

Lyr2AG

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Chapter 1

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1.1 Lyr2AG Documentation

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1.2 What is Lyr2AG?

Lyr2AG is a small CLI utility that will quickly and easily convert standard Lyric files to a smart looking AmigaGuide document.

Lyric files are easily identified as they contain keywords throughout, such as "@ALBUM:", and "@SONG:". You should be able to use any lyric files that contain these keywords with Lyr2AG.

If you don't have any lyric files, try looking on the InterNet at FTP.UWP.EDU. This FTP site contains literally thousands of files including lyrics, pictures, discographies, etc. Lyric files are also to be found scattered around all over the World Wide Web (but if the lyrics are included within a large text file, please delete the non-lyric parts of the file before processing the lyrics with Lyr2AG).

1.3 System Requirements

Lyr2AG will operate on any Amiga running KS2.0 or later.

1.4 Usage

You can use Lyr2AG in one of two ways. Firstly, the interactive way.

Just enter the Lyr2AG command at your command line. A requester will appear, prompting you for a lyric file. Select one, and click on OK. Now the program will process your file. When it's finished, it'll pop up another requester for a save filename. If the original file ended with the suffix '.txt', it'll be automatically replaced by '.guide'; otherwise '.guide' will be appended to the original filename. Click on 'Save' and your lovely AmigaGuide lyric document is ready for your persual. :)

To use non-interactively, run Lyr2AG as follows:

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Lyr2AG <lyric filename> <amigaguide filename>
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The program will process the lyric file, and write it to the file specified for the AmigaGuide filename. Note that there is no confirmation of overwriting if the destination file exists!

If you have a lot of files to convert, you might want to generate a batch file to convert them all automatically, using List and LFORMAT as follows:

```
List TO ram:executeme #?.txt LFORMAT "Lyr2AG %s%s %s%s.guide"
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1.5 Legal Stuff

The usual stuff applies: I won't be held responsible for any damage done to your computer system or anyone else's computer system as a result -- direct or indirect -- of using Lyr2AG.

If you do experience any problems with this program then please let me know so that I can attempt to sort it out!

Lyr2AG may be distributed freely, as long as no unreasonable charge is imposed for its distribution.

1.6 History

Lyr2AG history:

v1.0 (25/12/94)

Initial (private) release, written in AREXX.

v1.1 (27/12/94)

Removed bug that occurred if songs had quotes in their names.

Tries to guess save filename.

Recognises @ARTIST: keyword

v2.0 (31/1/95)

Totally rewritten in C.

To do:

Automatic capitalisation for titles (so that 'BAD capitalisation' becomes 'Bad Capitalisation').

Allow to be run from workbench? (this one will depend upon how many email messages I get requesting it).

1.7 Contacting the Author

If you like Lyr2AG and think it's useful then please drop me a line and let me know! Also please contact me if you have any complaints/comments/suggestions about Lyr2AG. I'll do my best to reply to all email messages, but I can't promise a prompt reply if you contact me by snail mail..

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