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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

PAGE MONSTER APPETIZER V1.0

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Introduction

If you are reading this text right now, then you are probably one of the many Amiga users with a growing interest in the World Wide Web.

Since its creation, the Web has attracted millions of users to participate in a form of global communication unlike any that has come before. It has created new opportunities for businesses, community service organizations and the average person to present information in an attractive and entertaining format, accessible from anywhere in the world.

Unfortunately, development in this area has been lacking for the Amiga user. While other platforms have been enjoying a wealth of Internet and Web page creation tools, Amiga users have had to search high and low for programs to aid them in accessing the excitement of the Web explosion.

So What is the Page Monster Appetizer ?

The Page Monster Appetizer is a Web page creation tool that was created using the AmigaVison professional authoring package.

It was specifically designed for Amiga users who are interested in creating a down and dirty Web page for use on the World Wide Web.

The Page Monster Appetizer is NOT by any means a comprehensive Web page designers tool, but merely a prelude to our soon to be released commercial product called PAGE MONSTER.

The Appetizer is not a disabled demo of Page Monster, nor is it a scaled down version. It is a stand alone application with limited capabilities.

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It was created only to give users a feeling of how Page Monster 1.0 works, and as it's name implies is just an appetizer to what is coming.

What it does allow you to do is to create a very simple Web page through a point and click interface, so NO KNOWLEDGE OF HTML IS NECESSARY FOR YOU TO USE THIS PROGRAM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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## 1.3 THE CONFIGURATION SCREEN

### CONFIGURATION SCREEN

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BROWSER FIELD: Type in the full pathname of the Browser that you will be using to preview your Web page with. The Browser must be able to load local files from the system through the CLI. ( Mosaic-NoNet has this capability.)

TEXT EDITOR FIELD: Type in the full pathname of the text Editor that you will be using to edit the HTML code directly. (The default is "Sys:c/Ed")

VIEWER FIELD: Type in the full pathname of the picture viewer that you will be using to view graphics files (The default is "Sys:utilities/Multiview")

DATATYPE FIELD: Type in the datatype extension of the picture format you will be using.  
For example:

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.IFF (Standard Amiga format)  
.GIF (Graphic interchange format Used  
on alot of Web pages)  
.PCX (A IBM Picture format)  
.TIFF (A Macintosh picture format)

IMPORTANT: THE CORRECT DATA TYPE SUFFIX  
(i.e .IFF) MUST BE ENTERED AND YOU ARE  
LIMITED TO THAT DATATYPE ONLY!  
OTHER DATATYPES WILL NOT BE RECOGNIZED  
(The Default is .IFF)

AWEB COMMAND: Type in a cli command that you would like  
to link your inline image to.

(This command can only be utilized  
when using the Aweb 1.0 + web browser.  
It is accessable only when loading  
local files.) SEE

EXAMPLE

COMMAND OFF/ON: setting this switch to ON will cause the  
Appetizer to use the Aweb specific  
reference tag when generating the  
final HTML code.

SAVE SETTINGS: Will save all of the above settings as  
the permanent defaults of the program.  
ALL CHANGES MADE IN THE CONFIGURATION  
SCREEN MUST BE SAVED BEFORE YOU ARE ABLE  
TO UTILIZE THEM.

START APPETIZER: Will open the  
QUICK~PAGE~SCREEN

.

HELP: Brings you to this online manual.

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## 1.4 THE FILE LOAD SCREEN

### QUICK PAGE 2.0 SCREEN

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TITLE FIELD: Type in a title for your homepage. This is the ←  
text

that will appear in the title bar at the top of the  
browser when the homepage is loaded.

The information will be retained as long as the program  
is running or until you type in another title.

LOAD PIC: Launches

REQ

a file requestor that is used to select  
an inline image for your homepage. THE IMAGE MUST BE  
THE SAME GRAPHIC FORMAT THAT WAS SPECIFIED IN THE

DATATYPE~FIELD

in the  
CONFIGURATION~SCREEN

.

VIEW: Views the picture currently loaded by the load  
pic requestor using the  
VIEWER

specified in the

CONFIGURATION~SCREEN

.

HEADER: Type in a Header. This is the header text that will  
appear just below the inline image on your homepage.  
The information will be retained as long as the program  
is running or until you type in another header.

LOAD TEXT: Launches

REQ

a file requestor that is used to select a  
text file. This file will be used as the main body  
of text in your homepage.

TEXT LOADED MUST HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY SAVED IN THE AMIGA  
ASCII FORMAT common to most text editors and  
word procesors.

EDIT: Edits the text currently loaded by the LOAD  
TEXT requestor using the  
EDITOR

specified in the

CONFIGURATION~SCREEN

.

You may also edit text on the fly simply by clicking on EDIT without using the LOAD TEXT requestor.

ACCEPT: Accepts the currently loaded values and then opens the PREVIEW~SCREEN  
.  
CONFIGURE: Returns you to the CONFIGURATION~SCREEN  
.  
HELP: Brings you to this online manual.

## 1.5 THE PREVIEW SCREEN

### THE PREVIEW SCREEN

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DISPLAY SCREEN: Displays the HTML code generated from the values entered in the QUICK~PAGE~SCREEN  
.  
Clicking on the Display screen will allow you to edit The HTML code directly using the EDITOR specified in the CONFIGURATION~SCREEN  
.  
PREVIEW: Will call the BROWSER specified in the CONFIGURATION~SCREEN allowing you to see how your homepage will appear on the Web.  
SAVE: Will call a save screen requesting a preformatted blank disk in df0: to save your homepage on. Clicking OK will cause the Appetizer to proceed with the save. Clicking CANCEL will abort the operation.  
CANCEL: Returns you to the QUICK~PAGE~SCREEN and clears the HTML code.

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HELP: Brings you to this online manual

EXIT: Quits Page Monster Appetizer.

## 1.6 ABOUT THE PAGE MONSTER

COMING SOON

PAGE MONSTER VERSION 1.0

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If you've enjoyed using the Page Monster Appetizer, and its ←  
simplistic  
approach to creating Web pages for the Internet, then as they say  
in the Biz, "you ain't seen nothin' yet!"

Our New Web page creation tool PAGE MONSTER version 1.0 is currently  
in beta testing and promises some unique features when finally  
released. Some of these include:

1. USER FRIENDLY POINT AND CLICK INTERFACE
2. AUTOMATED HTML CODE GENERATION
3. SUPPORT FOR LINKS TO EXTERNAL HTML DOCS
4. SUPPORT FOR LINKS TO EXTERNAL MEDIA FILES  
SUCH AS IMAGES, SOUNDS, ANIMATIONS, VIDEO  
CLIPS AND MOD FILES.
5. SUPPORT FOR POINT AND CLICK FORMS CREATION
6. AUTOMATED AREXX SCRIPTING WHICH  
CAN AUTOMATICALLY CREATE AREXX SCRIPTS  
FOR ADPRO, OCTAMED6, SOX, & AGMSRECORDSOUND  
FOR FILE CONVERSION, OPTIMAZTION AND SAMPLING  
FROM INSIDE PAGE MONSTER.
7. ABILITY TO SAVE AND RECALL AREXX SCRIPTS
8. ABILITY TO ENTER, SAVE AND RECALL NEW TAGS
9. AUTOMATED TUTORIAL
10. 32 CONTROL SCREENS

AND MUCH MORE BEING PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE.

If you're interested in this type of application for the Amiga, please  
support us. Any donations for futher development of this product would be  
greatly appreciated.

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We at CultureShock are long time Amiga users and in a time when most American Amiga developers have vanished, it is only our love for the the Amiga platform and its STILL superior technology and design that drives us to find new ways of utilizing such a remarkable computer.

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## 1.7 System Requirements

### SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

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Page Monster Appetizer was designed to run on any Amiga running 1.3 or greater operating system with at least 2 megs of ram and a hard drive. 4 megs of ram is necessary to run your browser from within the Appetizer. ←

3.0 or greater is strongly recommended especially if you are planning to use a Web browser to preview your completed page.

This is due to the fact that it is only with 3.0's Datatype capability, that you can view inline images in your browser.

It is also possible to run Page Monster Appetizer using low memory machines such as a A500 or A600 with 1 meg of ram, but you will need to use the special low memory version of the Appetizer provided with this archive.

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Low~memory~version~installation~&~use  
) .

The obvious drawbacks of using older operating systems is that you cannot preview your work using a browser running WB 1.3 and although with enough memory you may be able to run Mosaic-NoNet on WB 2,0, you won't be able to view inline images.

However the alternative could be that if you had access to a IBM or Mac running a Browser such as Netscape and you had either the Crossdos or Maxdos filesystem for the Amiga, you could use this program to create a web page on the Amiga and then save it to an IBM 720K disk or a 1.44mb disk if you have an High Density disk drive.

ADDITIONAL FILES NEEDED

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Since the Page Monster Appetizer was created with the AmigaVision Profesional authoring system, you will need to have following files installed in your system or boot disk:

1. The AVplayer installed in your Sys:c Directory
2. The avdb.library installed in your Sys:libs Directory
3. The avtextgad.library installed in your Sys:libs Directory
4. The camd.library installed in your Sys:libs Directory

The AVPlayer Archieve is a freely distributable program and can be found at:

AMINET/GFX/SHOW/AVPLAY\_2.4.lZH

In addition you must also install the APPEND command written by Oliver Enseling in your Sys:c Directory. If you are using Workbench 2.0 and want to use a file requestor you must also install REQ command a 2.0 file requestor written by Thomas Ansoerge in your Sys:c Directory.

APPEND is Freeware and can be found on:

Fred Fish Disk 379

REQ is Shareware and can be found at:

AMINET/UTIL/CLI/REQ.lha

Your C: directory should at least contain the commands delete, Copy, and IconX for this application to work properly.

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## 1.8 Installing on 1.3

Low Memory Version Installation and use

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Included in this archive is the compressed file PM\_LOWMEM.LHA, ←  
which

contains a version of the Page Monster Appetizer that was designed to work on lower memory machines. It can run on a stock A500 or A600 with at least 1 meg of ram and a external disk drive.

This version was created for the purpose of giving Amiga users who are using low memory machines a quick and easy way to create simple HTML documents.

There is also great potential for use of this program in a educational enviornment that is utilizing older Amigas. It could be seen as a way to teach students about HTML at a remedial level and at very low cost.

To install the Low Memory version Follow the Following step by step instructions:

1. First format a blank disk and label it APPETIZER.1
  2. Decompress PM\_LOWMEM.LHA and then copy all the files and directorys in the drawer named APPETIZER.1 to the disk you just formatted in step 1
  3. Make a copy of your standard Workbench1.3 disk by
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- clicking on its icon and selecting duplicate from the workbench menu. The resulting copy should be named "copy\_of\_Workbench1.3"
4. Copy avplay\_2.4.lzh, APPEND and LHA directly to your APPETIZER.1: disk.
  5. Insert the APPETIZER.1 disk in df1: open it and click on the STRIP\_SYS icon.  
  
This is a dos script that will remove a number of files on the copy\_of\_Workbench1.3 to make room for the nessesary files described in step 6 and step 7.  
  
If you have LHA copied to the APPETIZER.1 and everything setup as described in step 4 then steps 6,7 and 8 will be automated, otherwise...
  6. copy the AVPlayer into the c: directory of the newly striped down workbench disk .
  7. Copy the AVPlayer libraries into the Libs: directory of the newly striped down workbench1.3 disk. They are as follows:

1. The avdb.library

2. The avtextgad.library

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3. The camd.library

4. The realtime.library

(These files are necessary for the Page Monster to operate properly if you have not yet obtained them see the end of this file for information on where you can get them.)

8. Make a directory named c on the APPETIZER.1 disk and copy the commands copy, delete, mkdir and APPEND into it.

9. Next format another blank disk and label it HTML. This is the disk that your final project will be saved to. Each project will require its own disk.

(Please note: This is only the Appetizer it is not designed to create a suite of web pages.)

Files needed for this program to operate properly can be found at the following places.

The AVPlayer Archive is a freely distributable program and can be found at:

[http://ftp.wustl.edu/~aminet/dirs/gfx\\_show.html](http://ftp.wustl.edu/~aminet/dirs/gfx_show.html)

In addition you must also install the APPEND command written by Oliver Ensling in your Sys:c Directory.

APPEND is Freeware and can be found on:

## Fred Fish Disk 379

Your C: directory should at least contain the commands, copy  
makdir & delete.

## 1.9 LEGAL STUFF

### LEGAL STUFF

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under the following conditions.

1. That all files in the original archive are intact and are  
not modified and organized exactly as shown bellow.  
These are the following files:

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8040	5081	36.8%	03-Apr-96	07:52:42	PMONSTER/8SVX/pm.snd
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  36626     36626   0.0%  03-Apr-96  07:42:22  PMONSTER/PM_LOWMEM.lha
   1134       429  62.1%  03-Apr-96  07:52:58  PMONSTER/PREVIEW.TXT
   2588       884  65.8%  03-Apr-96  07:52:48  PMONSTER/QP1.3.TXT
  43286     9066  79.0%  03-Apr-96  07:51:22  PMONSTER/QUICKPAGE2.AVf
   553       178  67.8%  03-Apr-96  07:51:10  PMONSTER/QUICKPAGE2.AVf.info
   648       283  56.3%  03-Apr-96  08:05:52  PMONSTER/README.INSTALLATION
    36        36   0.0%  01-Apr-96  07:08:00  PMONSTER/START_APPETIZER
   8234     1984  75.9%  31-Mar-96  16:56:44  PMONSTER/START_APPETIZER.
info
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## 1.10 Practical Example

During the writing of this doc file the PD version of AWeb 1.0 by Yvon Rozijn was released on Aminet. We were much impressed with its AREXX and SHELL COMMAND capability, so we added a quick routine into the Page Monster Appetizer that will give you a practical example of how this aweb specific tag could be used.

In the AWEB FIELD you will notice that the default value is:

```
SYS:DPAINTE_AGA/DPAINTE Load=Ram:QPAGE/PIC.IFF
```

you can replace "SYS:DPAINTE\_AGA/DPAINTE" with the correct path of where DPAINTE is located on your system and then click SAVE. Next set the COMMAND switch to ON. The Appetizer should now be activated to create a link to the above command when the HTML code is generated.

Once the Aweb 1.0 browser is called by clicking on PREVIEW in the PREVIEW SCREEN. You should be able to edit the inline image directly, using dpaint from inside aweb just by clicking on the inline image.

note: Any shell command can be used for example; if you wanted to edit the HTML code directly from inside Aweb you could use:

```
Sys:c/Ed ram:Qpage/Final.html
```



instead of the above example.

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