TextWin

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ACTION	*NAME*	*DATE*	*SIGNATURE*
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TextWin: A new MUI requester from BOTH Software
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  is a new tool for DOS script writers
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Usage : TextWin

TITLE/A,BODYTEXT=BODY/A

Arguments:
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TITLE          <text> - Title text for requester window.
BODY           <file> - Body text for requester window.
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DESCRIPTION

TextWin is a general purpose advisory requestor. It's function
is to present the user with a scrollable MUI window that displays text.
It offers one Button to clear the requester.The text comes from a file
or the command line.

It is possible, if you are so inclined, to use TextWin as a filereader.

Example:

```
    STACK 8000
    IF EXISTS MUI:
      TextWin TITLE "Info for you" BODY RAM:help.txt
    ENDIF

    Click Signs to see it in action.
```

TextWin is meant to be called from a DOS script. If you do not know if MUI is
present, it is recommended you test for it's existance. See the example above
for the syntax.

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              Be sure to set a stack of 8000
              at the beginning of the script.
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    TITLE
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TITLE is a Required argument and it is Positional.

This information appears in the top bar of the window. It should
describe the kind of information the user is expected to provide.

```
    TextWin TITLE "Installation Instructions" BODY dh3:instructions
```

The word TITLE does not have to be used as long as the text is
presented as the first string following the name of the requester.

```
    "Installation Instructions" BODY dh3:instructions
```

There is no default value for TITLE. If you choose not to present
any information in the title bar, you must include a null string as
the first string after the argument.

```
    TextWin "" BODY dh3:instructions
```

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    BODY

BODY is required and positional.

This is the text that appears inside the window. Use TextWin to give specific instructions to the user.

 TextWin "Installation Instructions" BODY RAM:help.txt

The word BODY does not have to be used as long as the text is presented as the next string following TITLE.

The text usually comes from a textfile. If a path is necessary, include it like this:

    BODY DH2:extrainfo.txt

If the filename has a space in it, enclose the entire path/filename in double quotes.

    BODY "DH2:Extra Info.txt"

The text can also come from the command line.

    BODY "This text comes from the command line"

This is an inefficient way to display text. If you only need to display a small amount of text we recommend you use rtEZrequest, found on Aminet as util/cli/DOSReqTools.lha.

1.5 bs

TextWin was written to compliment MUI Interface, (dev/gui) a package that generates and controls a MUI GUI from a DOS script.

If you find any bugs or have any comments, please contact the Authors. Email messages will be answered immediately. Snail Mail letters will take longer since we never learned to read or write too well.

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BETA TESTERS NEEDED

We have several projects underway that require extensive beta testing.
If you are AmigaDOS-literate and have the time to wring out some new
programs please contact us via email. The only requirements we place on
beta-testers is that they have access to the Internet and have MUI
and MUIBuider installed on their system.

COMALITES UNITE !!!!

BETA TESTERS NEEDED FOR
A COMAL PORT TO THE AMIGA

25 November 1994

We are writing a replacement for the Amiga Shell, based on COMAL.2.
The COMAL Shell will be DOS compliant with COMAL structures. It is
based on the COMAL '85 standard, with several extensions added.

If you were a COMAL programmer on the C64, and would like to see
COMAL ported to the Amiga, please contact us. Len Lindsay has
closed the COMAL Users Group, so he won't be able to help us much on
this project. We have the BNF notation for the language and have
just finished writing the parsor. We need your input on how the
language should be implimented. As we see it, COMAL will be used as
a replacement for the Shell. We will include all of COMAL.20 except
turtle graphics, PEEK and POKE. The effect of this will be to give
you access to all of the looping structures, string handling, file
handling, and other wonderful features COMAL has, but DOS doesn't.

Our implementation will incorporate a script driven version of MUI.
This will give COMAL an infinate variety of requesters and GUIs. It
will also give COMAL access to intuition. Try THAT from DOS!

COMAL on the Amiga would be interpretive, including the LOAD and RUN
commands. We have looked at EVERY shell ever written for the Amiga
and, frankly they are mostly UNIX creatures, not intended for
amateur programmers. We hope to put a structured, high level
language back in the hands of those who haven't learned C. COMAL was
invented by Borg Christiansen in 1976. He did it because Pascal was
simply too difficult to teach to most people.

A COMAL compiler is also planned. This would give
registered developers the ability to write commercial
programs in COMAL and compile them for distribution.

We believe the resurrection of COMAL would be a boon to the Amiga
Community. If an easy-to-learn language was available, perhaps we
would see a new generation of programmers showing off their skills.
Maybe Amiga User Groups would flourish again. Maybe pigs will fly.
Who knows. No one will ever know unless we try.

If you don't remember COMAL, but are skilled in high level languages,
we want to hear from you. We've never written a language before.

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That means if you like it and use it, you may send us a Gift.
A birthday card or email would be nice. We would really like
to hear about how you've used the requester.

If you feel the requester could be made more useful, please contact
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all rights to the Program. The Authors are not responsible for any
damage the Program may cause. If you distribute the Program, you
MUST distribute the entire package with the documentation and copy-
right notices.

The exception to this requirement would be if you wrote a script that
used the requester. TextWin may be distributed with your script(s).

TextWin may be included in any archive collection.

Tested on a 3000, 2000, 1000, 600, and a 1200 without problems.

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You must have MagicUserInterface installed.
WorkBench 2.x and up is required.
Script usage only