

**focuswindow**

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# Chapter 1

## focuswindow

### 1.1 FocusWindow 1.0 -- June 10, 1993

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                FocusWindow
Version 1.0
June 10, 1993
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>>>>>>>>> THIS PROGRAM IS PUBLIC DOMAIN <<<<<<<<<<
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Requires AmigaDOS 3.0 or higher.
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### 1.2 What is FocusWindow?

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                FocusWindow is a commodity (requires AmigaDOS 3.0 or higher) that
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activates the next window on the current screen, brings it to the front. In addition, if you're on a autoscrolling or "Super Bitmap" screen, FocusWindow moves the display to bring the window into view.

### 1.3 How's this useful?

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Well, it gives you the ability to cycle windows with the keyboard. And, if you're using a "Super Bitmap" screen, FocusWindow will snap the display to the window location so you don't have to go hunting!

### 1.4 How does it work?

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When you press the key specified in the NEXTWINDOW icon tool type, the commodity kicks in and does its thing.

### 1.5 Does this always work?

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YES!

### 1.6 How do I install this utility?

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To install, just drop the icon in your WBStartup drawer!

### 1.7 How do I customize FocusWindow?

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From the Shell or CLI.....

FocusWindow NEXTWINDOW/K, FOCUSBACKDROP/S, QUIET/S

NEXTWINDOW is the hotkey you'll use to invoke FocusWindow to do its thing. It defaults to the left-AMIGA 'B' (or "lcommand b"). When specifying the key on the command line be sure to enclose it in quotes!

FOCUSBACKDROP is a switch that allows you to tell FocusWindow to allow

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focus to be passed to the backdrop window. If you try this on Workbench will the Backdrop item checked in the Workbench menu, the backdrop window will be part of the window cycle. With the option off, only windows on top of the backdrop are cycled between. Defaults to FALSE.

QUIET allows you to suppress any warnings or error information FocusWindow outputs if not successful in setting itself up. Defaults to NOT being quiet. (QUIET=FALSE).

From Workbench.....

Use the Icon/Information menu to gain access to the icon's tooltypes. The four ToolTypes available are:

DONOTWAIT -- Supported by Workbench. Leave this in so you startup runs faster (doesn't wait after each command in the startup drawer).

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## 1.8 Can I see some startup examples?

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From CLI/Shell,

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FocusWindow NEXTWINDOW "rawkey shift f10"
```

-- Starts FocusWindow with the hotkey being a shifted-F10.

From Workbench,

Set your tooltypes to the following:

```
NEXTWINDOW=rawkey alt f1
FOCUSBACKDROP=FALSE
QUIET=TRUE
```

-- Starts FocusWindow with a hotkey of ALT-F1, the FOCUSBACKDROP option turned off so backdrop windows are never activated and the

QUIET option turned on so no errors are reported.

## 1.9 Where will the error messages appear?

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If you run from the CLI/Shell, errors are output to stdout (that is, the CLI/Shell window). If you start from Workbench, a requester will appear with the error message. Dropping the icon in the WBStartup drawer is considered as 'running from Workbench'.

## 1.10 About the great author...

>>>>>>>>> Who was the great, wonderful, fantastic, brilliant, creative,  
>>>>>>>>> omnipotent Amiga genius who wrote this ultra-advanced  
>>>>>>>>> technological breakthrough software?

John Haubrich (JohnH)  
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## 1.11 Anything else?

>>>>>>>>> Anything else?

Investment/Loan and recipe-management software are in the works.  
Watch for them!

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