

ToyMenu v2.0 Guide

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I started coding this because there weren't any good joinconf ← doors for

DayDream and /X joiners couldn't use DayDream's abilities. There wasn't much left for configuring in those /X doors either.

So, ToyMenu is a replacement (or alternative) to DayDream's "J", "<" and ">" commands.

If no parameters are given to the "J" command, ToyMenu creates a listing depending on your config. Then you use cursor keys, numbers or letters to move in the menu. Pressing enter joins the conference.

You can also replace the "<" and ">" commands. This will add some extra abilities to those commands. See

Online usage

Some features:

- o Very configurable.
- o Cursor key conference selecting.
- o You can take full advantage of DayDream's special control codes in the background display.
- o Able to use two listings in the menu.
- o Able to color differently or hide those conferences which the user has no access to.
- o The menu selector can be changed to whatever you like.
You can create moving lightbars etc. (Check out ToyMenu.1.IFF)
- o You can use number or letters to display the conference numbers in the menu. Letters can be used also in the commandline. Or if you want, no numbers but only the name can be displayed in the menu.
- o Able to use hotkeys when selecting from the menu.
- o Replaces also the "<" and ">" commands and adds some new functions to them.
- o Able to skip "you have no access to this conference" text when using direct commands (e.g. "J 2" or "<"), instead displays the menu!
- o Has inactivity timeout.
- o The conference names are read from Conferences.DAT but if you want to use different names you can use a namelist which can replace all the names or just some of them.
- o Able to use relative conferences:
If your conference access is "XX..." (you have access to conferences 3 and 4), you have to use "J 3" or "J 4" to join them directly.
But if you use relative conferences, you can use "J 1" or "J 2".
- o Is 100% assembly language and can be made resident.

1.3 ToyMenu - Installation

I created a small script ("Install.script") which installs the files to correct directories. Use it by double clicking it from Workbench. You still need to add ToyMenu to DayDream's external commands.

Installation

(ToyMenu doesn't use any hardcoded paths, so if you want, you can put the files anywhere you like. Just remember to use correct paths in DayDream's config and in the DreamUtils environment variable.)

1. Copy "ToyMenu" to "Doors:". (DayDream:Doors/)
2. Copy "ToyMenu.guide" to "DayDream:Docs/"
3. Copy "ToyMenu.CFG" to your DayDream config directory. Usually this is "DayDream:Configs/". ToyMenu reads the config path from the environment variable called "DreamUtils" (ENV:DreamUtils).
4. Copy "ToyMenu.GFX" to "DayDream:Display/[displaymode]/" directories.
 - Now you are able to test it. Run DayDream and use the "\$" command:

Enter door command line to run: Doors:ToyMenu %N

5. If you like it, add ToyMenu to DayDream's external commands:

```
DOOR_COMMAND.. J
DOOR_TYPE..... 1
DOOR_SECURITY. 5
DOOR_EXECUTE.. Doors:ToyMenu %N
+
DOOR_COMMAND.. <
DOOR_TYPE..... 1
DOOR_SECURITY. 5
DOOR_EXECUTE.. Doors:ToyMenu %N
+
DOOR_COMMAND.. >
DOOR_TYPE..... 1
DOOR_SECURITY. 5
DOOR_EXECUTE.. Doors:ToyMenu %N
```

- You can make ToyMenu resident:

Resident Doors:ToyMenu PURE

1.4 ToyMenu - Configuration

ToyMenu doesn't display any hardcoded copyright texts but please ↴ credit me somewhere in the background display...

The background image(s), "ToyMenu.GFX" and/or "ToyMenu.TXT", should be in your displaymode directories ("DayDream:Display/ISO/" etc.).

You can use DayDream's special control codes to create random displays, display the user's name, local time etc.

You can also create own displays for different security levels.
E.g. "ToyMenu.210.GFX" to security level 210.

The configuration file's name is "ToyMenu.CFG" and it should be in the directory where you have your other DayDream configurations.
(usually this is DayDream:Configs/)
The path is read from the environment variable "DreamUtils".

```
USE_TWO_ROWS  
USE_LETTERS  
USE_ZEROFILL  
HIDE_CONFERENCES  
SKIP_CONFERENCES  
SKIP_JOINGRAPHICS  
USE_HOTKEYS  
RELATIVE_CONFS  
ROW_1_X  
ROW_1_Y  
ROW_2_X  
ROW_2_Y  
SPACE_CHARACTERS  
TIMEOUT_SECONDS  
CURSOR_STRING  
SELECTOR_ACCESS  
SELECTOR_NOACCESS  
SELECTOR_CLEANER  
NUMBER_COLOR_1  
NUMBER_COLOR_2  
CONFERENCE_COLOR_1  
CONFERENCE_COLOR_2  
COMMANDROW_TEXT  
CONFNAMES_FILE
```

1.5 ToyMenu - Configuration

USE_TWO_ROWS..... [Y/N]

If you set USE_TWO_ROWS to Y, ToyMenu will create two rows in the menu. The coordinates of these rows can be controlled with the coordinate options.

1.6 ToyMenu - Configuration

USE LETTERS..... [Y/N/-]

If you set USE LETTERS to Y, ToyMenu will use letters instead of numbers in the menu to display the conference numbers. If this option is "-", nothing will be used to display the conference numbers.

Letters don't correspond to the real conference numbers! They are relative to the current user (e.g. letters always start with an "a" and continue forward in order although there were hidden conferences).

Using letters in direct mode, "J n", works only with 26 first conferences. This is because DayDream converts the door parameters to uppercase. You can still use numbers in the commandline even if USE LETTERS=Y.

Example:

```
USE LETTERS..... N -The user has no access to conf. 4 and the
01 New Users      HIDE_CONFERENCES option is Y.
02 Amiga Trade    or...
03 Modules        -There is no 4th conference.
05 DayDream Doors
```

```
USE LETTERS..... Y
a New Users      -Note: a,b,c,d not a,b,c,e!
b Amiga Trade
c Modules
d DayDream Doors
```

1.7 ToyMenu - Configuration

USE_ZEROFILL..... [Y/N]

If USE_ZEROFILL is Y, the empty spaces in conference numbers will be padded with zeros, e.g. "1" becomes "01". If you have more than 9 conferences, zero fill will be automatically used.

If this is Y, you have to press two numbers to change the conference.

1.8 ToyMenu - Configuration

HIDE_CONFERENCES... [Y/N]

If HIDE_CONFERENCES is Y, all conferences which the user has no access to, will be hided (not displayed in the menu at all).

I suggest that you set the USE LETTERS or RELATIVE_CONFS option to Y when hiding conferences!

1.9 ToyMenu - Configuration

SKIP_CONFERENCES... [Y/N]

This option is for straight commandline usage only.

E.g. the user types "J 2" and he has no access to conference 2.

- If SKIP_CONFERENCES=N, "You have no access to that conference!" text will be shown.
- If SKIP_CONFERENCES=Y, the menu will be shown instead.

Also affects the "<" and ">" commands so that if you are in the last conf and use ">", the menu will be shown (or if you are in the first conf and use "<"). Normally you can cycle confs with the "<" and ">" commands.

1.10 ToyMenu - Configuration

SKIP_JOINGRAPHICS.. [Y/N]

If this is Y, "JoinConference.GFX" won't be shown when using direct joining ("J 3", "<" etc.). When selecting from the menu, the graphics will always be shown. This can be useful because first time users on your board usually use the menu, but old users prefer fast commandline usage. And it's not fun to watch too long ANSI anims everytime you join your favourite conference.

1.11 ToyMenu - Configuration

USE_HOTKEYS..... [Y/N]

If this is Y, hotkeys will be used for conference selecting.
If this is N, the user has to press enter to select a conference.

1.12 ToyMenu - Configuration

RELATIVE_CONFS..... [Y/N]

Examples:

If conference access is "XX..." (the user has access to conferences 3 and 4), he has to use "J 3" or "J 4" to join them directly.
But if RELATIVE_CONFS is Y, he can use "J 1" or "J 2".

Example:

RELATIVE_CONFS..... N -The user has no access to conf. 4 and the
01 New Users HIDE_CONFERENCES option is Y.

02 Amiga Trade or...

03 Modules -There is no 4th conference.

05 DayDream Doors

RELATIVE_CONFS..... Y

01 New Users -Note: 01,02,03,04 not 01,02,03,05!

02 Amiga Trade

03 Modules

04 DayDream Doors

If you use this option, HIDE_CONFERENCES will automatically be "Y".

1.13 ToyMenu - Configuration

ROW_1_X..... [number]

ROW_1_Y..... [number]

ROW_2_X..... [number]

ROW_2_Y..... [number]

These contain the coordinates of the menu rows.

1.14 ToyMenu - Configuration

SPACE_CHARACTERS... [number]

How many characters between the conference number (or letter) and the conference name in the menu listings.

1.15 ToyMenu - Configuration

TIMEOUT_SECONDS.... [number]

Quit the menu after n seconds of inactivity. Put "--" here if you don't want timeout. It's good to have a timeout, however, because DayDream's internal timeout doesn't work in external doors.

1.16 ToyMenu - Configuration

CURSOR_STRING..... <ANSI-string>

This string controls the place where the cursor should be put.
Use ANSI codes to move and color it.

Example:

CURSOR_STRING..... ?[23;66H?[32m

1.17 ToyMenu - Configuration

SELECTOR_ACCESS.... <string>

SELECTOR_NOACCESS.. <string>

SELECTOR_CLEANER... <string>

In ToyMenu, selector means the image that moves in the menu.
With these options, you can design your own selector.

SELECTOR_ACCESS is the menu selector image for conferences which the user has access to.

SELECTOR_NOACCESS is the selector for no-access conferences.

SELECTOR_CLEANER is the menu selector "cleaner". It will be printed on the old menu location. Remember to "jump" over the number (use ANSI codes for this) etc.

You can use conference names or letters in the selectors strings.
E.g. if you want to color the number or name where the selector is, you have to use this. You can create a moving "light bar" etc.

- o Put "%N" in the string for number or letter.
- o Put "%C" in the string for conference name.
- o Put "%nC" in the string for conference name where n is the field width. (e.g. "%20C")

Example:

SELECTOR_ACCESS.... ?[1D?[44;37m %N %15C ?[0m

SELECTOR_NOACCESS.. ?[1D?[44;37m %N %15C ?[0m

SELECTOR_CLEANER... ?[1D?[0m %N %15C ?[0m

1.18 ToyMenu - Configuration

NUMBER_COLOR_1..... <ANSI-string>

NUMBER_COLOR_2..... <ANSI-string>

NUMBER_COLOR_1 is the color for the number or letter of the conference which the user has access to.

NUMBER_COLOR_2 is the color for the number or letter of the conference which the user has no access to.

1.19 ToyMenu - Configuration

CONFERENCE_COLOR_1. <ANSI-string>
CONFERENCE_COLOR_2. <ANSI-string>

CONFERENCE_COLOR_1 is the color for the conference which the user has access to.

CONFERENCE_COLOR_2 is the color for the conference which the user has no access to.

1.20 ToyMenu - Configuration

COMMANDROW_TEXT.... <string>

This is the text for the commandrow. Remember to use ANSI codes to place the text in right place.

If you want to use ranges, e.g. "01-05" or "a-e", you have to put "%N" in your commandrow text.

Example:

COMMANDROW_TEXT.... ?[23;33HSelect conference (%N-%N, Q to QUIT):

1.21 ToyMenu - Configuration

CONFNAMEFILE..... [-<filename>]

This file contains your own names for the conferences.
If this is "-", names from Conferences.DAT will be used.

Every line in the file corresponds one name. Remember to put a linefeed after each name! You don't have to write own names for every conference!
You can use ANSI commands in these names.

Example:

-----cut here-----cut here-----
Validation Zone

DayDreaming
ToyTools

-----cut here-----cut here-----

Custom name for the 1st, 3rd and 4th conference but for the 2nd conference the name from Conferences.DAT will be used.

1.22 ToyMenu - Prompt & Menu Usage

A simple "J" command shows the menu.

- If there's a number or letter behind it, access will be tested.
- If no access and SKIP_CONFERENCES=N, "You have no access..." text will be displayed.
- If no access and SKIP_CONFERENCES=Y, ToyMenu will show the menu.
- If access is ok, conference will be joined. If SKIP_JOINGRAPHICS=Y, no "JoinConference.GFX" won't be shown.

MENU USAGE

- o Use CURSOR KEYS, NUMBERS or LETTERS to move in the menu.
(depending on your config)
- o Press ENTER to select a conference.
(if nothing happens, the user has no access to that conference)
- o Press ESC (twice) or Q to quit the menu.
(or CTRL+Q when using letters mode)

COMMANDLINE USAGE

- o Use "J n" to join specific conference. E.g. "J 4" or "J d".
Note! If the letters option is "Y", you can use "J a" or "J b".
Because DayDream converts the parameters to uppercase, ToyMenu can handle only characters a to z (enough for 26 conferences).
- o Use "<" to join previous conference.
- o Use "< n" to jump n conferences backwards.
- o Use "< 0" to join the first conference.
- o Use ">" to join next conference.
- o Use "> n" to jump n conferences forward.
- o Use "> 0" to join the last conference.

You can cycle confs with the "<" and ">" commands. E.g. if you use "<" in the first conf, you'll end up joining the last conf and vice versa.
(this doesn't work if SKIP_CONFERENCES=Y, instead it displays the menu)

1.23 ToyMenu - Previews & Examples

ToyMenu.1.IFF	Preview picture of ToyMenu & ToyBytes with my own design.
ToyMenu.1.CFG	Config file for this design.
ToyMenu.2.IFF	Preview picture of ToyMenu & ToyBytes with Zeus's design.
ToyMenu.2.CFG	Config file for this design.

1.24 ToyMenu - The Credits

hYDRA/iNSANE	Thanks for fixing the FetchKey() bug in DayDre... uh.. I mean thanks for avoiding the bug in AmigaOS. (I never ever believed that there would still exist bugs in DayDream when I was trying to find that "seglist invalid" memory bug in ToyMenu =^) (Hi Allah)
dUAL/iNSANE	Thanks for the ToyTools & other logos you made. I also robbed your "sentby"-design for my tools, hehe.

zEUS/mST^sE! Thanks for the design you made.
(Check out ToyMenu.2.IFF)

hIJACK/Arclite Thanks for the conferences logo.
(the one in the default display)

1.25 ToyMenu - Contacting ToyTools

... to contact ToyTools, you can call my board ...

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