# Dizaster

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## 1.2 Disclaimer

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Disclaimer
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   This package is provided "as is" without any warranty.
The author assumes no responsibility or liability whatsoever
for any damage or dataloss caused by using this package.
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## 1.3 Copyright

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   Dizaster is GIFTWARE.  Meaning that if you use it, you should send
some form of contribution, or GIFT to me, the author.  This could be
anything...  money, a box of disks, an A4000T, some software that you
have written (registered would be nice), or even a postcard or e-mail.

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to the archive. I give permission to include this package in any shareware
collection, especially, AMINET, and Fred Fish, as long as no money is
charged, except to cover the cost of the storage medium it is distributed
on.

## 1.4   Just What IS this for??

 Have you ever collected a bunch of archives, and had them stored on your
Hard drive...  only to forget what each one was over time???  Or seen the
neat file listings on BBS's, and wish you could generate them on your own
computer??

 Well, that's exactly what this little program does.  It searches through
a list of archives, and extracts the file_id.diz information.  It then
places this information into an AmiExpress style BBS listing.

 If you run a BBS, you may use this program, also to generate BBS listings
for your system.

## 1.5   Program Usage

NAME

    Dizaster - a utility to create file lists from FILE_ID.DIZ

SYNOPSIS

    Just run from WB....

REQUIREMENTS:

    AREXX running
    Rexxreqtools.library

    It currently looks for File_ID's in the following known archives:
    LHA, LZH, LZX, DMS, EXE, ZIP, GIF, and text (txt, nfo, doc... etc)

    However, it relies on third party executables to do this, and assumes
    that you have the following in your path somewhere:

    LHA, LZX, DMSdescript, EXEdescript, Unzip, TxtExtract, and GIFdesc

In future releases, I wiill be adding more archive types, and removing
the need for the third party ID extractors.

## 1.6  Known problems with Dizlister

                        - all fixed, as far as I can see.

    Make a
                BUG REPORT

## 1.7  About the Author

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Please remember to register, and support the authors of Shareware.

## 1.8  Program History

0.1     08/04/96 private release

        - Conceived of the need for this program due to the HUNDREDS
          of archives I had... Decided to use REXXREQTOOLS.library to make
          it simple on me....

        Seems to work quite well for my purposes, although it needs MUCH
        work.

0.2     14/04/96 private release

        - Added size and date info to the lister output using the
          Datatypes.library.

        – Minor optimizations

        – Added ability to APPEND ID'd to an existing list.
          No more need to rescan a whole list, just to add one file. :)

0.3     16/04/96 private release

        – Removed the STUPID need for datatypes.library...  Dumb idea to
          begin with....  now uses the LIST command output.

        – Fixed broken openfile routine

        – Named this thing Dizaster....  'cuz that's what it's been this
          past week, trying to get it to work.

1.0     17/04/96 First public release

        – added this Guide. :)

## 1.9  Stuff to do

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        – add cli support, so it may be used from a BBS as an "all-purpose"
          ID extractor.

        – add support for command line arguments

        – add debug levels, and progress indicators

        – support more archive types, like ZOO, WRP, etc...

        – speed it up....

        – can you think of anything else????

## 1.10  And now some GREETZ!!!

What type of programmer would I be if I didn't have anyone to greet?

Greetings go out to:

– OmniBus, Tycoon, Anubis, Ratio, XIN, Ragnar, Oarie, and all the rest
  of the crew in #hacking.

– All the members of PoV (Persepters of Vision)

– Immortaliton, Sinderella, Gec McGecko, Dr. Death, Bravo.

– VERY Special Greets to ^LISA^ :)

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– Amiga Technologies for such a great computer!!!

– Rafael D'Halleweyn for Rexxreqtools.library

– ^LISA^ for being there :)

– and all those whom I've forgotten.