

SWitch

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## **Chapter 1**

## **SWitch**

## 1.1 SWitch 1.0 -- May 17, 1996

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SWitch
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Version 1.0 May 17, 1996

>>>>>> THIS PROGRAM IS FREEWARE <

Requires AmigaDOS 2.04 or higher.

What is SWitch?

How's this useful?

How does it work?

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About the great author... >>>>>>> THANKS TO...

Walter Watzl

This utility was his idea.

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### 1.2 What is SWitch?

>>>>>> What is SWitch?

SWitch is a commodity (requires AmigaDOS 2.04 or higher) that pops up

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a list of all screens and windows currently open. You may select the screen or window you want to jump to via mouse or keyboard. Plus, if you're on a autoscrolling or "Super Bitmap" screen and using AmigaDOS 3.0 or higher, SWitch 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 jump to screens and windows with the keyboard. And, if you're using a "Super Bitmap" screen, SWitch 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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>>>>>> How does it work?
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When you press the hotkey (default is left-alt and ESC), a window pops up with a list of all open screens and windows, like this:

```
Workbench
System 3.1
Prefs
Exchange
Unnamed window at (0,16)
Multiview
intuition.doc
TURBOTEXT
SWitch.c
SWitch.guide
```

Window names are indented below the screen name. You can click or double-click the mouse to jump to any screen or window you want. Also, you can use the keyboard cursor keys:

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Up Cursor = move up one item
Down Cursor = move down one item
SHIFT + Up = move to previous screen in list
SHIFT + Down = move to next screen in list
ALT + Up = move to the top of the list
ALT + Down = move to the bottom of the list
RETURN/Enter = jump to the highlighted screen or window
ESC = close the jump window
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Also, clicking outside the jump window or otherwise making it inactive, will close the jump window.

See the

How do I customize SWitch? link for more info.

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### 1.5 How do I install this utility?

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To install, just drop the icon in your WBStartup drawer!
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#### 1.6 How do I customize SWitch?

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  *******************
  * This program MUST read its startup options from the icon tooltypes. *
  \star It may be started from the Shell or CLI but no options may be
  * specified.
  ***************
  From Workbench.....
     Use the Icon/Information menu to gain access to the icon's tooltypes.
     The ToolTypes available are:
     DONOTWAIT
        Supported by Workbench. Without this tooltype, Workbench will
        wait until you quit this program before its launches the next.
     OUIET
        QUIET allows you to supress any warnings or error information
        SWitch outputs if not successful in setting itself up.
        Defaults to NOT being quiet. (QUIET=FALSE).
     HOTKEY
        This is the key to press to make the jump window appear.
        Default is "rawkey lalt esc". <- that's the LEFT ALT and ESC.
     POINTERRELATIVE
        When present, jump window will appear relative to the position
        of the mouse. To stop this from happening, change this tooltype
        to (POINTERRELATIVE).
        Defaults to not being pointer-relative.
     LEFTEDGE
        The left edge coordinate of the jump window.
        Defaults to 0.
     TOPEDGE
        The top edge coordinate of the jump window.
        Defaults to 20.
     WIDTH
        The width of the jump window.
        Defaults to 300.
     HEIGHT
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The height of the jump window.

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Defaults to 150.

#### JUMPCLICKS

The number of clicks needed to jump to a window. This value can be set to 1 or 2. If the value is one, clicking once on a screen or window name will activate the window. If the value is two, you must double-click the screen or window name. Defaults to 1.

## 1.7 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'.

## 1.8 About the great author...

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