RecentDocs

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1.1 Recent Docs

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                                Recent-Document Requestor v2.4 for
      Final Calc, Final Writer, ProVector, PageStream v3.1, and GoldEd

This emailware/postcardware package consists primarily of:

 RecentDocsListerO.rexx -
    Will generate a list of recently-opened documents when used in
    conjunction with the "Open" icon in Final Calc or Final Writer, or when
    used in conjuction with an "Open" macro in ProVector,PageStream, or
    GoldEd.

 RecentDocsListerS.rexx -
    Will generate a list of recently-opened documents when used in
    conjunction with the "Save" icon in Final Calc or Final Writer, or when
    used in conjuction with a "Save" macro in ProVector, PageStream, or
    GoldEd.

 RecentDocsRequestor.rexx -
    Brings up a requestor allowing you to choose from your recently-opened
    Final Calc, Final Writer, ProVector, PageStream, or GoldEd docs. The most
    recently opened documents will be at the top of the list. Also allows
    deletion of docs from the recent-docs list.



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1.2 Legalese

Legalese:

Pretty simple: This is emailware/postcardware. If you use it, let me know!
              If you distribute this, don't change it.
              If you distrubute this, distribute all of it.
              If you distribute this, don't call it yours.
              If you distribute this with a magazine, CD, or other file
                 collection, send me a copy gratis.

1.3 Requirements

Requirements:

This package should work on any Amiga, though only tested on an A4000.

RexxTricks.library and RexxReqTools.library are required. Both libraries can
be obtained from the util/rexx directory of Aminet (RexxTricks_386.lha and
RexxReqTools.lha). Although the distributions may be large, simply extract the
pertinant libraries to LIBS:

The package has been tested on Final Calc v1.04, Final Writer '030 v5.0,
PageStream v3.1, and ProVector v3.0. It might work on earlier versions and
should work on later versions.

1.4 Installation

                Installation Instructions:

 1. If you don't already have rexxtricks.library installed, download it from
Aminet (util/rexx/RexxTricks_386.lha) and install the library (other parts of
the distribution are not required for RecentDocs) in LIBS:.

 2. If you don't already have rexxreqtools.library installed, download it from
Aminet (util/rexx/RexxReqTools.library) and install the library (other parts
of the distribution are not required for RecentDocs) in LIBS:.

 3. Copy the three macros from the Rexx directory of this distribution to any
directory (but all three macros must be in the same directory). If you plan on
using the macros with more than one application, a location that is logically
reachable from all applications, such as REXX:, is recommended. The

installation instructions will assume the macros have been installed in
REXX:.

 4. The macros can be renamed if you want, as long as you follow certain
conventions. The installation instructions will assume the macros have not
been renamed.

   * All three macros must begin with the same prefix (e.g., '', 'RD',
     'RecentDocs', etc.)
   * All three macros must end with the same suffix (e.g., '', '.rexx',
     '.rx', etc.)
   * RecentDocsListerO.rexx must have 'ListerO' between the prefix
     and suffix
   * RecentDocsListerS.rexx must have 'ListerS' between the prefix
     and suffix
   * RecentDocsRequestor.rexx must have 'Requestor' between the prefix
     and suffix

 5. Follow the specific installation instructions for the application(s) you
are using. Note that the instructions assume you are using the standard names
in the format 'RecentDocsXXX.rexx' and that the macros are located in REXX:.
If you have changed the names or location, you will obviously need to account
for this during installation.

                    ~~Final~Calc~~

                    ~Final~Writer~

                    ~~ProVector~~~

                    ~~PageStream~~

                    ~~~~GoldEd~~~~
                    FrontPub:

FrontPub by Gunther Nikl will force the front-most public screen to "shanghai"
requestors, ensuring the recent-docs requestor will open on the right screen.
If you use a commodity such as MultiCX, the FRONTPUBSCR tooltype accomplishes
this same function and you won't need to install FrontPub.

To install FrontPub:

 1. Extract FrontPub and FrontPub.info from either the FrontPub_Asm or
FrontPub_C directory (I dont think it matters which is used) of the
FrontPub11.lha archive and place it in WBStartup.

 2. Reboot.

1.5 InstallFinalCalc

Installation instructions for Final Calc:

 1. Backup (rename) your current PanelIcons drawer. This should be found in
your FinalCalc directory/assignment.

 2. Backup (rename) your current user.menus file. This should also be in your
FinalCalc directory/assignment.

 3. Copy the PanelIcons drawer from the FinalCalc drawer of this distribution
to your FinalCalc directory/assignment. If you have renamed or relocated the
macros, you will need to change the SCRIPT tooltype of the 'Open' and 'Save'
icons in this drawer to reflect your changes.

 4. Copy the user.menus file from the FinalCalc drawer of this distribution to
you FinalCalc directory/assignment. If you have renamed or relocated the
macros, you will need to change the filename in the line beginning with
'1010'.

 5. Start FinalCalc. Select the Settings/Global/Paths... menu item. Set the
"User Menus File" to your FinalCalc directory/assignment (the location of
user.menus) and save the settings.

TruePub:

TruePub by Timo Kaikumaa will force Final Calc's screen to be public rather
than private, allowing requestors to open on it.

To install TruePub:

 1. Extract TruePub from the TruePub.lha archive and place it in a directory
in your path (C: is good unless you have other preferences).

 2. Add the following line to your s:User-Startup:

     TruePub FinalCalc

 3. Reboot.

1.6 InstallFinalWriter

Installation instructions for Final Writer:

 1. Select the View/Preferences... menu item. In the Buttons panel, select the
"Open" icon in the Commands box. Change the Command Type for this icon to
"ARexx Script," click on the Select... gadget, and locate the
RecentDocsListerO.rexx macro in the REXX: directory. Repeat this for any other
"Open" icons you may have in other Button Strips. Go to step 3 before Saving
the changes.

 2. Select the "Save" icon in the Commands box. Change the Command Type for
this icon to "ARexx Script," click on the Select... gadget, and locate the
RecentDocsListerS.rexx macro in the REXX: directory. Repeat this for any other
"Save" icons you may have in other Button Strips. Save the changes.

 3. Select the User/Other/Preferences... menu item. Click on the New gadget.
Enter "Recent Docs..." as the Menu Item Name, select "ARexx Script" as the
Command Type, click on the Select... gadget, and locate the
RecentDocsRequestor.rexx macro in the REXX: directory. Select an FKey Shortcut

if desired, click on the Accept gadget, and Save.

1.7 InstallProVector

Installation instructions for ProVector:

1. Load PV:REXX/ProVector.pvrx into a text editor.

2. In the 'DefineKey' section, enter the following lines:

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'DefineKey O "REXX:RecentDocsListerO.rexx"'
'DefineKey S "REXX:RecentDocsListerS.rexx"'
'DefineKey D "REXX:RecentDocsRequestor.rexx"'
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Note that if you have other 'DefineKey' statements using the letters S, O, or
D you will have to change the hotkey letters for the RecentDocs macros, change
the hotkey letters for the existing 'DefineKey' macros, or comment out the
existing 'DefineKey' macros (use '/*' before the line and '*/' after the
line). The existing macros can be deleted from the 'DefineKey' section and be
left in the 'Define' section (without the Ctrl- statement) and remain easily
accessible to you.

3. If you want the RecentDocs macros to show up in the "User" menu of
ProVector, enter the following lines in the 'Define' section of
PV:REXX:ProVector.pvrx:

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'Define "Open...        Ctrl-O" "REXX:RecentDocsListerO.rexx"'
'Define "Save           Ctrl-S" "REXX:RecentDocsListerS.rexx"'
'Define "Recent Docs... Ctrl-D" "REXX:RecentDocsRequestor.rexx"'
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Make sure any changes made to the names or locations of the macros are
reflected in these statements as well.

4. Save PV:REXX/ProVector.pvrx.

1.8 InstallPageStream

Installation instructions for PageStream:

1. Run PageStream and select the Window/Show Script Palette menu item
(shift-ctrl-6 shortcut).

2. Look at the existing shortcuts and decide which shortcuts you want to use
for the RecentDocs macros. Only the ten function keys are available (F1 -
F10), but these can be used with any combination of the qualifiers Ctrl,
Shift, and Alt.

3. In the Scripts palette, hold down the left mouse button over the arrow
pointing to the right; select New...

4. In the Edit Script requestor, enter (without the quotes) "Open..." for the
Name and "rx REXX:RecentDocsListerO.rexx" for the Script. Check both the

Display in Menu and Shortcut boxes. Select the desired Qualifier and Function
Key, and press the OK gadget.

5. Repeat step 3. This time in the Edit Script requestor, enter (without the
quotes) "Save" for the Name and "rx REXX:RecentDocsListerS.rexx" for the
Script. Check both the Display in Menu and Shortcut boxes. Select the desired
Qualifier and Function Key, and press the OK gadget.

6. Repeat step 3. This time in the Edit Script requestor, enter (without the
quotes) "Recent Docs..." for the Name and "rx REXX:RecentDocsRequestor.rexx"
for the Script. Check both the Display in Menu and Shortcut boxes. Select the
desired Qualifier and Function Key, and press the OK gadget.

7. In the Scripts palette, hold down the left mouse button over the arrow
pointing to the right; select Save.

8. Close the Scripts palette.

1.9 InstallGoldEd

Installation instructions for GoldEd:

Note that this change assumes you have not previously made any changes to your
GoldEd menus. If you have, look at the new settings for "Load fast," "Save,"
and "Recent Docs..."

All command keys in this menu definition are case sensitive and will expect
lower-case unless specifically defined as upper-case.

 1. Backup (duplicate with a new name) your current config file . This should
be found as GoldEd:Config/golded.prefs.

 2. Copy the RecentDocs.men file from the GoldEd directory of this
distribution to GoldEd:Presets.

 3. After starting GoldEd, select the Config/Menus... menu item.

 4. Select the 'Load' gadget at the bottom of the requestor and select
RecentDocs.men.

 5. Select the 'OK' gadget.

 6. Save the new configuration with the 'Config/Save config...' menu item.

1.10 Use

Use:

Final Calc:
   Use the Open icon to open existing documents and the Save icon to save
documents (both icons are included in the PanelIcons drawer). The current
document will be added to the top of the recent-documents sist.

To access the list, either press the Right Amiga-D combination, or select
the User/Recent Docs... menu item. The desired document can be selected with a
double-click, or by selecting the document and clicking on Open. Clicking on
Open without first selecting a document will bring up the standard open-
document requestor.

You can delete files from the list by selecting a filename and clicking on
Delete.

Final Writer:
When the Open or Save icons are selected, the opened/saved file will be
added to the top of the Recent Documents List. Only files opened or saved by
clicking on these icons will be added to the list.

To access the list, either press the FKey Shortcut selected or select the
User/Recent Docs... menu item. The desired document can be selected with a
double-click, or by selecting the document and clicking on Open. Clicking on
Open without first selecting a document will bring up the standard open-
document requestor.

You can delete files from the list by selecting a filename and clicking on
Delete.

ProVector:
Use Ctrl-O to open existing documents and Ctrl-S to save documents. The
current document will be added to recent-documents list.

To access the list, either use Ctrl-D or select the User/Recent Docs...
menu item. The desired document can be selected with a double-click, or by
selecting the document and clicking on Open. Clicking on Open without first
selecting a document will bring up the standard open-document requestor.

You can delete files from the list by selecting a filename and clicking on
Delete.

PageStream:
Use the shortcut function keys you defined to open existing documents and
save documents; alternatively you can select Open... or Save from the Scripts
menu. The current document will be added to recent-documents list.

To access the list, either use the shortcut function key you defined or
select the Scripts/Recent Docs... menu item. The desired document can be
selected with a double-click, or by selecting the document and clicking on
Open. Clicking on Open without first selecting a document will bring up the
standard open-document requestor.

You can delete files from the list by selecting a filename and clicking on
Delete.

GoldEd:
Use the 'Open fast...' menu item (hotkey: RA-o) to open existing documents
and the 'Save text' menu item (hotkey: RA-w) to save documents. The current

document will be added to the top of the recent-documents sist.

To access the list, either select the 'Recent docs...' menu item or press the Right Amiga-D combination The desired document can be selected with a double-click, or by selecting the document and clicking on Open. Clicking on Open without first selecting a document will bring up the standard open-document requestor.

You can delete files from the list by selecting a filename and clicking on Delete.

1.11 Customizing

Customizing:

The maximum number of files to maintain in the recent-documents list defaults to 10. This can be changed by changing the value of MaxFiles in both the RecentDocsListerO.rexx and RecentDocsListerS.rexx scripts.

The macros can be located anywhere, but all three macros must be in the same location.

The macros can be renamed if you want, as long as you follow certain conventions:

* All three macros must begin with the same prefix (e.g., '', 'RD', 'RecentDocs', etc.)
* All three macros must end with the same suffix (e.g., '', '.rexx', '.rx', etc.)
* RecentDocsListerO.rexx must have 'ListerO' between the prefix and suffix
* RecentDocsListerS.rexx must have 'ListerS' between the prefix and suffix
* RecentDocsRequestor.rexx must have 'Requestor' between the prefix and suffix

1.12 History

History:

v2.4 - Selecting the Open gadget in the recent-docs requestor without having a file selected will now bring up the standard open-file requestor instead of exiting.

v2.3 - Added support for GoldEd. I use the unregistered v3.1.3.

v2.2b - Macros can now be located anywhere, not just in REXX:. If the locations are changed, remember to modify the buttons and macros used to call the RecentDocs macros.

v2.2a - Utility for forcing Final Calc's screen to be public instead of private included (see details for installing TruePub by Timo

          Kaikumaa in the Final Calc installation instructions).

     Utility for forcing windows to open on the front-most public screen included (see details for installing FrontPub by Gunther Nikl in the installation instructions).

     Code for redefining public screen (see v2.1 above) removed.

     Allows even more flexibility in changing names of macros.

v2.2 – The recent-docs requestor now has a Delete function to delete files from the list. Note that this only deletes files from the recent-docs list and not from your drive! Thanks to Achim Klopsch for this suggestion!

     The macros can now be renamed, following certain limitations (see installation). Thanks again to Achim Klopsch!

v2.1 – Can be used with Final Calc, Final Writer, ProVector, and PageStream.

     Now requires rexxreqtools.library in addition to rexxtricks.library.

     Temporarily redefines the current public screen to encourage requestors to open on the appropriate screens. I didn't run into this problem, but Heiko Schröder did and offered a correction for it. Thanks Heiko! Note that FinalCalc does not open on a public screen and therefore will not allow requestors to open on its screen.

     Location of macros has changed; they are now stored in REXX: to allow having a single copy of the macros available for use by all programs. This requires changes to previously modified Final Calc buttons and user.menu as well as to Final Writer Button Strips and User Menus. If this is not your first installation, make sure you read the installation instructions for each application!

v2.0 – Can be used with both Final Calc and Final Writer.

     Now uses rexxtricks.library.

     Adds both saved and opened files to the recent-docs list.

     Format of recent-docs list changed; remove any RecentDocs.txt files created with v1.0.

v1.0 – First release.

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