

# **Graphic Workbench**

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## Chapter 1

# Graphic Workbench

### 1.1 Graphic Workbench

Graphic Workbench

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Introduction

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### 1.2 Intro to Graphic Workbench

Hello and welcome to the wonderfull world of Graphic Workbench ↔

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Relax, sitback and let The Conspiracy enhance your dreary old Workbench

OK first things first, thanks for taking an interest in Graphic Workbench we hope you will find this program of some use to you.

Graphic Workbench is a program that places a backdrop of your choice into your WBPattern, and whatever backdrop you have chosen a set of corresponding icons will be added as your partition icons. The excellent program WBVerlauf by Christian A. Weber will also be added and set up so it blends in with your backdrop. Each backdrop will have it's own WBverlauf configuration.

No backdrop will be placed in your windows, but if you wish you can set it up so as the pic showing on your Workbench will also be displayed when you open a window. Alternativly on disk 1 you will find a directory called "WindowPics" in there you will find some tile size pics of various Amiga logo's etc that will use far less memory than a full backdrop. Be warned though that some logo's may cause a colour clash with the newly configured palette, so choose wisely young jedi knight.

In essence what you have here is a demo, although Disk 1 is the main program and will never change, Disk 2 is a selection of backdrops and icons taken from a series of

Data Disks

that cover individual subjects

ie. Glamour, Sci-Fi, Fantasy, WbPattern, Games etc.

This demo disk has a selection of 10 backdrops & icons, there should be something on here for all tastes whether you're into starTrek or Fantasy or even nice pieces of tottie.

DOOM on the Amiga - Well not quite, we may not have the game running on our Amiga's but now you can have the backdrop & icon set sitting on your workbench screen and it's on the Demo Disk so run along now children.

### 1.3 Requirments for Graphic Workbench to run

You will need an AGA Amiga with a HD, and although not essential ←  
some extra memory would be a help.

Where we believe our program stands out from the rest is our Partition Icons are designed specifically to complement the selected backdrop giving your Workbench a much more Graphically pleasing look. To achieve this it may take up that bit more memory but we believe the results justify this.

As we said earlier extra memory is not essential but you'll be amazed by the difference an extra 2mb fast ram makes. When the Amiga 1200 was first launched 2 MB Ram sounded massive, but how big is it once you've fitted a Hard Drive, after Workbench boots up your lucky if you have 1 Mb left just try running Image FX, Photogenics, or even just compressing files with LHA it's a nightmare. We personally use the Viper board and The Blizzard 1220/4 satisfaction gauranteed. The only trouble the 1220/4 caused was on incompatibility on Macks

system

with the Zappo CD Rom drive. Although that has now been solved with the release of the latest install software v12 from Archos.

So make the leap, invest in FAST Ram today & support The Amiga

## 1.4 How to install Graphic Workbench

How do I Install Graphic Workbench?

Installation could not be simpler, the first time you load Graphic Workbench you will be given two choices you can either A. View all the backdrops before making your choice or B. Install a backdrop & icon set there and then. Obviously if you have just booted up for the first time you will wish to view the backdrops first before making your choice.

What files will be placed on my Hard Drive?

If this is the first time using the program we will save your old icons & system configurations etc in a Directory called T.M.C this will be created in your SYS:Prefs partition so your old icons can be re-installed

The program wbverlauf will be placed in the WBstartup drawer. And the new icons to match the backdrop you chose will be renamed as Disk.info and placed in the appropriate partition.

Your WBPattern & Screenmode prefs will also be changed so as to show of the backdrop & icons at the correct configuration

What do I need to do to view the Backdrop & Icon set I selected?

Simply reset your computer the computer needs to be reset so the workbench screen can remap itself into the colours used by the backdrop. After a simple reset you then see your selection in all it's glory

What has happened to my old icons?

Your old Icons and backdrop (if you had one) are quite safe and have been saved and placed in a Drawer called T.M.C which can be found in the Prefs Drawer in your Workbench partition.

Why does it hurt when I urinate?

You have Cystitis "That be a womans disease"

## 1.5 How to use Graphic Workbench

How do you use Graphic Workbench? Bit of a stupid question really, ← as once it's installed all you can do is sit back and admire (we hope). Anyway as there is no real usage to describe, we "The Conspiracy" would like to take this opportunity to tell you (in the form of an

Advertisement

) some

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of the wonderful things already said about Graphic Workbench.

Johnny (the lad down the road) - It's Wonderful I especially like the Red Dwarf one it's the best.  
 July-Ann (Tearaway 1) - It's probably the best thing thats happened to me.  
 Vicky (Tearaway 2) - My life was an empty barron shell but now I feal complete, at peace with the world.  
 Bob Byers (He sells spare tyres)- I thought I had seen everything but when I laid my eyes on Graphic Workbench my

Trousers

went all moist.

Mr J.Thompson (Vicar) - I'm convinced it's a major contribution to road safety.  
 Davey Bed (Mitsubuishii bod) - My black & decker certainly noticed the difference. !!??  
 The East Lothian Courier - Puerile nonsense written by half-wits

I've just remembered a bit of information that may be helpfull in using Graphic Workbench, each backdrop has 6 accompanying icons (we figure not many people have more than 6 partitions). On some icons it has the partition names written on them ie. SlaineIvory has some stunning icons with dh0, dh1, ram etc written in the top corner, the ram icon obviously is not a problem but if your one of those people whose partitions are named differently ie HD1 or bobsdrive 1 etc you will find the 6th icon "Default" is identical to the rest with exception of missing out the partition name So you could use this icon to replace all partition icons or you could use a program such as iconian and adjust the icons to suit.

NOTE. Any backdrop set that has icons with the partition names written on them will have a default icon that has no partition name on it.

## 1.6 How old is Graphic Workbench

This the first release of Graphic Workbench, ←  
 hopefully it will  
 be an ongoing process with the release of Data Disks.

Graphic Workbench is really  
 The Complete Picture II  
 but with  
 a much better user interface and a WB3 look.

When we first started work on GWb we were not sure what form it should take, initially it was going to be 3 disks with 2 of the disks packed with as many backdrops and icons as we could fit on. Gradually we decided that only 2 disks was a much better idea, Disk 1 being the main program and disk 2 being a demo of some of the backdrops and icons available through the

Data Disks

. This also had the added bonus of being cheaper to



post.

## 1.7 Who wrote Graphic Workbench and Why?

Graphic Workbench was written by The Surgeon from an original idea by Mack.

The idea behind Graphic Workbench came after reading Amiga Format and seeing in their "Workbench" section pictures of Amiga Workbench's with brill pictures adorning the background, a quick check of the shit Amiga manual informs me I can place a picture in the WBPattern and it will be displayed every time I bootup.....Amazing!!!

It started there really, we first brought out "Backdrop Stramash" which was just 12 pictures that you would have to install yourself and to be honest was pretty poor. Then came "The Complete Picture" which we felt was a pretty good program but it never really took off. Ironically it is now just appearing in the adverts for PD Houses. The reason we think TCP never really flourished was A. We never distributed it well enough. B. It wasn't as stable as Gwb ie. if you installed a backdrop and icon set it used to just delete your old ones to hell. and C. the name was shit if you see Graphic\_Workbench listed in an advert you have a rough idea what it is, I don't think you can say the same for The Complete Picture.

The Surgeon took nearly 10 months to write the installer and all the programming bits for this program, God knows what took so long. ps from the Surgeon A voice in my ear kept saying "I Think We Should Change That Picture For This One "

If you have any queries or have found a bug or you just want to have a chat with the Surgeon then contact him via:  
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The Surgeon 100601.126@compuserve.com

or write to him at this address:

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Dunbar  
East Lothian  
EH42 1LU

## 1.8 Disks

At the time of going to press the following Data Disks are ↔  
available either  
directly from us or from the Aminet or any good PD library.

Fantasy	Sci-Fi	StarTrek	Sports	Anime
GeniesII	Frontier	25thStarTrek	Ayrton	Babem
TittieTant	Flypast	Ferengis	Awaytoon	Caged
Slaine Ivory	Babylon Stn	Nova	The_Gers	Iczer

Exodus	StarWars	Orion	PowerRangers	Jubilee
Journey	Sci-Fi-Tv	Overview	Liverpool	Managerie
Eden	Spacewar	Parallels	USPGA	Welcome
Life	B5	StarTrek VI	Breeders	DirtyCity
DoomnationAlley	Freighter	TNG	Formulal-War	ImagineBabe
	BWing	Voyager		DirtyPair
	StarBase	Enterprise		Tower
				WeManga
Games	Glamour	Art	3DRendered	Pattern
Doom	Babes	Avercamp	FutureCity	Marblebench
D-Day	NakedGuns	Botticel	Old_Car	Bluebench
XWing	Is It Jet	Constable	SFighter	BluebenchII
SimCity2000	Nikki_Taylor	Gozzoli	ShowOff	Window
Battlechess	Lingerie_Ladies	Hendrick	SpaceCity	Amigabench
Bloodnet	Babewatch	Heyden	Sunbabes	Freeman
LabyrinthofTime	Pam_Montage	Mangelo	Surreal	Amigagold
Doom II	Celebrity	Revolution	TwistedCity	Int&Out
Dark Forces				History
Battlechess II				Perspective
				Phosph
				Tangent
GlamourII	TV & Film	Misc	Fantasy2	PatternII
Shapely	Rand&Hopk	SanHeads	Dragon	Windoze95
Pamela	BabylonMont	Thats_All	LionQueen	Prog_Manager
SunLoungers	QVC	EvilWells	AcidTrip	WindowsKills
Bathers	RedDwarf	Hermann	Waders	Classic
Beachbums	X-Files	Marilyn	Legends	Amitech
Lipsmackin	Reservoir Dogs	Negative	Bareback	Extraction
Autumn	Waterworld	Framed	Nazgul	Graphic
Orient	Tank Girl	Constable II	Q-Dragon	Suggestion
	Prisoner	Harlad	Slave	Bears
	Casper	Tolkien		Big_Jessie
	Baywatch	TolkienII		Rossen
				Warped
	Misc II			
Title	Lagoon			
Covers	Pearls			
Mandel	Sirens			
Alien	Gotham_net			
NUFC	Its_In_The_Air			
Kylie				

\*\* If you would like to order any of the above Data Disks at £1.00 per \*\*  
 disk then please make a postal order or cheque out to Mr E Barson  
 and drop us a note at the address below.

The Macks Conspiracy  
 22 Warrender Crescent  
 Dunbar  
 East Lothian  
 EH42 1LU

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 \*\*\* free "Bonus" data disk. This disk is not listed above & is \*\*\*  
 \*\*\* only available from TMC \*\*\*

Special Offer all 16 Data Disks RRP. £16.00 to you sir only £14.00 inc p&p  
plus FREE BONUS data disk + FREE Bonus data disk + FREE BONUS data disk

Klondike users press this button NOW!

## 1.9 O Bugger my Amiga's shagged

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## 1.10 talk

The Macks Conspiracy - { We Laugh in the Face of Fear }

But we also watch Movies, TV, and listen to Music

This is what The Conspiracy are watching & listening to right now.

	Music	Movies	TV
Mack:	Hanky Panky (TheThe) Post (Bjork) Thank You (Duran Duran)	Come on George Modesty Blaize Braveheart	The X-Files Department S The New Avengers
Brains:	Circus (Erasure) Best Rock Album (Various) Best of madness (Madness)	HearNoEvilSeeNoEvil Under Siege Cliffhanger	The Outer Limits The X-Files Happy Days
Surgeon:	Gary Moor Eric Clapton (Crossroads)	Terminator II Generations	One Foot in Grave Anything Treky

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Led Zeppelin ( S.T.H )      WaterWorld      QVC: Diy With Harry

## Crowie:

Definetly Maybe(Oasis)      Menace II Society      The Simpsons  
 The Complete (Stone Roses)      Pulp Fiction      The X-Files  
 Greatest Hits (The Jam)      The Party      Men Behaving Badly

## Dugs:

Vol 4 (Ministry of Sounds)      Shane      Men Behaving Badly  
 Cream Live (Cream)      Bunny Lake is missing      Channel 4 Racing  
 Club Classics (DavidBrown)      Carnival of Souls      Prisoner Cell Block

## Ally:

Walthamstow (East 17)      Heathers      Peak practise  
 T T & Party (Take That)      Prince of Thieves      Heartbeat  
 The Cutter (Runrig)      Four Weddings      A touch of Frost

## Mr.Ed:

Gazza & Friends (Various)      It's a Wonderful Life      Rab C Nesbitt  
 Geordie Roots (Alan Price)      Oliver      Soldier, Soldier  
 War of Worlds (Jeff Wayne)      Tron      Auf Weidersehn Pet

## Solo:

Another (Monty Python) CD      Star Wars      Monty Python  
 War of Worlds (Jeff Wayne)      Empire Strikes Back      Animaniacs  
 Star Wars (J.Williams)      Return of the Jedi      Fantasy Football

## Favourite Line From a Movie

Mack:"Are you a Spy ? No I'm a Dinky Do"(George Formby Film not sure which)

Dugs:"It's the new cut, you'all be bad woop, woop, woop"(CheChandchong up in smoke ←  
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Ally:"Cigarette Kramer"(North Sea Hijack)

Surgeon:"Oh Shit" (StarTrek Generations)

All:"They dont like it up em!" (BraveHeart???)

## The B Team

**1.11 Conspiracy Systems**

The Surgeon	Mack	Brains
Amiga 1200	Amiga 1200	Amiga 1200
Viper Ram Expansion	Blizzard 1220/4	Roctec External Drive
External Drive	Roctec External Drive	Amstrad Monitor
128MB 2.5" HD	540MB 3.5" HD	Black & Decker
Cannon ink jet	Zappo CD Drive	
Goodmans TV	Goliath Power Supply	
Lazy Susan	Star LC24-200	
Packard Bell PC	Lazy Susan	
Robotics Modem		

Crowie	Mr Ed & Solo	Ally & Dugs
Amiga 600	Amiga 1200 & 500	Commodore 64

External Drive	85MB 2.5" HD	Tape Deck
Hoping to aspire	Zydec External Drive	You cant beat Sport of
	VideoMaster AGA	kings & Brian Cloughs
	Philips Monitor	Football fortunes
	Rotel Amplifier &	
	Wharfedale Speakers	
	OKI Microline Printer	

## 1.12 Testers

Special thanks to following people, who took the time to help us with the beta-testing and general bug finding.

Andrew Duncan - A man who puts on a clean pair of underpants every day and do you know by the end of the week he cant get his trousers on.

David Anderson - What can you say about David - nothing really.

Frank Wood - East Lothians very own Steven Spielberg.

Jason Buckley - Typical Fifer. (Only Joking)

## 1.13 Trousers McBurnie

\*\*\*\* TROUSERS MCBURNIE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE \*\*\*\*

Hi there Trousers McBurnie here with another hard hitting verbal attack on the meak & the helpless.

You know the other day Charlie McFadden came up to me & asked how I thought Paul Ince would get on in Italy and do you know I couldn't give a flying f\*!K. A similar incident happened several days earlier when my old friend Thomas Von Stot asked my opinion on Greenpeace's victory over Shell, my response was sharp & to the point & ultimately fatal for Thomas.

What lovely weather were having just now, It's at times like these that my thoughts often turn to naked women with spikey dog collars round their necks. Now there's a thought who the hell makes sex toys? I just cant imagine Bob Monkhouse on Celebrity Squares turning round to Janet from Bradford & asking what she does for a living, for Janets reply to be I make Black Mamba's and Silky Lips.

And now for a few people who have been getting on my tits lately. Having just watched the Rugby World Cup on ITV wasn't it nice of them to run a competition where the winner got to go to an International of there choice

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as long as it was at Twickenham & England were involved. On behalf of all viewers in Scotland, Wales, & Ireland ....YOoou.....WANKERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

Pippa from "Home & Away" christ woman take a look in the mirror I didn't know purple was an official hair dye colour, and your not pregnant so stop wearing those minging clothes.

Debbie from "Neighbours" your 27 so stop wearing dungarees

Andy Peters from "Saturday morning kiddies shit" if you were on fire I wouldn't piss on you.

Ill leave you with a joke - Did you hear Will Carling is to star in the new Disney film - Pokahighness.

Anyway thats all from me for now & remember May your God be Scottish.

McBurnie will be back in

Trousers are Forever

## 1.14 Coming soon from The Macks Conspiracy

Coming Soon

\*\*\*\*\* THE WORLD OF FOOTBALL ICONS \*\*\*\*\*

FEATURES:

Every countries International Team Strip

Team Strips off all the top Club sides in the World

Every Team Strip from the 95' Rugby World Cup

Every Team Strip from the NFL

AGA Only

Beautifully Presented with icons depicting continents, countries etc

World of Football icons Backdrop

Available from November 95'

Others

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## 1.15 Other

Other programs available from The Macks Conspiracy are:

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Visionary Demo's

Football Icons

Backdrop Stramash

The Complete Picture

Organiser Bits

## 1.16 Copyright

The Macks Conspiracy own the copyright to Graphic Workbench, but as its Public Domain in the true sence of the word you are free to copy & distribute it as long as you make no profit.

We would like to take this opportunity to mention the pictures used in Graphic Workbench. When this project first started the brief was for around 20-30 pictures the boys figured they could have that many ready no problem but then the data disk idea took off and the figure quadrupled. so we scanned the Aminet for some of the best pics available. all of the pics had readme files and many of the authors refused to give permission for their artwork to be used without written consent from them, which is fair enough I suppose. Anyway the pictures we did use were the ones where the author had no problems about his/her artwork being used as long as it wasn't in a commercial product. Also where the author had written there name on the picture it can still be seen and no changes have been made to their pics, except maybe to flip the image but that doesn't count, does it. If any artist out there feels we have used their artwork inappropriately then we apologise.

## 1.17 Klondike

Users of "Klondike" & now the Excellent "Card Games Deluxe" may wish to know that there is now two Graphic Workbench sets of cards. Not only are they cracking good sets of cards but it also acts as a preview to what is available on the Data Disks. If you have taken the time to read this guide you will have seen what Data Disks are available, well it's not always easy knowing what a picture is all about purely by it's title, so using the cardsets on either of the 2 games mentioned earlier will let you see whats what.

If you would like the GraphicWb cardsets you can order them direct from us,

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just send £1.50 with a S.A.E. to the usual address. They will be despatched to you within a day. Along with the cardsets you will receive a file detailing each picture, which card it is and what Data Disk it can be found on.

P.S. Perhaps if you are ordering the cards or a Data Disk you could take the time out to let us know what you think of the program, any feedback would be great.

## 1.18 Problems

### THE SURGEON'S PROBLEM PAGE

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by the SURGEON (your very own amiga agony aunt)

GRAPHIC\_WORKBENCH WON'T RECOGNISE MY DRIVE NAMES

MY RAM.ICON DOESN'T MATCH THE REST

PICTURE OK BUT ICON COLOURS RUBBISH

## 1.19 DRIVE NAMES

If Your Drives Are Not Called Dh0: Dh1: Dh2: etc

Hopefully if this is the case you copied the originals first and never ruined them {if so send them to us telling us your partition names} this program needs to know the partition names as in dh0: jh0: hd0: etc not the pet names as in workbench: work: games: etc

If you are unsure about the partition names open up a SHELL or CLI window this can be found in the systems drawer type the word INFO then press return you will find the information you require here remember if it starts with the letters DF then it is probably a floppy disk drive ignore ram: ignore cc0 as this is whatever is plugged into your PCIMA slot now you should be left with the partition names we are looking for

Take a note of them and run Graphic\_Workbench again

@{ "BACK TO PROBLEM PAGE" link problems }

## 1.20 RAM.ICON

You will probably find the computer has stored a ram icon somewhere this is usually found in your main partition or in the s directory under the name ram.info if you look in your startup-sequence or user startup you may find a line telling the computer to copy ram.info or disk.info to ram: put a

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semicolon ; in front of this line and reboot the computer This should solve your Problem

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@{ "HOW DO I EDIT MY STARTUP-SEQUENCE OR USER-STARTUP" link edit}
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@{ "BACK TO PROBLEM PAGE" link problems }
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## 1.21 ICON COLOURS RUBBISH

The only time we at the conspiracy had this problem was when NEW ICONS was running so try switching it off , removing it from WBstartup or if it runs from Startup-Sequence or user-Startup edit it, put a ; in front of the line and reboot your machine.

\*Note From Mack\* I actually run Graphic Workbench & NewIcons at the same time, it really just depends on what backdrop you have installed i.e. I'm running the Nova backdrop while running NewIcons with no problem, but i am aware that on some backdrop sets NewIcons can cause a problem. The solution, yes there is one, although not particularly user friendly. First step, switch of NewIcons then install the backdrop set of your choice, then using an icon editing program such as "Iconian" save your disk.info's as brushes. Now switch NewIcons back on & reboot. Having rebooted you now want to run your icon editor again, load in the brushes of your disk.info's and they will remap themselves to uneffected colours, then just save them as disk.info's to the relevant partitions and as if by Magic.... I hope this helps you & with a little time & patience all problems can be overcome.

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## 1.22 EDIT STARTUP-SEQUENCE or USER\_STARTUP

Open up a shell window found in sys:systems and copy the file you want to edit just incase it goes wrong

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type copy sys:s/startup-sequence to sys:s/oldstartup
press return
{{this copies and renames startup-sequence as oldstartup}}
now type edit sys:s/startup-sequence
press return
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once you have made the changes press the esc key then the x key then return you have now altered startup-sequence reboot the machine if you wish your old startup-sequence back open shell type s and press return type rename oldstartup to startup-sequence press return

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@{ "BACK TO RAM.ICON" link ramicon}
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