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Chapter 1

akGIF_Documentation

1.1 akGIF: Documentation

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akGIF.datatype V43.1
            - licenseable GIFTWARE (Freeware) -
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               A PerSuaSiVe SoftWorX PRODUCT.
                   Needs Kickstart V3.x
                Release Date : 13.11.1996
           Copyright
           Disclaimer
           Distribution
           Usage and Notes
           Prefs
           Correspondence
           Thanks
           Version-History
                Only \X/ Amiga makes it possible!
The CHAOS-Theory (rough english translation):
The Chaos theory for example deals with trying to catch the god damned
butterfly, which caused the many storms the last times.
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(see "Witches Abroad" by Terry Pratchett)
Ahm...well:
...and thanks for all the fish.
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1.5 Usage and so on

Usage

Just install the datatype files to their appropriate directories.

Program information

akGIF.datatype is a new GIF datatype, which is based on a highly optimized LZW decoder.

So it does support interlaced GIF and other special features of GIF (note: it reads interlaced GIF, but DataTypes cannot display images progressively - instead only as a single chunk).

With V39-V43 picture.datatype it produces 256 color palette-based output, since GIF itself does not allow more.

akGIF.datatype is GIFTWARE, the future depends on YOU (-> see README).

1.6 correspondence

You may reach me the following way. Send bug-reports, money or whatever to: ______ * SuperView Development & Registration * * DRAFU Development & Registration * * Image Engineer Registration Site Europe *

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1.7 thanks

Thanks go to (in order of appearance ;-)

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1.8 prefs

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akGIF Preferences
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Yet there's no preferences program, since there's only a single option, which may easily be set with a text editor or SetEnv.

It must be written to ENV: and/or ENVARC: into a settings file called "Datatypes/akGIF.prefs":

1) PROGRESSBAR=(ON|OFF)

ON: pop up percentage display
OFF: do not pop up percentage display

1.9 history

History

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