AmNote

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1.2 Introduction

Introduction

AmiNote was written to automate the process of adding the SHORT
description to a file as a filenote, then copy or move the file to either
a BBS file directory structure, or an AmiNet Mirror on your hard drive.
Then optionally delete the ".readme" file from the download directory.
Maybe a time saving utility for BBS sysops.

This program will read an aminet RECENT file, then add the SHORT
description to the archive as a filenote. AmiNote then looks at the
aminet path that the file came from, then decides which BBS file
directory to move the archive to - determined by a configuration file,
or moves it to your aminet mirror directory.

For some reason it seems most people uploading files to aminet have no
idea what "add a 40 character description to your upload." means. They
think it means 50 characters or 80 characters. So, this program will look
to see if you have the downloaded archives companion ".readme" file. If
so, then AmiNote will add the full SHORT description (up to 79 chars.) to
the archive as a filenote. Otherwise, AmiNote will add the (possibly)

truncated at 40 chars. SHORT description as found in the aminet RECENT
file.

AmiNote is written in ARexx, then crunched using The ReXXmAsHeR v0.4g.

1.3 Install / Setup

Install / Setup

 1. Copy AmiNote wherever you want, and its icon if you are going to be
    starting it from Workbench.

 2. Edit the included configuration file "s/AmiNote.config". This only
    applies if you are using the "User Defined" Destination. If you are
    using "AmiNet Mirror" mode, then you do not need this config file.

    Note: If you used AmiNoteBBS you can use its config file by deleting
          the "arc_path", "def_recent", and "log_file" lines at the top
          of the file, then rename it as "s/AmiNote.config".

    2.a These are all the aminet subdirectories (as of this writing),
         taken from the pub/aminet/TREE file. Followed by YOUR BBS
         directory path. Your BBS files directory path must end with either
         : or /

         example;

biz/dbase dh2:Utilities/
comm/bbs   dh2:Telecom/

 Note: Any line in the configure file beginning with a ; (semi-colon) will
       be treated as a "comment" line.

 3. When finished editing s/AmiNoteBBS.config, copy it to your S:
    assigned directory.

 AmiNet is frequently adding new directories. When AmiNote comes across an
 archive path it does not recognise, a requester is popped up asking you
 where to Copy/Move files to when they are from this new aminet directory.
 This info is added to the s/AmiNote.config file so the next time you run
 the program it will recognise the new dir.

 If using "AmiNet Mirror" mode, then the new directory will be created for
 you automaticly.

 4. Copy the library file included in this archive libs/ directory to your
    LIBS: assigned directory.

    libs/apig.library   (included in archive)

    4a. You must also have the following libraries in your LIBS: assigned
        directory;

        asl.library   (supplied with WB2+)
        rexxsyslib.library   (supplied with WB2+)

        rexxsupport.library   (supplied with WB2+)

You must have RexxMast already running before you run AmiNote. You can
either drop RexxMast in your WBStartup drawer, or add it to your
user-startup.

AmiNote requires Amiga OS 2.0+. I have no way of testing it, but am pretty
sure it will also work with OS 3+.

1.4 Program Use

            AmiNote is started from a CLI or Shell. There are no command line ↩
                args.
I did not include an icon because althought it will run from the icon,
it will give a Software Error on exit... and I don't know why.

            Menus

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1.5 Menus

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1.6 About

 Displays program completion date, author name address and email phone
 number.

 The keyboard shortcut is Right-Amiga-A.

1.7   Quit

Close any open files and exit program.

  The keyboard shortcut is Right-Amiga-Q.

1.8   Destination - AmiNet Mirror

When you switch to "AmiNet Mirror" mode, the "Config" gadget will change
to read "Mirror". Using this mode will create a mirror of aminet on your
hard drive. All you need to tell AmiNote is the ROOT directory of your
mirror.

1.9   Destination - User Defined

When in "User Defined" mode, AmiNote will get its destination directories
where it Copies or Moves the archives to from the Config file.

This option is the default.

1.10   Log Toggle

  Turns the LOG file off and on. When in the off state, "-OFF-" will be
displayed on the User Interface as the "Log" filename.

  The keyboard shortcut is Right-Amiga-L.

1.11   Save Preferences

  Selecting this menu option will save the current settings, including
user interface options "Files: Move/Copy/Notes", ".readme: Delete/Save",
"Notes: Force/Skip", "Arc Path", "Mirror Path", "Recent", "Config", "Log".
Menu option "Log on/off". And AmiNote window position on your Workbench
screen.

  These will be saved to a file named "ENV:AmiNote.prefs".

  The keyboard shortcut is Right-Amiga-S.

Commentary:

  I had thoughts of disabling this option in an "Evaluation" version, and
enabling it in a "Registered" version. But decided against it because I
think no one would register it for $5 - and I would feel bad. If I just
give the complete program away, when I recieve nothing for my efforts I
don't have to feel bad about it.

  Shareware in the Amiga Community is a sad joke. Most end-users transpose
this in their head as "Freeware". Oh well.

  On the other hand - I don't blame people for not sending software
authors monitary tokens. I have sent in numerous registration fees and
never once recieved anything back.

1.12 Debug msgpkt

  Displays some intuiton messages and other stuff I used to write the
program. I thoought it might be of interest to someone out there, so
left it in.
  If you have Debug turned on when you select the "Do It!" gadget, you
will see the archive names, descriptions and destination as they are
processed.

  The keyboard shortcut is Right-Amiga-D.

1.13 User Interface

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                  Move Files
    Files:

                  Copy Files

                  Notes Only

                  Move
  .readme:

                  Copy
          *

                  Delete

                  Save

    Notes: *

                  Force Note

                  Skip Noted

    Arc Path

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                    RAM:
        Recent

                    RAM:RECENT
        Config

                    S:AmiNote.config
          Log

                    RAM:AmiNote.log


                  Do It!
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1.14   Move Files

Move files from your download directory to the BBS file directory or to
your aminet mirror directory – depending on which of the two modes you are
in.

There is no such thing as a "real" MOVE command. In reality it is a
COPY/DELETE two part operation.

This option is the default.

1.15   Copy Files

Copy files from your download directory to the BBS file directory or to
your aminet mirror directory, and does not delete the files in your
download directory.

1.16   Notes Only

Add SHORT description as filenote, and do not Copy or Move the files to
their destination directories. If you have the Log turned on then it will
show you where it "would" have copied each file to.

1.17   Move .readme

Move .readme file to the archive destination directory. Meaning the
.readme file will be COPIED to the destination then DELETED from the
archive directory.

1.18   Copy .readme

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Copy .readme file to the archive destination directory. Meaning the
.readme file will be COPIED to the destination but NOT DELETED from the
archive directory.
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1.19   Delete .readme

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After getting the SHORT description from the .readme file it will be
deleted from your download directory.
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This option is the default.
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1.20   Save .readme

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With this option set the .readme file will not be Copied or Moved, or
deleted from your download directory.
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1.21   Force Note

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Overwrite any existing filenotes.
Some terminal program write filenotes to your downloads, so this option
forces AmiNote to ignore them.
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This option is the default.
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1.22   Skip Noted

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Skip any file with a filenote.
No new filenote will be written to the file, and it will not be Copied or
Moved.
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1.23   Archive Path

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This is where you download files to. Click the gadget and a requester will
pop up to choose your archives path.
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1.24   RECENT File

This is the path and filename of your AmiNet RECENT file. This is where
AmiNote gets the filename, aminet tree, and SHORT description from.
Click the gadget and a requester will pop up to choose the RECENT path
and filename.

The default is Arc_Path/RECENT

1.25   User Defined Destination

When in "User Defined" mode, the "Config" will be the path and filename
to your custom config file. By default this is "s/AmiNote.config".
Click the gadget will pop up a reqester to choose an new config file.

When in "AmiNet Mirror" mode, this gadget will change to "Mirror". Click
the gadget will pop up a requester to choose your AmiNet Mirror ROOT
directory - the equivelant of the AmiNet "pub/aminet/" directory. All
the mirror subdirectories will be created in this root directory.

If you want to make a Mirror but spread it across several hard drives,
then you will have to use the "User Defined" mode and set up the config
to move the files to your destinations.

1.26   Log File

This is the path and filename of your LOG file. In this file you will
find information about what AmiNote did with the archive files.

If you turn the Log OFF via the menu, the Log filename will be displayed
as "-OFF-".

1.27   Do It!

When you click this gadget AmiNote will go into action and start
processing files.

Sorry, there is no abort. Maybe in an update version if I see any user
interest in this program.

1.28   AmiNote History

AmiNote is a combination of two Shell-only programs I wrote called
"AmiNoteBBS" and "AmiNoteMirror".

AmiNote:
v2.0 - 25-Apr-95
       First public release.
       Added GUI.

Bug fix in AmiNoteBBS (now "User Defined" mode); if a file came
from a aminet directory that was not in your config file, the file
would not be Copied or Moved – only deleted... oops.

v2.1 – 17–May–95
I guess this is realy the first public release. v2.0 was compiled
using RexxPlus, and I just couldn't stand how BLOATED it was. So
only a few people got that version. Now I have The ReXXmAsHer so
the program is quite a bit smaller then the previous.
V2.0 is 84k+ using RexxPlus, plus 28k for the proprietary
rexxplslib.library – totaling about 112k. And I didn't realy see
very much of a speed increase as they claim. The source to v2.1 is
about 500 bytes larger (about 18k) and comes out to about 6k after
using The ReXXmAsHeR.

Changed the gadgets from BUTTON_KIND to MX_KIND (mutual exclusive).
I had tried to use them in v2.0 but hadn't figured how to "force"
a button ON (loading prefs at startup). I'm working with an os1.3
RKM and guessing at the rest, so progress is somtimes slow.

Changed the ".readme" gadget options to allow Copying or Moving
the .readme file to the destination directory. This was added
mostly for use with the AmiNet Mirror mode, but will also work in
the User Defined path mode.

Even though there is one more gadget, the window size is slightly
smaller than v2.0.

Cleaned up some of the code to make it smaller and faster. I see a
few more things I can optimize in the next version.

AmiNoteBBS:
v1.0 – 03–Apr–95
First public release.

v1.1 – 07–Apr–95
Now it gets the SHORT description from the .readme file if it
exists. V1.0 was supposed to, but didn't.

Added –f flag to load a configure file other than the default.
NOTE: In v1.0 –f loaded an alternate RECENT file.

v1.1a– 12–Apr–95
A BIG OOPS BUG FIX!! (how embarrassing)
The previous versions worked properly only for WShell users.
And <gasp> didn't Copy or Move the archives... only Deleted
them... Sorry about that! I've been using WShell since '87
and forgot there are non ARexx-literate Shells out there.

Changed docs; it had said it would work with an Aminet RECENT or
INDEX file, which was not the case. It works only with the RECENT
files. The INDEX has slightly differnt spacing. Maybe in a later
version I'll make it work with the INDEX also.

AmiNoteMirror:

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v1.0 - 03-Apr-95
      First public release.


v1.0a- 12-Apr-95
      A BIG OOPS BUG FIX!!  (how embarrassing)
      The previous versions worked properly only for WShell users.
      And <gasp> didn't Copy or Move the archives... only Deleted
      them... Sorry about that! I've been using WShell since '87
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      files. The INDEX has slightly different spacing. Maybe in a later
      version I'll make it work with the INDEX also.
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1.29 Credits

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(I could have gotten this out much sooner but I HATE writing docs.
Development would probably be much faster if I had beta testers.)


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