

# **Bootmanager**

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## Chapter 1

# Bootmanager

### 1.1 Main

Well, I know that reading Doc is boring, but please, read it, it's really short ! :)

If you have any problems or suggestions, E-Mail me at:  
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What's BootManager ?  
How to (Un)Install it ?  
Requierment  
Historic  
FAQ  
Legal Things                      Must Read it ANYWAYS

### 1.2 What

What's Bootmanager ?

This is a simple program wich allows you to boot from another startup-sequence by pressing one of the 10 fkeys or one of the three mouse buttons while booting. You can execute 13 differents startup-sequence files, depending on wich button you press. If you press the HELP key, tour startup-sequence will be executed step by step, very usefull to find a problem :)

If no button are pressed, your startup-sequence will be executed normaly so your Amiga will boot as usual.  
But if you press a button to wich you've assigned another startup file, this last will be executed while the real startup-sequence won't.

So this is the fastest way to have multi-boot without running a menu or something else at the boot.

I use it to boot MacOS via Shapeshifter in "quick mode" without loading the WB or booting with  
"no startup sequence". By this way, the MacOS boot like if I had a real Mac :)

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I use it also to boot linux PPC directly without starting the workbench, thus it look like a real OS that boot without the help of another OS ! :P

But don't be affraid,  
you can boot other things than Shapeshifter or Linux PPC, it's just an exemple !  
You can do for  
example, different startup file to boot on other harddrive, or to boot a light version of your  
startup-sequence to gain memory for games or something else...

NOTE THAT THIS PROGRAM ONLY WORK WITH A MOUSE CONNECTED TO  
THE ORIGINAL AMIGA MOUSE PORT AND HAVE NOT BEEN TESTED WITH  
A PC KEYBOARD CONNECTED TO AN ADAPTOR

## 1.3 Install

INSTALLATION: VERY EASY !

before using BootManager, you must run the "install" script. or copy manually the files.

I strongly recommend to use the install script, because if you don't want to keep BootManager on your HardDrive, you will be able to use the "Uninstall" script to remove any trace of this soft including changes made in your startup-sequence file

BootManager Pref program

Well it's quite easy, just select the file you want to assign in the corresponding popGadget that represents F keys and mouse buttons.

For exemple, if you want to assign a startup to the left mouse button, click on the gadget button "Left Mouse Button".  
Then click "SAVE" (or select other file for other button). Now, when you will reboot,  
if you press the left Mouse button (keep it pushed until your file is launched) the file you've selected will be executed (and startup-sequence will be alted). Else , your startup-sequence will be executed normaly.

To remove performed changes simply run the "Uninstall" script (exempt if you have not used the install script)

## 1.4 requierment

Requierment:

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- An Amiga with an hard drive (this program is not very usefull without an harddrive !)
- MUI 3.8 is needed for the prefs program (not tested on earlier versions)
- The main program should work on any version of the Workbench

BootManager was tested on:

- Amiga 4000 PPC 200Mhz/060, 128 Mb, Rom 3.1 Wb 3.9, Mui 3.8 (with a Mroocheck adaptor and a PC mouse)

## 1.5 historic

Historic:

- V 1.0 : first version of BootManager.

## 1.6 FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I press a mouse button on startup, but nothing change, why ?

A: On Some setup, you will need to wait until IDE disks are initialised (after the led flashed) before pressing any key or mouse button.

## 1.7 Legal

LEGAL THINGS:

You can distribute this software only if theses files are present:

c/BootManager  
prefs/BMPrefs  
prefs/BMPrefs.info  
BootManager.guide  
BootManager.ReadMe  
Install  
install.info  
UnInstall  
UnInstall.info