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Chapter 1

Memorans

1.1 Welcome

Memorans

version 1.2
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1. Introduction
 - some background info
 2. Copyrights
 - disclaimer etc.
 3. Requirements
 - what is needed...
 4. Installation
 - some installation notes
 5. Usage
 - detailed usage info
 6. Future
 - what is about to come
 7. History
 - version history
 8. The author
 - how to contact me
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- why don't you register

1.2 Introduction

Introduction

As I'm extremely forgetful and scatter-brained, I often forget about important events, meetings, birthdays etc. A month ago I finally decided that I need something to aid my leaky memory. I had a look on existing reminder programs, but none of them satisfied me. Well, this is why Memorans was born.

Features:

- easy-to-use
- small (about 19K) commodity; consumes little memory and CPU time
- separate Editor, featuring fully MUI'ized user interface
- locale support
- high configurability
- events may contain a list of dates, each of them with separate alarm times and 'repeats'
- separate alarm scripts for every event, including requesters, sound samples, DOS/WB/Rexx operations
- on-line help

1.3 Copyrights

Copyrights

Memorans is MAILWARE. This means, you can use and distribute it freely. If you use this program, you are asked to send me an e-mail, preferably with your opinion about it and your suggestions.

This software is subject to the "Standard Amiga FD-Software Copyright Note". It is MAILWARE as defined in paragraph 4b. For more information please read "AFD-COPYRIGHT".

1.4 Requirements

Requirements

To run Memorans, you'll need:

- OS 3.0 or newer (due to some palette manipulations in Memorans Editor)

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MUI

3.5 or newer (available on Aminet in util/libs)

- wbstart.library V2 or newer (included)

If you want to use sound samples as alarms:

- datatypes.library and sound.datatype V40 or newer (they're a part of WB3.1)

1.5 Installation

Installation

I suggest using the provided Installer script. It will install all required classes/libraries, then a new directory, named 'Memorans', will be created. Finally, Memorans and its icon will be copied to your WBStartup drawer.

1.6 Usage

Usage

Memorans consists of two parts: MemoransEditor and the Memorans commodity. The latter should be put into your WBStartup drawer or executed by the startup-sequence.

Memorans recognizes the following commandline args and icon tooltypes:

CX_PRI - priority of the commodity, usually set to 0

CX_POPKEY - specifies the hotkey bringing the Editor up

CX_POPUP - specifies wheter to bring the Editor up on startup or not

EDITOR - specifies where the Editor executable is located

CALENDAR - specifies filename to load, default is ENV:Memorans/Default.calendar

CONFIG - specifies configfile, default is ENV:Memorans/Memorans.prefs

MemoransEditor recognizes the following commandline args:

CALENDAR - specifies filename to load, default is ENV:Memorans/Default.calendar

Now let's have some explanation of MemoransEditor windows. The easiest way to use it is by pressing the HELP key while holding the mouse pointer over a gadget.

1.

Main window

2.

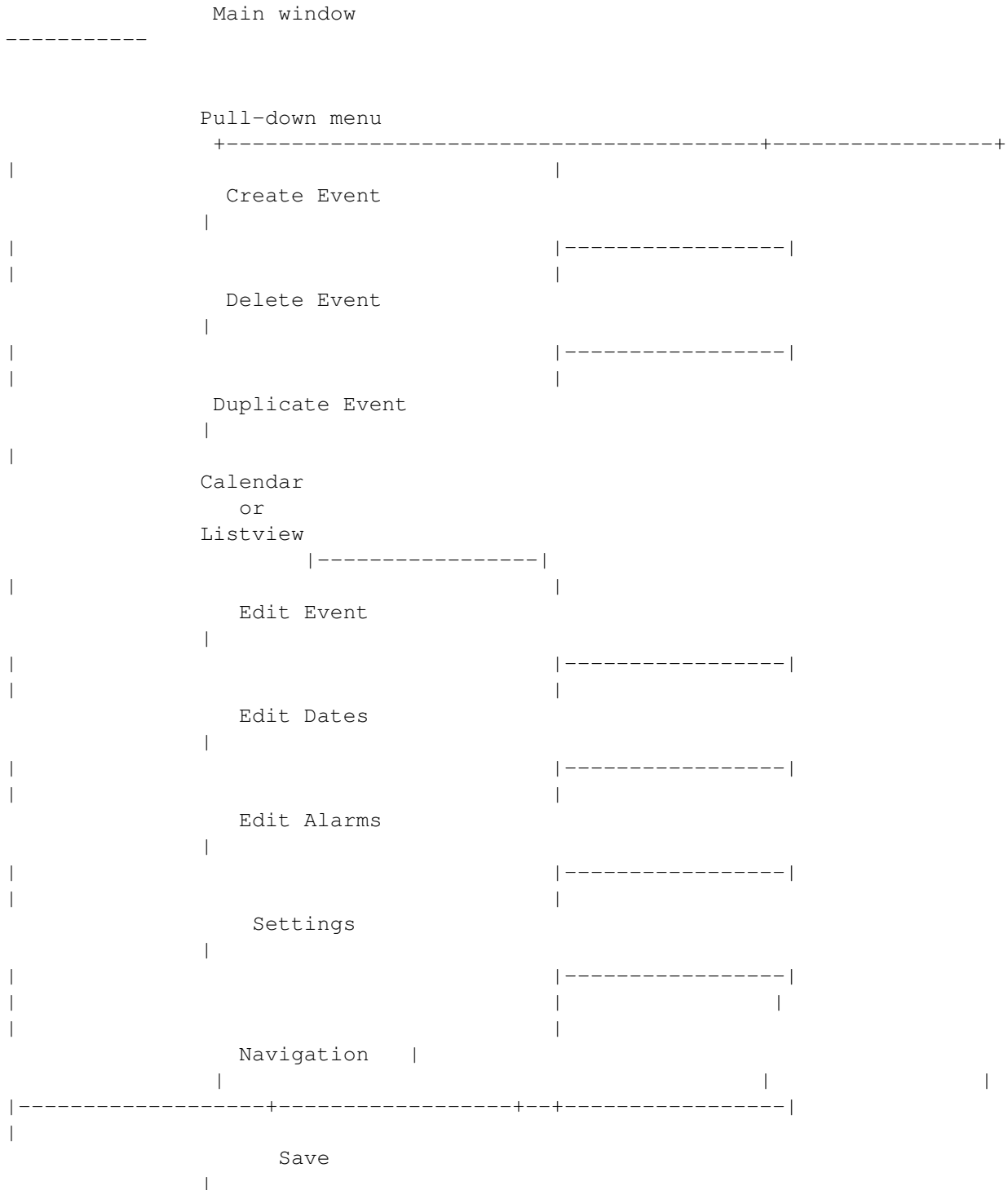
Settings window

3.

Event window

- 4. Event dates window
- 5. Event alarms window
- 6. Repeat mode window

1.7 Main window




```
          Use
        |
          Cancel
        |
|-----+-----+-----|
```

1.8 Pull-down menu

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          Project      Event      Locate      Settings
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About
Create
Prev. page
Memorans
About MUI
Delete
Next page
MUI
Append
Duplicate
Yesterday
Last saved
Open
Edit event
Today
Save settings
Save
Edit dates
Tomorrow
Save as
Edit alarms
Prev. week
```

Hide
Next week
Quit
Prev month
Next month
Prev year
Next year
Date

1.9 About

About

This function will open a window with some information about current version of Memorans

1.10 About MUI

About MUI

This function will open a window with some information about current MUI version.

1.11 Append

Append

Use this function to join several calendar files into a single one.

When you select a calendar file with a file-requester, all events will be added to the current calendar.

1.12 Open

Open

Use this function to load a new calendar. The current calendar will be erased then a file requester will pop up, asking you to select a new calendar file.

1.13 Save

Save

Use this function to save current calendar.

1.14 Save as

Save as

Use this function to save current calendar to a file. A file-requester will open, asking you for the filename.

1.15 Hide

Hide

Use this function to iconify Memorans Editor.

1.16 Quit

Quit

Use this function to quit Memorans Editor.

If
Autosave
option is turned on, current calendar will be
saved first.

1.17 Create event

Create event

This is one of the most important function. Use it to define a new event in your calendar.

After activating this function, a
Event editor
window will appear.

You'll have to set a name for the new event, as well as some description text.

Then press the gadget
 Edit dates
 and specify when is the event
 going to take place. Finally, get to the
 Alarms window
 and specify an alarm script.
 Usually you'll have a default alarm script configured in the
 Settings
 window.

1.18 Delete event

Delete event

This function will delete an event from the current calendar.

1.19 Duplicate event

Duplicate event

This function will duplicate an event, together with date list and alarm script.

1.20 Edit event

 Edit event

Use this function to change name or description text of an event.
 Yo can activate this function also by double-clicking on event in the calendar.

An
 Event window
 will appear.

1.21 Edit dates

 Edit dates

Use this function to change definition of an event.

An
 Date window

will appear.

1.22 Edit alarms

Edit alarms

Use this function to change the alarm script of an event.

An

Alarms window
will appear.

1.23 Navigation

Navigation

These functions allow you to move around the
Calendar

.

1.24 Settings

Settings

Well, it's a way to get to the
Settings window

.

1.25 MUI Settings

MUI Settings

This function will invoke MUI preferences program for Memorans Editor.

1.26 Last saved

Last saved

This function will reload last saved settings (from ENVARC:Memorans/MemoransEditor.prefs).

(strange justification algorithm in this text editor :-))

1.27 SaveSettings

Save settings

This function will save current settings to ENV: and ENVARC: as Memorans/MemoransEditor.prefs.

1.28 Calendar

Calendar

This gadget will show all defined events. You can configure fonts, colors and some other things via the Settings window

.

You can move around Calendar either with the Navigation buttons, or using the context pop-up menu. You can also use keyboard.

By double-clicking on an event you will enter the Event edit window

.

If you hold your mouse pointer over an event for several seconds, a bubble will show up, containing the description text. The short help feature has to be turned on in MUI preferences program.

1.29 Listview

Listview

It's an alternate way of displaying defined events. This is the only way to access events without defined date - this may be improved in future versions. You may switch between calendar and listview with the Settings window

1.30 Use

Use

Clicking here will save current calendar to ENV: and quit Memorans Editor.

1.31 Cancel

Cancel

Clicking here will discard current calendar and quit Memorans Editor without saving any changes.

1.32 Settings Window

Settings Window

1. Calendar

You can adjust fonts and pens for the calendar gadget.

2. Control

Week per page - if activated, calendar will display one week (7 days, with some empty space in the bottom right corner) on a page.

Use context menu - enables a context pop-up menu for calendar.
There's no good reason to disable it, unless you want easier access to window pull-down menu.

Display event time - every event will have its time displayed in the calendar.

Autosave - if activated, Memorans Editor will save current calendar automatically when you quit.

Display separator bars - ... just try this one out yourself.

Event display mode - choose between a
calendar
and a
listview
.

Days per page - specify how many days should be displayed on a single page of the calendar.

Pages/SHIFT, Pages/CONTROL - how many pages should be turned when pressing SHIFT/CONTROL with a cursor key.

3. Alarm scripts

Resources - you edit the command set for alarm scripts here. It is only useful if you want to define, for example, frequently used DOS command or sound samples.

Default script - edit the default alarm script here. Every newly created event will have this alarm script set.

4. Time display

You can define pens to use with Time Display gadgets. BTW. There's a context menu available for these gadgets.

5. Alarms

You may preset some times to use during event defining. This way you don't have to set time for every event separately.

6. Requesters

Here you may set some attributes of alarm requesters.

1.33 Event window

Event window

You can edit name and description text of an event here.

1.34 Date Window

Date Window

The left listview displays all dates, when this event occurs. You may edit this list using the gadgets Add/Del. If a date should be repeated, click on the Set Repeat gadget and the

Repeat Mode
window will appear.

When you select a date in the left listview, the right one will show alarm dates. That's where you specify when should Memorans display an alarm. Under the right listview you may set the exact time of an alarm.

The Preset mode will automatically pick a time from one of the preset times, defined in the

Settings
window.

The ASAP time works just like Preset time, only it's same for every weekday. (The ASAP name is quite strange in this context; in previous versions of Memorans ASAP worked slightly different. Starting with V1.2, ASAP may used just as another Preset, equal for every weekday. Future versions may add more banks for preset times.)

1.35 Alarms window

Alarms window

The window consists of three parts: two listviews and the 'editor' gadget, placed below.

Here you specify the alarm script (just like the name says). An alarm script is simply a list of commands to be executed by Memorans when an alarm occurs. Simply drag commands from the Resources list to the Alarm Script list. To delete an entry from the current script, drag it over the Delete gadget, or just press it when an entry is selected.

Currently defined command types:

- Beep - display a beep
- Requester - display a requester :-)
- Call Editor - bring up the Memorans Editor
- DOS - execute a DOS command
- Sound Sample - play a sound sample
- AutoDelete - delete the event

Notes:

The AutoDelete command should be placed as the last command in the alarm script. Please remember, that you won't get back events deleted by this command. It's only useful for one-time events, so you don't have to delete them manually.

For Requesters, you may set some additional settings in the
Settings
window.

These are: Break gadget, Call Editor gadget, Delete gadget. Activating ↔
appropriate

checkmarks will add gadgets to the requester:

- Break - stops execution of the alarm script
- Call Editor - invokes Memorans Editor
- Delete - deletes event

Specifying file paths for every Sound Sample and DOS separately may be somewhat tiring. That's why you may 'edit' the resource items in the

Settings

window, and create commands with preset parameters. For example, you may create some Sound Sample resources set to your favourite samples, and simply include them in the alarm scripts without having to specify samples for every event separately.

To use the Sound Sample commands, you need `datatypes.library` and `sound.datatype` version 40 or newer. They're a part of Workbench 3.1 package.

1.36 Repeat window

Repeat window

I guess all gadgets are self-explanatory enough, so I won't type a detailed explanation here.

1.37 Future

Future

I've got a LOONG list of things to do, but it heavily depends on feedback I get.

The major features I'm going to implement:

- make requesters configurable
- ability to detect outdated events
- new alarm script commands
- preset alarm scripts (just like preset times)
- ARexx port
- context menus for script editor and for date editor

Bugs

There are some limitations and problems I know of:

- Memorans will hang during execution of alarm scripts with samples if `sound.datatype` is older than V40
- well, this doc could use some re-editing...

1.38 History

History

Version 1.2 is the first one released.

1.39 The author

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1.40 About MUI

This application uses

MUI - MagicUserInterface

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MUI is a system to generate and maintain graphical user interfaces. With the aid of a preferences program, the user of an application has the ability to customize the outfit according to his personal taste.

MUI is distributed as shareware. To obtain a complete package containing lots of examples and more information about registration please look for a file called "muiXXusr.lha" (XX means the latest version number) on your local bulletin boards or on public domain disks.

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