

Man

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Chapter 1

Man

1.1 Man.guide/Main

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Thanks to AMIGA to be the best computer ever made.

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1.2 Man.guide/Introduction

Man is a program like... Man :)), used on UN*X workstations to gain some help about system calls and commands on the shell.

When I try other versions of this useful command, I am not satisfied for results, so, I write my own version.

This is a program written after opening and closing with Multiview(tm) the AutoDocs(tm) for every Amiga system call needed for programming, so I think it will be useful for a quick look about one of them. It's probably faster use my program instead of searching manually for parameters of that system call.

Of course there are programmers who remember every system call of the Amiga Kernel, but for normal peoples, like me :)), Man will do its job.

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1.3 Man.guide/Copyright

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This program is not freeware. You MUST give 1000 dollars...ehm...:-)) OK

This program is FREEWARE.

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1.4 Man.guide/Legal Stuff

Here follows legal stuff :

This program is provided "as is" without warranty of any kind, either expressed or implied, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. The entire risk as to the quality and performance of this program is with you. In no event can I be liable to you for damages of any kind arising out of the use of this program, or the inability to use it.

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1.5 Man.guide/Requirements

To run Man you need :

- o AmigaOS v3.0 or higher
- o Motorola 68020
- o Original AutoDocs files
- o Hard Disk is recommended, or you will wait..wait..wait....

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1.6 Man.guide/Installation

Man must be installed manually, because it's very simple and I generally don't use Installer(tm) ;).

Follow the steps below.

- o Copy the executable file to C: or another desired location.
- o Copy this documentation where you want.
- o Assign MAN: to a directory containing the Autodocs(tm) files.
You can use multiple assigns, if your docs are in various directories.
Try this :

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Assign MAN: dir1 dir2 dir3 etc.
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- o Relax yourself. All done :)

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1.7 Man.guide/Usage

Man has this syntax :

```
Man <SystemCall> [ALL]
```

where :

SystemCall is the (partial, see later) name of system call you are searching. It is no case-sensitive, so, if you don't remember if the call is Forbid() or ForBid() or FORBID() :)), there are no problems.

ALL is optional and tells Man not to stop if it finds a system call name containing string passed like first argument. If you want infos about calls with string "Init", using ALL, you will gain infos of InitCLI(), InitBitMap() etc, otherwise Man will show infos only for first system call (ie. only InitCLI()) and no more.

Use CTRL+C to stop it.

Examples :

You want see infos about Forbid() :

```
1> Man Forbid
```

will show only Forbid() .

You want see infos about BltBitMap* :

```
1> Man BltBitMap ALL
```

will show BltBitMap(), BltBitMapRastPort() etc.

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1.8 Man.guide/History

Here is Man's history :

v0.9 (01 October 1996)

Internal version. Not released.

v1.0 (09 October 1996)

First public release.

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1.9 Man.guide/Bugs

None (I hope).

Man is tested with my configuration below and never gave me some problem.

- o A1200
- o CPU Motorola 68EC020 14 Mhz
- o FPU Motorola 68881 14 Mhz
- o Microbotics MBX1200z with 8 MB Fast Ram on board
- o Hard Disk 540 MB (IBM)

I successfully tested Man on AutoDocs(tm) files and files released with some C compiler.

The format of files MUST be this :

```
<FORMFEED> [RETURN here is optional]
xxxxx.library/yyyyzzzz() name of system call
infos....
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FormFeed is usually printed like an inverted L symbol and has ASCII code 12.

If you are sure that Man has a bug, then contact me so
I can remove it (I hope :))

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1.10 Man.guide/Contact

If you want contact me, you can use my E-Mail address below, but I don't know when it will expire, because I am graduating in Computer Science in the University of Catania. Try it.

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You can send everything (bombs, girls, money (yes yes), your programs etc.) but I can't guarantee that your stuff will be returned (girls specially :))

See ya.

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