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### **Chapter 1**

# Comic\_Lister

#### 1.1 Comic Lister Guide

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About comic Lister

Installing Comic Lister

Using Comic Lister

Prefs and CLtxt Converter

Choosing A New Title

Inserting A Comic Issue

Deleteing A Comic Issue

Finding Issue Information

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Things To Do ...

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#### 1.2 about comic lister

Comic Lister is disigned to keep track of a collection of comics, With the ability to enter new titles and show the total price of all the titles entered and sort by publisher or alphabetically.

And to enter the Price, Grade and verious Info of a issue and to Show the missing Issue's.

Display the Title Run and info, With the ability to link to different titles and info.

The Titles are saved in a file called 'Titles' in the same directory where you start Comic Lister, Issue's and Comic Lister Info files are saved into a Source directory set with Converter Program, And to load a title that is to be loaded at Comic Lister Start-Up.

The Prefs are saved in a file called 'Startup.Prefs'

#### 1.3 Installing Comic Lister

From WorkBench: -

To install Comic and Title Lister just drag the Comic Lister Directory to where you want it.

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From a File Manager
Just copy Comic Lister Directory to where you want it.
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Comic Lister Uses the Titles File in the same directory to display the titles and Startup.Prefs to set the source directory for the Issue and CLtxt file and the title to load on start up.

To Start from new just copy the Comic Lister program or delete the 'Titles' file.

#### 1.4 using comic lister

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Title Lister :-
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LMB in the Title's listed to select and load the Title issue. RMB in the Title's listed to select and display the Title Information.

Issue Lister :-

LMB in the issue's listed to highlight the issue selected and show information on the issue in the info bar at the top of the screen if it is active.

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{RMB}}$  in the issue display window allows you to edit the selected issue  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Price}}$  ,

Grade and

Information

.

Use the Mouse Keys in Issue Display Mode on the line displaying the Title Info to toggle between issue Info and Title Info.

Use the Arrow Keys or the Scroll Bar to scroll through the Title's or Issue's entered.

RETURN Insert any data or ESCAPE to Exit.

#### 1.5 Comic Lister Prefs And Converter

The Converter is used to :-

- 1) To set the Issue Source Directory that where Issue files are saved and loaded from and to set a Issue file to load on start up of Comic Lister.
- 2) To load CLtxt or Asc Info files and edit the file, View the file as a Ascii or as a Comic Info Display, To enter the tile run I.E. (1 Sep 1990 To 54 Aug 1998) or click on the 'To' Button to toggle between 'Present Issue' or the end date.
- 3) To set where the Text editor you use is on your system, the location is saved into a Prefs file in the same directory as Converter when you quit Converter and loads the Prefs file if it exist on start up.
- 4) To convert and save the data as a .CLtxt file, It is saved as a .CLtxt to a .CL issue file, I.E. X-Men.CL, X-Men.CLtxt.

\*\*\*\* The CLtxt info Text uses the Link Argument as \*\*\*\*\*

I.E. '[The Uncanny X-Men/X-Men.CLtxt]'

'[' Start of Comic Lister Info text.

'The Uncanny X-Men' Text to Display on Screen.

 $^{\prime}/^{\prime}$  Separates Screen text and filename.

'X Men.CLtxt' File name to load when clicked on.

']' End of Comic Lister Info text.

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#### 1.6 Title Button

displayed you will be asked if you wish to save the issue data of the title you were working on or all thee changes will be lost.

LMB click once to highlight the title, Click again on the title to load the title and will go into Issue Display Mode.

RMB click once to highlight the title, Click again on the title to load and Display the information, Click twice on the yellow text with the LMB to load a CLtxt file if it exists and to display the information.

RMB or ESCAPE to exit and return to the title's display.

Use the

New

Button to add a new Title.

Use the Delete Button to delete a title that has been selected, only the title is deleted but not the issue file.

Use the ??? Button to Display Titles by Publisher or Alphabetically.

Use the Exit Button to quit Comic Lister

#### 1.7 Insert Button

Using the Insert Button With :-

LMB inserts a single issue. RMB inserts a Block of issue's.

A Requester will Appear with options to alter the issue number, Price ,

Grade and Info

If in Block Insert Mode, Use the Right Mouse Key on the info Type box to erase all issue information.

If any Data is entered in block Insert mode, It will replace any data that has been entered in the block of issue's to be altered.

#### 1.8 Delete Button

Issue Display using the Delete Button With :LMB Deletes a single issue.
RMB Deletes a Block of issue's.

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Title Display using the Delete Button With :-
To Delete a Title.
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#### 1.9 Find Button

Click on the Find Button with the LMB allows you to find and display Information for the issue's displayed.

LMB to select and de-select that Information option. RMB select and de-select all information.

you can also enter a search string That will search and show all information using the search string.

The last option allows you to find a issue number and displayed it.

Click on the find button with RMB to Go to the issue that been highlight.

When the information is being displayed Press the 'Exit' button to return to the normal Issue Display Window.

#### 1.10 ???? Button

Issue Display :-

displays the space free for issue's to be entered into Comic Lister.

Change the price sign to '\$' or '£'

Display any missing issue's starting from the first issue and the last issue number and with extra issue's listed after the last issue number. With the option to change to start and extra wants number.

Title Display :-

Toggle the titles by Publisher or Alphabetically.

#### 1.11 New Title Button

allows you to enter a new title, With Title name, Publisher,  $\,\,\hookrightarrow\,\,$  start number and last issue number, Price and the Grade

Clicking on the publisher button a pop up menu will appear displayed the well know publishers I.E. (DC, Marvel, Dark Horse, Image) release the mousekey to select the publisher else enter the Publisher by the side of the Publisher Button.

Using the Right Mouse Key in the file name box will use the title name.

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#### 1.12 Exit Button

To Quit Comic Lister and if you want to save the Title and Issue Data if you are in the Issue Display Window when you exit.

#### 1.13 Issue Grade

Use the LMB or RMB on the Grade Button to bring up a pop up menu thats allows you to change the grade for the issue, To select a grade just release the mouse button.

### 1.14 Things to Do

Things to Add, If I get any feedback about this version of Comic  $\ \leftarrow$  Lister

Print out Issue's or want lists.
List Mini-Series, Annuals, One shots I.E.
More infomation types.
More Options in converter.
to save issue in dirs with the publishers name.
show Pics in comic lister information text.
Better Information text display.
Better editing and displaying info.

If you have any ideas to improve Comic Lister, you can contact me at

Author

#### 1.15 Issue Information

Use the LMB on the Info Button to bring up a pop up menu thats allows you to change the information type for the issue, To select a Info Type just release the mouse button.

Use the RMB on the Info Button to go to and display the next information entered.

The information data can be entered next to the Info Button

The info type that can be entered is Origin, 1st Appearance, Appears, Joins, Cross Over, Death, Writer, Artist and Misc Info.

#### 1.16 Author Info

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Comic Lister is @ Ian Field 1999
\*\*\*\*\* Comic Lister is Shareware \*\*\*\*\*

If you use Comic Lister a lot, You might consider sending me  $\mbox{\it £4}$  to the Below address.

I have tried to make Comic Lister bug free, if you find any bugs contact me at the address below  $\,$ 

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Remember "Read what you like, Not the publisher's hype"