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1.4 Introduction to Kesc

Introduction to Kesc

-Maybe you owe a basic A1200 with no extra memory.

-Maybe you like a software configuration with 8 colors (or more), interlace mode, a lot of programs in the WBStartup and other things which waste memory.

-Maybe you use your Amiga for programming or drawing or for Shapshifter or ...

-Maybe you often have to deactivate the Startup-Sequence in the Amiga Early Startup Control (AESC. You see where i'm going ?)

Maybe you're bored?

-of having to remember the path where you have to move and to do this manually with your fingers.

-of having to juggle with your WBStartup

- of etc...

Well, this little environnement can help you.

What is Kesc?

Kesc means 'Kit Early Startup Control'.

After having install it, if you reset your computer, nothing have change. Except if you keep the left mouse button pressed during the boot (in fact the beginning) kesc will open it's screen.

On this screen you'll have three choices (in fact two). These choices are managers.

They are two managers in kesc (for instance and maybe for ever):

The WBStartup manager allows you to:

-deactivate or activate the programs you need or you don't need in the WBStartup using the way you prefer. (ie deactivation by .noinfo or by moving in a sub directory).

-it is compatible with WBStartup+ (look for in aminet). ie if you have a subdir which name match "isable" (for disable, font sensitive) and another matching "nable" (for Enable), these directories can be used for activating or deactivating.

-a file found in sys:wbstartup will be marked "icon"

-a file found in a subdir will be marked "dir"

-wbstartup+ will be marked "lnch"

-you can change the tooltype STARTPRI of a commodity

-the modifications are done by clicking on the name of what you want to change (on the priority if you want to change the priority etc ...)

-clicking on 'keep changes' will do the modification you've done

-clicking on 'cancel' cancels them.

The Startup-Sequence manager allows you to:

-choose a Startup-Sequence adapted to your needs on which you gonna boot. This startup should have been previously created by yourself and put in the s:Startups/ directory. (this one is created during installation)

-for example you can have a startup which only do a setmap to your country keyboard. This will be the equivalent of Boot With No Startup-Sequence but you'll have the good keys. Or you could have a startup sequence for system 3.1, or for programming or for shapeshifter etc...

1.5 installation

Installing Kesc

Notice: The installation change the startup organisation in a rather important way (Startup-Sequence). So, two scripts are available: one for installing and one for desinstalling. Therefore don't hesitate to install it.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW:

You gonna have a new directory in your S: volume. Its name: Startups/ This directory will contain all your Startup-Sequence, eg: one with no IPrefs, one with no LoadWB, one with T:, ENV:, CLIPBOARD: on HD. You can make all the Startup-Sequence you want. You're the only decider. You'll have to make them by yourself. Your Startup-Sequence will be copied there during Kesc installation with the name 'Startup-Sequence-normal'.

This one will still remain in the S: directory under the name 'Kesc-Startup'.

The new Startup-Sequence (which is included in this package) will only do a SetPatch and execute Kesc.

Before rebooting for testing, execute KescPrefs and configure the screen mode and the fonts (specially if you're monitor is not PAL)
You'll need the reqtools.library version 38 by Nico Francois (you can found it everywhere)

When you're booting, if you do nothing, it's like before. If you press the button you'll have an interface (in the style of Amiga Early Startup Control) permitting you to choose your startup (Startup-Sequence and WBStartup).

Now if you think it's a good thing you can install it. Just click on the Install icon.

1.6 Contacting the author

For ideas, bugs, anything...

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