

Raindir

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Chapter 1

Raindir

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Rainlities #4:

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- Colorful window sensitive directory command -
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1. Introduction

This is my first released utility(?) for Amiga (though I haven't made anything for any other computer either). Since now I've made couple of Demos and intros by the name Rainman of DiskNet. I've made also small tools which were never released (they're for my personal use only).

But why new dir? What's wrong with the old one? Well, nothing really, Its output is just so booooring! I've been using the MasterDir v2.0 by Corsair of Dragons since it produces a bit nicer (colorful) output, but

as it is a quite old prod (and bugged) I decided to make my own and better.

NOTE: It is not allowed to give this production for free (unless you have a really good reason to do so). You must take a decent amount of money to cover up all your expencises (the more the better :). Everyone who disobeys the rule WILL be prosecuted (and found guilty).

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2. Using Raindir

The reason why I am using Raindir and not any other dir (No, I don't use c-shell or similar either) is because I like to show off My WB. I have 64 color WB with 64 color bg-pictures (mostly Hajimes) and MagicWB of course. And everything looks extrimely cool (and colorful).

There is nothing wrong with the other Directory commands. It's just that they look so plain. One color output is hardly what I want to see on my WB. I know that more colors means less speed, but I think you can cope with that, after all if you compare the speed of 64 color WB to any other Graphical Operating System (e.g. Windows) it is UltraFast.

The output is designed to use MagicWB colors so it may look a bit strange if you don't have 'em.

Please note that I don't take any responsibility if your HD might crash while using this production nor do I take responsibility for any other kind of data loss or physical / mental damage to you or your computer.

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3. Features

Raindir has couple of nice features which are compiled below:

- It was coded in 100% Assembler (which means that it may have some unexpected bugs in it)
- It generates its output to fit in your window (wider the window more columns you get)
- Detects different fontsizes
- Centers the path-name and puts it in a gadget like 3D-box (Though nothing happens if you push it :)
- Displays useful info about the dir and the disk
- From version 1.1 Raindir uses ReadArgs(). Arguments currently known are:

COMMENT Prints out comments (window sensitive)

DEFAULT Uses defaults values (width=80 height=infinite)

FLAGS Prints flags and dates (window sensitive)

HORIZONTAL Sorts horizontally (check the difference)

LENGHT If you like to use different lenght in columns
(LENGHT 20 will produce four 20 chars wide columns
on default window)

COLUMNS If you want to use different number of columns in your
output (COLUMNS 1 will produce only one column). You
can combine LENGHT and COLUMNS to generate almost any
kind of output.

PAUSE Pause after one page is printed

SINCE Print only files which are newer than given date
(SINCE today will show files that have been made today)

- Possibly lots of nice little things which I am not gonna tell you here (Find out something yourself! It shouldn't be too complicated)

WARNING: I am not sure if I consider the following a feature, but I might as well inform you of it: Sometimes Raindir goes wacko and randomly destroys parts of your disks (harddisks included) completely...

... Nah! No it doesn't. I'm only kidding!

... Or am I?

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4. History

Version 1.0 14-Nov-94

- First Release

Version 1.01 23-Nov-94 (Not released)

- Fixed bugs in flag detection

Version 1.1 07-Dec-94

- Now uses ReadArgs()

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5. ToDo

- Ask console the real width and height of the window
- Optimize and make it smaller
- (• Fix the bugs)

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6. Credits

Raindir was compiled using PhxAss -assembler on A1200/120/6
by Kimmo 'Rainman' Pekkola

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Thanks must go to Mandra of Skidmark for Ideas and Testing!

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7. Other prods

Rainlities #1: Jack the Picture Ripper

- Simple AGA only graphics ripper with not so system-friendly interface.
- Not released (Too many bugs)

Rainlities #2: Random

- Generates random numbers
- Made only for my personal use

Rainlities #3: Convert

- Displays numbers in Dec, Hex, Asc and Bin
- I might turn it to a command line calculator someday
- Not very useful yet (= No point in releasing)

Rainlities #4: RainDir

- Colorful window sensitive directory command
- First release Rainlity

Rainlities #5: StickyClock

- Clock for Virtual WBs

Rainlities #6: Iff2Font

- Converts Iff pics to Amiga bitmap fonts
 - Not ready yet
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