DiSk_Quicklog

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A Disk Catalog Compiler

Version 1.03

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1.2   introduction

Introduction:

Fed up with huge GUI based disk catalog compilers? Want a nice simple, quick

and efficient one instead? Want one with a couple of unique features? Want one

that automatically sorts the list into alphabetical order? Try Disk Quicklog

for speed and size!

1.3 System Requirements

System Requirements:

° Any Amiga running Kickstart/Workbench v2.1 or above)

1.4 overview

Overview:

In the FidoNet echo AMIGA_UK there have, sporadically, been requests for disk

catalog compilers. A while back I wrote a program called Compile Directory

Listing (CDL). This program replaced another in my range (Search For File -

SFF). This program supercedes both. It is put simply, a killer disk catalog

compiler!

1.5 installation

Installing Disk Quicklog:

To install Disk Quicklog on your system, simply run the Install_Disk_Quicklog

file and follow on screen prompts. This script will install the following files

in the following places:

C:

Disk_Quicklog

This is the main DOS script itself

1.6 usage

Using Disk Quicklog:

Disk Quicklog is designed to be run from a CLI/Shell or from the "Execute a

Command" option on the Workbench. With a little skill it could also be linked

to buttons in a directory utility such as Directory Opus.

The syntax is as follows:

Disk_Quicklog DIR/A,OUTPUT/A,DATES/S,INCR/S,RESET/S

Where:

DIR/A is the directory you wish to make a list of

OUTPUT/A is the text file you wish to create (output to)

DATE/S is a switch to turn on the inclusion of filedates in the

compiled list (ie. Disk Quicklog does NOT show them if this

switch is not specified.)

INCR/S is a switch to turn on 'same filename incremental saves'.

This is discussed more fully below.

RESET/S is a switch to reset the INCR variable - see below.

Simple example usage:

Disk_Quicklog DF0: Work:DiskLog

Would produce an alphabetically sorted directory listing of DF0: in the file

"Work:DiskLog" There would be no filedates in the listing.

Disk_Quicklog HD1: Data:BigFile DATES

Would produce an alphabetically sorted directory listing of HD1: in the file

"Data:BigFile" There would be filedates in the listing.

The INCR and RESET switches:

The INCR switch allows you to continuously run Disk Quicklog by using Cursor Up

from the CLI/Shell window and not having to alter the filename. It does this by

appending an INCRemental number onto the end of the filename.

For example, if I entered the command:

Disk Quicklog Df0: RAM:Log INCR

Disk Quicklog would produce an alphabetically sorted listing of Df0: in the file

"RAM:Log.x" where x is the number of times I have run Disk Quicklog without

interruption. In this instance the file would be "RAM:Log.1"

If I entered the command again but with a different disk in Df0: (of course!)

Disk Quicklog would produce a file called "RAM:Log.2". Then .3, .4, .5 and so on.

I hope this makes sense to you. When you are used to it, it becomes a

powerful feature and automates the proceedings a lot when processing lots of

disks in one shot.

The RESET switch allows you to reset the INCR variable so you can start from

a ".1" file again. For example if we had reached "RAM:Log.10" in our example

and now wished to used the filename "RAM:DiskLog.x" where x is our INCR

number, then we would use the RESET switch to reset the incremental numbers

back to 1.

Caveat:

The RESET switch must be run with the DIR and OUTPUT arguments due to a

limitation of AmigaDOS. Fortunately, these arguments may be shortened to

nonsense. Example:

Disk Quicklog a b RESET

Disk Quicklog any junk RESET

1.7 Revision History

Revision History:

Version 1.0:

Original launch.

° Works fine - no problems during beta testing.

Version 1.01:

Minor Update.

° Ian Forest in the AMIGA_UK FidoNET echo requested that Disk Quicklog show

the full path of the files it catalogs. Disk Quicklog now does this.

Version 1.02:

Minor Update.

° Documentation changed slightly

° Now included a 'dynami-install' installer

Version 1.03:

Minor Update.

° Generally tidied up and optimised code

° Changed method of pulling filenames from

AmigaDOS (for the technicaly among you, it was %s%s it's now %P%N - it's

the more correct method.

° Changed to using AmigaGuide documentation

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