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Chapter 1

Default

1.1 games.library

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Init_GPI ()
Remove_GPI ()
Read_Mouse ()
Read_JoyPort ()
Read_JoyStick ()
Read_JoyPad ()
Read_SegaPad ()
Read_Analog ()
Read_Key ()
FastRandom ()
SlowRandom ()
Wait_LMB ()
Wait_Fire ()
Wait_Time ()
NoRequesters ()
SetFilter ()
Add_InputHandler ()
Rem_InputHandler ()
Add_Interrupt ()
Rem_Interrupt ()
SmartLoad ()
QuickLoad ()
SmartUnpack ()
SetUserPri ()
SetGMSPrefs ()
UnpackPic ()
GetPicInfo ()
SetPassword ()
AllocMemBlock ()

```
FreeMemBlock ()

SCREENS.GPI
Add_Screen ()
Delete_Screen ()
Show_Screen ()
Hide_Screen ()
SwapBuffers ()
Remake_Screen ()
Move_Screen ()
HWScroll_Horizontal ()
HWScroll_Vertical ()
HWScroll_Reset ()
B12_FadeToBlack ()
B12_FadeToWhite ()
B12_FadeToPalette ()
B12_FadeToColour ()
B24_FadeToBlack ()
B24_FadeToWhite ()
B24_FadeToPalette ()
B24_FadeToColour ()
Change_Colours ()
Blank_Colours ()

Init_RasterList ()
Update_RasterList ()
Update_RastLines ()
Update_RastCommand ()
Update_RastAllCommands ()
Remove_RasterList ()
Hide_RasterList ()
Show_RasterList ()

Init_Sprite ()
Update_Sprite ()
Move_Sprite ()
Remove_Sprite ()
Update_SpriteList ()
Remove_SpriteList ()
Remove_AllSprites ()
Return_AllSprites ()

BLITTER.GPI (Work in progress)
Init_BOB ()
Init_BOBList ()
Blit_BOB ()
Blit_BOBList ()
Clear_BOB ()
Clear_BOBList ()
Blit_VerticalSeries ()
Blit_ScaledBMap ()
Blit_Pattern ()
Blit_Line ()
Blit_Bitmap ()
SnR_Backgrounds ()
Clear_Screen ()
Clear_ScreenArea ()
```

```
SOUND.GPI
AllocAudio ()
FreeAudio ()
InitSound ()
CheckChannel ()
PlaySound ()
PlaySoundDAC1 ()
PlaySoundDAC2 ()
PlaySoundDAC3 ()
PlaySoundDAC4 ()
PlaySoundPri ()
PlaySoundPriDAC1 ()
PlaySoundPriDAC2 ()
PlaySoundPriDAC3 ()
PlaySoundPriDAC4 ()
SetVolume ()
FadeVolume ()
InitSTPlayer ()
PlaySTMOD ()
StopSTPlayer ()

VECTORS.GPI

NETWORK.GPI

DEBUG.GPI
```

1.2 games.library/Init_GPI

games.library/Init_GPI

NAME Init_GPI - Load in a GPI and initialise it for function calls.

SYNOPSIS

```
GPIBase = Init_GPI (GPINumber).
           d0                d0
```

```
APTR Init_GPI(UWORD GPI_ID);
```

FUNCTION

Loads in a GPI and initialises it ready for function calls. Currently there are three GPI's that require initialisation if you want to use them:

```
Debug.GPI
Network.GPI
Vectors.GPI
```

If GPIBase returns with an address pointer then the initialisation was successful and the GPI's functions are ready to use.

NOTE The GPIBase is the same as a library base pointer. Because of this it is perfectly legal to make direct calls to the GPI itself. However you should only do this if you have very good reason to, eg

if you are developing a new GPI.

As the Debug, Network and Vector GPI's are not present yet, this function is a bit useless for the moment :-)

INPUTS GPINumber - A recognised GPI ID Number, which is one of:

```
GPI_SCREEN = 0
GPI_BLITTER = 1
GPI_SOUND = 2
GPI_NETWORK = 3
GPI_VECTORS = 4
GPI_DEBUG = 5
```

RESULT GPIBase - Ptr to the GPIBase or NULL if error.

SEE ALSO

Remove_GPI

1.3 games.library/Remove_GPI

games.library/Remove_GPI

NAME Remove_GPI -- Remove a GPI that was previously initialised.

SYNOPSIS

```
Remove_GPI(GPIBase)
           a0
```

```
ULONG Remove_GPI(APTR GPIBase);
```

FUNCTION

Informs the Games.Library that you no longer wish to use the specified GPI's functions. You cannot make any calls to the GPI after removing it.

INPUTS GPIBase - Ptr to a valid GPIBase returned from Init_GPI().

SEE ALSO

Init_GPI

1.4 games.library/Read_Mouse

games.library/Read_Mouse

NAME Read_Mouse -- Gets the current mouse co-ordinates and button states.

SYNOPSIS

```
XYCoord = Read_Mouse (PortName)
           d0                d0
```

```
ULONG Read_Mouse(UWORD PortName);
```

FUNCTION

Reads the mouse port and returns its current co-ordinates. Mouse movement is restricted to the current screen's height and width.

NOTE The range of the co-ordinates is redefined each time you open a screen. You can alter the mouse limits by changing the relative values in the GMSBase. Remember, unlike the joyport routines this function returns screen relative co-ordinates, rather than X/Y direction switches.

INPUT PortName = JPORT1 or JPORT2.

RESULT XYCoord - (XCoord)<<16+(YCoord).

MouseXx, MouseYx and MouseButtonx and also updated accordingly in the GMSBase.

SEE ALSO

games/gamesbase.i

1.5 games.library/Read_JoyPort

games.library/Read_JoyPort

NAME Read_JoyPort -- Reads any joystick device in a given joyport.

SYNOPSIS

```
JoyStatus = Read_JoyPort (PortName, ReturnType)
                d0                d0                d1
```

```
ULONG Read_JoyPort (UWORD PortName, UWORD ReturnType)
```

FUNCTION

Reads the joyport and returns its status in the required format, regardless of what playing device is plugged in. Currently supported devices are standard JoySticks, Analog JoySticks, SegaPads and CD32 JoyPads. The mouse is not supported by this function.

Unlike the lowlevel.library equivalent of this function, this version is much faster and does not need to evaluate what device is currently plugged in. It simply reads the specified joy type from GMSPrefs and jumps to the correct routine.

Future devices may be added to this function - this will be transparent to your program so that you can support devices that do not exist yet.

INPUTS PortName - JPORT1, JPORT2, JPORT3 or JPORT4.

ReturnType - JT_SWITCH: JoyStatus returns with switched bitflags.
JT_ZBXY: JoyStatus returns with the ZBXY format.

RESULT JoyStatus - Status of the JoyPort in one of the following two formats:

```

For JT_SWITCH : JS_LEFT   = 0
                 JS_RIGHT  = 1
                 JS_UP     = 2
                 JS_DOWN   = 3
                 JS_ZIN    = 4
                 JS_ZOUT   = 5
                 JS_FIRE1  = 6
                 JS_FIRE2  = 7
                 JS_PLAY   = 8
                 JS_RWD    = 9
                 JS_FFW    = 10
                 JS_GREEN  = 11
                 JS_YELLOW = 12

```

For JT_ZBXY :

BYTE	BIT RANGE	DATA
1	0 - 7	Y Direction
2	8 - 15	X Direction
3	16 - 23	Button status bits.
4	23 - 31	Z Direction (currently not supported)

```

JB_FIRE1 = 16
JB_FIRE2 = 17

```

SEE ALSO

Read_JoyStick, Read_JoyPad, Read_SegaPad, Read_Analog, games/games.i

1.6 games.library/Read_JoyStick

games.library/Read_JoyStick

NAME Read_Joystick -- Read the joystick status from a given joyport.

SYNOPSIS

```

JoyStatus = Read_JoyStick(PortName)
           d0                      d0

```

```

ULONG Read_JoyStick(UWORD Portname);

```

FUNCTION

Interprets the current status of a joystick in the given port. Ports 3 and 4 are recognised as extended joysticks in the parallel port. If the user was not using the joystick, then JoyStatus will return a NULL value.

NOTE Try to use Read_JoyPort(), as that gives the same results, but supports Joypads, Analog joysticks etc.

INPUTS PortName - JPORT1, JPORT2, JPORT3 or JPORT4.

RESULT JoyStatus - The current joystick status bits. These are:

```

JS_LEFT   = 0
JS_RIGHT  = 1
JS_UP     = 2
JS_DOWN   = 3
JS_FIRE1  = 6
JS_FIRE2  = 7

```

SEE ALSO

Read_JoyPort, Read_JoyPad, Read_SegaPad, Read_Analog, games/games.i

1.7 games.library/Read_Analog

games.library/Read_Analog

NAME Read_Analog -- Read an analog joystick from the given port.

SYNOPSIS

```

    ZBXYSStatus = Read_Analog(PortName)
                d0                      d0

```

```

ULONG Read_Analog(UWORD PortName);

```

FUNCTION

Reads an analog joystick in either port 1 or port 2. The status of the joystick is returned in ZBXYSStatus (a packed state). If the user was not using the joystick, then ZBXYSStatus will return a NULL value.

JoyPorts 3 and 4 are not supported by this function.

INPUTS PortName - JPORT1 or JPORT2.

RESULT ZBXYSStatus - Current status of the analog joystick.

The status data looks like this:

BYTE	BIT RANGE	DATA
1	0 - 7	Y Direction
2	8 - 15	X Direction
3	16 - 23	Button status bits.
4	23 - 31	Z Direction (currently not supported)

Note that the further the joystick is pushed in a given direction, the higher the value returned for the relevant byte. Negative values denote a push in the opposite direction.

eg. If $(ZBXYSStatus \& \$0000ff00) \gg 8 = -3$, then this signals an X change of 3 places left.

If $(ZBXYSStatus \& \$000000ff) = 4$, then this signals a Y change of 4 places down.

BUGS NOT IMPLEMENTED YET.

SEE ALSO

Read_JoyPort, Read_JoyStick, Read_SegaPad, Read_JoyPad.

1.8 games.library/Read_JoyPad

games.library/Read_JoyPad

NAME Read_JoyPad -- Reads a CD32 joypad from a specified port number.

SYNOPSIS

```
JoyStatus = Read_JoyPad(PortName)
                d0                d0
```

```
ULONG Read_JoyPad(UWORD PortName);
```

FUNCTION

Reads a standard Amiga JoyPad (ie a CD32 joypad) and returns its current status in the JoyStatus bit format. If the user was not using the joypad, then JoyStatus will return a NULL value.

INPUTS PortName - JPORT1 or JPORT2.

RESULT JoyStatus - Current joypad status bits. These are:

```
JS_LEFT    = 0
JS_RIGHT   = 1
JS_UP      = 2
JS_DOWN    = 3
JS_RED     = 6
JS_BLUE    = 7
JS_PLAY    = 8
JS_RWD     = 9
JS_FFW     = 10
JS_GREEN   = 11
JS_YELLOW  = 12
```

The red and blue buttons are the equivalent of fire buttons 1 and 2 on a standard joystick.

BUGS I have not tested this!

SEE ALSO

Read_JoyPort, Read_JoyStick, Read_SegaPad, Read_Analog, games/games.i

1.9 games.library/Read_SegaPad

games.library/Read_SegaPad

NAME Read_SegaPad - Reads a Sega joypad from a specified port number.

SYNOPSIS

```
JoyStatus = Read_SegaPad(PortName)
           d0                d0
```

```
ULONG Read_SegaPad(UWORD PortName)
```

FUNCTION

Reads a standard Sega JoyPad and returns its current status in the JoyStatus bit format. If the user was not using the SegaPad, then JoyStatus will return a NULL value.

INPUTS PortName - JPORT1 or JPORT2.

RESULT JoyStatus - Current joypad status bits. The flags are:

```
JS_LEFT  = 0
JS_RIGHT = 1
JS_UP    = 2
JS_DOWN  = 3
JS_FIRE1 = 6
JS_FIRE2 = 7
```

BUGS This has not even been tested by me! Probably doesn't work - someone send me a reader that has been tested please.

SEE ALSO

Read_JoyPort, Read_JoyStick, Read_JoyPad, Read_Analog, games/games.i

1.10 games.library/Read_Key

games.library/Read_Key

NAME Read_Key -- Reads the keyboard and returns any new keypresses.

SYNOPSIS

```
KeyValues = Read_Key(KeyStruct)
           d0                a0
```

```
ULONG Read_Key(struct KeyStruct *);
```

FUNCTION

Checks to see if there was a keypress since the last time you called this routine. If there were no keypresses then KeyValues will return a null value.

Most key values are returned as ANSI, which is of the range 1-127. Special keys (eg Cursor Keys, function Keys etc) are held in the range of 128-255.

A shift qualifier has an automatic effect on the ANSI value (eg shift+c will return "C"). Alt keys, Ctrl keys, and Amiga keys have no effect on the ANSI value.

The KeyStruct is also updated for future reference. A KeyStruct will hold up to three keys since your previous check. For this reason you should call Read_Key every VBL when the user is required

to enter more than a few characters (eg their name). Otherwise you could lose some of their input.

INPUT KeyStruct - Pointer to a valid KeyStruct. This structure is in the form of:

```

STRUCTURE KP,00
UWORD KP_ID ;Updated by function, ignore.
UBYTE KP_Qualifier1 ;Latest key press.
UBYTE KP_Key1
UBYTE KP_Qualifier2 ;Older key press.
UBYTE KP_Key2
UBYTE KP_Qualifier3 ;Oldest key press.
UBYTE KP_Key3

```

RESULT KeyValues - Contains the latest keypress value in the first byte (8 bits) and its qualifier in the upper byte (bits 9 - 16). A previous keypress may also be held in the upper word if it was missed. Visually:

```
(Qualifier2<<8+Key2)<<16 + (Qualifier1<<8+Key1)
```

KeyStruct - Updated to hold new key data. You can test for a third keypress inside here.

SEE ALSO

Add_InputHandler, games/games.i

1.11 games.library/FastRandom

games.library/FastRandom

NAME FastRandom -- Create a random number from a given range.

SYNOPSIS

```

Random = FastRandom(Range)
d0.w          d1

```

```
WORD FastRandom(UWORD Range);
```

FUNCTION

Creates a random number as quickly as possible. The routine only has one divide to determine the range and will automatically change the randseed value each time you call it.

This routine will generally get all the numbers in fairly random sequences.

Remember that all generated numbers fall BELOW the Range, ie the Range is an "unreachable" number. Add 1 to your range if you want this number included.

INPUTS Range - A range between 1 and 32767. An invalid range of 0 will result in a division by zero error.

RESULT Random - A number greater or equal to 0, and less than Range.

SEE ALSO

SlowRandom, examples/random.c

1.12 games.library/SlowRandom

games.library/SlowRandom

NAME SlowRandom -- Create a random number from a given range.

SYNOPSIS

```
Random = SlowRandom(Range)
           d0           d1
```

```
ULONG SlowRandom(UWORD Range);
```

FUNCTION

Creates a very good random number in a relatively short amount of time. The routine takes approximately two times longer than FastRandom, but is guaranteed of giving good random number sequences.

Remember that all generated numbers fall BELOW the Range, ie the Range is an "unreachable" number. Add 1 to your range if you want this number included.

INPUTS Range - A range between 1 and 32767.

RESULT Random - A number greater or equal to 0, and less than Range.

SEE ALSO

FastRandom, examples/random.c

1.13 games.library/Wait_LMB

games.library/Wait_LMB

NAME Wait_LMB -- Wait for the user to hit the left mouse button.

SYNOPSIS

```
Wait_LMB()
```

```
void Wait_LMB(void);
```

FUNCTION

Waits for the user to hit the left mouse button. It will not return to your program until this event occurs. Multi-tasking time will be increased while waiting and an implanted AutoOSReturn() call supports screen switching.

SEE ALSO

Read_Mouse, Wait_Fire.

1.14 games.library/Wait_Fire

games.library/Wait_Fire

NAME Wait_Fire -- Wait for the user to hit a fire button.

SYNOPSIS

```
Wait_Fire(PortName)
    d0
```

```
void Wait_Fire(UWORD PortName);
```

FUNCTION

Waits for the user to hit the fire button. It will not return to your program until this event occurs. Multi-tasking time will be increased while waiting and an implanted AutoOSReturn() call supports screen switching.

INPUTS PortName - JPORT1, JPORT2, JPORT3 or JPORT4.

SEE ALSO

Read_Joystick, Read_JoyPad, Read_SegaPad, Wait_LMB, games.i

1.15 games.library/Wait_Time

games.library/Wait_Time

NAME Wait_Time -- Wait for a specified amount of micro-seconds.

SYNOPSIS

```
Wait_Time(MicroSeconds)
    d0
```

```
void Wait_Time(UWORD MicroSeconds);
```

FUNCTION

Waits for a specified amount of micro-seconds. During this time it will reduce the task priority and make regular calls to AutoOSReturn() for you.

SEE ALSO

Wait_VBL, Wait_OSVBL

1.16 games.library/Wait_VBL

games.library/Wait_VBL

NAME Wait_VBL -- Waits for a vertical blank.

SYNOPSIS

```
Wait_VBL()
```

```
void Wait_VBL(void);
```

FUNCTION

This is a very intelligent routine and will wait for the exact position of the VBL. Even if you move your screen around using `Reposition_Screen`, the wait line will move along with it, giving you more (or less) VBL space.

NOTE Use `Wait_OSVBL` if you want automatic screen switching checks.

SEE ALSO

`Wait_RastLine`, `Wait_OSVBL`.

1.17 games.library/Wait_OSVBL

games.library/Wait_OSVBL

NAME `Wait_OSVBL` -- Waits for a vertical blank.

SYNOPSIS

```
Wait_OSVBL()
```

```
void Wait_OSVBL(void);
```

FUNCTION

This is a very intelligent routine and will wait for the exact position of the VBL. Even if you move your screen around using `Reposition_Screen`, the wait line will move along with it, giving you more (or less) VBL space.

This version has an implanted `AutoOSReturn` call to make screen switching very easy to implement.

SEE ALSO

`Wait_RastLine`, `Wait_VBL`.

1.18 games.library/Wait_RastLine

games.library/Wait_RastLine

NAME `Wait_RastLine` -- Waits for the strobe to reach a specific line.

SYNOPSIS

```
Wait_RastLine(LineNumber)
             d0
```

```
void Wait_RastLine(UWORD LineNumber)
```

FUNCTION

This routine waits for the strobe to reach the scan-line specified in `LineNumber`. The recognised range is 1-311 lo-res pixels for a PAL screen.

`Wait_Rastline` is a clever routine. All the VBL wait routines I have ever seen never consider the fact that sometimes an interrupt can be activated while you're waiting for the line to come up. This causes you to completely miss the VBL, and you are stalled for an extra frame which can have horrible effects on screen. Unfortunately there is also a bug in the hardware which makes this a difficult problem to avoid!

Luckily I've managed to fix all this so rest assured that this function works very well.

NOTES Here is the bug in the hardware concerning `VPOSR` and `VHPOSR`. When the strobe reaches line 255, this happens:

```
Line: 254
Line: 255
Line: 000    <- Bug here.
Line: 256
Line: 257
Line: ...
```

If your VBL synchronisations have failed in the past, now you know why... Yet another good reason to use library routines!

INPUTS `LineNumber` - Vertical beam position to wait for.

BUGS If you enter a large value beyond the range limit, like #400 for a non-interlaced PAL screen, the strobe will never reach this line because line 400 doesn't even exist. This will cause your program to lock up. So make sure you keep your values between 1 and 310 for normal screens and 1 - 511 for interlaced screens.

SEE ALSO

`Wait_OSVBL`, `Wait_VBL`.

1.19 `games.library/NoRequesters`

`games.library/NoRequesters`

NAME `NoRequesters` -- Shuts down all requesters.

SYNOPSIS

```
NoRequesters()
```

```
void NoRequesters(void);
```

FUNCTION

Shuts down all requesters in a system-friendly way. If you intend to load/save files through DOS, you should call this function at

the start of your program.

1.20 games.library/SetFilter

games.library/SetFilter

NAME SetFilter -- Set the LED/Sound filter to an ON or OFF state.

SYNOPSIS

```
SetFilter(NewStatus)
        d0
```

```
void SetFilter(UWORD NewStatus)
```

FUNCTION

Sets the sound filter to the required state. The power LED will dim or brighten to reflect the change.

INPUT NewStatus - Either FILTER_ON or FILTER_OFF

1.21 games.library/Add_InputHandler

games.library/Add_InputHandler

NAME Add_InputHandler -- Add an input handler to the system.

SYNOPSIS

```
Add_InputHandler()
```

```
void Add_InputHandler(void)
```

FUNCTION

Add an input handler at the highest priority to delete all system input events. The idea behind this is to prevent input falling through to system screens and to give you more CPU time by killing all inputs.

If you are going to use Read_Key() then it is vital that this function is active. This is because Read_Key() is hooked into the input handler routine that this function provides.

NOTE By default this function is always called by Show_Screen(). Therefore you only need to call this routine if you are using some other screen opening routine.

SEE ALSO

```
Rem_InputHandler
```

1.22 games.library/Rem_InputHandler

games.library/Rem_InputHandler

NAME Rem_InputHandler -- Remove the active input handler.

SYNOPSIS

```
Rem_InputHandler()
```

```
void Rem_InputHandler(void)
```

FUNCTION

Removes the active input handler from the system. As a result this will also deactivate the Read_Key() function.

NOTE Delete_Screen() automatically calls this function so that any input handlers set up by Show_Screen() are removed.

SEE ALSO

Add_InputHandler

1.23 games.library/Add_Interrupt

games.library/Add_Interrupt

NAME Add_Interrupt -- Activate a custom written hardware interrupt.

SYNOPSIS

```
IntBase = Add_Interrupt(Interrupt, IntNum, IntPri)
                   d0                a0                d0                d1
```

```
ULONG Add_Interrupt(APTR Interrupt, UWORD IntNum, BYTE IntPri)
```

FUNCTION

Initialises a system-friendly hardware interrupt and activates it immediately. See the SetIntVector() and AddIntServer() descriptions in the exec.library for more details on system interrupts.

INPUTS Interrupt - Ptr to your interrupt routine.

IntNum - The hardware interrupt bit.

IntPri - The priority of the interrupt, -126 to +127.

RESULT IntBase - Ptr to the interrupt base, you have to save this address and pass it back to Rem_Interrupt() before your program exits.

SEE ALSO

Rem_Interrupt, exec/SetVector, hardware/custom.i, games/games.i

1.24 games.library/Rem_Interrupt

games.library/Rem_Interrupt

NAME Rem_Interrupt -- Remove an active interrupt.

SYNOPSIS

```
Rem_Interrupt(IntBase)
                d0
```

```
void Rem_Interrupt(ULONG IntBase)
```

FUNCTION

Disable and remove an active interrupt from the system. This function is identical to RemIntServer() in the exec.library, but is a little easier to handle.

INPUT IntBase - Ptr to an interrupt base returned from Add_Interrupt().

SEE ALSO

Add_Interrupt, games.i

1.25 games.library/SmartLoad

games.library/SmartLoad

NAME SmartLoad -- Load in a file and depack it if possible.

SYNOPSIS

```
MemLocation = SmartLoad(FileName, Destination, MemType)
                d0                a0                a1                d0
```

```
ULONG SmartLoad(APTR FileName, APTR Destination, ULONG MemType)
```

FUNCTION

Load in a file and depack it if necessary. If the function cannot find a recognised packer for the file then it will assume that it is not packed, and load it in without alteration.

If you pass NULL as the Destination address, SmartLoad() will allocate the memory for you but you must give the MemType (see exec/memory.h).

If you do give the Destination you do not have to pass this function the MemType.

NOTE This function is not fully working yet!

INPUTS FileName - Ptr to a null terminated string containing a file name.
Destination - Destination for unpacked data or NULL for allocation.
MemType - Memory Type (only required if Destination is NULL)

RESULT MemLocation - Ptr to the loaded data or NULL if failure.

SEE ALSO

QuickLoad, SmartUnpack, SetPassword, exec/memory.i

1.26 games.library/QuickLoad

games.library/QuickLoad

NAME QuickLoad -- Load in a file without any depacking.

SYNOPSIS

```
MemLocation = QuickLoad(FileName, Destination, MemType)
                d0                a0                a1                d0
```

```
APTR QuickLoad(STRPTR FileName, APTR Destination, ULONG MemType)
```

FUNCTION

Loads in a file without attempting to depack it. The advantage of this function is that it will assess the file size and load it all in for you. It can also allocate the memory space if required.

If you pass NULL as the Destination address, SmartUnpack() will allocate the memory for you but you must give the MemType (see exec/memory.h).

If you do give the Destination you do not have to pass this function the MemType.

NOTE If you wanted the allocation you will have to free it with FreeMemBlock() when you are finished with it.

INPUTS FileName - Ptr to a null terminated string containing a file name.
Destination - Destination for unpacked data or NULL for allocation.
MemType - Memory Type (only required if Destination is NULL)

RESULT MemLocation - Ptr to the loaded data or NULL if failure.

SEE ALSO

SmartLoad, SmartUnpack, exec/memory.i

1.27 games.library/SmartUnpack

games.library/SmartUnpack

NAME SmartUnpack -- Unpack data from one memory location to another.

SYNOPSIS

```
MemLocation = SmartUnpack(Source, Destination, MemType)
                d0                a0                a1                d0
```

```
APTR SmartUnpack(APTR Source, APTR Destination, ULONG MemType)
```

FUNCTION

Attempts to unpack a data area if it can assess the packing method used. The data should begin with an ID number followed by the size of the original data before it was packed. The data itself must be found after this.

If you pass NULL as the destination address, SmartUnpack() will allocate the memory for you but you must give the MemType (see exec/memory.h). If you give the destination you do not have to pass this function the MemType.

NOTE Currently this function only supports the RNC packer type. It will support the XPK library very soon so that other files can be depacked.

If you wanted the allocation you will have to free it with FreeMemBlock() when you are finished with it.

INPUTS Source - Ptr to start of packed data (must be an ID header).
Destination - Destination for unpacked data or NULL for allocation.
MemType - Memory type (only required if Destination is NULL).

RESULT MemLocation - Ptr to the unpacked data.

SEE ALSO

SmartLoad, exec/memory.i

1.28 games.library/SetUserPri

games.library/SetUserPri

NAME SetUserPri -- Set your task to a user selected priority.

SYNOPSIS

SetUserPri()

void SetUserPri(void)

FUNCTION

Sets your task to a user selected priority. This priority will depend on the UserPri setting in GMSBase, which comes from the ENV:GMSPrefs file. The priority setting can be altered in the GMSPrefs utility.

1.29 games.library/SetGMSPrefs

games.library/SetGMSPrefs

NAME SetGMSPrefs -- Initialise a new set of preferences.

SYNOPSIS

ErrorCode = SetGMSPrefs(PrefsStruct)
 d0 a0

UWORD SetGMSPrefs(APTR PrefsStruct)

FUNCTION

Initialise a new set of GMS preferences in the games.library. This will overwrite the prefs previously set in memory.

INPUT PrefsStruct - Ptr to a valid preferences structure. Details of this structure are not available to you for the moment, so you can't actually make any use of this function just yet :-)

RESULT ErrorCode - Returns NULL if successful.

1.30 games.library/GetPicInfo

games.library/GetPicInfo

NAME GetPicInfo -- Get the information on a recognised picture header.

SYNOPSIS

```
ErrorCode = GetPicInfo(Picture, PicInfo)
                d0                a1                a2
```

```
UWORD GetPicInfo(APTR Picture, APTR PicInfo)
```

FUNCTION

NOT IMPLEMENTED YET.

INPUT

RESULT ErrorCode - Returns NULL if successful.

1.31 games.library/SetPassword

games.library/SetPassword

NAME SetPassword -- Set a password for unpacking/decrypting files in SmartLoad and SmartUnpack.

SYNOPSIS

```
SetPassword>Password)
                d0
```

```
void SetPassword(ULONG Password)
```

FUNCTION

Set a password for the decryption of specially packed files. For example the RNC packer type allows you to use an encryption key in the packing/depacking of files.

INPUT Password - A password/encryption key of 4 bytes (1 longword).

SEE ALSO

SmartLoad, SmartUnpack

1.32 games.library/AllocMemBlock

games.library/AllocMemBlock

NAME AllocMemBlock -- Allocate a new memory block.

SYNOPSIS

```
MemBlock = AllocMemBlock(Size, MemType)
           d0              d0      d1
```

```
APTR AllocMemBlock(ULONG Size, ULONG MemType)
```

FUNCTION

Allocates a memory block from the system - this function is almost, or probably is identical to AllocVec(). It exists here because AllocVec() is only available on V36+ machines.

See AllocMem() in the exec.library for more details on memory allocation.

INPUT Size - Size of the required memblock in bytes.

MemType - The type of memory as outlined in exec/memory.i

RESULT MemBlock - Ptr to the start of your allocated memblock or NULL if failure. If the allocation was successful then -4(MemBlock) will contain the size of your allocated memory. You can read this value, but DON'T write to it! You can do whatever you like to the rest of your memory block of course.

SEE ALSO

FreeMemBlock, exec/memory.i

1.33 games.library/FreeMemBlock

games.library/FreeMemBlock

NAME FreeMemBlock -- Free a previously allocated mem block.

SYNOPSIS

```
FreeMemBlock(MemBlock)
             a0
```

```
void FreeMemBlock(APTR MemBlock)
```

FUNCTION

Frees a memory area allocated by AllocMemBlock(). This function is essentially the same as FreeVec(), but works on all Amigas.

NOTE Never free the same MemBlock twice.

INPUT MemBlock - Points to the start of a memblock.

SEE ALSO

AllocMemBlock

1.34 games.library/Add_Screen

games.library/Add_Screen

NAME Add_Screen -- Sets up a screen from given parameters.

SYNOPSIS

```
ErrorCode = Add_Screen(GameScreen)
                d0                a0
```

FUNCTION

Initialises a GameScreen structure by allocating the screen memory and making the copperlist. A little more complex than it sounds...

After calling this function you need to call Show_Screen() to get the screen on the display.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to a valid GameScreen structure. Currently the structure look like this:

```
STRUCTURE GameScreen,0                ;A GameScreen structure
ULONG SS_VERSION                      ;Vesion - "GSV1"
APTR  SS_MemPtr1                      ;Ptr to screen 1
APTR  SS_MemPtr2                      ;Ptr to screen 2 (if buffered).
APTR  SS_MemPtr3                      ;Ptr to screen 3 (triple buffer!!)
APTR  SS_ScreenLink                  ;Ptr to a linked screen.
APTR  SS_Palette                      ;Ptr to the requested palette.
APTR  SS_RasterList                  ;Ptr to a raster list (or not).
ULONG SS_AmtColours                  ;The amount of colours on screen.
UWORD SS_Scr_Height                  ;The height of the visible screen.
UWORD SS_Scr_Width                  ;The width of the visible screen.
UWORD SS_Scr_ByteWidth              ;Width of the screen in *bytes*.
UWORD SS_Pic_Height                 ;The height of the entire screen.
UWORD SS_Pic_Width                  ;The width of the entire screen.
UWORD SS_Pic_ByteWidth              ;Width of the entire screen, bytes.
UWORD SS_Planes                     ;The amount of planes in da screen.
WORD  SS_TopOfScrX                  ;Hardware co-ordinate for TOS.
WORD  SS_TopOfScrY                  ;Hardware co-ordinate for LOS.
UWORD SS_ScrollBuffer              ;Scroll buffer in pixels.
WORD  SS_ScrollXCount              ;Offset of the horizontal axis.
WORD  SS_ScrollYCount              ;Offset of the vertical axis.
ULONG SS_ScrAttrib                  ;Special Attributes are?
UWORD SS_ScrMode                    ;What screen mode is it?
UBYTE SS_ScrType                    ;Interleaved/Planar/Chunky?
UBYTE SS_Displayed                  ;Am I currently displayed?
APTR  SS_Extended                  ;For extended tag lists, not used.
APTR  SS_ScreenStats                ;Reserved, do not touch.
```

Here follows a description of each field:

SS_VERSION

The version of the structure. Currently this is "GSV1". In the future as the structure grows, you will be able to use other structure versions, but for now this is what you're stuck with.

SS_MemPtr1, SS_MemPtr2, SS_MemPtr3

These fields point to the screen display data. They should be NULL if you want this function to allocate the memory for you (highly recommended). Otherwise `Add_Screen()` will assume that the values are valid pointers to video memory and use them as such.

`SS_ScreenLink`

If you want to set up a second screen at a different position in the viewport, or create an extra (double) playfield, point to the next `GameScreen` structure here.

`SS_Palette`

Points to the palette for this screen, or NULL if you want to install a clear palette (all colours black). By default your palette structure must be in 12 bit colours, unless you set the `_24BITCOL` flag in `SS_ScrAttrib`.

`SS_RasterList`

Points to a valid rasterlist structure, or NULL. RasterLists are made up of instructions that are executed as the monitor beam travels down the screen. See `Init_RasterList()` for more information on rasterlists.

`SS_AmtColours`

The amount of colours in the screen palette, as pointed to by `SS_Palette`. If you set this value to NULL then `Add_Screen()` will fill it in for you, via a check to `SS_Planes`. This parameter exists so that you can set colours that can't be accessed by the screen's bitmap. For example, if your screen is 16 colours but you want to set the colours for the sprites, then you can use a 32 colour palette.

`SS_ScrHeight`, `SS_ScrWidth`, `SS_ScrByteWidth`

Defines the screen height and width. This is the "window" that the picture data is displayed through. The width of the screen must be divisible by 16, and the byte width is defined as the `ScreenWidth` divided by 8.

`SS_PicHeight`, `SS_PicWidth`, `SS_PicByteWidth`

Defines the picture height and width. The picture is the display data that shows through on screen. It can be larger than the screen area, but must never be smaller than the screen area. If the picture is the same size as your screen, just duplicate the screen values here. Remember the width of the picture must be divisible by 16, and the byte width is defined as the `PicWidth` divided by 8.

`SS_Planes`

Specifies the amount of bitplanes that will be used by this screen. The amount of colours you can use is completely dependent on this value. For interleaved or planar screens you can calculate the amount of colours you get with the formula 2^n , where n is the amount of planes. If you are going to set up a 256 colour chunky screen, you must specify only 1 plane here.

`SS_TopOfScrX`, `SS_TopOfScrY`

Specifies the hardware offset for the screen, in lo-res pixels only (even if the screen itself is in hi-res). These two values are

added to the user's screen offset in GMSPrefs. For this reason a setting of 0,0 is usually sufficient, unless you are going to create an extra large screen (eg overscan). Negative values are permissible.

SS_ScrollBuffer

Controls the amount of blank space at the left of the screen. This is here only for horizontal hardware scrolling. It is normally set to 2 bytes (gives 16 blank pixels)

SS_ScrollXCount, SS_ScrollYCount

Counters for vertical and horizontal scrolling. These values are altered by HWScroll_Horizontal() and HWScroll_Vertical() - you are not expected to put anything in these parameters. The idea is that you can check them to see how many pixels you have scrolled in either direction. You should reset them to 0,0 before calling Add_Screen() if you are going to make use of these values in your code.

SS_ScrAttrib

Defines the special attributes for the screen. Current available are:

DBLBUFFER - Allocates an extra screen buffer which is placed in SS_MemPtr2. See the SwapBuffers() function for more information on double buffering.

TPLBUFFER - Allocates two extra buffers which are placed in SS_MemPtr2 and SS_MemPtr3. See the SwapBuffers() for more information on triple buffering.

Note: Never set the DBLBUFFER flag in conjunction with the TPLBUFFER flag!

PLAYFIELD - Must be set if this screen forms part of a playfield.

HSCROLL - Set if you want to use full horizontal hardware scrolling. This will allocate extra memory for safe scrolling outside of the picture's boundary.

VSCROLL - Set if you want to use vertical hardware scrolling.

SPRITES - Set if you intend to use sprites with this screen.

NOBURST - Enforce AGA burst modes to OFF.

BLKBDR - Turns all colours outside of the display window to black.

NOSPRBDR - Allows sprites to appear outside of the screen display window.

SS_ScrMode

Defines the display mode for the screen. If you do not fill in this field, you will get the default of Lo-Res, Planar, PAL, and 12Bit colours.

- LORES - Specifies a lo-resolution screen. This is the default, so you do not have to specify it if you don't want to.
- HIRES - Specifies a hi-resolution screen (double width).
- SHIRES - Specifies a superhi-resolution screen (quad width).
- INTERLACED - Creates an interlaced display (double height).
- NTSC - Forces an NTSC style display. The default is PAL if you do not set this bit.
- HAM - HAM mode. The amount of colours you get is dependant on the amount of planes in the screen.
- _24BITCOL - Inform GMS that we will be using 24 bit colours with this screen.

If the user has selected mode promotion in GMSPrefs, then the display frequencies will be altered accordingly. You cannot force mode promotion from inside your program.

SS_ScrType

The display data type - either PLANAR, INTERLEAVED or CHUNKY. Descriptions of these display types are out of the scope of this autodoc, try the RKM's for more information on this.

RESULT ErrorCode - NULL if successful.

BUGS If you set up your screen structure incorrectly or try to do something this routine doesn't, you will run into trouble. Not all features are working even though the flags are present, but it shouldn't be too long before this function is finished.

SEE ALSO

Delete_Screen, Show_Screen, Hide_Screen, games/games.i

1.35 games.library/Delete_Screen

games.library/Delete_Screen

NAME Delete_Screen -- Deactivates a screen, returns memory, etc.

SYNOPSIS

```
Delete_Screen(GameScreen)
    a0
```

```
void Delete_Screen(struct GameScreen *);
```

FUNCTION

This function will deallocate/deactivate everything that was initialised when you called Add_Screen().

If the screen you delete is currently active when you call this

function, intuition will be given back the display. If you want to get around this initialise and display your next screen and then delete the old one.

This function will clear `SS_MemPtr1`, `SS_MemPtr2` and `SS_MemPtr3` in the `GameScreen` structure.

INPUTS `GameScreen` - Pointer to an initialised `GameScreen` structure.

SEE ALSO

`Add_Screen`, `Hide_Screen`, `Show_Screen`

1.36 games.library/Show_Screen

games.library/Show_Screen

NAME `Show_Screen` -- Displays an initialised game screen.

SYNOPSIS

```
Show_Screen(GameScreen)
           a0
```

```
void Show_Screen(struct GameScreen *)
```

FUNCTION

Displays an initialised `GameScreen`. A `GameScreen` is incompatible with intuition screens so all system screens will be disabled as a result.

This function makes a call to `Add_InputHandler()` to prevent input falling through to intuition screens.

It is perfectly admissable to call this function when another `GameScreen` is already being displayed.

INPUTS `GameScreen` - Pointer to an initialised `GameScreen` structure.

SEE ALSO

`Hide_Screen`, `Add_Screen`, `Delete_Screen`.

1.37 games.library/Hide_Screen

games.library/Hide_Screen

NAME `Hide_Screen` -- Hides any displayed `GameScreen` from view.

SYNOPSIS

```
Hide_Screen()
```

```
void Hide_Screen(void)
```

FUNCTION

Hides a displayed screen from view. This will cause the OS viewport to be returned, but your game will still be running "in the background".

On its own this is not a good multi-tasking function - use the special screen switching functions for that.

NOTE It is not necessary to pass a GameScreen to this function, it will return the system screens' regardless of what is being displayed. This makes the function quite useful for external debuggers.

SEE ALSO

Show_Screen, Add_Screen, Delete_Screen.

1.38 games.library/SwapBuffers

games.library/SwapBuffers

NAME SwapBuffers -- Switch the screen display buffers.

SYNOPSIS

```
SwapBuffers(GameScreen)
           a0
```

```
void SwapBuffers(struct GameScreen *)
```

FUNCTION

Swaps SS_MemPtr1 and SS_MemPtr2 and activates the new bitmap for the display. If triple buffered, then all three MemPtr's are switched. Visually:

BEFORE		AFTER
MemPtr1		MemPtr2
MemPtr2	---->	MemPtr3
MemPtr3		MemPtr1

You can get the addresses contained in these values, but you must never change these pointers once you have called Add_Screen().

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.

1.39 games.library/Remake_Screen

games.library/Remake_Screen

NAME Remake_Screen -- Remakes the screen display according to its size, width, and position on the monitor.

SYNOPSIS

```
Remake_Screen(GameScreen)
           a0
```

FUNCTION

Remakes the GameScreen's display window as quickly as possible. Extreme or invalid values are not checked for, so it is your responsibility to ensure all values are within their limits.

If the GameScreen is hidden then the changes will show up the next time you call Show_Screen().

You cannot change the display mode, screen type or amount of screen colours with this function.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.

SEE ALSO

Move_Screen

1.40 games.library/HWScroll_Horizontal

games.library/ScrollScr_Horizontal

NAME HWScroll_Horizontal -- Scrolls the screen left and right.

SYNOPSIS

```
HWScroll_Horizontal(GameScreen, XShift)
                    a0          d0
```

```
void HWScroll_Horizontal(struct GameScreen *, UWORD XShift);
```

FUNCTION

This is the routine for hardware scrolling in the left/right direction. You **MUST** have a knowledge of what hardware scrolling actually does before attempting to use this routine. See some examples to get a kickstart in this direction.

If the graphics hardware does not support hardware scrolling, this routine will blit the entire screen in the required direction. This is very slow but is the only other option.

If you have opened a picture larger than the screen display and just want to scroll around inside of that, you can use this function for that purpose.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.

XShift - The amount of pixels to move on the X axis.

BUGS If you move the screen more than 50 screens in either the left or right direction, you will start overwriting something else's memory. If your levels are 100 screens wide though, I seriously think you should look at what your idea of "gameplay" is, though ; -)

1.41 games.library/HWScroll_Vertical

games.library/HWScroll_Vertical

NAME HWScroll_Vertical - Scrolls the screen up and down.

SYNOPSIS

```
HWScroll_Vertical(GameScreen, YShift)
                   a0          d0
```

```
void HWScroll_Vertical(struct GameScreen *, UWORD YShift);
```

FUNCTION

Scrolls the screen vertically just by altering the required hardware bits.

If the graphics hardware does not support hardware scrolling, this routine will instead blit the entire screen in the required direction. This is very slow but is the only other option.

NOTE Unlike horizontal scrolling, there is no scroll limit for this function.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.

YShift - Amount of pixels to shift. -Ve shifts up, +Ve shifts down.

1.42 games.library/B12_FadeToBlack

games.library/ B12_FadeToBlack

NAME B12_FadeToBlack -- Fade all colours to black.

SYNOPSIS

```
FadeState = B12_FadeToBlack(GameScreen)
            d0                a0
```

```
UWORD B12_FadeToBlack(struct GameScreen *)
```

FUNCTION

Fades all the colours in the specified screen to black. Once you call this function, you have to keep on calling it until it gives you a result of NULL. This allows you to put this function in a loop and do other things while the fade is active.

For a 24 bit palette use B24_FadeToBlack().

INPUTS GameScreen - An initialised GameScreen structure.

RESULT FadeState - Returns NULL if fade has finished.

SEE ALSO

B24_FadeToBlack.

FUNCTION

This is what some may call a "palette morph" function. It will take the given screen's internal palette and fade it to the one given in Palette(a1). This function is quite useful for fading in from black screens.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.
 Palette - Ptr to a valid palette (colour array).

RESULT FadeState - Returns NULL if the fade has finished.

SEE ALSO

B24_FadeToPalette

1.45 games.library/B12_FadeToColour

games.library/ B12_FadeToColour

NAME B12_FadeToColour -- Fade all the colours in a screen to a single colour value.

SYNOPSIS

```
FadeState = B12_FadeToColour(GameScreen, RGB)
           d0                   a0       d0
```

```
UWORD B24_FadeToColour(struct GameScreen *, ULONG RRGGBB);
```

FUNCTION

Fades the colours in the given screen to a single colour type. Once you call this function, you have to keep on calling it until it gives you a result of NULL. This allows you to put this function in a loop and do other things while the fade is active.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.
 RGB - The colour to fade to, in Red-Green-Blue format.

RESULT FadeState - Returns NULL if the fade has finished.

SEE ALSO

B24_FadeToColour

1.46 games.library/24BIT_FadeToBlack

games.library/ 24BIT_FadeToBlack

NAME B24_FadeToBlack -- Fade all the colours in a screen to black.

SYNOPSIS

```
FadeState = B24_FadeToBlack(GameScreen, Speed)
           d0                   a0       d0
```

```
UWORD B24_FadeToBlack(struct GameScreen *, UWORD Speed)
```

FUNCTION

Fades all the colours in the specified screen to black. Once you call this function, you have to keep on calling it until it gives you a result of NULL. This allows you to put this function in a loop and do other things while the fade is active.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.

Speed - Determines the rate at which the fade will execute. The higher the value, the less you will need to call this routine.

RESULT FadeSate - Returns NULL if the fade has finished.

SEE ALSO

B12_FadeToBlack

1.47 games.library/24BIT_FadeToWhite

games.library/ B24_FadeToWhite

NAME B24_FadeToWhite -- Fade all the colours in a screen to white.

SYNOPSIS

```
FadeState = B24_FadeToWhite(GameScreen)
           d0                      a0
```

```
UWORD B24_FadeToWhite(struct GameScreen *)
```

FUNCTION

NOT IMPLEMENTED YET.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.

RESULT FadeSate - Returns NULL if the fade has finished.

SEE ALSO

B12_FadeToWhite

1.48 games.library/B24_FadeToPalette

games.library/ B24_FadeToPalette

NAME B24_FadeToPalette -- Fade a screen palette to a new set of values.

SYNOPSIS

```
FadeState = B24_FadeToPalette(GameScreen, Palette)
           d0                      a0          a1
```

```
UWORD B24_FadeToPalette(struct GameScreen *, APTR Palette)
```

FUNCTION

This is what some may call a "palette morph" function. It will

take the given screen's internal palette and fade it to the one given in Palette(a1). This function is quite useful for fading in from black screens.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.
Palette - Ptr to a 24 bit palette with the same amount of colours as are in the screen.

RESULT FadeSate - Returns NULL if the fade has finished.

SEE ALSO

B12_FadeToPalette

1.49 games.library/B24_FadeToColour

games.library/ B24_FadeToColour

NAME B24_FadeToColour -- Fade a screen palette to a specific colour.

SYNOPSIS

```
FadeState = B24_FadeToColour(GameScreen, Colour)
           d0                   a0           d0
```

```
UWORD B24_FadeToColour(struct GameScreen *, Colour)
```

FUNCTION

NOT IMPLEMENTED YET.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.
Colour - A 24Bit colour, ie \$00RRGGBB format.

RESULT FadeSate - Returns NULL if the fade has finished.

SEE ALSO

B12_FadeToColour

1.50 games.library/Change_Colours

games.library/Change_Colours

NAME Change_Colours -- Change a set of colours in a GameScreen's internal palette.

SYNOPSIS

```
Change_Colours(GameScreen, Colours, StartColour, AmtColours)
              a0           a1           d0           d1
```

```
void Change_Colours(struct GameScreen *, APTR Colours,
                   ULONG StartColour, ULONG AmtColours).
```

FUNCTION

Changes all colours within the set range. No alterations will be made to your external palette (SS_Palette) by this function, all changes are internal.

It is important to only use 12 bit or 24 bit colours as indicated in your GameScreen structure.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.

Colours - Ptr to a list of colours, either 12 bit or 24 depending on screen type.

StartColour - The first colour to be affected by the change. NB: The first colour is defined as 0.

AmtColours - The amount of colours to be affected by the change. Must be at least 1.

1.51 games.library/Blank_Colours

games.library/Blank_Colours

NAME Blank_Colours -- Drives all screen colours to zero (black).

SYNOPSIS

```
Blank_Colours(GameScreen)
                a0
```

```
void Blank_Colours(struct GameScreen *)
```

FUNCTION

Drives all the colours to zero, which should give a black screen. You won't be able to see any pixels after calling this routine.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.

1.52 games.library/Init_RasterList

games.library/Init_RasterList

NAME Init_RasterList -- Initialise a new rasterlist.

SYNOPSIS

```
ErrorCode = Init_RasterList(GameScreen)
                d0                a0
```

```
UWORD Init_RasterList(struct GameScreen *)
```

FUNCTION

Initialises a new rasterlist in a GameScreen structure. You have to make sure that SS_RasterList points to a valid rasterlist before calling this function.

A rasterlist is a group of commands executed at specific areas of the display. On current Amiga's, rasterlists are executed by the copper (copperlist's) at preset lines on the screen. When you call this function a copperlist will be set up according to the commands you give in your rasterlist structure. In the past creating copperlists was a major compatibility concern because you need to pass the copper direct hardware addresses. Thankfully with the Games.Library this is no longer such a problem.

There is still the issue of gfx boards not having a copper style chip on them. Luckily all these commands can in some way be emulated, so all is not lost on that front. All instructions work perfectly on OCS, ECS and AGA of course.

Current valid commands are:

WAITLINE <Line>

Waits for the vertical beam to reach the specified screen position. It is perfectly legal to enter numbers that go outside of your screens Y limits (ie negative numbers and numbers greater than the screen height).

The <Line> parameter is the vertical position on the screen where the command will be executed. This is always specified in lo-res pixels, even if the screen is in hi-res. Although line 0 starts at the top of your screen, negative numbers are still allowed, as are numbers that exceed the screen height.

COL12 <ColNum>,<RGB>

Changes a 12 bit colour value to another. Stick within the range

COL24 <ColNum>,<RRGGBB>

Same as the COL12 command, but uses 24 bit colours. Do not use this command unless you have set the _24BITCOL flag in SS_ScrAttrib.

COL12LIST <Line>,<Skip>,<ColNum>,<RGB>

Allows you to generate the classic coloured lines used by games and demos everywhere. This command is mostly useful for sky/background effects, although you could probably use it for all sorts of things.

COL24LIST <Line>,<Skip>,<ColNum>,<RRGGBB>

Allows you to generate the classic coloured lines used by games and demos everywhere. This command is mostly useful for sky/background effects, although you could probably use it for all sorts of things. Do not use this command unless you have set the _24BITCOL flag in SS_ScrAttrib.

SPRITE <SpriteStruct>

Re-activates a sprite bank at the specified line. This is commonly known as sprite-splitting. This function is considered "dangerous" and will not work on many gfx boards (although emulation is a certain possibility).

REPOINT <Bitmap>

Repoints the screen bitmap to another area in chip ram, causing a screen split at the point that this command is executed.

SCROLL <Offset>

Alters the scroll position of a bitplane to within 16 pixels. This is really only useful for scrolling parallax landscapes.

FSCROLL <Offset1>,<Offset2>

Alters the scroll position of a bitplane to within 16 + 4 quarter pixels. This is really only useful for scrolling parallax landscapes.

FLOOD

A special effect that reverses the bitplane modulo, causing the bitplane to repeat itself. This effect is used as a novel way of "fading in" the screen.

MIRROR

Similar to Flood, but does a complete reversal of the modulo so that the bitplane is "flipped over". See examples/AGAMirror.s to see how this works.

RASTEND

You must terminate your rasterlist with this command.

[If you have any other ideas for commands, mail me. - Paul]

INPUTS

GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.

SS_RasterList in this structure must contain a ptr to a standard rasterlist.

Look at the examples in this package to help you with designing your rasterlists.

RESULT ErrorCode - Is NULL if the initialisation was successful. Otherwise it will return one of the following values:

ERR_NOMEM = No memory could be allocated for

ERR_NOPTR = You didn't put a ptr in SS_RasterList.

ERR_INUSE = A rasterlist is still in use by this screen (remove the old one).

SEE ALSO

Update_RasterList, Show_RasterList, Hide_RasterList, Remove_RasterList, games/games.i

1.53 games.library/Update_RasterList

games.library/Update_RasterList

NAME Update_RasterList -- Update an existing rasterlist.

SYNOPSIS

```
Update_RasterList(GameScreen)
                    a0
```

```
void Update_RasterList(struct GameScreen *)
```

FUNCTION

Completely update a raster list's commands and line pointers to whatever values they may hold. The length of time to do this depends on how big your rasterlist is (generally, it will do the update very fast though).

If only want to update the lines or the command datas, then you can call Update_RastCommands or UpdateRastLines, which is a bit faster.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.

SEE ALSO

Init_RasterList, Show_RasterList, Hide_RasterList, Remove_RasterList, Update_RastCommands, Update_RastLines, games/games.i

1.54 games.library/Remove_RasterList

games.library/Remove_RasterList

NAME Remove_RasterList -- Hide and delete RasterList from memory.

SYNOPSIS

```
Remove_RasterList(GameScreen)
                    a0
```

```
void Remove_RasterList(struct GameScreen *)
```

FUNCTION

Remove a rasterlist's copper set up from memory. It will not affect RasterList data, but will clear the SS_RasterList pointer.

Once this function is called the rasterlist is gone - if you want to redisplay your rasterlist, reinitialise it with Init_RasterList.

Remember that if you want to re-initialise the same rasterlist later on you will have to repoint SS_RasterList.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.

SEE ALSO

Init_RasterList, Show_RasterList, Hide_RasterList, Remove_RasterList, games/games.i

1.55 games.library/Hide_RasterList

games.library/Hide_RasterList

NAME Hide_RasterList -- Hide a rasterlist from the display.

SYNOPSIS

```
Hide_RasterList (GameScreen)
                a0
```

```
void Hide_RasterList (struct GameScreen *)
```

FUNCTION

Hides a rasterlist from the screen display. This function does not delete an initialised raster or change the GameScreen structure in any way. You can return the list to the display simply by calling Show_RasterList().

NOTE There is a VBL delay to prevent the rasterlist from being removed when the beam is still executing its instructions.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.

SEE ALSO

Init_RasterList, Remove_RasterList, Show_RasterList, Hide_RasterList, Update_RasterList

1.56 games.library/Show_RasterList

games.library/Show_RasterList

NAME Show_RasterList -- Display a rasterlist on screen.

SYNOPSIS

```
Show_RasterList (GameScreen)
                a0
```

```
void Show_RasterList (struct GameScreen *)
```

FUNCTION

Display a rasterlist on the screen. The ptr to the rasterlist must lie in SS_RasterList and be initialised, either from a previous call to Add_Screen() or Update_RasterList()??

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.

SEE ALSO

Init_RasterList, Hide_RasterList, Show_RasterList, Remove_RasterList, Update_RasterList

1.57 games.library/Init_Sprite

games.library/Init_Sprite

NAME `Init_Sprite` -- Initialise a sprite structure.

SYNOPSIS

```
Init_Sprite(GameScreen,SpriteStruct)
          a1
```

```
void Init_Sprite(struct GameScreen *,struct SpriteStruct *)
```

FUNCTION

Initialises a sprite ready for placement on the screen. After calling this function you can use sprite functions such as `Update_Sprite`, `Move_Sprite` etc.

NOTE Colour bank selections are not permitted under ECS/OCS chipsets, so please use the default start colour of 16 if you can.

Under AGA if any 16 colour sprites exist then all sprites use the same colour bank.

INPUTS `GameScreen` - Ptr to an initialised `GameScreen` structure.
`SpriteStruct` - Looks like this:

```
STRUCTURE SpriteStruct,0
UWORD SPR_Number           ;Sprite number.
APTR  SPR_Address         ;Pointer to Sprite graphic.
WORD  SPR_XPos            ;X position (screen relative).
WORD  SPR_YPos            ;Y position (screen relative).
UWORD SPR_Frame           ;Current frame number.
UWORD SPR_Width           ;Width in pixels.
UWORD SPR_Height          ;Height in pixels.
UWORD SPR_AmtColours      ;4/16
UWORD SPR_ColStart        ;000/016/032/064/096/128/160/192/224
UWORD SPR_Planes          ;2/4
UWORD SPR_Resolution      ;HIRES/LORES/SHIRES/XLONG
ULONG SPR_SpriteSize      ;Reserved.
ULONG SPR_FrameSize       ;Reserved.
```

SEE ALSO

`Move_Sprite`, `Update_Sprite`, `Update_SpriteList`, `Remove_SpriteList`,
`games/games.i`

1.58 `games.library/Update_Sprite`

`games.library/Update_Sprite`

NAME `Update_Sprite` -- Place a sprite on the screen.

SYNOPSIS

```
Update_Sprite(GameScreen, SpriteStruct)
```

```
void Update_Sprite(struct GameScreen *, struct SpriteStruct *)
```

FUNCTION

Updates the sprite co-ordinates (screen location) and recalculates

the sprite image pointers for animation.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.
SpriteStruct - Ptr to an initialised SpriteStruct.

SEE ALSO

Init_Sprite, Move_Sprite

1.59 games.library/Move_Sprite

games.library/Move_Sprite

NAME Move_Sprite -- Move a sprite to a new screen location.

SYNOPSIS

```
Move_Sprite(GameScreen, SpriteStruct)
             a0             a1
```

```
void Move_Sprite(struct GameScreen *, struct SpriteStruct *)
```

FUNCTION

Moves a sprite to a new screen location according to the X and Y co-ordinates found in the SpriteStruct. This function does not act on any other SpriteStruct values and is intended for non-animated sprites.

NOTES On graphics hardware where sprites are not supported, the sprite may be drawn to screen as a BOB.

There is no Move_SpriteList available as static sprites are a rarity in games.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.
SpriteStruct - Ptr to an initialised SpriteStruct.

SEE ALSO

Init_Sprite, Update_Sprite

1.60 games.library/Remove_Sprite

games.library/Remove_Sprite

NAME Remove_Sprite -- Remove a sprite from the screen display.

SYNOPSIS

```
Remove_Sprite(GameScreen, SpriteStruct)
             a0             a1
```

```
void Remove_Sprite(struct GameScreen *, struct SpriteStruct *)
```

FUNCTION

Removes a sprite from the screen display.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.
SpriteStruct - Ptr to an initialised SpriteStruct.

SEE ALSO
Remove_SpriteList

1.61 games.library/Update_SpriteList

games.library/Update_SpriteList

NAME Update_SpriteList -- Update a list of initialised sprites.

SYNOPSIS

```
Update_SpriteList (GameScreen, SpriteList)
                   a0             a1
```

```
void Update_SpriteList (struct GameScreen *, APTR SpriteList *)
```

FUNCTION

Update a series of initialised sprites according to a SpriteList. This function is provided as an alternative to making constant calls to Update_Sprite(), which can be quite time consuming.

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.
SpriteStruct - Ptr to a SpriteList containing a list of up to 8 initialised sprites. The list must be terminated by a -1, eg:

```
SpriteList:
dc.l  SpriteStruct1
dc.l  SpriteStruct2
dc.l  SpriteStruct3
dc.l  SpriteStruct4
dc.l  -1
```

SEE ALSO
Update_Sprite

1.62 games.library/Remove_SpriteList

games.library/Remove_SpriteList

NAME Remove_SpriteList -- Remove sprites as specified by a SpriteList.

SYNOPSIS

```
Remove_SpriteList (GameScreen, SpriteList)
                   a0             a1
```

```
void Remove_SpriteList (struct GameScreen *, APTR SpriteList *)
```

FUNCTION

Remove a series of currently displayed sprites from the screen.

This function is provided as an alternative to making constant calls to `Remove_Sprite()`, which can be quite time consuming.

INPUTS `GameScreen` - Ptr to an initialised `GameScreen` structure.
`SpriteStruct` - Ptr to a `SpriteList` containing a list of up to 8 initialised sprites. The list must be terminated by a -1, eg:

```
SpriteList:
    dc.l  SpriteStruct1
    dc.l  SpriteStruct2
    dc.l  SpriteStruct3
    dc.l  SpriteStruct4
    dc.l  -1
```

SEE ALSO

`Remove_Sprite`

1.63 `games.library/Remove_AllSprites`

`games.library/Remove_AllSprites`

NAME `Remove_AllSprites` -- Remove all sprites from the display.

SYNOPSIS

```
Remove_AllSprites(GameScreen)
                    a0
```

```
void Remove_AllSprites(struct GameScreen *)
```

FUNCTION

Removes all displayed sprites from the screen simply by altering the `DMAController`. This is the fastest way to remove all sprites from the display quickly and easily.

NOTE After you have called this function you cannot see any visible changes to sprites until you call `Return_AllSprites()`.

INPUTS `GameScreen` - Ptr to an initialised `GameScreen` structure.

SEE ALSO

`Return_AllSprites`

1.64 `games.library/Return_AllSprites`

`games.library/Return_AllSprites`

NAME `Return_AllSprites` -- Return all sprites to the display.

SYNOPSIS

```
Return_AllSprites(GameScreen)
                    a0
```

```
void Return_AllSprites(struct GameScreen *)
```

FUNCTION

Returns all sprites that were previously removed by `Remove_AllSprites()`.

INPUTS `GameScreen` - Ptr to an initialised `GameScreen` structure.

SEE ALSO

`Remove_AllSprites`

1.65 `games.library/Init_BOB`

`games.library/Init_BOB`

NAME `Init_BOB` -- Initialise a BOB structure.

SYNOPSIS

```
Init_BOB(GameScreen, BOBStruct)
          a0          a1
```

```
void Init_BOB(struct GameScreen *, APTR BOBStruct)
```

FUNCTION

!DO NOT USE ANY BLITTER FUNCTIONS YET!

INPUTS `GameScreen` - Ptr to an initialised `GameScreen` structure.
`BOBStruct` - Ptr to a BOB structure.

SEE ALSO

`Init_BOBList`

1.66 `games.library/Init_BOBList`

`games.library/Init_BOBList`

NAME `Init_BOBList` -- Initialise a list of BOB structures.

SYNOPSIS

```
Init_BOBList(GameScreen, BOBList)
              a0          a1
```

```
void Init_BOBList(struct GameScreen *, APTR BOBList)
```

FUNCTION

!DO NOT USE ANY BLITTER FUNCTIONS YET!

INPUTS `GameScreen` - Ptr to an initialised `GameScreen` structure.
`BOBList` - Ptr to a BOBList, looks like this. The list must be terminated by a `↔`
-1, eg:

```
BOBList:
  dc.1  BOBStruct1
  dc.1  BOBStruct2
  dc.1  BOBStruct3
  dc.1  BOBStruct4
  dc.1  -1
```

SEE ALSO
Init_BOB

1.67 games.library/Blit_BOB

games.library/Blit_BOB

NAME Blit_BOB -- Blit a BOB to a GameScreen display.

SYNOPSIS

```
Blit_BOB(GameScreen, BOBStruct)
           a0          a1
```

```
void Blit_BOB(struct GameScreen *, struct BOBStruct *)
```

FUNCTION

!DO NOT USE ANY BLITTER FUNCTIONS YET!

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.
BOBStruct - Ptr to an initialised BOB structure.

SEE ALSO

Init_BOB, Init_BOBList, Blit_BOBList

1.68 games.library/Blit_BOBList

games.library/Blit_BOBList

NAME Blit_BOBList -- Blit to a GameScreen from a list of BOB structures.

SYNOPSIS

```
Blit_BOBList(GameScreen, BOBList)
              a0          a1
```

```
void Blit_BOBList(struct GameScreen *, APTR BOBList)
```

FUNCTION

!DO NOT USE ANY BLITTER FUNCTIONS YET!

INPUTS GameScreen - Ptr to an initialised GameScreen structure.
BOBList - Ptr to a BOBList containing a list of ptrs to BOBStructs.
The list must be terminated by a -1, eg:

```
BOBList:
  dc.1  BOBStruct1
  dc.1  BOBStruct2
  dc.1  BOBStruct3
  dc.1  BOBStruct4
  dc.1  -1
```

SEE ALSO

Init_BOB, Init_BOBList, Blit_BOB

1.69 games.library/

games.library/

NAME

SYNOPSIS

FUNCTION

INPUTS

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1.70 games.library/

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1.71 games.library/

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1.72 games.library/

games.library/

NAME

SYNOPSIS

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INPUTS

RESULT

SEE ALSO

1.73 games.library/

games.library/

NAME

SYNOPSIS

FUNCTION

INPUTS

RESULT

SEE ALSO

1.74 games.library/AllocAudio

games.library/AllocAudio

NAME AllocAudio -- Attempt to allocate the audio channels.

SYNOPSIS

```
ErrorCode = AllocAudio()  
d0
```

```
UWORD AllocAudio(void)
```

FUNCTION

Attempts to allocate all the audio channels for your own use. If the function cannot get the channels, it will return with an errorcode of ERR_INUSE. If the call is successful (NULL) then you

can safely use all the sound functions within the `games.library`.

This function should be called at the start of your program, and if successful you must call `FreeAudio()` before your program exits.

RESULT `ErrorCode` - `NULL` if successful or `ERR_INUSE` if unsuccessful.

SEE ALSO

`FreeAudio`

1.75 `games.library/FreeAudio`

`games.library/FreeAudio`

NAME `FreeAudio` -- Free the audio channels for system use.

SYNOPSIS

```
FreeAudio()
```

```
void FreeAudio(void)
```

FUNCTION

Frees the audio channels so that the system can use them again. You cannot make use of any of the audio channels after calling this function.

SEE ALSO

`AllocAudio`

1.76 `games.library/InitSound`

`games.library/InitSound`

NAME `InitSound` -- Initialise a sound structure that is not of type `RAW`.

SYNOPSIS

```
ErrorCode = InitSound(SoundStruct)
            d0
```

```
UWORD InitSound(APTR SoundStruct)
```

FUNCTION

This function is mostly here for convenience. It is not necessary to call this function for every sound that you wish to use. But, if you are loading IFF sounds from disk it is quite wise to use this function. This would enable the user to change sounds as he sees fit without affecting your program.

Once called this function will fill in the following fields in the `SoundStruct`, BUT only if they have no values in them (ie they equal zero).

SAM_Length
SAM_Period
SAM_Volume

If you don't want some or all of these fields written too, simply fill them in before-hand. Similarly you should ensure that the fields that do need to be filled out, are initialised to zero.

NOTE If the sound is in RAW format, then this function will have no effect (ie you have to set up all the fields yourself).

INPUTS SoundStruct - Ptr to a valid sound structure.

SEE ALSO
InitSoundList

1.77 games.library/CheckChannel

games.library/CheckChannel

NAME CheckChannel -- Checks the current activity of a sound channel.

SYNOPSIS

```
Status = CheckChannel(Channel)
        d0                d0.w
```

```
UWORD CheckChannel(UWORD Channel)
```

FUNCTION

Checks the specified channel to see if it has any data playing through it. If it does, then the function will return a value of NULL.

INPUTS Channel - Either 1, 2, 3 or 4.

RESULT Status - The current status of the channel, a result of NULL indicates that the channel is free. Any other result indicates that the channel is busy.

1.78 games.library/PlaySound

games.library/PlaySound

NAME PlaySound -- Play a sound through an audio channel.

SYNOPSIS

```
PlaySound(SoundStruct)
        a1
```

```
void PlaySound(APTR SoundStruct)
```

FUNCTION

Plays a sound according to the settings in the sound structure. This function executes immediately, and ignores all channel/sound priorities.

INPUTS SoundStruct - Ptr to a valid sound structure.

SEE ALSO

PlaySoundDACx, PlaySoundPri, PlaySoundPriDACx

1.79 games.library/PlaySoundDACx

games.library/PlaySoundDACx

NAME PlaySoundDACx -- Play a sound ignoring the setting in SAM_Channel.

SYNOPSIS

```
PlaySoundDACx(SoundStruct)
                a0
```

```
void PlaySoundDACx(APTR SoundStruct)
```

Where 'x' is either 1, 2, 3 or 4, which is a direct reference to the channel number.

FUNCTION

DAC stands for Direct Access to Channel. This is the fastest way to play a sound as it goes directly to that channel's sound routine, but it is not very easy to work with. This function exists for intelligently changing from full channel access for sound effects, to one channel access while music is playing.

When setting up your sounds you should make sure that you use all four channels in your structures. If the music is off, use the normal PlaySoundPri() function. If the music is on, and if it uses all but one of the channels, use this function to re-route all the sound effects through the spare channel.

NOTE This function ignores sound priorities, and will play the sound regardless of whether the channel is busy or not.

INPUTS SoundStruct - Ptr to a valid sound structure.

SEE ALSO

PlaySound, PlaySoundPri, PlaySoundPriDACx, games/games.i

1.80 games.library/PlaySoundPriDACx

games.library/PlaySoundPriDACx

NAME PlaySoundPriDACx -- Play a sound ignoring the setting in SAM_Channel.

SYNOPSIS

```
PlaySoundPriDACx(SoundStruct)
                a0
```

```
void PlaySoundPriDACx(APTR SoundStruct)
```

Where 'x' is either 1, 2, 3 or 4, which is a direct reference to the channel number.

FUNCTION

DAC stands for Direct Access to Channel. This is the fastest way to play a prioritised sound as it goes directly to that channel's sound routine, but it is not very easy to work with. This function exists for intelligently changing from full channel access for sound effects, to one channel access while music is playing.

When setting up your sounds you should make sure that you use all four channels in your structures. If the music is off, use the normal `PlaySoundPri()` function. If the music is on, and if it uses all but one of the channels, use this function to re-route all the sound effects through the spare channel.

INPUTS `SoundStruct` - Ptr to a valid sound structure.

SEE ALSO

`PlaySoundDACx`, `PlaySound`, `PlaySoundPri`, `games/games.i`

1.81 `games.library/PlaySoundPri`

`games.library/PlaySoundPri`

NAME `PlaySoundPri` -- Play a sound if it can equal or better a channel's priority.

SYNOPSIS

```
PlaySoundPri(SoundStruct)
                a0
```

```
void PlaySoundPri(struct SoundStruct *)
```

FUNCTION

Plays a sound according to the settings in the sound structure, IF it equals or betters the channel's current priority setting.

Prioritisation of sounds allows you to play sound effects according to their importance. Make sure that you take care in ordering your sounds so that they play effectively!

INPUTS `SoundStruct` - Ptr to a valid sound structure.

SEE ALSO

`PlaySound`, `PlaySoundPriDACx`, `PlaySoundDACx`, `games/games.i`

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NAME

SYNOPSIS

FUNCTION

INPUTS

RESULT

SEE ALSO
