PrinterSpooler

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Chapter 1

PrinterSpooler

1.1 Printer Spooler Documentation

Printer Spooler

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A Swiss Army Knife Utility

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1.2 Introduction

Printer Spooler is a utility program to quickly and easily print one or more text files.

A full collection of tools is supplied to make short work for additions and changes.

It can be started in WBStartup and iconified so it is always available.

1.3 System Requirements

This program requires at least version V39 of the operating system software. This is to take advantage of the new commands and new tags. It is now easy enough to update your system so it should not pose a problem.

This program requires less than 512K of RAM, therefore it should operate on all systems.

To use the full potential, a harddrive is recommended but not required.

1.4 Using Printer Spooler

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1.5 Starting Printer Spooler

This program may be started from the Workbench or the Shell window.

This program will detach from the Shell so you need not use Run or any other variant. There are a few command line arguments you may use when loading:

FILE/K

File(s) to print. You specify wildcards in the path.

ex: PrinterSpooler FILE DH1:Source/#? to print all files in that directory.

ex: PrinterSpooler FILE Source/#?.c to print all C files in that directory.

ICONIFY/S

Start in iconified mode.

ICON_X/K

X coordinate for AppIcon.

ICON_Y/K

Y coordinate for AppIcon.

PUBSCREEN/K

Name of public screen to open the interface on.

LANGUAGE/K

Preferred locale strings language.

Language must be all lower case.

NOUI/S

Do not open the user interface.

NOVERSION/S

Do not display program title when not using the editor.

DONOTDETACH/S

Do not detach from the Shell.

The arguments are not case sensitive and may be mixed in any order.

ex: PrinterSpooler FILE Main.c ICONIFY

Only one copy may be run at one time. You will be notified if more than one copy is attempted to be executed.

1.6 Menu Strip

Load Preferences

This will load the previously saved settings.

Save Preferences

This will save the current settings.

Iconify

Iconify the program and place an AppIcon on the default public screen.

About...

Will open a large requester with some pertinent information about the program.

Quit

Will terminate the program.

1.7 Main Editor

Files To Print

List of files to be printed.

Add

Append one or more text files to end of the list.

Remove

Remove the selected file.

Clear

Clear the list.

Print

Begin printing the files.

Quit

This will terminate the program.

1.8 GadTools

Thanks to Olaf `Olsen' Barthel, author of gtlayout.library. It is by far the best user interface package.

The user interface is totally font and screen mode sensitive. All gadgets and the window will automatically adjust to match your preferences.

The latest features are utilized to get the most from the operating system and to make the program the best of it's kind.

1.9 Locale Support

This is program is totally localized to allow support for foreign languages. A catalog may not be available for your language at this time, but one will hopefully be available soon.

If you are willing to translate the strings to another language, please let me know. If you do offer, a perfect translation of all strings will be expected. It is all or nothing. I will also be seeking your assistance for future versions that have new strings.

1.10 Operation Notes

Press the Help key for AmigaGuide help.

It can be started in WBStartup and iconified so it is always available.

1.11 Hints And Tips

When using the file requester, you can enter a pattern in the filename gadget and CLICK the positive gadget to scan the entire directory. Pressing ENTER will not work.

1.12 Reporting Bugs

I try to make sure all new additions or changes work correctly before releasing a new version, but, something might get by. If you encounter a bug or a problem with hardware or other programs, please let me know. Do not assume it will be fixed in the next version because if no one tells me, I may not find it.

Please be very specific about what the bug does, when it does it, how you found it, and how I can re-create it to test it. Also let me know what your system consists of: Kickstart version, hard-drives, memory expansion, accelerator card, chip set (original, ECS, AGA), etc.

If you find a program that is not compatible with this program, please send it to me on a disk or via electronic mail.

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1.13 Incompatibilities

1.14 Distribution And Legal Notices

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1.15 Program History

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- Preliminary construction.

- Added FileToList() for pattern matching.

- When in the file requester, can now enter a pattern in the filename gadget

and CLICK the positive gadget to scan the entire directory. Pressing ENTER

will not work.

- Updated routine to start iconified.

- Exec lists updates.

- Wrote AmigaGuide.

- Public release.

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- Added ProgressWindow() to have gadgets for: current filename, Current File

gauge, Files Complete gauge, Skip, and Abort.

- If NOUI specified and no FILE specified, will now open a file requester

instead of just terminating.

- Added new fast sort routine from Optimus View.

- Added prefs file for new option: Print Title. This will print the complete

path of the file on the first page.

- Created a new About... requester for all programs. Much nicer than the

previous generic EasyRequest() one.

- Updated AmigaGuide.

- Public release.