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Chapter 1

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1.1 "

Update Index V1.0
by Vanja Hrustic, 22-Apr-96

What is UI ?

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Thanx to...

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1.2 What Is ...

Update Index will make a wonderful thing! :)

You probably got Your INDEX list 6 months ago, and are updating it all the time with new files, etc, etc. Do You EVER look at 4. column!? Age!?

Age is in fact the 'number of weeks the file is on AmiNet'. So, if You want to know HOW old the file You want to get is, just take a look at 'Age' column.

However, 6 months = 27 weeks. Slowly, Your list is out-of-date.

Here comes UI! :)))

UI is still in kind of beta 'development' (what's there in it to develop!?).
UI will take a INDEX list, and once a week raise the "Age" column for +1.

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1.3 Requirements

Requirements:

- An Amiga
- OS 3.X
- AmiNet INDEX file
- s:Startup-Sequence ;)

UI was tested on A4000/040 & OS3.1. Haven't tested it on 2.X, and have no idea if it works, but I presume it will work on A500 also ;)

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1.4 Usage

Copy UI to some nice directory.

After that, there are 3 ways for starting it:

1) Place it in s:Startup-sequence, at the beggining (before SysPic i.e., so You have some nice pictures to watch while UI works :). Looks like...

```
dh0:c/CheckValidating dh0:
dh0:c/CheckValidating dh1:
dh0:c/CheckValidating dh2:
```

```
C:SetPatch QUIET
```

```
c:SysPic sys:fortutil/SysPic/Pic*.iff 1 21 bf so vc bb
```

```
dh2:sc/UI/UI dh1:temp/index Sun
^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
```

UI has 2 parameters.

UI <index file> <the day of the week You want to update it>

The day of the week MUST have 3 letters, like on Amiga. That means:

```
Mon - Monday
Tue - Tuesday
Wed - Wednesday
Thu - Thursday
Fri - Friday
Sat - Saturday
Sun - Sunday
```

So, if You want to update Your INDEX every monday, You will enter something like...

```
----- s: startup-sequence -----
...
c:setpatch quiet
c:UI dhl:AmiNet/Index Mon
...
----- CUT HERE :) -----
```

When You reset Your Amiga, UI will take a look which day it is. If it finds out "MONDAY" :), updating begins. When booting, Amiga will do DisplayBeep() (it's Flash() in fact :), to let You know it started working. After it finishes, it will "Beep" again. UI will create a small 'control' file in S: directory, which helps him to see if updating was executed. Please don't delete it. It's called s:UI.ack. When next day comes, UI will delete it by itself, don't worry :)

2) Start it manually. Simply, on prompt, enter:

```
7.System> c:UI dhl:temp/index Mon
```

and UI will update index. The same thing with S:UI.ack will happen, and it will not allow You to update INDEX file until (at least) next day! Except if You don't delete S:UI.ack! :)

3) If You use schedulers, You can easily make it start at exact time, and when it finishes, PLEASE, delete s:UI.ack by hand, because UI will not be started until next week. So, file will stay in S:, and next week, it will understand that he already updated INDEX that day.

At this moment, UI will NOT replace Your old INDEX file, but will rather make a updated copy of it, called <index>.tmp (where <index> is the name of Your INDEX file). I didn't find any nasty bugs, but...

UI makes the backup in the same dir where INDEX is located.

There is no output, so everything may look boring. But be patient, it will

finish updating sooner or later! :)))

If anybody require version that replaces original INDEX or something else,
please write me just one mail! :)

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1.5 Author

Update Index was written and developed by Vanja Hrustic (C) 1996

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1.6 History

History:

V1.0 - It looks like it works now!

V0.9 - Forgot to put 'day checking', so it used to update INDEX after every
reset in one day :)))

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1.7 Future

What will I maybe do:

- * FASTER execution
- * Config files, so You easily decide date & time for updates

What I will NOT do for sure:

- * Dunno... Commit a suicide...

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1.8 Known bugs

Known bugs:

- ONCE, UI added few lines that I didn't know WHERE it found them! :)

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1.9 Legal Stuff!

Disclaimer:

The author is in no way responsible for any damages or loss of data caused by this program. You are using this program on Your OWN RISK!

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1.10 Thanks to ...

Many thanx to...

* AmiNet :)

* Peter Gabriel for singing the whole night just for me ;-) CD rulez...

* Commodore, ESCOM, VisCorp, etc, etc... Dunno who will be next...

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