RECENT

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1.2 Introduction

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 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 as well
as its .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

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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          (v3.3 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+.
It has been tested and found to work on my Amiga 2000 with OS 2.05 and 3.1.

                        Install RECENT Now
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1.4 Program Use

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                RECENT is started from a CLI or Shell. There are no command line  ←
                   args.
Or by double-clicking the "Run_RECENT" icon.


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1.5 Menus

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1.6   About

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Displays program completion date, author name address and email phone
number.
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The keyboard shortcut is Right-Amiga-A.
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1.7   Quit

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Close any open files and exit program.
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The keyboard shortcut is Right-Amiga-Q.    (or click the Close gadget)
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1.8   .readme toggle

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If you want to get the .readme files turn this menu option ON, indicated
by a check mark next to it.
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If you do not want to get the .readme files turn this menu option OFF.
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You can turn this option on or off at any time, even in the middle of
processing a RECENT file.
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The keyboard shortcut is Right-Amiga-R.
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1.9   Save Preferences

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Selecting this menu option will save the current settings, including
user interface options AmiNet RECENT path/filename, output file path
and base-name, and .readme menu toggle state. And the RECENT program
window position on your Workbench screen.
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These will be saved to files named "ENV:DFD/RECENT.prefs" and
"ENVARC:DFD/RECENT.prefs".
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The keyboard shortcut is Right-Amiga-S.
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1.10   User Interface

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                 RECENT

                 RAM:RECENT
OUTPUT

                 RAM:AmiNet_18May
                 ?
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                          Do It!

                          Yes
                           No


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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 <current dir>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 Information

Pops up a requester displaying how many files you have chosen and how
many aproximate Kilobytes they add up to.

1.14 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.

1.15 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.

After clicking "No", you have one chance to
                Go Back 1
                to it.

1.16   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.

1.17   < Go back 1

Clicking this gadget will take you back one file listing. This only works
on listings you said "No" to.

1.18   RECENT History

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RECENT:
v1.3 - 15-Dec-95
      Cleaned up the code some more. (a byte saved is a byte earned)
      Now lets you know if it can't save the preference file(s).
      Tried to address a problem that the "one person" I know of that
       uses this program reported; he said it choked on a "0K" file
       entry. I tried and tried to get it to "not work" for me, but
       couldn't... so didn't change anything.
      The biggest reason I am releasing this version is because v1.2
       never made it to AmiNet - as MOST my uploads don't! I think
       they must have a realy big "bit bucket" they send most uploads
       to.
      Updated the install script to check if your apig.library is older
       than the one supplied in this archive - if so, then copy the new
       one to your LIBS: directory.

 v1.2 - 03-Aug-95
      Fixed a bug that would exit program if you clicked "Yes" on a
       blank line.
      Fixed file requesters so they remember their paths. I thought they
       were before, but I guess not.
      Cleaned up the code a little more for size and speed.
      Added gadget to "Go back 1" file listing.
      Added "Info" gadget and requester.
      Added get ".readme" menu toggle.
      Added "Continue" when re-loading a previously Aborted RECENT file.
      Now will "Append" to output file if it already exists instead of
       overwriting it.
      Changed preferences files from "ENV:" to "ENV:DFD/" and now also to
       "ENVARC:DFD/".  ALL my programs now save to these DFD paths.

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

 v1.0 - 25-Apr-95
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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.)

1.19 Credits

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