

# **muBackdrop**

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# Chapter 1

## muBackdrop

### 1.1 muBackdrop (04.29.95)

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## 1.2 disclaimer

muBackdrop/Disclaimer  
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I hereby reject any liability or responsibility for these or any other consequences from the use of muBackdrop whatsoever. This includes, but is not limited to, damage to your equipment, to your data, personal injuries, financial loss or any other kinds of side effects.

Although muBackdrop has been tested thoroughly on several different machines, I cannot rule out the possibility that muBackdrop:

- o is somehow incompatible to your equipment
- o has bugs that show up on your equipment
- o does not do what it is supposed to do on your equipment

It is your responsibility to take any precautions necessary to protect yourself from these or any other effects. I explicitly reject any liability or responsibility from the consequences of you using muBackdrop.

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## 1.3 Distribution information...

muBackdrop/Distribution  
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muBackdrop is FREeware. The program may be freely distributed and copied, as long as the following conditions are fulfilled:

- o The sales price must not be higher than the cost of an (empty) disk plus a nominal copying fee plus costs for shipping. The total price must not be higher than 5 US\$.
- o All parts of the program and the documentation must be complete. The distribution of single parts or incomplete subsets of the original distribution is NOT ALLOWED.
- o muBackdrop or parts of it may not be sold in combination with or as part of commercial software.
- o Program and documentation may not be changed in any way.
- o Permission has been given for distribution through Aminet and Fred Fish.

Please contact the

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Author  
for further information.

## 1.4 Contacting the author...

muBackdrop/Author  
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## 1.5 Whats needed to run muBackdrop

muBackdrop/Requirements  
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The following are required for muBackdrop to run:

- o Kickstart V37 or higher
- o  
matrix.library  
version 23.2192 or higher
- o  
MultiuserFileSystem  
version 1.5 or higher

## 1.6 MultiUserFileSystem

muBackdrop/MultiUserFileSystem  
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You've got an Amiga with Kickstart 2.04 or higher and several people are regularly fooling around with it ... Last week your sister

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deleted your 20MB JPEG collection by mistake and you don't want this to happen again ...

Well, here's the answer: MultiUser!

MultiUser allows you to create a \*IX-like environment where several users live together in harmony, unable to delete each others files, unable to read those private love-letters of other users ... And this even if several users are working on the machine at the same time (on a terminal hooked up to the serial port) ...

You are the sole user of your computer? Well, make sure it stays that way by installing MultiUser! People without a valid login ID and password won't be able to access files you have made private with MultiUser. If you make all files private (not readable for others), the only useful thing they could do, is boot from a floppy ...

And ... you do not have to reformat your hard drive!

## 1.7 Matrix Library

muBackdrop/matrix.library

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- o Yet another library to put in your LIBS: drawer.
- o Matrix.library provides general purpose routines which are commonly used through out my programs. Some of the key features are the GUI, preferences, and IFF routines.
- o The name "matrix" came from "The Matrix" - The computer system used by the TimeLords (Re: Dr Who).
- o Please contact me if you'd like programming documentation.

## 1.8 introduction

muBackdrop/Introduction

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Running

MultiUserFileSystem

I was finding it annoying that eveyone had the same icons left out on their Workbench, and since the ".backdrop" files were owned by certain users, other users could not leave icons out that they wanted... so a few patches later muBackdrop was born.

muBackdrop redirectes Workbench when loading and saving ".backdrop" files to a specific directory, and each ".backdrop" is named individually for the disk it is associated with.

Thus, each user can have a user specific set of icons left out on the Workbench by setting the muBackdrop path to a directory in the users home directory. Eg. something like "HOME:.backdrops/" works well.

Other than that it is just like using Workbench as normal...

## 1.9 installation

muBackdrop/Installation

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Double click on the "install" icon.

By default muBackdrop will be installed in your SYS:c/ drawer and run before Workbench is loaded.

Heres a few points to make note of during the install:

- o During the install you will be asked where you would like the backdrop files stored. If you are using MultiUserFileSystem then you will probably want to store the files in the users home directory. I store the files in "HOME:.backdrops/".
- o The install will make the necessary alterations to your "s:user-startup" file to run muBackdrop before workbench is loaded.

## 1.10 How to use muBackdrop

muBackdrop/Usage

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If muBackdrop is installed correctly then you can continue to use Workbench as normal - "leave out" and "put-away" however will now be stored in the path as specified in the arguments.

## 1.11 CLI Arguments

muBackdrop/Arguments

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muBackdrop accepts the following arguments:

PATH

This is the path to where you want the backdrop files for each disk with icons left out on the workbench stored.

You must specify a valid path.

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## 1.12 List of contributors

muBackdrop/Contributors  
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Thanks to the following for ideas and support:

Mike Latinovich

## 1.13 history

muBackdrop/History Information  
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'1.0' o Initial release on aminet

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