Instruction

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                      FileLinker

                     Version 1.5

                    Date 06.04.1997

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                     User's Manual

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Development

1.3   Introduction

                    Please, read
               node about links
                first if you don't know what is it all
about :) Now, if you know what link is I can tell you, that FileLinker is a
program for nice creating such links on the disks. You can do this much
simplier then using CLI command MakeLink. File Linker opens a small window
and let's you choose file and link very easy, with requester or appicon.

       Now, with 1.5 version you can also make some SOFT links. This new
feature is caused by change of the link algorithm. Now it just executes
Makelink command with some arguments. I think it's very good way...

       If you are intrested in links and problems with using it, just read

          this chapter
             .

1.4   What hte heck is that?

                   Links are very useful on our operating system (but they ←
                       also are on
other systems, like OS/2, Unix etc.). With links you can easily have one file
in many other places, without free space problem. Every link takes just one
block (512 bytes) and it doesn't matter is file big or very short. BTW: You
can make links to directories too!

       But there's one restriction. Links can be made only on one device!
It's of course not possible to make link from DH0: to DH1: etc. If you want
to read some notes and warnings about links, read
             this chapter
                .

1.5   Problems and restrictions

When making links you must be prepared for some problems and restrictions. You should be very careful with deleting, copying, changing files and directories. I think there are few most important notes about it:

1. Remember witch files are links and witch are original. If you operate with links you can be sure that everything will be OK. But if you delete the original file, all links will be deleted. More, because of bug (?) in AmigaDOS there can appear some checksum errors, while reading directory. Then you must delete all that "trashlinks" by hand, and then all problems should disappear.

2. Links to diretories can be very dangerous! Always remember, that deleting files from linked directory is the same, as deleting files from original! I don't know how to delete unused dir-link from disk so far. But I think it's possible...

3. Little note: You cannot set the comment for link. It's a pity, 'cause it could be very useful :(Unfortunatly, every comment will be automaticly "moved" to original file :(

1.6   Instructions

Program opens small, standard window on the Workbench. The ←↩
most
important gadgets, are string gadgets, where you can type in names for file and link to be created. If you think names are OK, just click on the "Make Link" gadget and link automaticly will be created. But please, read the
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about links
first!

If you'd like to choose files easier you can use program's appicon. If you'll drag there any icon, the name of this file will be automaticly sended to File gadget. If you'll drag two icons at once, name of the second file will be sended to Link gadget. If it's still problem for you, you can simply choose file from standard ASL filerequester. Just click on the one of th S gadgets, that are placed at the right side of the window. You can use shortcuts: <Shift+f>=select file, <Shift+l>=select link.

There are of course some shortcuts for other gadgets. <Shift+m>=Make Link, <s>=Sleep, <f>=type in file, <l>=type in link. That's all about keys.

One note about sleep option. To "wake up" program simply click twice at it's appicon or drag any icon there. Program's window will open at the moment. If you want to sleep – click on the close window gadget or press <Esc> key. Ok, now you can work with File Linker without any problems (i hope :)

1.7   System requirements

        Program runs on every Amiga with KS2.0+ It needs MakeLink command
in C: directory (or other, in your PATH). It was tested on:

A1200, KS3.0, M-Tec TRA28 turbo, 10MB RAM, HDD Conner 1GB

        It was made in Amiga E 3.2a. Source code is 22kb long and binary is
about 11kb long. No non-standard libraries are needed, but ASL (wich is a
part of the standard disk-OS).

1.8   Future

        I just want to fix all bugs. I hope you'll help me! :)

1.9   History of the program

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version 1.0        01.01.1997    o First public realise
version 1.5        06.04.1997    o Doesn't use ROM's MakeLink() but
                                   CLI command MakeLink
                                 o Now both SOFT and HARD links are supported
                                 o Better error-handling
                                 o Now it uses def_Blabla.info for APP
                                 o Sleep swapped with Quit
                                 o There's still Enforcer hit, while
                                   Gt_GetMessage. WHY?!
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PS: I'm very sorry for my poor English!