PopFile

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1.2 Distribution

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1.3 Disclaimer

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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.

1.4 Package Contents

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This package consists of:

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    PopFile                 The program itself.
    PopFile.info            8 colour icon for above.

    PopFile.readme          Program overview in text format.
    PopFile.readme.info     8 colour icon for above.

    PopFile.guide           Documentation in AmigaGuide format.
    PopFile.guide.info      8 colour icon for above.
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    PopFile.pi              Product info file for KingFisher, etc.
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1.5 Background Info

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PopFile is a small commodity intended for the WBStartup directory that
waits for you to press its hotkey. When you do, it opens an ASL file
requester and inserts the fully qualified names of the files you
select into the input stream of the active window.

It is up to you to make sure that the application which receives the
filenames (which will appear as if typed in) does something suitable
with them. If the cursor is in a string gadget, for example, that
would usually be fine. If the keypresses happen to cause the program
receiving them to format your hard disk, though, that's your problem.
Admittedly this is pretty unlikely, especially as the input will not
include the return key.

1.6 Requirements

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PopFile requires AmigaOS 2.04 / Kickstart V37 or higher.

The following disk-based Commodore libraries are required, but are
part of AmigaOS 2.04 anyway:

    o asl.library V38 or higher.
    o commodities.library V37 or higher.

1.7 Installation

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Installation is trivial, just drag PopFile to any drawer you prefer
and drop it. If you put it in your WBStartUp drawer it will be started
every time you boot to the Workbench. Just check that "DONOTWAIT" is
present in the tooltypes. The other typical location is with the other
commodities in "SYS:Tools/Commodities".

1.8   Starting and Quiting

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PopFile can be started from both Workbench and Shell. If run from Workbench, it will configure itself by reading its icon's tooltypes. If run from a Shell, you can specify some command line arguments. These have the same format as the tooltypes.

PopFile does not have a window as such but instead runs as a commodity in the background. To remove it, run it again, or select the "Kill" option of the Exchange program. You can also remove it with the "Break" command using the "C" option.

1.9   Using PopFile

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When you press the hotkey, PopFile will open an ASL file requester on the active screen. Choose one or more files and select "Okay". PopFile will determine the full pathnames of the files and insert those names into the program as though you had typed them in at the keyboard. Then it will go back to sleep until you summon it again.

If you select multiple files, each name will be separated by a space. If any pathname has embedded spaces, it will be enclosed in double quotation marks ("). PopFile will not send a Return keypress at the end.

The default hotkey is "RCommand RShift v" (right Amiga with right Shift and "v"). You can select your own hotkey using the CX_POPKEY tooltype.

Remember that PopFile cannot know what effect these simulated keypresses may have on a program, so it's up to you to make sure the context is suitable.

1.10   PopFile Tooltypes

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These are the tooltypes PopFile looks for in its program icon (the Shell argument keywords are the same):

CX_POPKEY=<keydefstr>

    Pop-up hotkey definition.

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    Default: "RCommand RShift v"
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CX_PRIORITY=<hotkeypri>

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    Hotkey priority among commodities.
    Default: 0
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DONOTWAIT

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    This is actually read by Workbench when you put PopFile in the
    WBStartup drawer. It tells Workbench not to wait for the program
    to finish before proceeding.
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1.11 Bugs and Improvements

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No known bugs at this time.

Suggested improvements:

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    o allow specification of default filerequester directory.
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Please send bug reports or further suggestions to me.

1.12 Version History

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1.00 (30.1.95) First release.

1.13 Credits

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HiSoft for DevPac3.

PopFile was developed with the following equipment:

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Amiga B2000rev6
Kick 37.175, WB 37.67
ECS 1MB Agnus, OCS Denise
GVP G-Force 030/882 @ 40MHz
8MB Fast, 1MB Chip
340MB SCSI HD
Philips CM8833 monitor
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PopFile was developed the good old fashioned way: about 5 hours straight coding at night in front of the tube, from conception to this full stop.

1.14 Author

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