

# **WBMakeLink**

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## Chapter 1

# WBMakeLink

### 1.1 WBMakeLink.guide

WBMakeLink 1.0  
December 14, 1994

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WBMakeLink = Workbench Make Link

Author & Tech	About the author and compiler.
Synopsis	How to use WBMakeLink.
Why does it copy the icon?	An explanation.
Archive Contents	What the files are.
Features	Features of WBMakeLink.
Quitting WBMakeLink	How to quit the program.
Tooltypes	Description of tooltypes.
Defaults	Default settings.
To Do	Future modifications to WBMakeLink.
Bugs	Bugs in WBMakeLink.
History	Previous versions.
Disclaimer	Disclaimer.

### 1.2 Author & Tech

About the author  
and other tid-bits.

Program: WBMakeLink  
Version: 1.0  
Date: December 14, 1994

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Coded by: John Hughes  
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Compiled with: SAS/C 6.51  
Machine: A4000 68EC030/25 AmigaDOS 3.1  
Required: AmigaDOS 2.04 or above

Distribution: WBMakeLink v1.0 is Public Domain.  
As long as all of the archive stays intact and  
unmodified, WBMakeLink V1.0 may be distributed  
anywhere.

Other programs

I have released: PointerEyes - Eyes watch your pointer and do tricks.

## 1.3 Synopsis

How to start WBMakeLink?

It's SIMPLE!

Just drop it in your WBStartup directory or anywhere else you want  
and double click its icon.

The settings for WBMakeLink are stored in its Workbench icon.

What is WBMakeLink?

WBMakeLink adds a menu item to the "Tools" menu of the Workbench screen.  
If you are familiar with the "Make Alias" menu item on Macintosh  
systems, WBMakeLink will feel right at home for you. Simply select  
an icon (or icons) on the Workbench screen and select "Make Link"  
from the tools menu. A link to the selected icons will be made,  
and a new icon will be made for the link file.

If no icon exists for the file that is selected, no link icon will  
be made, unless the "ALWAYSMAKEICON" tooltype exists.

## 1.4 Why does WBMakeLink copy the icon?

WBMakeLink copies the icon instead of making a link to the icon.

This is because in order to make the linked icon appear in a  
different snapshotted place than the original icon, it has to  
have a different set of x,y coordinates, which are stored in  
the icon.

If it didn't, the icon would be placed over the original icon in  
the workbench window, unless the icon was unsnapshotted.

Even if a link file was created, once you moved the icon and  
snapshotted it, it would be saved as a real file, instead of  
a link.

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## 1.5 Archive Contents

### Archive Contents

Here are the explanations for all of the files with in this archive.

File	Explanation
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WBMakeLink	
WBMakeLink	---> Executable
WBMakeLink.info	---> WBMakeLink icon
WBMakeLinkV1.0.guide	---> Documentation in AmigaGuide format
WBMakeLinkV1.0.guide.info	---> WBMakeLinkV1.0.guide icon

## 1.6 Tooltypes

### Description of the icon tooltypes

The following are the tooltypes in which WBMakeLink gets its settings from when it is started.

The tooltypes can be marked out so that they are not defined by placing parenthesis around the keyword. For example (ALWAYSMAKEICON).

MENUNAME=

You can set the name that you want to appear in the "Tools" menu.

ALWAYSMAKEICON

If this tooltype exists, WBMakeLink will always make an icon for the linked file, even if the original file doesn't have an icon.

## 1.7 Default Settings

### Default Settings

MENUNAME=Make Link

(ALWAYSMAKEICON) <--- In other words, it doesn't always make an icon.

## 1.8 Features

### WBMakeLink Features

- o Uses the "Tools" menu in Workbench.
- o Create file links from workbench, and add's an icon for the link.
- o Configurable menu item name.
- o If you like, it will even create link icons for files with no icons.

## 1.9 How to quit WBMakeLink

### How to Quit WBMakeLink

1. Make sure no icons are selected.  
Select "Make Link" from the "Tools" menu in Workbench.  
Select "Quit" from the requester.
2. OR send WBMakeLink a CTRL-C.

## 1.10 Things to do in the future

### Things to do in the future

Nothing yet. Give me some :)

If you have any suggestions or coments about WBMakeLink,  
please send them to: johughes@heartland.bradley.edu

## 1.11 Bugs

### Bugs

I haven't found any bugs yet, however no program is bug free.

Please keep me informed of any bugs that you find.  
E-Mail: johughes@heartland.bradley.edu

## 1.12 History

### History

I got the idea from the Macintosh operating system, and was upset

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when I found that the new Amiga operating system updates didn't include the function.

v1.0 December 14, 1994

First Version. Was written in just one day.

## 1.13 Disclaimer

### Disclaimer

In using this program, you are exempting the author of this program from any cause or fault in the event of damage or corruption of any software or hardware that this program may do.

In other words, this program shouldn't do any damage to anything, but in the case that it does, the author can not be help responsible.