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Chapter 1

HFM

1.1 HFMounter

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                                          Requirements
                                                            What one needs...
                                           Installation
                                                            How to build it up
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                                          Using HFM
                                                            How to use it
                                           something special
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Adresse

How to reach me

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1.2 kurzbeschreibung

HFM-ounter is Shareware!

be aware:

if you like this programm and decide to frequently use it after the tryout-time of 30 days,

it is mandatory to send me a donation, namely the equivalent of US\$ 10, DeutschMarks 15 or 8 English Pounds.

It's interesting to me too, if the programm is used at all. You'll be making my day by sending i.e a postcard of your lovely hometown.

If you decide to use this programm for your own software projects, I ask you to throw me a line about it and a full version of this piece of work. (mandatory too!)

Whats it about?

HFMounter (shortly HFM) is a graphical frontend for the diskettesimulating 'fms.device'.

You may take any harddisk and use (emulate) up to 12 diskettes on it

The HF-Units could nicely be used f.e for unpacking DMS-Archives onto your harddisk.

It is based on the congenious 'fmsdisk.device' by D.Jones @1996!

The units HF0: to HF11: are a full Diskette-Replacement. All functions of a normal Diskette; HF Units take advantage of them.

As a matter of fact, HF-Units cannot deal with NON-DOS disks, although you might unpack such a disk onto a unit, you'll never (as far as we know) will be able to use them. Anyone willing to write a sort of boot-handler?

This version of HFM is limited to a maximum of 12 HF Units.

We tested the programm with followin systemconfigurations by now:

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Amiga 4000/040/25Mhz 12 MB Fast-Ram/2 MB Chip-Ram/Kick/OS 3.0/AT-IDE Amiga 3000/060/50Mhz 48 MB Fast-Ram/2 MB Chip-Ram/Kick/OS 3.1/SCSI-II Amiga 2000/020/14Mhz 8 MB Fast-Ram/2 MB Chip-Ram/Kick/OS 3.1/SCSI-II Amiga 2000/060/50Mhz 8 MB Fast-Ram/Kick/OS 3.1/SCSI-II Amiga 2000/060/50Mhz 32 MB Fast-Ram/Eick/OS 3.1/SCSI-II Amiga 2000/030/32Mhz 6 MB Fast-Ram/Kick/OS 3.1/SCSI-II Amiga 1200/EC020/14Mhz 4 MB Fast-Ram/2 MB Chip-Ram/Kick/OS 3.0/AT-IDE Amiga 1200/030/28Mhz 4 MB Fast-Ram/2 MB Chip-Ram/Kick/OS 3.0/AT-IDE
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1.3 voraussetzungen

As a maximum HFM's harddiskspaceusage will be 12×901120 Bytes So with 12 formatted units you'll need exactly 10.813.440 Bytes. That's about 11 MB.

In case you don't love it so much having 12 ready-formatted Diskettes on your HD naturally less.

1.4 installation

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Installation

The installation is performed by clicking the install-HFM icon twice. ...

Configuration of HFM's behaviour may be performed by the "Config-HFM" installer-script.

Just double-click it and follow the instructions...

(Installer © Commodore/Escom/AT/VisCorp)
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1.5 voreinstellung

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Configuration, tooltypes
There are two possible starting-methods for HFM:
1. Via Piktogramm by workbench:
   - Preconfiguration with HFM-icon's tooltypes.
     The configuration of the tooltypes can easily be
     processed by the enclosed installer-script
     "Config-HFM".
     Following tooltypes will be used::
       - PUBSCREEN=<screenname>
                                      e.g. workbench or GOLDED.1 or "My Screen"
       - NAME=<hfm-name>
                                      e.g. emptyHF
         (The number of the unit will then be placed at the end of the string.
          In this example the complete name should then be: "emptyHF0" with unit0 \hookleftarrow
       - DMSPATH=<Path and filename of your DMS-executable>
       - ARCHIVEPATH=<Path to your preferred directory containing DMS-archives>
       - FFS=<TRUE/FALSE/ON/OFF>
       - INTL=<TRUE/FALSE/ON/OFF>
       - DIRCACHE=<TRUE/FALSE/ON/OFF>
       - NOICONS=<TRUE/FALSE/ON/OFF>
     The function of the last tooltypes can be found in documentation about the
     'format' program. The tooltypes are so called "switches".
     If ommitted or put into parenthesis nothing happens. e.g. (FFS=TRUE)
2. Via Shell-window:
   - shelltemplate is:
     PUBSCREEN, NAME, DMSPATH, ARCHIVEPATH, FFS, INTL, DIRCACHE, NOICONS
     example:
  > HFM PUBSCREEN "GOLDED.1" NAME testUnit FFS INTL DIRCACHE NOICONS
     predefined is:
     PUBSCREEN=Workbench, NAME=HF, DMSPATH="sys:c/dms", ARCHIVEPATH="sys:", OFS, ←
        NOINTL, NODIRCACHE
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EveryTHING except supplied PUBSCREEN is NOT caseSenSiTive.

1.6 anwendung

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Using HFM
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HFM may be started from your favourite shell where it
does take all parameters or options, as well as from
workbench via piktogram .
No question, you may implement it into your toolmanager
or into Tool-Demon evironment.
After the interface of HFMounter is opened, you have the
choice to mount a unit and/or to format it, or to unpack
a dms-archive onto it.
If the FMS: Assign is missing you'll be confronted by a requester,
predicting the directory to which FMS: will be assigned.
From 2.1 release on the installiation also takes care of
appending the three lines:
| 3 lines : ;BEGIN HFM
             assign FMS: <your chosen directory>
             ; END HFM
to user-startup
The filesystem-cyclegadget determines the following steps:
You click at a unit-button:
If the FMS: Assign is missing you'll be confronted by a requester,
predicting the directory to which FMS: will be assigned.
If OFS or FFS is checked a new little window will appear,
showing the options:
-> Mount <- -> Format <- -> Cancel <-
Following your choice the corresponding unit will be mounted,
mounted and formatted or nothing will be done ;)
If the filesystem-cyclegadget is checked for DMS, a click on a unit-button
will lead to an opening filerequester, asking you to choose
a dms-archive which you want to be unpacked onto this unit.
Depending on how you decided, a short time later you'll find your
harddisk busy formatting or not, or popping up a window following
the operations DMS will take to unpack. The nice main-window will then be
operationally again on the screen.
The programm's life ends with utilizing
the Window-Close-Button (grhmpf), just pressing the ESCAPE-Key or
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1.7 besonderheiten

clicking the Quit menuitem !!

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Looking into the directory, you assigned FMS: to, you'll see files named "UNITx", x describing the number of the unit-corresponding file.

It's not possible to delete these files before the next reset of your machine.

If you don't delete them, the contents remain.

That means if you decide to mount them after a reset, there will be no need to format them!
Using HFM to (re-) mount them brings them back onto the Workbench and into your system with their old name and content.

Taking advantage of this, you'll be able to copy a game consisting of eg. four diskettes, onto HF-units and keep them on your harddisk.

To have the game available for a quickstart, just (re) mount the corresponding units. (no need to format again)

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We have inclosed a sample dossdriver for people preferring the usage of dosdrivers.

Advice on how to utilize "Dosdrivers" is given in your Amiga-Manual.

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1.8 bugs

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By now there are no bugs known.
Should you experience some sort of "strange" behaviour,
I'd be very glad getting informed by you.
( adresses : see later on )
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1.9 history

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- V2.0 - HFM is written by now in 'C' ! (Jens)
(07/16/95) should be a "little";-) faster now
- NEW FEATURES:
-fontsensitive graphical interface (bgui.)

-fontsensitive graphical interface (bgui.library)
-XEN-Gadgets (nice :-))

-locale support

standardlibrary

- V2.1 - From now on it's possible to chose the type (03/05/96) of formatting. More, HFM can be directed (Jens) onto any pubscreen.

 Configuration of Tooltypes now possible with enclosed Config-scipt (DIRK)

V2.2 - Completely rewritten without BGUI
 (09/21/96) and with reqtools-filerequester.
 (Dirk) - Brandnew GUI with DMS-switch and form

(Dirk) - Brandnew GUI with DMS-switch and formatoptions directly chosable.- Simple gadtools-interface.

- Uses the new fmsdisk.device 3.0 by D.Jones

- Direct DMS-support plus usage of userdefined archivepath ;)

1.10 danksagungen

To all coffee toasters: a jolly good Aroma-HOI! (cannot be translated) also a big thank you to the author of fmsdisk.device (Dave Jones)!!

..and a big thank you to the author of reqtools.library (Nico Francois)!

Truly, this piece of software could have never been released that early if my old bbs-companion Frank Wille aka Phoenix hadn't provided my questions with answers that full of content and know-how.

Thank you very much, Frank!

Try his Assemler-/Linkerpackage "PhxAss/PhxLnk" it's on Aminet

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Future

Depends on you!

If you have a suggestion about this program, tell me about it. If there is nobody registering with HFMounter, I'll surely only keep working on it for my own use.

It is allowed to give the program to any other over BBS's etc., as long as the archiv stays complete.

Contents of this archive:

c/hfm
/hfm.info
devs/dosdrivers/HF0
 /dosdrivers/HF0.info
 /fmsdisk.device
 /hf-mountlist
libs/reqtools.library
libs/reqtools.library.info
catalogs/deutsch/hfm.catalog

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