RECENT

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Introduction

 RECENT is a mouse driven graphic interface for parsing AmiNet RECENT
files. Interactivly select files to "get" from AmiNet. The result is
a unix-able script to "cd" around AmiNet and "mget" the files.

 There are several other programs that do a simular task. The difference
with RECENT over the other ones is its output script will also "get" the
accompanying .readme file.

 The reason for getting the .readme files; The SHORT description in the
AmiNet RECENT file is truncated to 40 characters, and it seems most
uploaders use longer SHORT descriptions.

 If you have and use the AmiNote program (written by me) it will look for
the existence of the .readme file and pull the untruncated SHORT
description from it. Then add it to the archive file as an AmigaDOS
"filenote". Then optionaly Copy or Move the files to a bbs file directory
or AmiNet Mirror.

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

1.3 Install / Setup

Install / Setup

1. Copy RECENT wherever you want.

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

   libs/apig.library   (included in archive)

   2a. 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 RECENT. You can
either drop RexxMast in your WBStartup drawer, or add it to your
user-startup.

RECENT 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

                RECENT 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.

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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 Save Preferences

Selecting this menu option will save the current settings, including user interface options AmiNet RECENT path/filename, output file path and base-name. And the RECENT program window position on your Workbench screen.

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

1.9 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.

The keyboard shortcut is Right-Amiga-D.

1.10   User Interface

               RECENT

               RAM:RECENT
OUTPUT

               RAM:AmiNet_18May
                Do It!

                Yes
                 No

1.11   RECENT File

This is the path and filename of your AmiNet RECENT file. Click the gadget
and a requester will pop up to choose the RECENT path and filename.

The default is RAM:RECENT

1.12   OUTPUT File

This is the path and base filename of the script file RECENT will
generate. The "base" filename will be appended with an underscore and
todays date. If your basename is "DH0:Work/Myfile" then the OUTPUT file
will be "DH0:Work/Myfile_18May" (or whatever -todays- date is).

The default is RAM:AmiNet_<date>

1.13   Yes - I want this file.

Clicking the "Yes" gadget tells RECENT that you want to "get" the file
that is currently displayed on the top line.

1.14   No - I don't want this file.

Clicking the "No" gadget tells RECENT that you do not want to "get" the
file that is currently displayed on the top line.

1.15   Do It!

When you click this gadget RECENT will go into action and start
processing the AmiNet RECENT file.

While processing this gadget reads "Abort". Clicking this gadget will
close all open files and stop. You can do a "Quick Abort" by clicking
the window Close gadget.

1.16   RECENT History

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RECENT:
v1.0 - 25-Apr-95
        First public release. Actually only a few friends got this one. It
        was compiled with RexxPlus and was so BLOATED it was embarassing.
        I didn't want to distribute it that way.
        Added GUI. (I wrote a shell based version several years ago but
        never released it publicly.)

v1.1 - 18-May-95
        Cleaned up some of the code to make it smaller and faster.
        Crunched it with The ReXXmAsHeR.
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1.17   Credits

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