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## A multidir scanning program

*Introduction by The Tortoise and Achilles*

*Dedicated to the late Lewis E. Carrol*

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*'Twas a warm and sunny day. Achilles was out for a little walk, when he saw his best friend, Tortoise sitting on a stone enjoying the sun.*

Achilles: God day Tortoise

Tortoise: Yes, it is. What makes me the honour to have you come visit me ?

Achilles: To be honest, I've just got a new version of the *AmiExpress BBS* program, and it's VERY good.

Tortoise : Ah, the famous program made by Mike Thomas, and later updated by Joseph Hodge and *The AmiExpress Development Team*.

Achilles: Yes, how did you know that ?

Tortoise: Actually, I just registred a copy of my own today.

Achilles: But I thought you didn't like modems and such things.

Tortoise: No, I don't.

Achilles: But then, tell me why you bought *AmiExpress*. If you're not going to use it, what are you going to do with it ?

Tortoise: As you know, I am a programmer, and I've started to program bbsdoors for *AmiExpress*. I really like doing it.

Achilles: But...But....Eh ?...That's excatly why I came to you, I wanted you to make a door program for me. Will you do it ?

Tortoise: If you tell me what to do, I will give it a try.

Achilles: As, you know, you can have 9 conferences in *AmiExpress*, and most sysops have Request conferences, PC conferences and SNES conferences. What I simple want, is a program that can go through all the new files every conference.

Tortoise: Well, actually, I have alreay done such a program.

Achilles: Are you saying that there is such a program already ?

Tortoise: Well... Yes.

Achilles: How does your program work, is it easy to use ?

Tortoise: Yes it is, very easy, you shouldn't need to read this docfile at all. The program is rather selfexplainatory.

Achilles: Then I guess all I have to do is to copy the program to my dir where I keep all the rest of the doors I have.

Tortoise: Yes, that's right my friend.

Achilles: But how can the program now which dir to scan in ?

Tortoise: I have thought of that too. My first version of the program read a file called "ndir", that contains the number of the last DIRx file. But later I found out the this wasn't what I wanted. So instead I made a config file, called 'scan.config', and the format of the file is not hard at all. It goes like this:

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1bbs:conf1/dir1 The b0aRdGASM!
2bbs:conf2/dir2 Shoot the bird!
3bbs:conf3/dir1 Babble
4bbs:conf4/dir1 C'ing is beliveing - Anti Pascal Association
5bbs:conf5/dir1 SUN is FUN & VAX is MAX - Unix, what else?
6bbs:conf6/dir1 Star Trekin' and J.T Kirk
7bbs:assembler/dir2 680x0, Sparc, VAX-II and 80x86 Assembler
9bbs:private/dir1 PRIVATE!
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I guess that says it all. The first character should be a number in the range 1-9, each one corresponding to a conference. This should be the first on the line, and the space

between the path and conference description should be ONE space, not a TAB or anything else. Simple isn't it ?

Achilles: Yes, very smart...indeed, but where shall I put this scan.config file ?

Tortoise: You shall put it in your bbs: directory.

Achilles: Thank you.

Tortoise: By the way, are you a registred *AmiExpress* user ?

Achilles: Ehm? No, I'm not...

Tortoise: Well, I think it would be better if you registred your own copy of this nice bbs program, and then you will be able to get an account at the *AmiExpress Support BBS*, and there you will find lot of other doors.

Achilles: Great, I will do that.

*And Achilles went back home. And as he went home, he was think of other doors, that he wanted for his new bbs program.*

## THE END

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The above story was told be me, Rickard Björklund, who also wrote the the scan program. I would like to thank Damage/Fairlight for the original idea and for  $\beta$ -testing the first version of this program.

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If someone wants to send me a **NeXT** or a *Sun Sparcstation*, Ok, I'd be glad if I someone sent me a postcard...

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"I'd rather write VAX assembler, than assemble a VAX"

*Rickard Björklund*

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