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Chapter 1

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1.1 Background

Background v2.10

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1.3 Introduction

What is "Background"?

Background is a program similar NickPrefs by Nicola Salmoria. Unlike NickPrefs' WBPICTURE every workbench window can be connected with its own picture. Besides you can have pictures for non-Workbench windows.

Why?

Background has been written, because at that time I did not have the opportunity of getting NickPrefs. As I finally had NickPrefs, the possibilities offered did not satisfy me. Because I did not know, whether there was a similar program I decided to write my own.

1.4 Requirements

Necessary are:

- at least OS 2.04
- IFFPARSE.library in LIBS:

Not necessary, but recommended are:

- 1 MBYTE Chip-RAM
- hard-disk

1.5 Installation

I. Quick and easy installation

Just double click onto the Background-Install icon. The Installer will explain you the remaining things.

II. Installing it on your own

You should have never had to read this text, the installer should have done the work for you...

Copy the main program 'Background' somewhere on your boot partition. Next you will have to add an entry to the user-startup. The needed entry is '<Path to the program>/background noscan openwbench>'. Finally start the preferences editor which can be found in the Prefs drawer of this archive.

For further information read chapter 5, 'Konfiguration'.

1.6 Konfiguration

Just start the preferences editor which is located in the Prefs drawer of this archive. Furthermore you should read the doc which is named Backprefs.guide and can be found in the docs drawer.

1.7 Usage

Background can be used both from workbench and from the CLI. In both cases the keyword NOSCAN is accepted. This keyword prevents Background from scanning and changing the background of already opened windows. When started from CLI OPENWBENCH is also accepted. OPENWBENCH makes background opening the Workbench screen. When running OS 2.0 this is the only possibility to open the screen window on startup.

CLI: background NOSCAN/S OPENWBENCH/S
WB: NOSCAN as a tooltype

1.8 Credits

thanks to these people. Without them I would have never written this program.

David Benn : for his ACE compiler, with which the program was written. See also history .

My brother : No one finds as many errors ;-)

Nicola Salmoria : For the Nickprefs, that made me writing this program.

Zone of Psykotrope: Really nice, to get some feedback

1.9 Known bugs

- must be started after IPrefs

1.10 Author

Who wants to give a little Gift for his effort to a poor student, send money, programs etc to :

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1.11 future

Well, that thing with supporting OS 3+. I probably won't be able to do this soon, as I have now money to buy an upgrade kit. And it's nearly impossible to develop a tool using an OS you don't have...

1.12 history

The beginnings of the program are unknown even to myself. All began in november '95, with a load routine for IFF-ILBM pictures. Here is the documented history since january '96:

20.01.1996: V1.15 working version (yea, well nearly)
20.02.1996: V1.20 Mungwall-hit and other things
24.02.1996: V1.21 again a Mungwall-hit
25.02.1996: V1.25 MatchWin and TestHook now assemblers
05.03.1996: V1.30 ViewPic ported to assembler
09.03.1996: V1.31 minor bug in CleanExit
16.03.1996: V1.32 bug in recognizing caller task
12.04.1996: V1.33 nameleespics can be omitted
05.05.1996: V1.34 PORTED TO ASSEMBLER
17.05.1996: V2.00 · needs less memory
 · preferences editor
01.06.1996: V1.90 preferences editor not completed, lessons start
05.08.1996: V2.00 · added picture to display on the screen background
16.02.1997: V2.1B Pictures for other tasks than WB
08.04.1997: V2.1 · kann delay loading
 · preferences editor, now able to color-adapt pictures

Starting with V1.25 the routines, the of systems calls, are written in assembler. (A68k).

Starting with V2.0 the whole program is written in assembler.
