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Chapter 1

GetVer

1.1 GetVer 4.00 Manual

GetVer 4.00

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- Before each output the text

"GetVer is SHAREWARE! Please register..."

will be shown for approximately 10 seconds. Afterwards GetVer starts its real work.

- The **buffer size** is fixed to a rather small amount resulting in reduced speed.

- Saving the ascertained versionnumber as **comment**, adjusting the file **date** to the ascertained compilation date, as well as defining an **output media** in the GUI, is not possible.

If you use GetVer after a 14 days period of testing you have to register. After registering you'll get your personal keyfile which will disable the described restrictions.

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By registering you only get the right to continue using the program

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GetVer.register GetVer.register.info

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1.5 What is the program good for?

Description

GetVer is a replacement for the standard DOS command VERSION. It finds out the versionnumber of a program, a library, a device, a handler or a datatype, whether it is on disk or in memory. It can compare file-versions and it sorts and/or forms its output on demand. It can set the ascertained versionnumber as file-comment and the file-date to the date of compilation (provided that it is included in the versionstring, of course). Furthermore, GetVer accepts the usual DOS wildcards, making it rather flexible.

Now some of you may ask:

"Why should I use GetVer? There already exists a DOS command for that. **Why not VERSION?** "

1.6 Advantages to the DOS command VERSION

Why not VERSION?

The VERSION command has some disadvantages. Namely:

- you can only check one file each run
 - there are no compare functions
-

· it can't be started from the workbench

All this shortcomings are removed by GetVer, and the resulting new possibilities are installed by supplementary functions.

Nevertheless, GetVer recognizes a lot more versionnumbers because of the more liberal way of recognizing versionstrings

(-> " **How it works** ").

1.7 System requirements

System requirements

Since there are used some new system functions, GetVer only works from OS 2.0 on!

The amount of RAM needed depends on the functions GetVer shall use, on the number of files of which the version is to be ascertained and on the selected buffer size, of course. For smooth running there should be at least 100 KBytes of RAM accessible.

1.8 Installation of the program

Installation

The GetVer 4.00 package contains an install script for Commodore's Installer. To start it, please open the directory that is named with the desired language and doubleclick the install icon.

Users of Martin Huttenloher's MagicWB, who want to have installed one of the icons enclosed in the "MWB-Icons" directory, have to doubleclick the desired icon BEFORE the install script is started!

By this the chosen program icon will appear in the "GetVer" window.

Registered users please copy their keyfile as "GetVer.key" to ENVARC: (if the keyfile shall work immediately then also copy it to ENV:) or into the directory containig GetVer itself.

For CLI usage please assure that the program is lying in a directory that is embedded into the search path via the PATH command.

1.9 How it works

How it works

GetVer does not search ".info" files and by default (without **FORCE** argument) it only searches executables (hex code "000003F3" as first bytes - thus even libraries, devices, handler, fonts, ...).

It searches the program code for the string "\$VER:" which by default introduces the versionstring in newer files. Additionally the code is searched for the name of the file. If no "\$VER:" was found, GetVer tries to identify the versionstring by using a pattern that looks something like "#?filename#?#[0-9].[0-9]#?". This behaviour will not necessarily result in success and GetVer will print out a string then, that obviously is no versionstring. This happens, for example, with the program "RKick" which doesn't contain a "\$VER:" string but the text "RKick [1.3|2.x]" as a description for its usage. Since it matches the pattern, GetVer interprets this text as the versionstring and prints it out. Sorry! But in order to generate a rather efficient recognition algorithm, that also recognizes versionstrings of older files, we have to pay this price. Fortunately this circumstance rather seldom comes true.

1.10 How to call it from the CLI/Shell

CLI usage

When GetVer is run from the CLI resp. the Shell, it accepts the following arguments:

Synopsis

```
GETVER {<Name>} [DEF|DEFAULT] [FULL] [ALL] [SORT] [FORMAT]
[FORCE] [BRIEF] [CMP|COMPARE [PATH=<path>] [FILE=<file>]]
[REC|RECURSIVE] [DATE] [COM|COMMENT=<mode>] [LIB|DEV|DTYPE]
[BUF|BUFFER=<n>] [VER|VERSION=<n>] [REV|REVISION=<n>]
[SYSTEM] [INFO]
```

Pattern

```
SOURCE/A/M,DEF=DEFAULT/S,FULL/S,ALL/S,SORT/S,FORMAT/S,FORCE/S,
CMP=COMPARE/S,PATH/K,FILE/K,BRIEF/S,REC=RECURSIVE/S,DATE/S,
COM=COMMENT/K,LIB/S,DEV/S,DTYPE/S,BUF=BUFFER/K/N,
VER=VERSION/K/N,REV=REVISION/K/N,SYSTEM/S,INFO/S:
```

The meaning of the arguments is defined as follows:

Filename REC|RECURSIVE

DEF|DEFAULT DATE

FULL COM|COMMENT

ALL LIB

SORT DEV

FORMAT DTYPE

FORCE BUFIBUFFER

CMPICOMPARE VER|VERSION

PATH REV|REVISION

FILE SYSTEM

BRIEF INFO

1.11 The argument **Pattern|Filename**

CLI argument **Pattern|Filename**

The name of the file of which the versionnumber is to be ascertained. It may be given with the complete path if necessary.

When using filenames ending in ".library", ".device", "-handler" or ".datatype", GetVer automatically searches predefined standard paths (LIBS:, DEVS:, L:, SYS:Classes/Datatypes) if the file could not be found in the given path.

You may enter one or more filenames with or without wildcards.

Example:

```
> GetVer asl.library
```

Returns the versionstring of the asl.library in LIBS:.

1.12 The argument **DEF|DEFAULT**

CLI argument **DEF|DEFAULT**

Prevents GetVer from reading the tooltypes defined in the program icon. The arguments, embedded in this icon, thus will not be used as default parameters.

Example:

```
> GetVer asl.library DEFAULT
```

1.13 The argument **FULL**

CLI argument **FULL**

The output usually ends with the versionnumber. In most cases, however, there is additional information behind it, e. g. the compilation date. Using FULL, this information will be shown, too.

Example:

```
> GetVer LIBS:asl.library FULL
```

Returns the version and the compilation date of the asl.library.

1.14 The argument ALL

CLI argument ALL

When using wildcards in filenames, GetVer usually only searches the first matching file. Using the ALL parameter, all matching files will be searched.

Example:

```
> GetVer LIBS:a#? ALL
```

Returns the versionstrings of all executable files in LIBS: beginning with "a".

1.15 The argument SORT

CLI argument SORT

When checking more than one file, GetVer usually takes the files one by one, just as they are read from the source. When using the SORT argument, the files are checked in alphabetical order.

If there are several files to check in different paths, GetVer first sorts for the path and within each path for the filename.

Thus all files belonging to one path are kept together.

Example:

```
> GetVer LIBS:[albc]#? C:List ALL SORT
```

Lists the versions of all executable files in LIBS: beginning with "a", "b" or "c" and of "C:List" in alphabetical order.

1.16 The argument FORMAT

CLI argument FORMAT

GetVer usually returns the ascertained versionstring. In some cases, however, this string simply contains "Version 1.3", for example, thus not giving information about what file was checked.

Using the FORMAT argument, GetVer forms the filename, the path in which the file was found and the versionstring into columns.

This argument will automatically be activated when the **CMPICOMPARE** argument is used.

Example:

```
> GetVer LIBS:xpr#? ALL FORMAT
```

Returns an unsorted list of the versionnumbers of all libraries beginning with "xpr" formed into columns.

1.17 The argument FORCE

CLI argument FORCE

Without this argument GetVer only searches executables (hex code "000003F3" as first bytes - thus even libraries, devices, handler, fonts, ...). By using the FORCE argument, it also checks other files (e. g. ASCII files).

Example:

```
> GetVer GetVer.guide FORCE
```

Forces GetVer to read the "GetVer.guide" which is not an executable, of course.

1.18 The argument CMP|COMPARE

CLI argument CMP|COMPARE

In order to find out whether new libraries, devices, handler, datatypes or other files are newer than those you already own, you can use the COMPARE argument. At first, it reads the file from the given path and then from LIBS:, DEVS:, L: or SYS:Classes/DataTypes depending on the file's type and prints out the ascertained versions of both of them.

For easier identification of the newest file, the largest version number is printed in colour 2 (white) while all others are printed in colour 3 (blue).

This argument automatically activates the **FORMAT** argument.

Example:

```
> GetVer DF0:Libs/reqtools.library COMPARE
```

Returns the versionnumbers of the "reqtools.library" in DF0:Libs/ and in LIBS:.

Note:

- When using COMPARE together with **LIB** , **DEV** or **DTYPE** , the file in the given path will be compared with the corresponding file in memory.
- In order to change the predefined compare paths, please use the arguments **PATH** or **FILE** .

1.19 The argument PATH

CLI argument PATH

THIS ARGUMENT IS A SUB-FUNCTION OF **CMPICOMPARE** AND THUS IS ONLY AVAILABLE IN COMBINATION WITH THIS OPTION!

If you want any other path than SYS:Classes/DataTypes, LIBS:, DEVS:, or L: to be the compare path, then you can tell GetVer to use the desired path by entering it after the PATH keyword.

To enter more than one path is possible by separating the them by a comma.

Example:

```
> GetVer xpkNUKE.library COMPARE PATH DF1:Libs,LIBS:compressors
```

Returns the versions of the "xpkNUKE.library" in the actual path, in DF1:Libs and in LIBS:compressors.

1.20 The argument FILE

CLI argument FILE

THIS ARGUMENT IS A SUB-FUNCTION OF **CMPICOMPARE** AND THUS IS ONLY AVAILABLE IN COMBINATION WITH THIS OPTION!

If you want any other path than SYS:Classes/DataTypes, LIBS:, DEVS:, or L: to be the compare path, then you can use a text editor to write those paths into a file, each line a directory.

To tell GetVer to use this file, enter it's name after the FILE keyword.

Example:

```
> GetVer SuperTool COMPARE FILE S:GetVer.paths
```

Returns the versions of the program "SuperTool" in the actual path as well as in all the paths standing in the file "S:GetVer.paths".

1.21 The argument BRIEF

CLI argument BRIEF

If GetVer cannot find the file in the given path, the text "'file' not found in 'path'." appears. Since, when using the compare-function, this output appears for every compare path in which the file could not be found, a call may result in a rather long list in which this very message is predominant. Therefore the argument BRIEF offers the possibility to filter out these messages, so that outputs

will only happen for existing files.

Example:

```
> GetVer #? COMPARE FILE S:GetVer.paths BRIEF
```

Returns the versions of all existing and executable files in the actual path as well as in all the paths standing in the file "S:GetVer.paths".

1.22 The argument REC|RECURSIVE

CLI argument REC|RECURSIVE

When using the RECURSIVE argument, GetVer not only searches the given directory but also all its sub-directories for the filename or pattern.

Example:

```
> GetVer SYS:Tools/A#? ALL RECURSIVE
```

Returns all ascertained versionstrings of all files beginning with "A" in SYS:Tools and all its sub-directories.

1.23 The argument DATE

CLI argument DATE

FUNCTION NOT AVAILABLE IN THE UNREGISTERED VERSION!

In many files the versionstring does not only contain the version-number but also some other information (which can be shown with the **FULL** argument). If this additional information contains a date and the DATE argument is set, GetVer sets the file-date, which you can see by using the LIST command, to the ascertained date which usually is the date of compilation.

If the following conditions are true, GetVer will recognize a possibly contained date string:

1. The position of day, month and year is totally unimportant. They are read in this order and will be exchanged, if necessary:
 - day against month, if the month is greater than 12 and the day is smaller than 13.
 - day against year, if the day is greater than 31 and the year is smaller than 32.
2. The month may be embedded as number, word or short word (jan, feb, etc.) in the german or english writing.
3. The separation of the values can be realized by blanks (" "),

points ("."), hyphens ("-") and slashes ("/").

Accepted date expressions thus would be:

17.12.94

17 Dec 94

Dez 17 94

December-17-1994

etc.

If there is a date expression embedded that doesn't meet these rules, there will no date be recognized and the saved file-date will not be changed.

If the attempt to save an ascertained date as the file-date fails, a requester appears containing four buttons which (from left to right) have the following meanings:

- Continue the search for the files' versionstrings
- Don't re-open the requester when failing again
- Switch off the DATE argument
- Cancel the operation

Example:

```
> GetVer xpr#?.library ALL DATE
```

The file-date of all XPR libraries in LIBS: containing a compilation date is set to this ascertained date.

1.24 The argument COM|COMMENT

CLI argument COM|COMMENT

FUNCTION NOT AVAILABLE IN THE UNREGISTERED VERSION!

This argument safes an ascertained versionnumber as the file comment in the form "V #.#". Afterwards you can use the LIST command to print out the versions of all your files.

This function has three modes:

KEEP The versionnumber will only be safed as comment if there is no other comment existing.

ADD The versionnumber will be safed as comment. A possibly existing comment will be added.

FORCE The versionnumber will be safed as comment. A possibly existing comment will be erased!

Each other mode name ("OFF" for example) deactivates a default setting, possibly defined by the tooltypes.

If the attempt to save a comment fails, a requester appears con-

taining four buttons which (from left to right) have the following meaning:

- Continue the search for the files' versionstrings
- Don't re-open the requester when failing again
- Switch off the COMMENT argument
- Cancel the operation

Example:

```
> GetVer LIBS: COMMENT FORCE
```

Lists the ascertained versions off all files in LIBS: and safes the versionnumbers as comment of the respective file.

1.25 The argument LIB

CLI argument LIB

Using LIB, the given file will be regarded as a library and is read from memory instead of the disk.

Example:

```
> GetVer exec.library LIB
```

Shows the version of the "exec.library" that is kept in the memory.

1.26 The argument DEV

CLI argument DEV

Using DEV, the given file will be regarded as a device and is read from memory instead of the disk.

Example:

```
> GetVer timer#? DEV
```

Shows the version of a device standing in the memory beginning with "timer" (usually the "timer.device").

1.27 The argument DTYPE

CLI argument DTYPE

Using DTYPE, the given file will be regarded as a datatype and is read from memory instead of the disk.

Example:

```
> GetVer Amiga#? DTYPE
```

Shows the version of a datatype standing in the memory beginning with "Amiga" (presumable the "Amigaguide.datatype").

1.28 The argument BUF|BUFFER

CLI argument BUF|BUFFER

FUNCTION NOT AVAILABLE IN THE UNREGISTERED VERSION!

Normally GetVer uses a Buffer of 2 KBytes size in which a file is loaded and then searched for the versionstring. By using BUFFER=n, where n is a number between 1 and 20 and represents the buffer size in KBytes, you can change this size.

Enlarging the buffer size will sometimes extremely reduce the execution time.

Example:

```
> GetVer LIBS:#? ALL SORT FORMAT VERSION=0 BUFFER=20
```

Sets the buffer to 20 KBytes and then lists the versions of all executable files in LIBS: that contain a versionstring in a sorted and formed way.

1.29 The arguments VER|VERSION and REV|REVISION

CLI arguments VER|VERSION and REV|REVISION

The version/revision number that the files you are about to check should at least have. If the ascertained numbers of a file are smaller, then the return code will be set to 5 (WARN). Otherwise it remains 0.

If a versionnumber is given, then the "'file': in X bytes no versionstring found" statements, shown in the case that no version string was found, will not be listed. Thus you can filter out this statements by simply adding "VER=0".

Example:

```
> GetVer LIBS:asl.library VERSION=39
```

Shows the version of the asl.library and returns WARN (5) if it is smaller than 39.

1.30 The argument SYSTEM

CLI argument SYSTEM

In order to find out the versions of the Kickstart and Workbench, use the SYSTEM argument.

Example:

```
> GetVer SYSTEM
```

Shows the version of the Kickstart and that of the Workbench.

1.31 The argument INFO

CLI argument INFO

Shows some information about GetVer.

Note!

This argument must be standing alone!

Example:

```
> GetVer INFO
```

1.32 How to call it from the Workbench

Workbench activation

There are two ways of activating GetVer from the Workbench:

1. At first select the GetVer icon(*). Then expand the selection(*) with the icons of the files of which you want to know the version number. Hold the SHIFT key pressed while doubleclicking one of the selected icons.
2. Doubleclick the GetVer icon. There will appear an AppIcon that is named "GetVer 4.00" and looks just like the GetVer icon. Now select the icons(*) of the files of which you want to know the versionnumber. Then pull the selected icons(*) onto the GetVer AppIcon and release the mouse button just when the pointer is on top of it.

To remove the AppIcon doubleclick the GetVer icon again or doubleclick the AppIcon itself and select PROJECT/QUIT from the menu of the opening GetVer preferences window.

In both cases GetVer now starts checking the files that you have selected and prints the result to the device chosen with the gadget **output specification** in the GUI. Usually this will be a console window which you can close by clicking the close symbol in the upper left corner or by pressing <CTRL-^>.

Workbench arguments

The Workbench variant accepts most of the arguments explained at the CLI usage, just as described there as tooltypes of the program icon. The icons included in the package contain the following tooltypes:

(FULL)

ALL

SORT

FORMAT
(FORCE)
(RECURSIVE)
(CMP)
(PATH=<path>)
(FILE=<file>)
(BRIEF)
(COMMENT=<mode>)
(DATE)
(LIB|DEV|DTYPE)
BUFFER=20
VERSION=0
OUTPUT=CON:8/24/784/320/

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AUTO/WAIT/SCREEN=Workbench

Tooltypes in brackets are inactive.

For a better survey the OUTPUT argument is written in three lines.

(*) For details about how to select a single icon, expanded selection and pulling icons, please read your Workbench manual.

1.33 The Graphical User Interface (GUI)

The "Graphical-User-Interface" (GUI)

To temporary change the arguments predefined by the **tooltypes** without manipulating the tooltypes themselves, simply doubleclick the AppIcon. Thereupon a window opens in which you can adjust the arguments as follows (the names written in capital letters are the appropriate arguments of the **CLI usage**):

INPUT

Switches

All matching ones - **ALL**

Non-Executables - **FORCE**

Recursive - **RECURSIVE**

Compare - **COMPARE**

By marking this checkbox, two stringgadgets will be activated. In the first one you may enter the paths to search for the files to compare. Multiple directories can be separated by commas without blanks. In the second

stringgadget you may enter the name of the file that contains a list of additional compare paths. The knobs at the ends of these gadgets, each labeled with a question-mark, activate an ASL-filerequester, which will help you in selecting these paths resp. this file. Selecting the checkbox activates resp. deactivates the corresponding function.

Checking resident files

Source - **LIB**

DEV

DTYPE

By clicking this cycle gadget you can select whether files from disk or from memory shall be checked.

In case you want to check files from memory you can determine what kind of resident files to use (libraries, devices or datatypes) by selecting the appropriate radio button.

From the keyboard you can select a radio button with the space bar.

OUTPUT

Switches

Full text - **FULL**

Sorted - **SORT**

Formated - **FORMAT**

Only on success - **VERSION**

This checkbox is marked if the tooltypes contain a minimum versionnumber. Since the Workbench doesn't interpret return codes, this function only has a filtering effect. It is the same as setting the version number to zero (VERSION=0). Herewith the statement "...no versionstring found" will not be shown.

Be brief - **BRIEF**

Date - **DATE**

FUNCTION NOT AVAILABLE IN THE UNREGISTERED VERSION!

Selecting the checkbox activates resp. deactivates the corresponding function.

Saving the versionnumber as comment

Comment - **COMMENT**

FUNCTION NOT AVAILABLE IN THE UNREGISTERED VERSION!

With this cycle gadget you activate the COMMENT function by selecting one of the three possible modes KEEP, ADD and FORCE.

Selecting the output media

Output specification

FUNCTION NOT AVAILABLE IN THE UNREGISTERED VERSION!

If you neither like the window predefined by the tooltip OUTPUT, nor the standard window of the program, you can adjust the output media with this string gadget.

The output may be redirected to any available device (CON:, PRT:, DHx:, DFx:, NIL:, etc.). When redirecting into a non-existing file, it will be generated.

Afterwards or if the file was already existing, new results will be added at the end of the file.

Adjusting the buffer size

Buffer size (KB) - **BUFFER**

FUNCTION NOT AVAILABLE IN THE UNREGISTERED VERSION!

The buffer size can either be entered into the small string gadget or be selected by dragging the black box inside the slider gadget. Therefore, click the small box inside the long, horizontal frame and move the mouse to the left or right while holding the button pressed. The box will follow your movements within the frame where its position represents the size of the buffer in KByte: full left means 1 KB, full right means 20 KB. The actual buffer size will be shown in the small string gadget.

All functions, except selecting the type of files which shall be checked in the memory (-> "Input/Checking resident files"), can be used by pressing the underlined key.

The menu of the preferences window

Information...

Shows a short information about the program and its legal state.

Quit

Removes the AppIcon and ends the program completely.

Each Amiga user, however, who has at least little experience, should be able to understand the meaning of the gadgets and should know how to use them even without explanation.

1.34 Where to get Updates

How to get an update

From version 4.00 on, GetVer will be published in the Aminet.

Users who have access to the Aminet via communication networks can obtain the latest version from this net.

But even other users can profit by this way of publishing: through the Aminet CD-ROM or the new Aminet disk series.

1.35 The future of GetVer

Plans for the future

I'm making up my mind about making the new function for defining variable compare paths in a special text file more intelligent. In detail the text file could contain the typical ending of a filetype in the first line and the path to compare with when the file to check has that special ending in the following line.

Example:

.library

LIBS:;LIBS:compressors

.device

DEVS:

.

.

.

etc.

What do you say? Is this idea worth a further growing of GetVer?

1.36 Whom I have to thank

Thanks

I would like to thank some persons, which more or less participated in the development of GetVer or supported it's realization:

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