

SCopy

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Chapter 1

SCopy

1.1 SCopy Help

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User Manual

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1.2 SCopy: Introduction

SCopy is a replacement for the standard Copy command. This copy command is almost completely compatible with the standard Copy command and also offers some extra features, most notably three different kind of progress-displays.

ABOUT THE PROGRESS DISPLAYS:

There is the standard 'dot' progress display which will cause SCopy to print upto ten dots after the name of the file being copied. Each dot represents 10% of the file so you can easily

see how far SCopy has progressed.

An alternative progress display is the percentage display. It will print a number between 0 and 100% after the name of the file being copied indicating how far SCopy has progressed copying the current file.

And last but not least SCopy can also open a nice progress window. This window contains two progress bars, one showing you how far SCopy has progressed copying the current file, and the other shows you how the total amount of bytes already copied, giving you an indication how long the complete copy will take. It also display the number of files copied and a time indication telling you how long SCopy thinks this copy will take to complete. It also has an Abort gadget which works similair to CTRL C in the CLI.

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1.3 SCopy: Features

- Almost fully compatible with standard Copy command (the exception is that SCopy doesn't have the BUF=BUFFER option since SCopy does its own buffer allocation)
 - 3 different progress displays: Standard (dots), Percentage indicator
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and a complete Progress window

- Coded 100% in Assembler
- Smart progress indicators. SCopy will try and update the progress indicators about once every second without sacrificing copy speed
- The progress window has an Abort button which works similar to pressing CTRL C in the CLI
- It is still smaller than the standard Copy command :-)

SCopy uses a variable buffer-size which will get bigger depending on the speed of copying. SCopy will try to make the buffer as big as possible while making sure the progress indicator still is updated about once a second.

On large files (300K and up) SCopy can get much faster than the standard copy command if memory will allow for big enough buffers.

For example, copying a 10MB file from and to Harddisk on my system resulted in a 25% speed increase vs the standard copy command. This is ofcourse mainly due to the larger buffers SCopy uses.

1.4 SCopy: System requirements

SCopy should run on any Amiga system with at least 512K RAM and one disk-drive. SCopy requires KickStart V2.04 or higher to run.

Should you have any trouble running SCopy on your machine, please contact me with the full specifications of your machine, that is KickStart version, model, expansion boards etc... Also tell me under what conditions the bug occurred and if the bug occurs everytime.

1.5 SCopy: About the author and the program

SCopy has been created using the Devpac Assembler and CygnusED on a Amiga 2000 with a 68030/22 and 7 MB of memory. It was originally done in C, but after spending over a week of getting it to work correctly in C I decided to scrap the C project. I then coded the thing in Assembler from scratch which took only 2 days.

If you have suggestions or remarks about this program, or if you find any bugs, please let me know.

When sending in bug reports, please state exactly under what circumstances the bug occurred, what equipment was used and what

happened. If possible also try to give me enough information to reproduce the bug. It is very difficult to find bugs when you don't know exactly what happened.

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NLA Node 14:101/200

1.6 SCopy: Usage

SCopy works almost exactly the same as the standard copy command, but with some extra options.

Commandline:

FROM/M, TO/A, ALL/S, QUIET/S, CLONE/S, DATES/S, NOPRO/S, COM/S,
NOREQ/S, PERC/S, WINDOW/S

FROM/M

The files you wish to copy. If you don't specify any files to copy it will assume you want to copy the current directory. Ofcourse Multiple filenames and Wildcards are allowed.

TO/A

This specifies the Destination of the file or files you want to copy. The copied file will get renamed to the name you specify here unless you're copying multiple files. When copying multiple files a new directory will be created if necessary.

ALL/S

Specify this switch if you want to copy entire directories (including subdirectories)

QUIET/S

Specifying this switch on the command-line will make sure SCopy won't do any output to CLI. It won't prevent the Progress-Window from being opened!

CLONE/S

This switch will make sure that all copied files will have the same dates, protection-bits and comment as the originals. Normally only the protection-bits are copied.

NOPRO/S

Won't copy the protection-bits from the original file.

DATES/S

This switch will make sure that all copied files will have the same dates as the originals.

COM/S

This switch will make sure that all copied files will have the same comment as the originals.

PERC/S

This will result in the percentage-progress indication. In the CLI you will now see how many % of a file is copied.

WINDOW/S

This switch will make SCopy popup a progress window on the front-most screen. It will also tell you what file is being copied, how many

files still need to be copied and some other things.

1.7 SCopy: Known bugs

None known :-)

1.8 SCopy: History

Nov 6 1994 - V1.00 - First release
Dec 6 1994 - V1.01 - Fixed small bug with files of zero bytes in size
Dec 8 1994 - V1.02 - Added a extra progress-bar which shows the total bytes copied of all files to copy
V1.03 - Made the progress window a bit more font-sensitive
V1.04 - Added Ctrl C breaking
Feb 20 1995 - V1.05 - Skipped (fake 1.05 SCopy archive)
Apr 13 1995 - V1.06 - Now correctly handles current directory, which means stuff like 'SCopy C:Dir ""' now works as it should
Apr 16 1995 - V1.07 - Added Abort gadget; Changed layout a bit
Apr 23 1995 - V1.08 - Fixed bugs with empty files (files with length 0); Removed bytes copied text and replaced it with a time indication of how long the copy will take to complete

1.9 SCopy: Acknowledgments

Thanks to  Amiga for being the best computer ever!