

CommanderE

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Chapter 1

CommanderE

1.1 Main

Commander 1.3

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1.2 Copyrights

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1.3 Introduction

Introduction

Commander is a tool which makes running AmigaDOS commands much easier than the standard requester does. Its main features are: ability to insert file names by dropping their icons on the window or by selecting them with the requester, command history, ability to change command's options and ability to define commands which will be inserted after pressing different key combinations.

1.4 Requirements

Requirements

Program requires:

- Workbench 3.0
- MUI 3.8
- utilities.library 1.2 (included)
- wbstart.library 2 (optionally, included)

1.5 Installation

Installation

To install the program just run the installation program from the "Install" directory.

1.6 Menus

Menus

Program:

- Command history... Show command history
- Command options... Edit options
- Function keys... Edit function keys settings
- Complete name... Complete name after which the cursor is set in the command string
- Informations... Show informations about program
- Hide Hide
- Quit Quit

MUI:

- Informations... Show informations about MUI
 - Settings... Edit MUI settings
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1.7 Main window

Main window

"Command"

Here (as you probably can guess :) you have to enter the command. File names can be inserted by dropping their icons on the window or by selecting them with the requester. If it's necessary program will automatically insert spaces and quartermark

When the gadget is active, you can move through the command history by pressing up and down keys (up - previous command, down - next command) and you can insert defined command by pressing the proper key combination

After pressing the popup button on the right side of the command string the command history window will be opened.

"Execute"

Execute command

"Cancel"

Hide

1.8 Options

Options

"Output"

Window or file where all messages from the command will be directed to

"Current directory"

Home directory for the command

"Stack"

Stack size in bytes

"Priority"

Priority of the command

"Number of commands"

Maximal number of commands in the command history buffer

"WB mode"

If this option is on, all programs which have icons will be run in WB mode, and the arguments from the command line will be passed as the program was run together with selecting other icons. This option to work requires wbstart.library in version 2 or higher

"Show .info files"

If this options is on, files ending with .info will also be shown in the name completion window

"Save"
Save options

"Use"
Use options

"Cancel"
Cancel changes and close the window

1.9 Command history

Command history

Command list

This is a list of executed commands (their number depends on the options settings). The last executed command is on the top. To insert any command just double click on it

1.10 Function keys

Function keys

"Key"

"And"

These gadget are used to select the key combination

"Mode"

This gadget lets you select the way in which the defined command will be inserted. There are two possibilities:

- "Replace" - entered command (in the main window) will be deleted
- "Insert" - the command will be inserted in the cursor position
- "Execute" - the command will be executed immediatly after pressing the function key (even if the command string isn't active) and it won't be added to the command history

"Command"

Here you have to enter the command which will be inserted after pressing the selected key combination. Just like in the main window you can insert file names by dropping their icons on the window or by selecting them with the requester

"Save"

Save settings

"Cancel"

Cancel changes and close the window

1.11 Arexx commands

Arexx commands

OpenWindow

Open program's window (uniconify)

InsertString string

Insert string into the command in the current buffer position

InsertName name

Insert name into the command in the current buffer position.
If it's necessary, program will automatically add spaces and use
quartermark

SetCommand command

Clear entered command and set its contents to 'command'

ExecuteCommand

Execute entered command

SetOutput output

Set output

SetCurrentDir dir

Set current directory

SetStack stack

Set stack size

SetPriority pri

Set priority

GetCmdStr

Get command string

GetBufPos

Get cursor position in the command string

SetBufPos position

Set cursor position in the command string

1.12 History

History

1.3

- slash ("/") isn't added anymore to directory names after dropping their icons on the window
- every time you open the requester, "File" field is cleared

1.2:

- you can now select whether files ending with .info should be shown in the name completion window or not
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- command history window can be opened with the menu and is more similar to real popup window now - after pressing the pop button when it's opened, it's automatically closed

1.1:

- programs with icons can be run in WB mode
- name completion function is available
- in the function keys settings a new mode which will cause immediately command execution is available
- many files can be now selected with the requester
- there is more function key combinations available
- command string is cleared after executing the command
- empty commands aren't added to the command history any more
- three new Arexx commands have been added

1.0:

- first version

1.13 Known bugs

Known bugs

If you know how to remove these bugs, please contact with me. I'll be grateful for help.

1. If the command history window is opened, pressing button opening it again should close it. Unfortunately, usually after pressing it once nothing happens - the window is closed after pressing the button two times. The same problems appears in the function key settings window, but rather rare.
2. It's not possible to insert a directory name with requester when NewReqLibs patch is installed (and maybe also if other patches changing asl functions to reqtools functions are installed).

1.14 To do

To do

Here are some features which I may add in the next program versions. If you think that they would be useful or maybe have your own ideas, let me know about it.

1. Opening drawers - after entering a directory name, it would be opened like you double clicked on it
 2. Opening www sites - after entering a name beginning with http:// or www the selected browser would be run and the page would be loaded into it
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1.15 Contact

Contact

Any comments and questions send to:

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1.16 Authors

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