Help

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1.1 AmigaGuide® Help

The documents on this disk are displayed using Commodore's "Amiga Guide".

Using the mouse

For mouse use, note the following conventions:

    "click" = move the mouse until the mouse pointer is over the desired
                area, then press and release the left mouse button quickly

    "drag"   = as "click", but press and hold the left mouse button down
                and move the mouse

Documents are split up into subject areas known as "topics". Topics are
chosen simply by clicking on any text which is surrounded by a box.

It is unlikely that the whole of a topic will be able to fit on the screen
at the same time. The amount of the topic which is currently on the screen
is shown by the white rectangular "scroll bar" on the far right of the
screen. You can reveal more of the topic either by dragging this scroll bar
or by clicking the up and down arrows below the scroll bar (try it now!).

Above the topic's text are six "buttons" which perform various functions
when clicked. These functions are:

    Contents - Selects the contents page.

    (Index   - Unused by any documents on this disk)

    Help   - Selects these help pages.

    Retrace - Selects the topic previously chosen. Repeated clicking of
                this button "retraces" the topics you have chosen so far.

    Browse   - These two buttons select the previous and next topic in the
                document you are reading respectively.

When any of these buttons appear checkered, they cannot be selected. (This
checkering is known as "ghosting"). You'll notice that all buttons in this

window are currently ghosted, except "Browse >".

The help file window is closed by clicking its close gadget (the small
gadget on the far upper left of the window).

Using the keyboard

This section describes the keyboard equivalents to the mouse operations
described above. It is likely that you'll wish to mix mouse and keyboard
use when using a document, for maximum speed.

In this list: <up>, <down>, <left> and <right> refer to respective arrow
keys; and (for example) "Shift – <up>" means hold down the Shift key and
press the up arrow key.

>   Return   Selects the topic highlighted in blue.

>   Ctrl – I   Cycles through each topic box currently on the screen,
>   highlighting them in blue.

>   <up> or <down> Scrolls the topic upwards or downwards.

>   Shift – <up>   Moves the topic a page upwards.

>   Shift – <down> Moves the topic a page downwards.

>   Alt – <up>   Moves the topic to the very top.

>   Alt – <down>   Moves the topic to the very bottom.

Holding down any of these keys listed above repeats the function
continuously.

Alternatively, the various numeric keypad keys (A600 excluded) – Home, End,
Pg Up, Pg Dn, the arrows – can be used to move around a topic.

Note that the six buttons at the top of the screen can be activated from
the keyboard by pressing the key underlined on the gadget. For example, to
select "Retrace", press the R key; to select "Browse >", press the ">" key.

* For a more detailed "reference manual" of Amiga Guide (prepared by
  Commodore themselves), click the Browse > button.

* To remove this help window, click the close button on the far upper left.

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1.3   AmigaGuide® Help: Buttons

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Contents - Display the Table of Contents document for the current database.

   Index - Display the index document for the current database.

    Help - Display the help document for the current database.  If the
           database doesn't have a Help document of its own, then the
           global Help database will be used instead.

 Retrace - Go back to the previous node.

  Browse - Step through the documents in sequential order, in the order
           they appear in the database.
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1.4   AmigaGuide® Help: Menus

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Project
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           Print - Print the current document to the current print
                   device.
    Close Window - Close the active document window.
            Quit - Close all windows for the current database, and exit.

Edit
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            Mark - Start marking a block of text for copying to the
                   clipboard.
            Copy - Copy the current document to the clipboard.
      Select All - Select all the lines of the current document.
   Clear Selected - Unselect all the lines of the current document.
   Print Selected - Print the selected lines to the current print device.

Navigation
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  Find Document... - Locate a document.
     Find Text... - Locate all occurrences of text within the current
                    document.
        Find Next - Show the Find Text document.
     Set Bookmark - Save the current location to the bookmark file.
   Go To Bookmark - Go to the location indicated by the bookmark file.
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1.5 help_keystrokes

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          TAB - Cycle forward through the buttons.

    Shift-TAB - Cycle backwards through the buttons.

         HELP - Display this document in its own window.

          ESC - Close the active AmigaGuide® window.

    Backspace - Scroll backwards a page.

       RETURN - Activate the default button (the highlighted one).

 Shift-RETURN - Activate the default button (the highlighted one).
                If it is a document, then load it in a new window.

        SPACE - Scroll forwards a page.

            > - Go to the end of the current document.

            < - Go to the beginning of the current document.
```

1.6 help_arrows

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           Up - Scroll up through the document.

         Down - Scroll down through the document.

      Shift-Up - Go up a page in the document.

   Shift-Down - Go down a page in the document.

       Alt-Up - Go to the beginning of the document.

     Alt-Down - Go to the end of the document.

         Left - Scroll left through the document.

        Right - Scroll right through the document.

   Shift-Left - Scroll left one window-full through the document.

  Shift-Right - Scroll right one window-full through the document.

     Alt-Left - Go to the extreme left of the document.

    Alt-Right - Go to the extreme right of the document.
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1.7 help_function

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F9 - Activate Next Window.
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F10 - Cycle active AmigaGuide® window front to back.
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1.8 AmigaGuide® Help: Mouse

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     Select - Over a node, will activate the node.
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Shift-Select - Over a node, will activate the node.  If it is a document,
               then load the document in a new window.
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1.9 AmigaGuide® Help: Environment Variables

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Use the DOS command, SetEnv to set any of the following variables.
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 AmigaGuide/Path
  This variable contains the list of path names that AmigaGuide®
  should search through when it attempts to open a database.
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  For example:
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```
    SetEnv AmigaGuide/Path "Workbench:Autodocs Workbench:Includes"
```

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 AmigaGuide/Pens
  Gives you control over the colors that AmigaGuide® uses to
  render the text and link points with.
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```
    SetEnv AmigaGuide/Pens <abcdefgh>
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  where:
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    a = Background pen
    b = Button text pen
    c = Button background pen
    d = Highlighted button text pen
    e = Highlighted button background pen
    f = Outline pen
    g = Highlight outline pen
    h = Text on background pen
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  For example:
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    SetEnv AmigaGuide/Pens 21213001
    SetEnv AmigaGuide/Text BOLD
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  will give a very sharp look.
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```
 AmigaGuide/Text
  Enables you to determine what the link points look like.
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```
    SetEnv AmigaGuide/Text <style>

where style can be one of the following:

    BUTTON
    HIGHLIGHT
    UNDERLINE
    BOLD
    ITALIC
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