMLread can handle several HTMLdocuments in one email.

1.51 Optimizer!

Der Optimizer

(removed)

1.52 Errormessages:

Errormessages

HTMLread seems not to work!
Help! HTMLread doesn't work!
Take a look at How to install chapter f).

No HTMLread-configfile!
The chosen configfile is not from type HTMLreadConfig. the first line in the configfile has to be:
HTMLread.config !!Do not edit the first line!!

Problem to open the configfile!
The configfile simply doesn't exist. There are two possibilities:
a) Save a new one by using HTMLreadPrefs with the same path and name.
b) You set a wrong configfile in YAM/Konfig/ARexx/
»When reading a message«. Please correct or delete it. (If none is set, HTMLread automatically takes ENV:HTMLread.config)

Unknown keyword found in configfile!
HTMLread found an unknown keyword in the configfile. HTMLread only accepts the following keywords:

viewer , path , startarg , pubscreen , arexxport ,
arexxopenfile , arexxnewwindow , showhtml , loadwebimage ,
downloadmanager, savewebimage , downloadlist, makeimagelist,
onoffline, webimagepath, quiet.

Take care that the arguments of this keyword are include in "".
Correct or delete the line or save a new configfile with HTMLreadPrefs.

The »Viewer« or »path« is not correct!
One of these keywords is not set correctly (empty). Please load and save the configfile with HTMLreadPrefs.

I need this keyword unconditional!
The shown keyword must be included in the configfile to run HTMLread correctly. Please load and save the configfile with HTMLreadPrefs.

Warning, Keyword not found!

The shown keyword is not included in the configfile. HTMLread takes the default and starts. Please load and save the configfile with HTMLreadPrefs.

Program does not exists!

HTMLread wants to start your HTMLviewer but the program doesn't exist.

Please start HTMLreadPrefs and choose the

CORRECT path+viewer

.

I can not find the ARexxPort!

The given ARexxport doesn't exist. Start HTMLreadPrefs and check the arexxport and the belonging HTMLviewer.

The ARexx-comand-returncode is not 0 !

HTMLread sends an arexxcomand to your HTMLviewer but the HTMLviewer sends back an errorreturncode. Check if the ARexxcommand is correct. Maybe the HTMLviewer only is a demo or a SE-version? Many of them can't handle all rexxcommands.

arexxopenfile arexxnewwindow

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1.54 Who wrote HTMLread?

Who wrote this?

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Bugreport:

If you find a bug please mail me. Submit the following information:

- HTMLread-Version
- YAM-Version
- Your system (amiga, mem, cpu, workbench...)
- Your HTMLread config (viewer, other options)
- and of course, the report about the bug

Submit a bad Url

If you know a URLs that espionage youre EMailreading, please submit me the URL!

1.55 Future?

Future

- more HTML-viewer

1.56 Known problems

Known problems

- I want to read a HTMLmail and HTMLread starts MultiView or HTMLView-Demo but nothing is displayed in the viewerwindow.

The reason:

This is not a fault of HTMLread! The HTMLdatatype and HTMLview not able to interpret the HTMLcode correctly and break up. MultiView shows an empty window and HTMLview-Demo only shows his startupmessage.

The solution:

Use a browser for viewing HTML Documents.

1.57 Thanx!

Thanx and greatings

Christian Aichinger, Frank Bußmann, Gundula Hinrichsen, Jean Holzammer, Markus Lunk, Martina Jacobs, Michael Scholz, OPI, Richi, Roberto Lang, volki, Zdenko Klanfar...
and all I have forgotten...

1.58 How to config GenesisPlugin

How to config GenesisPlugin

- a) run youre editor.
(or use this button if you have
 - OS 2.0 - 3.1 C:ED YAM:Rexx/GENESISonoff.rx
 - OS 3.5 - 3.9 SYS:Tools/EditPad YAM:Rexx/GENESISonoff.rx)
- b) in line 4 you find follow text:

```
interface = "Youre Interface" /* Please enter between the " youre ↔
Interface */
```

Please enter here youre interface. The interface is shown in the the GENESIS-Window under Interface:

Picture: The Genesis Window (OS 3.9)

In my case is the line 4:

```
interface = "Callino" /* Please enter between the " youre Interface */
```

(Note: Do not change the first line !!)

- c) Save now.
(If you use ED (OS 2.0 - 3.1) press ESC than x and than ENTER)
- d) Please start HTMLreadPrefs.
(You find HTMLreadPrefs.rx in YAM:HTMLread/)
- e) Go to HTTP-Mails.
- f) Change OnOffline to GENESISonoff.rx .
Picture: The Genesis Window
- g) Save youre prefs

Ready

1.59 EMail is watching you!

Espionage by means of HTML-Emails

HTMLmails are not just looking better than ordinary ones, they also have the "advantage" of giving the sender the possibility to watch the behaviour of the recipient (means YOU) in some cases.

The trick is far easy: a link to an invisible 1x1 pixel picture which is reserved for your mail, becomes built into the HTML source and as soon as your Htmlviewer starts loading it down, the sender knows that you opened his mail. Its also possible to transmit a JavaScript that, when executed, conveys datas to the sender.

For doing this there are special Internetservices, one of them for example is <http://www.itraceyou.com>.

The only way to avoid this kind of snooping is not to load down pictures from these internetservices and to disable the JavaScript interpretation of the browser.

Therefore HTMLread gives you the option not to load down pictures from defined Internet addresses.

The only restriction is that HTMLread has to know the adresses of Internet-services which want to send these bad agents to your computer. For that, HTMLread uses a database in which are stored all the well-known of these adresses. The database is called »badurls.htmlread« and can be found in your YAM: drawer. It's a common textfile where you can enter additional url's with an ascii editor (ed, edidpad etc.)

You just have to type the URL without <http://www>

example:

For <http://www.itraceyou.com> the entry is: itraceyou.com

From now on HTMLread won't load pictures from these adresses anymore and the bad "agent" can't find out that you read the mail.

IF you know some more of these URL's I would like to please all of you to inform me as soon as possible. Then I will release an updated BadUrl-list on my HomePage <http://www.htmlread.50g.com>
