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Chapter 1

DiamondPrefs V1.3 documentation

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Version V1.3 (08.07.1995)

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1.2 Introduction to V1.3

Welcome to DiamondPrefs V1.3

This program provides an easy and comfortable way to configure Diamond Caves Game and the Diamond Caves Editor.

The main window
This program is based on MUI, see
About MUI

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1.3 Requirements

DiamondPrefs V1.3 requires:

- Kick 2.0
- MUI 2.3
- Diamond Caves V2.0
- Commodore's Installer (can be found on your Workbench-Install-Disk)

This program has been tested with Enforcer and Mungwall.

1.4 Installation

DiamondPrefs comes with a ready-to-run installer-script for the Commodore Installer. Just click on the icon and follow the text in the window.

Basically, the script will copy all necessary files in the Directory "DC:" according to the present version.

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1.6 COPYRIGHT

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This product is SHAREWARE. "Free distributable" only says that you do not have to pay for copying or re-distributing the unregistered version of the program.

If you are still working with an unregistered version of Diamond Caves, read the chapter "How to register" in the Diamond Caves docfile.

1.10 The main window

The main window of DiamondPrefs is seperated into two parts:

configuring the Game

configuring the Editor

At the bottom are two buttons

Save will save your settings to disk

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Exit will close the window and leave the preferencesfile unchanged

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1.11 configuring the Game

Note: If there is a preferencesfile in your DC: drawer, it will automatically be loaded and all tooltype settings will be overridden!

ScreenMode

own Screen:

If you want to run Diamond Caves on its own screen, you may choose two different screenmodes, one for the titlescreen and one for the game.

Note that both the title and the game were designed to be used on a screen with a 1:1 pixel-ratio like LoRes or HiRes-Interlace.

Public Screen:

Since V2.0 Diamond Caves can be run on a standard Intuition Screen or on any Public Screen. Due to pen-Sharing, running the Game on a Public Screen is only possible with Kick3.x, a gfx-board is recommended.

The program always remembers the window position after you quit the game. If you want the window size to be remembered, too, please activate the "Remember Window size" gadget. Otherwise, the window will always be opened with half the height/width of the screen.

Control

Here you can specify the controlmethod of both players. You have the choice between Joystick in port 1, Joystick in port 2 and Keyboard.

Two player using keyboard will be possible in future versions.

Presets

Leveldirectory lets you select a default-directory that will be present ~~~~~~ at startup-time.

Number of players should be obvious

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Name is the default-name you want to use.

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Misc

gameport.device : Choose if you want to use the gameport.device or bang
~~~~~ the Joystick hardware directly.

The next item allows you to place the status line in the game (where your score gets displayed) above or below ~~~~~ the game screen.

Note that if you use an interlaced screenmode in the game, you should place the statusline above the gamescreen.

\* Note: Use the following two buttons only if you know what you are \*  
\* doing, the program automatically adusts to your Amiga and most of the \*  
\* time, these settings are the best. \*

Timing : Toggles between using the timer.device or the vertical blanking  
~~~~~ interrupt (VBI) for timing. Use VBI only if you are playing in  
PAL-mode (will be set autoatically, if you specify a PAL-mode)

Speed : This slider controls the time (in 1/2500 seconds) the game has
~~~~~ got to do its calculations. The normal value is 50 which leaves  
1/50 sec for every frame. 1 is very fast (although most of the time, the  
calculations will take longer than 0.0004 seconds), 200 is about 4 times  
slower than normal. This value is not affected by the screenmode you're  
using.

Speed can only be changed while playing with timer.device.

The button to the right will reset the Speed to the default value of 50.

Gfxfile : Specify the graphics you want to use in the game. Use  
~~~~~ DiamondGfx to create your own gfx-file or use the default  
graphics in "Diamond.16col" (normal 16 color version) or "Diamond.32col"
(extended 32 color version - see DiamondGfx).

1.12 configuring the Editor

Select if you want to open the Diamond Caves Editor on its own Screen or on any Public Screen. Due to pen-Sharing, running the Editor on a Public Screen is only possible with Kick3.x.

If you want to use a new Screen, you can select the screenmode of the PublicScreen, every screenmode capable of displaying at least 16 colors is supported.

Note that the minimum size of the screen is 640x400.

Presets

Leveldirectory lets you select a default-directory that will be present
~~~~~ at startup-time.  
Nr. is the initial levelnumber  
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You can also select that you want to load the level (specified by number
and directory) at the beginning.

1.13 History

- V1.0 (01.05.1995)
- first public release (registered users only)
- V1.1 (04.06.1995)
- added Interlace-button
 - added Speed-Slider
 - added Gfx-file selection
- V1.2 (14.06.1994)
- fixed loading of V1.0 preferences file
 - window now fits on a 640x200/topaz8 screen
 - fixed loading/saving of Interlace-flag
 - added "timing" gadget
(PAL-users should use VBI-timing,
other modes use timer.device)
- V1.3 (08.07.1995)
- removed Interlace-button
(not necessary any more)
 - fixed loading of "nam"-files (Presets)
 - Diamond Caves and the Diamond Editor can now both be run on
any Public Screen (Kick3.0 required)
 - this program now works for unregistered users, too

1.14 Plans for the future

Plans for the future:

- two different keyboard-controlmethods so that both players
can use the keyboard
- make the keys for keyboard-control editable
- localization

1.15 About MUI

This application uses

MUI - MagicUserInterface

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MUI is a system to generate and maintain graphical user interfaces. With the aid of a preferences program, the user of an application has the ability to customize the outfit according to his personal taste.

MUI is distributed as shareware. To obtain a complete package containing lots of examples and more information about registration please look for a file called "muiXXusr.lha" (XX means the latest version number) on your local bulletin boards or on public domain disks.

If you want to register directly, feel free to send

DM 30.- or US\$ 20.-

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