

Misc

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Chapter 1

Misc

1.1 Misc V1.30

PureBasic Misc library V1.30

This library provides a lot of very useful but inclassifiable functions..

Commands summary:

- Delay
- FPU
- GetCLIArg
- GetFilePart
- GetPathPart
- MMU
- MouseButtons
- MouseWait
- NumberOfCLIArgs
- PeekB
- PeekL
- PeekS
- PeekW
- PokeB
- PokeL
- PokeS
- PokeW
- Print
- PrintN
- PrintNumber
- PrintNumberN
- Processor
- ProgramPriority
- RunProgram
- VWait

1.2 delay

SYNTAX
Delay(Time)

FUNCTION
Halts the program execution for the given time.

Time: Number of seconds to wait.

1.3 fpu

SYNTAX
Result = FPU()

FUNCTION
Return if a FPU (Floating Point Unit) is present on the Amiga.

Possible values:

0: No FPU available
1: 68881 FPU detected
2: 68882 FPU detected

1.4 getcliarg

SYNTAX
Argument\$ = GetCLIArg(Position.w)

FUNCTION
Returns the argument at position (Position.w) that was passed to the program at CLI start. If less arguments were given the function returns NULL.
It is assumed that the function NumberOfCLIArgs has been called once before for this function to work correctly.

Example:

```
Second$ = GetCLIArg(2)
```

Second\$ will be 'b', if the program 'TestProg' has been started with
> TestProg "a c" b
from CLI.

1.5 getfilepart

SYNTAX
FileName\$ = GetFilePart(String\$)

FUNCTION
Returns the FileName of a path and filename string.

Example:

```
FileName$ = GetFilePart("Dh0:Games/SuperFrog/SuperFrog.exe")
```

FileName\$ will be 'SuperFrog.exe'.

1.6 getpathpart

SYNTAX

```
PathName$ = GetPathPart(String$)
```

FUNCTION

Returns the full path of a path and filename string.

Example:

```
PathName$ = GetPathPart("Dh0:Games/SuperFrog/SuperFrog.exe")
```

PathName\$ will be 'Dh0:Games/SuperFrog/'.

1.7 mousebuttons

SYNTAX

```
PressedButtons.w = MouseButtons()
```

FUNCTION

Returns the currently pressed mousebuttons (1 = left, 2 = right, 3 = both, 0 = none).

1.8 mmu

SYNTAX

```
Result = MMU()
```

FUNCTION

If no MMU (Memory Management Unit) is present on the Amiga, the command returns 0, else a MMU is present.

1.9 mousewait

SYNTAX

```
MouseWait()
```

FUNCTION

Waits for a left mouse button click.

1.10 numberofcliargs

SYNTAX

```
NumOfArgs.w = NumberOfCLIArgs()
```

FUNCTION

Returns the number of arguments that were passed to the program at CLI start.

The single arguments must be separated by spaces. If an argument contains spaces it must be surrounded by double quotes (Chr(34)). If the number of double quotes is odd the function returns 0, independent of the argument string's contents.

1.11 peekx

SYNTAX

```
Result = PeekB/W/L/S(*Address)
```

FUNCTION

Return a byte, word, long or string, depending of the suffix used, located at the given *Address.

1.12 pokex

SYNTAX

```
PokeB/W/L/S(*Address, Data)
```

FUNCTION

Put the given data to the specified *Address. It can put a byte, word, long or string depending of the the suffix used.

1.13 print

SYNTAX

```
Print(String$)
```

FUNCTION

Prints the given 'String\$' to the default output (CLI/Shell).

1.14 printn

SYNTAX

```
PrintN(String$)
```

FUNCTION

Prints the given 'String\$' to the default output (CLI/Shell) and adds an 'end of line' character at the end of the string.

1.15 printnumber

SYNTAX

PrintNumber(Number)

FUNCTION

Prints the given number to the default output (CLI/Shell).

1.16 printnumbern

SYNTAX

PrintNumberN(Number)

FUNCTION

Prints the given number to the default output (CLI/Shell) and adds a 'end of line' character.

1.17 vwait

SYNTAX

VWait()

FUNCTION

Waits until the next frame begins. It's also known as Vertical Blank. Used to synchronize animation with the display.

1.18 runprogram

SYNTAX

RunProgram(DefaultPath\$, CommandLine\$, ASynchrone, Stack)

FUNCTION

Launches an external program from your program, using the given parameters.

DefaultPath\$: Full path to be used by default for the launched program.

CommandLine\$: Command to execute (Path and name of the program to launch).

ASynchrone: If set to 1, will launch the program in asynchrone matter, so your program will continue immediatly after the launch. Else your program will be halted until the launched program quits.

Stack: Stack value for the launched program. Set it at least to 4096 if you don't know what it does !

1.19 processor

SYNTAX

```
Result = Processor()
```

FUNCTION

Return which processor is present in the Amiga.

Possible values:

```
0: 68000
1: 68010
2: 68020
3: 68030
4: 68040
6: 68060
```

1.20 programpriority

SYNTAX

```
OldPriority.b = ProgramPriority(NewPriority)
```

COMMAND

It allows the programmer to set the priority of the program. It could be very useful when launching a task which uses a lot of cpu time during long periods (ie: rendering, compression...) and shouldn't lock the whole system. So set a priority of -1 and it will multitask very well!

In another side, a game needs most system resources, so when doing a fast arcade game in a multitasking environment, you must set your task priority to 10 (at least). Don't forget to reduce it when no more action is needed (ie: menus, waiting...)