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Chapter 1

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1.1 AltNTab - What's it all about then?

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Requirements:- Kickstart v36+

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~~~~~The~Author~~~~~	- All about the coolest guy around!

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1.2 Description - AltNTab? I hear you say!

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Description:-

This is a small commodity program which controls the order or your windows in much the same way that the depth button does, although with less control. AltNTab cycles through the windows, rather than bringing a particular one to the front.

I know some people may be scared of what this does to the Amiga to obtain this. Well it does nothing I would class as illegal. It does not hack into anything. The program sets up a commodity broker from which you can control

it, but mainly to give AltNTab a safe and reliable way to recieve a hotkey. Once it recives the hotkey (which can be set up by you), it finds out which is the Active Window, then tells intuition to bring the next window to the front. If the active window is the last window in the list, it then returns to the begining of the list.

1.3 Usage - How to use this work of art!

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Usage:-

AltNTab is very easy to use. It accepts only two arguments, either from the CLI~prompt or from the Tool~Types. These arguments are...

CX_PRIORITY - The priority you wish the commodity to run at.

HOTKEY - The key sequence you wish to use for the window
 switching.

Both arguments are optional, and have their defaults. If no CX_Priority is specified then it defaults to 0. If no HotKey is specified it defaults to "ALT TAB" :) Once the program is up and running it is invisable to the user, until it recieves it's HotKey, then it will switch to the next window. To quit the program, either run it again, or use Commodities Exchange to remove it.

1.4 Reason - Why should PC owners have it and not us!

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Reason:-

When you have more than one screen open you can use LEFT AMIGA + M to switch between them, this is very handy is you are using the keyboard, since you don't have to reach for the mouse. PC Windows users don't have seperate screens (mustn't have nicked that yet :)), but can use ALT + TAB to switch between windows. So I thought why not write one for the Amiga, surely it would be helpful to be able to switch windows with a key or two? Well I find it usefull, hope you do :)

1.5 Other BD Releases - Other excellant software

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Other BD Releases:-

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

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| 256Colour 1.0 | - Corrects the palette on 16+ colour Workbench screens on an AGA amiga. |
| RealTime 1.2 | - The ultimate replacement to a battery backed up clock. |
| 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...

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|-----------------|--|
| 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 Author Info - All about the coolest guy around

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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 AltNTab/Index

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1.8 Reference - Commodity

Commodity

A commodity is a program which makes use of the standard commodities library to gain it's input, rather than installing it's own input handler. This provides a safe way for the program to recieve input, and an easy way for the user to interact with the program using Exchange.

1.9 Reference - Depth Gadget

Depth Gadget:

The small gadget in the top right hand corner of most windows, if you click on this gadget then it will arrange the depth of the window, either bringing it to the front or sending it to the back, depending on its current state.

1.10 Reference - Broker

Broker

A commodities broker is the interface a program launches to Exchange. Once this has been initiated, Exchange will add your program to it's list, where it can pass on various information from you.

1.11 Reference - HotKey

HotKey

A hotkey, is a combination of keypresses that can be used to activate something. A hotkey can be something simple like "T", so when the T key is pressed on the keyboard then the hotkey will be recieved, or as complicated as "rawmouse rbutton lbutton mouse_leftpress".

1.12 Reference - Intuition

Intuition

Intuition is the system that handles all drawing to the screen in Workbench mode. It handles all screens, windows, gadgets, menus, etc.

1.13 Reference - Exchange

Exchange

The Exchange program can be located in your Tools/Commodities drawer, and will enable you to control all commodity applications.

1.14 Reference - CLI Prompt

CLI

The CLI (Command Line Interface) is another way of interacting with the Amiga. This can be activated either from booting, by not using loadwb, or can be re-opened using the Shell icon located in the System drawer.

1.15 Reference - Tool Types

ToolTypes

ToolTypes are used to pass information to an application using it's icon. Select a tool icon, then select Information from the Icons menu. In the window that appears is a box which contains the tooltypes for that program.
