

**Starter**

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# Chapter 1

## Starter

### 1.1 Starter

Starter \$VER 1.1 (4.12.1996)

"For those who never read any documentation:  
Starter displays a bootpicture and a fuel-gauge  
depending on how far the bootprogress has gone"

What is it?  
Installation  
Using own Pictures

Sideeffects/Technical/Update  
About the devs:system-configuration

Multiview only:  
Preview  
Check out example 1  
Check out example 2  
Check out example 3  
Check out example 4

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### 1.2 Motivation

Motivation:  
Everytime i switched on my Amiga,i was very bored of  
the Black screen which showed up every time.And  
Even a bootpicture bored me after some time.

But a thing i liked was the power-up message of  
the MacOS (System coming up...) and the nice percentage  
gauge...  
But now there's starter: directly after the poweron a  
costum picture will be displayed,with a bargraph in it.  
And after every command executed of the new starter-sequence

the bargraph gets slowly filled. The screen only closes after you issued a break-command to the starter-task. This can be done by the supplied program or a simple "break 'status command starter'".

Starter is very system-friendly, it will do no patching at all (e.g. on `^NextScreen` or `OpenScreen()`). This has only one disadvantage: The Workbench pops up in front of the starter screen...

Preview (Only with Multiview)

DISCLAIMER:  
No garatnies for anything.Use at your own risk.  
"It works on my machine".

## 1.3 Installation

1.Doubleclick the Installericon.  
What's the special system-configuration?  
Install it,if you have maximum overscan-settings.

2. Start a texteditor and edit 's:startup-sequence'.  
Comment out all commands between 'setpatch' and 'endcli'.  
(Even loadwb and iprefs) by inserting a ';' as the first character  
of the line. Append the command 'c:starter' directly  
before the 'endcli'-command. (the 'c:' is important!)  
Patches like Sysihack or Urouhack should be started  
BEFORE the starter-program itself.

3. Now edit the file 's:starter-sequence'.  
Remove all commands that are already in the 'startup-sequence'.  
'Iprefs' and 'Loadwb' should be the last commands here.

THAT'S ALL!

If you want, you can draw a new 's:starter.iff'. But then you have to change the settings in 's:starter.prefs' to new values. Have a look at the Configuration-topic.

## Examples for startup-sequence or starter-sequence

## 1.4 Contact

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www.FH-Karlsruhe.de/~fema0012/ (->PGP-Key)

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greetings to tak,erwin,siggi,axel,Sir Pac,Jim,All PrimiTiveArts Members

`fuck off sven mattmüller (flame him at fido 2:241/7508)`

## 1.5 Known Bugs

Note on v1.1: You no longer need the "close\_starter"-program.

Bugs known: None.

This program should run on any computer and is mungwall-proof.  
It works under CyberGraphics (Tested).

But i dont really know,if it displays AGA-pictures correctly...  
Let me know,if you tested it...

Any IF/ELSE/ENDIF command in 's:starter-sequence' will not work,  
but THERE ARE NORMALLY NO IFs NECESARY IN THE STARTUP-SEQUENCE.

In AT's startup-sequence there are some lines that check for the  
existence of any monitor-driver.Hey,all AGA-Users have at last  
one driver installed,and ECS-Users with flickerfixers can remove  
the lines without any problem.

----Technical:

First of all "s:starter.iff" is begin loaded and displayed.  
Then Starter reads line by line out of 's:starter-sequence'  
and executes them via System().Then it terminates.  
Nothing Magical.But Cool.

## 1.6 Configuration

The filename of the picture is "s:starter.iff".

The 7 lines of the file "s:starter.prefs" have the following meaning:

1st/2nd Line: Top/Left coordinates of the bargraph to draw  
3rd/4th Line: Inner Width/Height of the bargraph to draw  
5th Line: Colour of topleft bargraph-border  
6th Line: Colour of bottomright bargraph-border  
7th Line: Colour of bargraph-filling

Hint: The width should be multiples or divisors of 100.

(This time no preferences program.If you can fiddle with your  
startup-sequence,you can also change 7 numbers in a textfile.)

## 1.7 Special system-configuration

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The special "system-configuration":

After each reboot the amiga first reads the file  
'devs:system-configuration' (remainder of kick 1.3) and sets  
colours,pointer and overscan after it.  
These settings are later replaced with those of Iprefs.

This can be useful for us:

- 1.You dont see anything,because the colours are all set to black.
- 2.Your picture doenst jump,if iprefs set the overscan-settings  
(because the overscan-settings are the same).

If you just want to save your overscan-settings as a  
system-configuration,use the program "fixprefs.lha"  
(available on AmiNet).