

PCD

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Chapter 1

PCD

1.1 PCD Manager 3.0c PRO

PCD to IFF24 converter with graphic interface

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ShareWare
Support Amiga !

Introduction

Requirements

QuickStart

Functions

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Credits

1.2 intro

There were so much converters using either alien libraries or just ↔ called a Shell command to execute a script. Most of them didn't manage correctly the memory. I decided to write PCD Manager.

PCD Manager is a thumbnail builder with built-in selection for converting to IFF 24 or IFF8. It has been written in C non-ANSI and Amiga system friendly, to have the smallest/fastest executable file. Compiled with

SAS/C 6.56

PCD Manager combines all these properties :

It has a graphical interface on which you can zoom.
 It recognizes all the PCD resolutions.
 It uses Amiga library routines in a friendly way for speed.
 It uses C2P Hardware when found.
 It uses an adaptive
 memory
 management system.
 It doesn't have any Enforcer hits.
 It is small.
 It uses 4096 bytes of stack.
 It doesn't
 need
 any Alien Library.
 It takes care for PAL/NTSC.
 It saves
 Index files
 .
 It rotates pictures.
 It recognizes 3 buttons mouses.
 It keeps the aspect ration in case of non interlace/productivity screen.

Since 2.2a, PCD Manager is
 ShareWare
 .

1.3 mem

The free memory amount has a drastic effect on the execution speed. PCD Manager already runs with 2Mb RAM, but to be able to convert the biggest picture in color, it will need 3x6Mb free.

PCD uses three ways for doing its job in Conversion-Saving-Rotation depending the memory it can allocate.

1.4 require

PCD Manager requires the KickStart 3.0 and the reqtools. ←
 library (© Nico
 François) to be installed. A Shell version, can be found in the directory
 names 'ShellOnly'. This needs only the Kick 2.04 and is WhatUWantWare (tm)
 An Arexx AdPro loaders which is included, uses this shell version.

Fast Memory welcome !

A ChunkyToPlanar Hardware will be used if recognized.

The middle mouse bouton is recognized.

The program uses extra
memory
if available, to speed-up its
execution time.

An arithmetic coprocessor is not required.

It has been succesfully tested with VMM 2.1 on a 4040.

Tested on : 1200+6Mb
4030+10Mb
4040+22Mb
4040+24Mb Kick 3.1 + Retina
4040+36Mb Kick 3.0/3.1 + Cybervision
SX32 Kick 3.1 + Akiko

1.5 share

Since version 2.2a, PCD Manager is ShareWare.
This is the complete version without limitations. A requester will open to
remember you that fact.

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1.6 doc

PCD Manager

Tooltypes

Commands

QuickStart

1.7 tooltypes

Following tooltypes are used :

INPUT_DIR=CD0: Default input directory.
OUTPUT_DIR=TMP: Default output directory.
MAX_NB_DIA=100 Set the thumbnail screen for 100 pictures.

Warning ! The amount of MAX_NB_DIA has an effect on the Chip Memory used.

1.8 cmds

RESOLUTION : from 192x256 upto 3072x2048 pixels

TRANSFORMATION : here you can select the way PCD handle the colors

B&W Black & white
Normal Hemm...normal
Enhanced better quality

_The Enhanced color mode doesn't use more memory, but the quality is better.

_In BW mode, you only need 1/3 of memory amount required for the color mode.

READ : Read the given input directory and look for PCD files

START : After selecting one or more pictures, handle them and write the resulting IFF24 to the given output directory.

_PCD Manager adds in commentary the name of the PCD file the picture comes from.

ALL/CLEAR/INVERT Quick (de)selecting the pictures.

SAVE INDEX : Save the thumbnail screen. Only possible when there are pictures on it.

_The file created will have 64 colors. It contains an additional CHUNK so PCD Manager can reload it and then recognize the PCD file name. DO NOT CHANGE IT !! Programs like AdPro remove useless CHUNK !!

LOAD INDEX : Load an index file.

The

Mouse
can be used to do more things

Cursor keys UP and DOWN (eventually with SHIFT) enables you to scroll the pictures screen.

1.9 mouse

Magnifying :

Placing the pointer over a picture in the thumbnail screen, holding right mouse button enable you to magnify it.
The aspect ration will be kept. (3.0c)

Rotation :

Placing the pointer over a picture in the thumbnail screen, klicking left mouse button enable you to choose the way PCD Manager has to rotate the PCD picture. Rotation is used by the magnifying option too.

The middle button is used to quickly unselect a picture.

1.10 kstart

Insert a PhotoCD in your favorite CD-Rom player.
Run PCD
Choose the input directory (CD0:.....)
Choose the output directory
READ and wait....
SELECT your lovely pictures with the mouse.
select the resolution and the way PCD tranforms the colors. (mouse)
START and wait....
QUIT PCD

1.11 future

The future belongs to the registred users.
Send
me your suggestions.

1.12 thx

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