

# **CheckHTML**

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## CheckHTML

### 1.1 CheckHTML

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- Updates will be available via Aminet®
- Support will be available via the **authors** email address and via <http://home.pages.de/~i07m/amiga/CheckHTML.html>

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## 1.9 Description

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CheckHTML checks whether an HTML document is conforming with the HTML (4.0) DTD. This will be done by using the sgmls parser from James Clark, the HTML DTD and a small Shell script.

CheckHTML can verify HTML 4.0, HTML 3.2 and HTML 2.0 documents. Newer HTML versions can be easily supported by placing the new DTD into the 'sgml:' directory and adding their public identifier to the 'CATALOG' file. The upcoming XML standard could be easily supported the same way!

Please note, that all your HTML documents must begin with the following line for backward compatibility with HTML 3.2:

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0 Transitional//EN">
```

Otherwise (especially when using CSS) use:

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0//EN">
```



or

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0 Frameset//EN">
```

when using frames.

These lines are SGML code and identify the document to be HTML 4.0 - you can also use one of the HTML3.2 or HTML 2.0 identifiers (See 'CATALOG' file for more):

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 3.2 Final//EN">
```

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//IETF//DTD HTML 2.0//EN">
```

For more about the famous 'sgmls' parser please download

'Aminet:dev/lang/sgmls.lha'

Template:

```
CheckHTML FILE,QUIET/S
```

Using CheckHTML without the FILE argument will open a requester where you can select multiple files!

You can also use CheckHTML from the Workbench with the supplied icon file. Click CheckHTML first and then double click a HTML document.

Toolmanager 3.0 users can find a preference within the archive.

If you also want to check the correctness of the links within your HTML documents, please take a look at CheckLink from Fabio Rotondo which can be found on Aminet.

## 1.10 Requirements

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- OS 2.04

## 1.11 Installation

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Use the installer script!

(The Installer must be in your system-path!)

Should you want to install by hand, do the following:

- Place c/sgmls, c/CountStrings, c/SelectString and s/CheckHTML somewhere into your path

- Create a SGML directory, assign 'SGML:' to it and copy the SGML dir from the archive to it.

- Copy the Amigaguide documentation if needed (don't forget to use

**WrapGuide** on it if running under a pre V40 System).

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## 1.12 History

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29.04.1997 - First release on Aminet

03.06.1997 - Second release on Aminet

- \* Improved documentation
- \* Added some Amigaguide V40 features to the documentation
- \* Improved installer script
- \* Added CountStrings
- \* Added SelectString
- \* CheckHTML now asks for (multiple) files when started without arguments
- \* Added German documentation
- \* HTML 3.2 Final DTD
- \* Renamed ISolat1.sgml to ISolat1.ent

30.06.1997 - Third release on Aminet

- \* Added MagicWB readme
- \* SGMLS now compiled with SAS/C® 6.57
- \* Added new Eric Gerad icon
- \* Added Toolmanager 3.0 preferences
- \* Added "Finished" output for WB

29.01.1997 - Fourth release on Aminet

- \* HTML 4.0 Final DTD
- \* Fixed installer script problem

## 1.13 Todo

Todo

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- Uninstaller
  - Add TM3 prefs by Installer script
  - Accept multiple files as arguments
  - Accept pattern matching
  - Scan directories recursively
  - MUI Interface
  - \* Load the HTML document and highlight the problems
  - \* Drop HTML documents onto an appicon
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## 1.14 Known problems

Known problems

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- Netscape or Microsoft extensions are not supported - you can add them by yourself to the DTD, but CheckHTML will only support official standards!  
You can find some DTDs at <http://www.webtechs.com/>
- The components of CheckHTML are placed in various directories and not in only one. This happens to be the rules of AmigaOS and SGML.  
Within the 'SGML:' directory only SGML documents and DTDs should be placed.  
CheckHTML is placed in 'S:' because this is the place for Amiga Shell scripts - for the same reason 'sgmls' is placed into 'C:'.
- By running the installer script in expert modus you can change the destinations for all files.
- Some of you wrote that they can't download the CheckHTML archive from Aminet - this is a problem of your local mirror - and not a problem of the CheckHTML release.
- You can't redirect the output of CheckHTML to a file, because this is what sgmls sends to stderr.
- CheckHTML can generate English output only as long as sgmls is not localized (very difficult task!)
- When CheckHTML won't run, try to set the script flag for it.
- HTML 4.0 is based on ISO10646 16bit characters - CheckHTML only supports ISO8859-Latin1 8bit characters for now, don't worry, because this is backward compatible!

## 1.15 Acknowledgments

Acknowledgments are going to the following people:

Rita Reichl : for correcting my English and being my inspiration

James Clark : for the famous sgmls parser

People at Cern : for HTML

W3 Consortium : for the standardized HTML DTDs

Udo Schuermann : for [WrapGuide](#)

Stefan Kost : for ag2txt

Fabio Rotondo : for CheckLink

James Cooper,

Steve Krueger,

Doug Walker : For supporting SAS/C® after SAS suspends the support.

Martin Huttenloher : for [MagicWB](#)

Eric Gerard : for his great icons

## 1.16 Please rate

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Please rate CheckHTML. To do so, send an email to [aminet-server@wuarchive.wustl.edu](mailto:aminet-server@wuarchive.wustl.edu) with the following content:

RATE comm/www/CheckHTML.lha <num>

where <num> is a mark from 0..10 with 10 being the best.

You can rate several programs in one mail.

Thank you!

## 1.17 SGML References

References

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The SGML Handbook

Charles F. Goldfarb

First Edition

Oxford University Press, Walton Street, Oxford (USA); 1990

ISBN 0-19-853737-9

SGMLS - SGML Parser

James Clark

<http://www.jclark.com/>

Amiga port in 06.1995 by Kai Hofmann

<http://home.pages.de/~i07m/amiga/SGMLSannounce.html>

Webtechs

<http://www.webtechs.com/>

DTDs can be found here

W3C - World Wide Web Consortium

<http://www.w3.org/>

Kai Hofmann's SGML page

<http://home.pages.de/~i07m/SGML.html>

PhoneLog Standard

<http://home.pages.de/~i07m/pi/PhoneLog.html>

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This product is based on or uses parts of  
MagicWB - The Workbench Enhancer

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