

SXServDoc

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Chapter 1

SXServDoc

1.1 Table of contents

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1.2 preface

Hi Janus bridgeboard user !!!

In this archive you will find a useful commodity that shall expand the capability of Commodore's janus bridgeboards. This software is of use only if you are running Kickstart 2.04 and you own a Commodore 386SX Bridgeboard. For SXServ you need at least an PC VGA gfx board in order to use the switch to pc feature.

In order to use this new tool you need to know what you are doing ! Some knowledge of the janus system and the files it incorporates is required.

If there is some feedback via email, I will think about doing some more janus software

That's all 4 now

1.3 features

SXServ is a little commodity that combines some programs of the original janus package such as PCReset, LPT1, LPT1X, Flipper and PCWindow.

To use SXServ you have to copy the program into the sys:WBStartup drawer. You have to edit the following tooltypes then:

How to use SXServ :

1. SXTOGGLE_Hotkey = <Shortcut to toggle between AMIGA and BridgeBoard VGA display>
2. SXFLOPPY_Hotkey = <Shortcut to toggle between AMIGA and BridgeBoard floppy access> This replaces the original Flipper tool. Of course an A2386 bridgeboard is required.
3. SXLPT_Hotkey = <Shortcut to activate/deactivate lpt emulation>
3. SXRESET_Hotkey = <Shortcut to do a hardware reset>
4. CX_POPKEY = <Shortcut to popup GUI>

After you have pressed the SXTOGGLE_Hotkey the emulation window opens and the switchmodul* will switch over to the PC VGA display. The pc keyboard is emulated.

* With a little circuit you can realize an electronic monitorswitch with the A2386 bridgeboard. The switch is plugged into the minidinconnector at the back of the commodore sx board.

if you don't want to build your own switcher you can order it from, only mail order, cash:

Andreas Goiczky
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it costs 70 \$ including shipping

1.4 requirements

This software is of use only if you are running Kickstart 2.04 and you own a Commodore 386SX Bridgeboard. For SXServ you need at least an PC VGA gfx board in order to use the switch to pc feature. @endnode

1.5 installation

To use SXServ you have to copy the program into the sys:WBStartup drawer and reboot.

1.6 tooltypes

Tooltype descriptions

There are some supported tooltype parameters:

SXTOGGLE_HOTKEY

Shortcut to toggle between AMIGA and BridgeBoard VGA display. Of course this option is only available if you own a C= 386SX Board (2386) and if the electronic monitor (mentioned in Features) is connected to the bridgeboard. This function is also available in the user interface.

SXFLOPPY_HOTKEY

Shortcut to toggle between AMIGA and BridgeBoard floppy access. This replaces the original Flipper tool. Of course an A2386 bridgeboard is required. This function is also available in the user interface.

SXLPT_HOTKEY

With this tooltype you can change the shortcut which activates/deactivates the lpt emulation. You can also use the user interface to do activation/ deactivation of lpt port. This replaces the LPT1/LPT1X tool of the original janus package.

SXRESET_HOTKEY =

This allows to change the shortcut which does a hardware reset. This reset is the same as you would run the PCReset program of the janus package.

CX_POPUP

If you specify YES as parameter the user interface opens if the program is started.

CX_POPKEY

This allows to change the shortcut which pops up the user interface.

1.7 gadgets

Gadget descriptions

Most gadgets are pretty much self explanatory but here follows a short description.

"Activate parallel port"

If this checkbox is enabled lpt printer port emulation is activated. You are then able to redirect bridgeboard printer output as specified.

"direct cia access"

If this gadget is enabled all printer output is done by directly programming the CIA parallel port registers. Nevertheless this is done in a system-friendly way because SXServ tries to alloc the parallel port first.

If this gadget is not enabled all output is done via printer.device if output to file is not enabled.

Of course "direct cia access" is the fastest way to emulate the lpt printer port.

"output to file"

If you activate this checkbox all lpt output is redirected into a file which filename can be specified in the string kind gadget below this checkbox. Because the printer data is not buffered in any way file output is quite slow. If you want to access the printer data file on the amiga side you have to deactivate the lpt emulation first because the file remains open as long as the emulation is active.

"outputfile"

With this string gadget you can specify the filename which is used for the printer data file. If you select the picker at the right side of the string gadget you are able to choose a filename via a comfortable asl filerequester.

"Attach floppy to.."

Listview gadget to toggle between AMIGA and BridgeBoard floppy access. This replaces the original Flipper tool. Of course an A2386 bridgeboard is required. You may also use the cursor keys to toggle floppy access.

"Switch to PC"

Gadget to switch to BridgeBoard VGA display. Of course this option is only available if you own a C= 386SX Board (2386) and if the electronic monitor (mentioned in Features) is connected to the bridgeboard.

"Reset PC"

This gadget does a hardware reset if you select it. This reset is the same as you would run the PCReset program of the janus package.

"Save"

The save option is not yet available.

"Use"

This gadget deactivates the user interface.

"Quit"

This button removes the whole commodity if selected.

1.8 questions

If you have any questions or just have found a bug concerning SXServ feel free to contact me via email. My email-address is as follows:

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1.9 credits

I have some people to thank for their assistance in the development of SXServ. A few of the more influential people who have contributed greatly to this effort are:

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Who supplied me with all the janus development stuff.

Andreas Goiczky

He designed the electronic monitor switch and his comments and testing helped me to continue working on this project.

Olaf "Olsen" Barthel

For developing the wonderful GUI engine I used in this project.

1.10 copyright

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1.11 disclaimer

I hereby reject any liability or responsibility for these or any other consequences from the use of SXServ whatsoever. This includes, but is not limited to, damage to your equipment, to your data, personal injuries, financial loss or any other kinds of side effects.

Although SXServ has been tested thoroughly on several different machines, I cannot rule out the possibility that SXServ

- o is somehow incompatible to your equipment
- o has bugs that show up on your equipment
- o does not do what it is supposed to do on your equipment

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1.12 Installer

Installer and Installer project icon

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1.13 history

Revision V1.6

- backslash is repeatable now
- added all missing keycodes (keypad codes, tilde etc.)

Revision V1.5

- DYNAMOUSE tooltype was not handled correctly
- added semaphore for MouseServ
- added support for new mouseserv

Revision V1.4

- again changed keyboard emulation code.
- fixed some enforcer hits in the HandleGUI code

Revision V1.3

- changed the way the keyboard is emulated.
 - the '4'-key works now
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- the backslash is emulated correctly now
- output to file is now enabled

Revision V1.2 (first public release)

- added menu with about/quit function
- added hotkey to toggle lpt activate function
- added lpt support. File output not implemented yet.

Revision V1.1

- added user interface

Revision V1.0

--- Initial release ---