

PureBasic

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Chapter 1

PureBasic

1.1 PureBasic.guide

PureBasic V1.30
The New Age Of Programming Language
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1.2 Introduction

Introduction :

PureBasic is a new "high level" programming language based on established "BASIC" rules. It is compatible with any other "BASIC" compiler, whether for Amiga, or PC format. Learning PureBasic is very easy! PureBasic has been created for beginner, and expert, alike. Compilation time is really fast.

This software has been developed for the Amiga with the Amiga environment in mind. We have put a lot of effort into its realization to produce a fast, reliable and system friendly language. The respect of the OS is always the watchword. You cannot write bad software with the basic command set provided. Of course, you could also add any other functions to bash the hardware and utilise the full Amiga potential, if you need to.

The syntax is easy; the possibilities are huge, with the "advanced" functions that have been added to this language;- like pointers; structure; procedure; dynamically linked lists, and much more. For the experienced coder, there are no problems gaining access to any of the legal OS structures, or Amiga objects.

PureBasic supports the 680x0 processor, and very shortly, PowerPC. The PowerPC processor option is not yet fully implemented but it is hoped that this will be fully supported after further necessary testing. The 68000 option has been optimized to create the best code possible, however we are sure we can do even better! We will keep trying!

The main features of PureBasic:

- 68000 and 68020+ support; (PowerPC support in progress).
 - Built-in Array; dynamically linked lists; complex structures; pointer and variable definitions.
 - Supported types: Byte (8 bit); Word (16 bits); Long (32); also user defined (structures).
 - Signed and unsigned support for standard types.
 - Built-in string types.
 - Constants; binary and hexadecimal numbers supported.
 - Expression reducer by grouping constants and numeric numbers together.
 - Standard arithmetic support in respect of sign priority and parenthesis: +, -, /, *, and, or, lsl, asl, lsr, asr.
 - Compile 30,000 lines/min using a 68030/50, (with PoolMem installed).
 - Procedure support for structured programming with local and global variables, (work still in progress).
 - All Standard BASIC keywords: If-Else-EndIf, Repeat-Until ...
 - External library support to manipulate objects like IFF pictures; screens; windows; gadgets, etc.....
 - AmigaOS libraries fully supported as it was BASIC keywords.
 - Precompiled structures with constants files for extra fast compilation.
 - Debugger to stop programme execution and trace any bugs easily.
 - Configurable CLI compiler.
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- System friendly, easy to install, and always under development

1.3 avertis

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1.4 System requirements:

System requirements:

- AmigaOS 3.0 or better
- 1 mb of free memory

PureBasic will run on any Amiga system. If there are any problems, please ↔
contact
us.

1.5 install

Installation:

Use the 'Install' script or drag the 'PureBasic' sub-drawer of the 'PureBasic' drawer at any place.

Once installation has completed, just click on the PureBasic icon.

1.6 To order PureBasic:

PureBasic is a low cost shareware programme, at present, but it will probably be charged as a commercial programme with the release of version 2.0! This will be released within the first quarter of the new millennium. Of course the evolution of this software depends on the number of registrations. If this version is pirated, please consider that you will be stifling further work on this programme. Please do not use pirated software.

Registered users will receive all updates, and bugfixes for free. Any future version will be totally free !

The demo-version of PureBasic is limited as shown below:--

- * only 4 external libraries, (misc; linked list; window; screen), can be loaded
- * the editor can't save the source code
- * you can't use the external AmigaOS library support
- * no development kit for external libraries
- * maximum source lines: 200

Price:

USA : 80 US\$
England : 50 £
Germany : 120 DM
France : 400 FF

Payment, by postal cheque, Euro cheque, or cash, (please enclose it securely), to this address:

Frédéric Laboureur
10, rue de Lausanne
67640 Fegersheim
France

A full version will be sent, via EMail, or snail mail, on immediate receipt. Please indicate your preference.

If you want to use this order form click here then print it.
Please mail to the address shown above.

1.7 Registration form:

To: Frederic Laboureur
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67640 Fegersheim
France

***** PureBasic *****

I would like to purchase the full version of PureBasic.

Price per copy:

FF400.00 DM120.00 £50.00 US\$80.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

Country: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

All requested information is considered private, and personal. It will not be distributed, for any reason, by Fantaisie Software.

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Date

Signature

Notes About PureBasic:

1.8 How to contact the team?

Please send bug reports; suggestions; improvements; examples of source coding, or if you just want to talk to us, please use any of the following addresses:---

* Frédéric 'AlphaSND' Laboureur

Fred 'AlphaSND' is the founder of Fantaisie Software, and the main coder for PureBasic. All suggestions, bug report, etc, should be sent to him at either address shown below;---

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* Richard Andersson

Richard is a very talented coder who has helped Fred to develop the strong, ←
and
powerful assembler sub-libraries needed for PureBasic. Need a new library? Get
in touch with him at;--

e-mail: rzc735w@tninet.se

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For giving his valuable time, and assistance. For his invaluable explanations regarding aspects of PPC coding, and his very useful tips.

* Thomas RICHTER:

For creating "PoolMem." A patch that decreases the compilation time by a factor of 2-3! Many thanks for allowing it to be added to the main archive.

* Roger BEAUSOLEIL:

The first to believe in this project, and his invaluable help with the main design and layout of PureBasic.

* LES:

For editing the English Fantaisie Software Web site & and this guide.
This looks much better!

* Andre BEER:

To spend time to translate all the guides into German. Big thanks.

* Registered users:

To support really the Amiga and especially this software.

* BlitzBasic mailing list

Please send any feedback, and all suggestions for future programme additions, to Fantaisie Software.

1.10 PureBasic History

V1.30 (24.01.2000):

About the compiler:

- * Even more smaller and optimized compiled executables !
- * Compare operands can be reversed (<= or =< and >= or =>)
- * Any bad keyword on the line is now signaled
- * PowerPC executables output works really (See PPC_Example drawer)
- * Many useless PowerPC libraries have been removed (faster compilation)
- * Possibility to use Ascii constants: "value = 'A'" is like "value = 65"
- * Procedure support is now finished. It includes strings as parameters and can return a value.
- * Possibility to ommit the '=' statement: "a+1" is like "a=a+1". Works for any type of expression on any types.
- * AmigaOS support completed (All Rom3.1 Includes converted and functions calls under PureBasic are perfects).
- * Faster compilation due to a nearly complete rewrite of the compiler engine
- * Much faster include file routine
- * Less memory consumption and no need for PoolMem anymore.
- * Many little bugs fixes (like always)...

About the PureLibraries:

- * Added a brand new chunky library with very fast chunky2planar routine
- * Optimized, bug fixed the linkedlist library
- * New commands: FindString(), ChangeCurrentElement()

- * Bug fixed commands: Mid(), StripLead(), InitScreen(), InitTagList(), ← BusyPointer()
 - ActivateGadget()
- * Changed commands name: DPrint() -> PrintText()
- * Updated the docs...

About the Editor:

- * Boopsi (ie: realtime) slider bars added
- * 'NoCli Output' option added
- * Preferences for each file can now be saved
- * Some bugs fixed

V1.20 (30.11.1999):

- * The integrated editor is now finished !
- * You can use any AmigaOS external library directly in your source, as it was PureBasic command ! There is no limits. You can add your libraries very easily with a GUI based convertor.
- * Added 3 new libraries: Amiga, Sound & Sort. Read the help for more infos.
- * Added many new functions:
 - LinkedList: ClearList(), PreviousElement(), InsertElement()
 - File : MakeDirectory(), RenameFile(), DeleteFile()
 - WriteStringN()
 - Window : ChangeIDCMP(), BevelBox()
 - String : Mid(), Val(), FindString(), StripTrail(), StripHead()
 - Misc : PrintNumberN(), Peek(), Poke()
- * Warning ! 3 Functions has been changed for better logic:
 - NPrint() -> PrintN()
 - PrintNum() -> PrintNumber()
 - WriteString -> Doesn't write a end of line character anymore. Please use WriteStringN() to do it.
- * Changed: to get a label address, use '?' instead of '@'
- * The Debugger has been updated and bug fixed. Much better now.
- * Updated the doc file to build your own custom PureLibraries. Easier :).
- * Optimized several functions in size/speed.
- * Many bugs fixes.

V1.10 (27.10.1999):

- * Added 3 PureBasic libraries: Commodity, ToolType and String
- * Much faster source file loading
- * Full German and French support (Help file and reference manual)
- * Fixed lot of bugs (like always)
- * PPC support continued but still not finished
- * GoldED plugin to highlight PureBasic keywords and specific datas by Julian ← Kinraid.
- * Dedicated editor is now under construction (50% finished)
- * Much better archive layout, with a cool installer script
- * And more...

V1.02 (12.09.1999):

- * Forget to include 2 files for the PPC compilation. Now it should work :).
- * Fixed some bugs.

* Added the Reference.guide completely revised by LES. Again, big thanks...

V1.01 (05.09.1999):

* Create real PowerPC WarpOS executable. PowerPC support still in progress.
* Added the main guide (this guide !) revised by LES. Thank you !

V1.00 (01.09.1999):

* First major release.
