

# **ToolType**

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## Chapter 1

# ToolType

### 1.1 ToolType documentation

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Icon tooltype editor.

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## 1.3 Introduction

What does ToolType do?

ToolType will allow you to edit tooltypes in icons using your favorite text editor, rather than that silly string gadget intuition gives you in the information requester

ToolType can sort the tooltypes alphabetically, placing commented icons first or last in the sorted list.

ToolType can be set up as an appicon for on the fly tooltype editing.

ToolType will automatically comment or uncomment tooltypes for you, all you have to do is mark tooltypes to be commented with a '(' or delete the '(' to uncomment them.

ToolType can take a textfile with tooltypes in it and put them in an icon. This feature is usefull if you need to add the same tooltypes to several icons. This can easily be done by using a batch file or a 'For' command.

Users of Nicola Salmoria's NewIcon package will still be able to use ToolType without loosing any of the palette information, newicon image or oldicon image. These features will be available weather or not you have the NewIcons patch running, provided you have newicons.library installed.

## 1.4 ShareWare

PLEASE SUPPORT SHAREWARE!

ToolType is shareware, you can use all the options and features of ToolType without any limitations. ToolType is not crippled in any manner. After an evaluation period of 30 days, if you want to still use ToolType you are asked to register.

The following is the current price list for ToolType.

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\$5.00 US.

Please see Author~Info, for information on contacting me and my address to send in your registration

Sending in your registration fee will help ensure futhor developement of ToolType. Also I will give priority to suggestions and questions from register users.

Please note in the time that ToolType has be released I have received only one registration. As this version involved a complete rewrite and I have no use for a localized version, all locale support was removed. If I receive enough requests/registration I would be glad to put it back.

## 1.5 Requirements

ToolType does not require much in order to work. You will however need to have the following items installed or available on your Amiga to use ToolType.

- 1) Workbench 2.0+
- 2) ReqTools library (© Nico Francois) not included
- 3) A text editor
- 4) some icons.

Optional

- 1) NewIcon.library (© Nicola Salmoria) not included

## 1.6 Installation

Installing ToolType  
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Nothing could be easier. Just make sure you have ReqTools in libs: and place ToolType where ever you want. If your going to use the appicon feature, I recommend placing it in WBStartup.

## 1.7 Using ToolType

Using ToolType  
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Using ToolType is very easy. First just make sure you have configured ToolType to you system and liking.

You can start ToolType in any of the following ways:

- 1) ToolType can be started without any arguments from either Workbench or shell. In this case you will be presented with a filerequester. Just select

the icon you wish to edit with the requester.

2) If you start ToolType with an argument, either from Workbench (via extend selecting) or with a cli argument from your favorite shell.

3) If you start ToolType with the AppIcon option on, ToolType will place an appicon on your Workbench window. Now all you have to do is drop your icons on the appicon to edit them. You can also double click on the appicon to select icon with a file requester. If you cancel the file requester, you will be presented with an information requester with the option to quit.

Regardless of which method you use to start ToolType, your text editor will be run and the tempfile created, which contains all the tooltypes, will be loaded. Each line represents a different tooltype. Just edit the tool types as you would any other text file. When you are done, save the changes and ToolType will read the tempfile, extract the ToolTypes and save them to the icon.

NOTES: Blank lines in the text file will be ignored. A blank line is any line which begins with a space or a carriage return.

Limitations:

- 1) ToolType is limited to 256 tooltypes (If you need more let me know)
- 2) Workbench limits tooltype lengths to 128 chars.

## 1.8 Options

### Options

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Options can be specified in the tooltypes (when starting from the Workbench) or on the command line (when starting from a Shell).

#### EDITOR

Command string you run your text editor. Tooltype will look in your Workbench path to find your editor. If your editor is not located in Workbench's path or if Workbench is not running, then you will need to include the complete path. If your text editor runs asynchronously you also need to specify the WAIT option. ToolType will automatically place the name of the tempfile at the end of the command strings. If you need this to be in the middle, put a '%s' in the command string to specify where the name of the temporary file should be inserted.

If you do not specify this option ToolType will read the environment variable 'ToolType' if this does not exist it will try the variable 'Editor'. If all the above fail it will default to using 'ED %s'

#### SORT

This options describes how you wish to handle sorting of the tooltype. The choices are:

- Ask - pop up a requester each time you edit an icon if you wish the tooltypes to be sorted.
- True - always sort the tooltypes.
- False - never sort the tooltypes.

The default is Ask.

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**WAIT**

Some text editors run asynchronously, that is they detach from the shell when run. If your text editor does this, you need to specify this option. When is set, a requester asking if you are done editing the tempfile will appear. Click on it only after you have finished editing the tempfile and have saved the changes  
Default is off.

**CONFIRM**

If you wish to be asked if it is OK to change the tooltypes in the icon, set this tooltype. ToolType will check the creation date of the tempfile before it runs the text editor and again after. Only if the date changes, will the confirmation requester appear.  
Default is off.

**COMMENT**

When sorting the tooltypes, the commented ones those surrounded by '(' and ')', will be placed after the uncommented ones. Setting this option tells ToolType to place the commented ones first not last. This options only works if the tooltypes are being sorted.  
Default to is place the commented tooltypes last.

**PUBSCREEN**

This option specifies name of public screen requesters should appear on, if not specified or the name is invalid, Workbench will be used.  
Default is 'Workbench'

**QUIET**

This option suppress the copyright notice when ToolType is started from WorkBench.

**APPICON**

This option tells ToolType to add an appicon to the Workbench.

**ICONX**

This options lets you specify the horizontal position of the appicon.  
Default is to let Workbench pick the location.

**ICONY**

This options lets you specify the vertical position of the appicon  
Default is to let Workbench pick the location.

**ICONNAME**

This option lets you specify the name that should appear under the appicon on the Workbench screen.  
Default is 'ToolType'

**FILE**

This option is only available from the CLI. Use this option to specify  
a text file which would contain tooltypes to add to icons. ToolType will read the text file and change the icon's tooltypes to those specified in the text file.

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## 1.9 Locale

Locale Support

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This feature has been removed in v3.0. If there are enough requests/registrations I will put it back.

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## 1.11 History

Release 3.2

- o Opps, ToolType did not work if NewIcon.library was not found (fixed)

Release 3.1

- o ToolType now supports NewIcons, provided you have newicon.library installed.

Release 3.0a

- o CONFIRM switch was not working (fixed)
- o Will now look for your text editor in your Workbench path, you no longer have to specify the whole path for editor command string.

Release 3.0

- o Found a bug which I could not figure out. So I rewrote the whole thing. Result was an executable which was much shorter in length.
- o Removed locale support, if you want it back consider registering.
- o Rewrote docs, now much easier to read

Prior Versions

- o Ancient history

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