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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 RealTime

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Requirements:- Kickstart v36+

~~~~~Problem~~~~~	- Do I have this problem?
~~~~~Solution~~~~~	- How do I solve it?
~~~~~Usage~~~~~	- How do I use it?
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~~~Author~Info~~~~~	- The wonderful Burnsy!
~~~~~RealTime~~~~~	- Room for improvement?

### 1.2 RealTime/Problem

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Problem:-

The problem I had when I first got my amiga was a lack of time. Not a lack of time to use it, but when I did use it, it never had the correct date and time set in it. When I bought my first 1/2 meg upgrade board for my A500, then I was set, because along with that whole 1/2 meg came a battery backed up clock! But since I've upgraded to an Amiga 1200, I miss having the correct time, especially when writing letters, e-mail, etc. So I needed Real Time.

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## 1.3 RealTime/Solution

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Solution:-

Well here's the solution to all your problems. RealTime is a program similar to the Time preferences found on Workbench 2 and above. Some of you may have noticed that, unlike most of the prefs programs, the Time program does not save out a file when you click on Save, instead it attempts to write the time to a battery backed up clock. Well think how useful it would be if it saved the time to a preferences file, then you could put Time into the WBStartup drawer and set the correct time and date every time you boot. Well now you can, since RealTime's save button saves the time to a file you specify, then attempts to read it back from that file the next time it's run.

## 1.4 RealTime/Usage

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Usage:-

RealTime can be run from the CLI or from Workbench, from either accepts two optional arguments...

RealTime FROM,PUBSCREEN/K

ToolTypes:           PUBSCREEN  
                      DATEFILE

The first argument, FROM or DATEFILE, is the name of the file you wish to store the date in, if this is omitted then RealTime will use the default file S:Date. The second argument PUBSCREEN tells RealTime the name of the Public Screen you wish it to open on, if this argument is omitted then it will open on the Workbench screen.

Once the program is run. It opens a window with four slider gadgets, these control (from top to bottom) the Hours, the Minutes, the Months and the Days. There is also a display which shows the date selected, and a string gadget to change the year. Along the bottom are three buttons, Save, Use and Cancel. Use simply sets the current time/date as the time selected, Save sets the time and saves the time to the file, and cancel quits the program with no changes, as does the close gadget. If the right mouse button is pressed then an about window appears.

## 1.5 RealTime/Other BD Releases

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Other BD Releases:-

Currently there are only a few of many programs fully written and released, here they are...

- 256Colour 1.0 - Corrects the palette on 16+ colour Workbench screens on an AGA amiga.
- AltNTab 1.0 - Allows you to switch between windows using a hotkey, just like Windows users
- ExtraScreen 1.2 - Opens a customizable Public Screen for any programs that require it. The screen is then shut down when no windows are open on it.
- StartE 1.0 - Allows you to have up to 5 extra startup-sequences available by holding down the right mouse button during booting.

To be released...

- Chord 1.0 - A guitar chord database which shows how to play certain chords.
- PhoneDial 1.0 - Use you modem to dial phone numbers faster than you could, then drop the carrier for you to continue the call.
- ExtraScreen 2.0 - A surprising update.

Plus many more that may or may not get finished :)

## 1.6 RealTime/Author Info

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Author:-

Hi, I'm the author :) Here's the bit where I get to bore you with lots of useless info about me. I'm 17, and I'm nearly finished a GNVQ IT course at Newcastle college. I write my programs in assembler on a Vanilla Amiga 1200. And if any big software companies out there wanna employ me then get in touch :) Anyway, here's the address for bug reports, letters of thanks, suicide requests, job offers and the likes...

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## 1.7 RealTime/RealTime

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RealTime:-

RealTime is only a small program, so it would be pointless classing it as Shareware and demanding huge sums of money from people :) So I decided to make it PostcardWare, so if you use this program, and it comes in very handy then send me a postcard letting me know.

This program was fairly bug ridden from version 1.0, but through plenty of testing now appears to be bug free. It made from 1.0 through to 1.2 just with bug fixes, and thanks to Gordon Brown, Phil Brown and me for testing it.

Future:-

I don't think there's much call for future versions, what else can I add? One thing I do intend to impelment in 1.3 is a standard date form. At the moment it stores the date in a non-ASCII format, version 1.3 will output the date as an ASCII file similar to the output from C:Date. Also a Save As option to specify the output file, and an update option, to simply update the current time/date to the file without the GUI. These three will be fitted into 1.3, and hopefully we won't need a 1.4 bug fix :)

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