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Chapter 1

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1.1 Empires of the Stars

Empires of the Stars, a game done using MUI.

A galactic conquest game of GALACTIC proportions!.

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1.2 Introduction

Hello, Welcome to a new galactic conquest game for the Amiga line ←
of computers.

You must have

MUI

installed, either the registered version or the PD version

>2.3. It may work with a earlier

MUI

version but I haven't tested it. Also you

need OS2.04 or greater. You need to have that even to run

MUI

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You are a new leader on your planet and you have just finished putting your planet under your rule and killing off any potential rivals. You have started looking towards other planets and you see how weak they are. Your mission is to build the greatest empire ever known. You will crush all enemys and tax them too death to fund your conquest effort. You will be up against other so called aggressors that you will need to crush. You can build all the fleets that you can afford. You can even design your own ships if the predesigned ships don't suit you. Don't forget to fuel your fleets before you send them off and give them troops to help in the land combat. Space mines will slow your enemies down if they are properly postioned.

1.3 History

DATE: 6/1/95

BUG-fixed tax bug where it was not updated if it was the first thing done.

BUG-lockup bug during computer movement, but there is still another one present.

BUG-add some error checking to make sure tags have valid addresses.

ADDED-map is moved to show current planet.

ADDED-edited the amigaguide file.

ADDED-working on Envoy version, should be released soon once the services library is finished.

DATE: 5/20/95

ADDED- IceBBS version.

BUG-fixed memory deallocation bug.
BUG-fixed computer fleets joining bug
BUG-many numerous small bugs fixed

DATE: 3/17/95

BUG-fixed many bugs included the newfleet bug when you selected the entire fleet.

ADDED-automatic trading. You can now set a fleet to trade between two planets. You just pick the item it should buy at each planet and the amount of items to buy. This is a max limit, if the fleet does not have enough credits then it will only buy how many credits worth that are available. Computer players also have automatic trading. They will be generator income from this as soon as they have two planets. The fleetlist display will update showing that the course is set, you will not need to fuel or plot the course for the fleet. All trades will be noted in the player's message window. A fleet will not move if not enough fuel is available.

ADDED-Enhanced and fixed several bugs in the computer AI. The computer is smarter and faster. They don't get any special advantages over the players. They play by the same rules.

CHANGED- Max movement is now 10 sectors per turn.
CHANGED- initial credits for player (including computer) is 1100 (a 1000 more than normal planets).
CHANGED- fuel production is now 100 units per turn for players.
CHANGED- items that can be bought are limited by the tech of the planet.
Better check to see if an item can be bought from a planet before assigning that item to a fleet that is set for automatic trading.

DATE: 2/22/95

BUG-fixed bug when computer planets tried to purchase troops or space mines.

BUG-fixed bug that crept into combat. When multiple fleets were in the same sector, multiple attacks were not accumulated. They are now.

DATE: 2/16/95

ADDED: You can now send messages to multiple players by just secting them.

DATE: 12/11/94

ADDED-HyperTransfers. Allows the transfer of cargo to any sector. Buy the hyper gate and leave it on the planet surface. It will then transfer power to the sector and from there you can transfer items to any other sector. It takes too much power to actually transfer ships at this point. Also since the power is so great, it will only work from a sector with a planet, but it will send items to any sector.

BUG-fixed the tech bug where it wouldn't let you buy high tech items until the following turn.

BUG-fixed a wild pointer bug when creating a new fleet when the old fleet had a course plotted and was eliminated.

DATE: 12/10/94

ADDED-the ability to change the ship class names. There is still a bug in this that it display a wierd character of ships loaded from a file. Harmless.

ADDED-the ability to join fleets in the same sector. Use the fleet page and select all the fleets in the same sector and hit the join button. Bug, the sector page is not updated if you are joining ships in the same sector as the sector page is showing.

ADDED-you can now select the fleet to view from the fleet page.

ADDED-position is kept on the purchasing list when switching planets.

BUGS-several and still more on the list.

DATE: 11/30/94

ADDED-changed the tax rate and population growth. Both should be faster now.

BUG-introduced a bug into the save/load game routines when I added more messages output a few versions ago. Fixed but there are still plenty of bugs present, for instances if you try to load a game several times. This is most likely when the game is releasing memory from the old game and acquiring new memory for the loaded game.

BUG-computer planets were not allowed to collect taxes. Now they can.

BUG-computer planets purchase of troops was missed up. Should be fixed.

BUG-computer planets raising their own tech could drive their credits negative. Now fixed.

ADDED-fleets are only joined when trying to take over a planet instead over joining all fleets orbiting every planet.

DATE: 11/28/94

BUG-fixed the refinery problem. It was a define file was not updated for all the object files. Also refienry and techs cost was not subtracted and that is corrected. Also technology is the limit for a planet.

ADDED-fuel fleet button. It transfers the fuel needed to make the trip to the current planet. You can hit the button twice if you want fuel for a round trip. It will notify you if you don't have the fuel needed for the trip.

BUG-fixed divide by zero bug when tax rate was set to 0.

BUG-fixed the lack of updating the fuel needed when switching fleets.

DATE: 11/22/94

BUG-enforcer hit when a computer planet was taken over by a player. fixed

BUG-clear message button cleared all players messages. fixed

NEW-computer AI. Right now there are five different computer defensive strategies.

- 1) no defense = cash cow
- 2) troop defense = all the money is spent on troops
- 3) fighter defense = all the money is spent on fighters.
- 4) general defense = money is spent on all ship types and troops
- 5) Mine Defense = planet buys mines instead of ships. I have not done offensive strategies yet. I will have things like revengeful planets.

Planet will buy ships only if their tech is high enough. They can increase their tech to buy the ships.

There was a bug in the former routine that limited planets in purchasing only fighters. They should have been able to buy dreadnoughts if their tech allowed, now it is fixed.

-fixed the bug that allowed you to buy ships or items after purchase of an item or ship even if you didn't have enough money.

DATE: 11/21/94

-changing code to allow for network and BBS play

-added save/load game feature

-fixed when hitting in the background of the map, it changed the planet display

-fixed when you select partial fleet for the first time, it only gave you one ship.

-made more space between planets. Allows easier reading of planet names.

-added more feedback in the message window. It will print the turn, how many ships the enemy lost and how many ships you lost. It will also show how many troops the enemy lost.

-cleaned up the code for the fleet to fleet battles.

BUGS currently known. -found a few bugs and still some current bugs. Map not updated after name change. You can still purchase items for more money than you have, when you purchase a ship. I have to check into the troop battles. It may not be too fair.

DATE: 10/31/94

-fixed a bug I introduced in yesterday's version.

-added refineries to the purchase list. This will increase the fuel production of the planet.

DATE: 10/30/94

- finished the code for sending other players messages
- fixed enforcer hit in galaxy map
- change the gui a little

DATE: 10/24/94

- fixed a major memory bug (With the help of Harald Fricke). In the maintain fleet function.
- added the ability to load in extra predefined ships that are available to all players. Read the purchase information with the appropriate button.
- added the send message to other players but not activated yet. I am still not sure about the GUI part of it.

DATE: 10/21/94

- fixed a pointer bug with ship types. Should allow some people to run the program.
- really fixed some bugs that I created in the last version.
- transfer item bug should be killed now. It is really error checked now.
- troop losses will be reported correctly.

Known BUGS -still need to fix a bug in the new fleet where the first time you hit it one ship is transfered.

- for some reason the main planet list deselects owned planets if the list cursor is placed on top of it.

DATE: 10/19/94

- Still cleaning up the code, and killing little bugs.
- Now should be able to use the tab key to cycle through most of the gadgets.
- You will now get a message about troop losses in battles for planets.
- Still working on save/load code.

DATE: 10/12/94

- just a a code change. The program is crashing on someone at the start of the game and this will help me solve his problem. Therefor not a useful
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update for the rest of you.

DATE: 10/12/94

-Added the ability to improve a planets technology. Just purchase technology from the purchase window. You need a high technology to purchase certain ship types.

-simplified the code for transferring goods between planets, sectors, and fleets

DATE: 10/11/94

-fixed transfer too much bug?

-computer planets can only buy ships depending upon the worlds technology. Although all planets can buy fighters.

-I need to know how the program is working with its current values. Too much fuel? Too little or too much credits? The planets too tuff? etc. How is the interface?

-Right now technology limits what ships you can buy on planets. I will eventually let planets tech be increased.

-really fixed copying planet lock bug. It occurred when items were placed into sectors that were not mines.

-still working on the save/load feature. It is complicated because of the variable data structures.

DATE: 10/10/94

-may have squelched the copy planet lock up bug

-reduced the starting fleets to allow players to conquer other planets

DATE: 10/7/94

-found some code that returned memory to the system that it never obtained

-currently working on save/load game

DATE: 10/6/94

-Now able to delete players in the configuration window.

-Worked on the map, now able to see friendly or enemy fleets when appropriate. The graphics will get better when I get the graphics from the artist.

DATE 10/3/94

Hello, Beta Testers:

You must have MUI installed, either the registered version or the PD version >2.2. It may work with earlier MUI version but I haven't tested it. Also you need OS2.04 or greater. You need to have that even to run MUI.

This is really a GAMA version of the program. I have to warn you not to run any other program while running this program due to its early stage of development. You should need tons of memory for this program, if you can't run it, then tell me how much memory you have. The smallest memory I have run it in is 6MB (I don't have access to a machine with less memory). You need also at least two players for the game, or one player playing two game players. I haven't checked for only one player yet. One will be able to play the game by himself when the game matures. You can have as many players as you want and as many planets as you like but if it fails tell me how many players/planets you had and the memory it was running in.

FIXED:

- 1) reset movement between turns (fleets would only move until their movement ran out ;) oops.
- 2) should deallocate all memory upon quitting.
- 3) Selecting planet in the main list would change the from gadget in the movement window, corrected.
- 4) planets will rearm themselves, buy troops first then ships.
- 5) planets will revolt if too much taxes and not enough troops present.
Any fleets present will become owned by the planet.
- 6) Fixed overloading the cargo of fleets.
- 7) other minor fixes, the game should be semiplayable now.

1.4 ToDo

This game is a very ambitious undertaking and I plan on working on it for a long time.

- 1) Have automated trading routes.
DONE
 - 2) IceBBS support.
DONE
 - 3) Network support.
I just got Envoy. I will be porting to it very soon :)
 - 4) Save/load game functions.
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DONE

5) Send other players messages.

DONE

6) select certain empires to attack.

7) have more than one type of troops.

8) add and remove players.

1.5 Bugs

Plenty of bugs. Since this program is Beta, there will be plenty of bugs.

1.6 Thanks

I will like to thank the Amiga designers and the Amiga community ↔
for the
presence of the amiga. I would also like to thank the following people for
services or products used.

SAS, Inc. for SAS C 6.3

Edd Dumbill for Heddley 1.1 /* an amigaguide editor */

-what a beeze to use

Stefan Stuntz for

MUI

/* a programmers and user interface */

-saved me mega time in developing the user interface

1.7 Author

I am a really cool guy. ;))

I am a graduate student just starting my fifth year. I have done
this program in my spare time. Any bug reports mail to the addresses
below with the subject of EMPIRE-BUG. This game is my first major
project and I plan on improving it and using it as a learning tool
on how to program. I plan to improve and support this program for
a long time.

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kbellve@umab.umd.edu     /* mainframe-mail forwarded */
www: http://wadel.ab.umd.edu/
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1.8 Configuration Window

The number of planets that will be used in the game is set here. The number of planets chosen is only limited by the amount of memory your system has. The more players you have will increase the amount of memory the planets will require. The number of players are also added or removed in this window. You can also load a saved game at this point.

This window is only available when the game is first loaded. This window is not seen by the IceBBS version or the Envoy Version.

1.9 Empire Control Window

The empire control window is the main window of the program. It is where you will control your empire and defeat other empires. This is where you can get

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planet
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information on the various pages.

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1.10 Empire Map Window

This window shows the current galaxy map with the planets including the names you know them as. Other players will know them by different names. To select information about a sector or planet just click on that sector. In the

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MainWindow
, you can look at the
planet~page
for planet information or the

sector~page
for fleet information.

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Now you should be able to see friendly, foreign, or objects in a sector. A mark in the upper left corner of a sector represents friendly fleets. A mark in the lower left corner represents enemy fleets. A mark in the upper right corner of a sector represents objects in the sector. These objects may be mines and you should be careful. You will only get information if you either have a fleet or own a planet in that sector otherwise you will not see anything.

Planets with blue in them represent planets that you own. Planets with grey represent are either owned by no one or are unknown. Planets with black are owned by the enemy.

1.11 Fleet Control Window

This is where you can control all your fleets. A fleet will be shown in the window broken down into individual ship types. You can cycle through your fleets by hitting the <next fleet> or <last fleet> buttons.

FREIGHT: If you want to add freight to a fleet hit the <freight> button. It will allow you to move items to the fleet from the sector and back to the sector. Don't forget to add fuel to the fleet or it will not be able to move.

FUEL FLEET: There is now a button that will automatically fuel the fleet to the destination shown. If you hit it twice, then it will load enough fuel for a round trip. It will tell you if you don't have enough space on the fleet or that there is not enough fuel for the journey.

COURSE: You can either plot a course manually or have the computer plot you a course. The computer will plot a straight line to the sector. You can either select the planet in the list or dial in the sector with the sliders. Now you can hit the button <plot course> and the computer will plot you a course. You can also manually plot a course use the mouse or the keypad. This will allow you greater control of where you fleet is moving to. The <clear course> button will eliminate a course plotted out and allow you to plot a new course. A plotted course will not actually allow the fleet to move without fuel.

AUTOMATIC TRADE: You can now have fleets setup for trading. All you have to do is pick what item to buy at one planet and what item to buy at the second planet. Also you may pick the limit to the number of items to buy at either planet. You then hit the <apply trade> button to give the orders to the fleet. The fuel will be automatically loaded to make the journey to the planet. Then the fleet will automatically buy the item up to the limit you set or when credits run out or when cargo space runs out. Once it gets to the opposite planet, the fleet will sell the item and buy the second item and go back. Remember, you should try to buy low and sell high also check to make sure that item is available on the planet. Not all items are available due to technology limitations of the planet. Once a fleet is setup for trade, its display will be updated in the fleet page in the main window to indicate the next planet. Don't worry that the range is still zero because fuel has not been loaded yet. Also you will get messages in the message window about any transactions that may have occurred. A fleet will not move if there is not enough fuel on the planet for the journey.

SELL SHIP: You may now sell ships. You can select one or several for selling. The credits for the sale will end up in the sector. You may only sell ships on planets you own.

NEW FLEET: You can separate a fleet in this window. Using the mouse, you can highlight the ships you want in the new fleet. Hit the <new fleet> button to shift them into a newly created fleet. This is useful if you want to send ships to multiple locations. At the end of a turn all fleets located at planets are combined into one fleet. Fleets currently on route through a sector will not be combined with fleets in the same sector. Therefore if you want to combine fleets, you will need to send them to the same planet. Having multiple fleets in the same sector will not harm you, they will fight as if one fleet. @endnode

1.12 Purchasing Window

This is the window where you can buy all the items to run your empire. Most of the items are available are just used for trade. Remember, always buy low and sell high. Right now the prices are different for each planet and they remain static. I will eventually have random price fluctuations incorporated into the game. But there are also special items that can be bought and used for a specific purpose.

Premade Ships: There are six default ship classes available for purchase to every empire. You can design your own custom ship class by selecting the Design Ship button. You can also create a text file named "MUIEmpire.ships". Put this file into the same directory where MUIEmpire is located. The format of the file is as follows:

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Name of class <- limited to 25 characters
attack      <- range from 1 to 100
defense     <- range from 1 to 100
speed       <- range from 1 to 100
cargo       <- range from 1 to 100
fuel        <= range from 10 to 1
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two example ships:
Super Destroyer
100
30
20
10
5
Super Dreadnought
100
100
20
50
5
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These premade ships are available to all human players. It just gives the players a greater choice of ships in the beginning of the game. Unlike custom ships, the players do not have to pay for the design of these ships.

Space Mines: space mines are very dangerous and to be used with caution. They come in four sizes and cost differently for each planet. A class II mine has enough power to eliminate a dreadnought. A class IV mine has the power to eliminate any type of ship that can be currently designed. The way mines work is the following. First you must buy the mine. It will then be in your planet's inventory. As long as the mine is in the planet's inventory, it is harmless. To activate a mine, you transfer it to a sector. The following round the mine will be activated and will explode on any passing fleet. Normally, within the same turn as buying the mine, you would transfer it to a fleet. The fleet then can transport it to a sector where it can be dropped off and activated. One mine will explode on one randomly chosen ship. The mine will be destroyed and the ship will only be destroyed if the mine is strong enough. You can put any number and class of mines in the same sector. It is basically one miner/ship. Either all the mines are eliminated or the ships are eliminated. The mines will explode on friendly fleets so be carefull.

Troops: right now there is only one class of troops. They are used to defend your planet from any ground based attacks. They are also used to mount a ground based assault on an enemy planet. The more troops you have versus your opponent, the better your chance is to win. To defend your planet with troops, just leave them in your planets inventory. Fleets can also carry troops to enemy planets.

Technology: Right now all player planets start with a technology of 50 out of 100. The planets technology limits what kind of ship can be built on a planet. A technology of 50 will allow you to build the basic ship classes. If you design a ship that requires a technolgy greater then 50, then you must invest in the planets technology which can be bought in the purchase window. Ship technology is based on the attack or defensive capabilities of a ship, and which ever is greater. A ship with an attack of 75 and a defense of 25 would need a technology of 75 to be built. A ship with a defensive capability of 80 and an attack of 40 would need a technology of 80 to be built.

Offensive and Defensive enhancements to fleets: Ships have a natural defense consisting of armor but you can increase the defense by adding shield generators to a fleets cargo. For example, 20 points of shield energy will add 2 points additional defensive points to 10 ships or 5 points to 4 ships. You can also buy high energy lasers or various torpedoes to help the offensive capability of the fleets. These items are never lost but can recovered from a destroyed fleet.

Refineries: Buying refineries will increase the fuel production for each planet. Fleets need fuel to move from sector to sector.

Hyper Gate: This is a new and improved way to transfer cargo around the galaxy. You add it to your planets inventory and it will enable you to send items to any sector in the galaxy without consideration for fuel. You can not send ships this way but you can send mines and have them activated.

1.13 Inventory Window

The planets inventory window is where things are stored after just being bought. This is also the window where you are able to sell items back to the planet for maybe a profit. You will also want to station troops here to defend your planet from a land base invasion. You are also able to put items into orbit around your planet by transferring items to the sector. Once in the sector, the items could become activated or picked up by a fleet in the sector, whether friendly or foreign.

1.14 planet page

Towards the left of the window you will find a list of names. These names represent all the planets in the known galaxy. The planets you currently control will be highlighted in the list. To see all the planets that you control you can hit the buttons <Next Planet> or <Last Planet> to move to the next owned planet. The planet information display will be highlighted to show information about the current planet.

The planet information display will show the planets name as you currently know it. Each player will know the planets by a completely different name. You may change this name at anytime if you so desired. The information below the planets name will be only current with the last time you visited the planet. It will show nothing if you have never been to the planet or it will show what empire currently owns the planet, what is the population and technology of the planet and what is the tax rate for that planet.

You can set different tax rates for each planet you own. Tax rates between 20 to 30 is safe for any planet. The population will still increase and a chance of a planet revolting will be low. Tax rates above 40 will most likely cause a decrease in population due to the people having to pay taxes rather than spend the money on new families. Tax rates above 60 could lead to a planet revolting. If a planet revolts, you will lose ownership of that planet and ownership of any surrounding fleets. You will ofcourse have to fight the fleet that just revolted inorder to regain the planet. To stifle a planet from revolting under high taxes, you may put troops on the planet. The more troops, the less likely that the planet will revolt.

The planets technology only has bearing on what ships can be built on the planet. A technology of 50 will allow planets to make the basic ship classes provided with the game. All the player's planets start off with a technology of 50. Computer planets technology is random and affects what ships they can buy also. The computer planets will be trying to improve their technology if it fits their strategy.

The planet's population shows how many people are on the planet. More people will mean more taxes. Player's planets start off with a population of 1000. each 1 in population means 10,000 people. When troops are bought, they are taken from the current population which reduces its tax base.

1.15 sector page

This page on the empire window is where you can get fleet information in a

sector. You will only get information if you have a fleet or planet in the current sector. You can either click on a sector in the map or dial in the sector using the sliders. If you click on a fleet in the listview, it will show you the makeup of the fleet. This is where you can find out if an opposing player has built custom ships. The name of the custom ship will be displayed but you will not find any information about that ship. After all, it is an empire's secret. The window will also show the overall combat strength of the fleet including offensive and defensive capabilities. But this combat strength will not reflect any added offensive and defensive equipment that the fleet has like plasma torpedoes.

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This window shows all your current fleets and where they are located. It shows their cargo capacity, offensive abilities, defense abilities and the fleets range if it has fuel on board and where it they are moving too. You can join individual fleets if they are in the same sector. Fleets are automatically combined only when a fleet is attacking a planet.

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This is where you can see messages about the previous game turn and how successful you were. It will list lost ships and planets and conquered planets. It will also mention any ships destroyed by mines or survived a mine hit.

You can also change your empire's name in this window. This is the name that the rest of the players will know you as. You can change this name at anytime and any number of times. This will most likely confuse other players.

What is also in this window is the ability to send other players messages. For example, "I didn't like you taking my defenseless planet and I will wipe out all your fleets now!". You also have the option of clearing the game messages from the system, otherwise the messages will be saved from turn to turn.

1.18 How to play the game

To Play the Game:

Long time ago, before amigas and most of the present day computers, I sat down to a game called Galactic Conquest on the TRS-80. It was a single person game that allowed you to conquer other planets and fly around the galaxy with a star trek theme. It was simple but cool. I thought there should be something like this for the amiga. A year ago I learned C and I thought I had the tools to really make a great galaxy game. I didn't want to put limits such as galaxy size and player number and ship types and I wanted also to include trade. I created a basis for a game that should be the end all of galaxy games. It will eventually include network and BBS play and you could even email the save turns and play by mail if you would like. There won't be just one version of this game but a continuing evolving process that will make it unbeatable. This is the reason I have made this game. It would have been alot easier if I had just said only 4

players and 26 planets but I wanted to go beyond that. Anyway, how to play the game is below.

You will start out on a single planet with the ambition to conquer the universe. You think your race and culture is better than anyone else's and you plan to dominate them. Your planet is identical to the other players' planets. But they are just stupid and don't have the ambition to conquer a galaxy. You want to snuff their existence and rule the galaxy.

You must raise income to build a planet conquering fleet. There are two ways to do this. One is through taxation. But be careful, if you tax too much, you will cause a population decrease because people can no longer afford to have children. And if your taxes are really high, you take the chance that the planet may revolt against your imperialistic ways and take command of any fleets in orbit around the planet. The second way is through trade. You should try to buy low and sell high or you aren't going to go far in the galaxy conquering business. Right now you can only trade between planets you own. You will need to send fleets over to planets to conquer them so you can have free trade. Don't forget to add fuel for the journey and you will need troops to actually take the planet. You might also consider laying mines around your planet to prevent other empires having a desire on your planets. Don't forget, instead of using the five basic ship types, you can design your own ships. The opposing player will have no idea what he is up against.

1.19 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.

If you want to register directly, feel free to send

DM 30.- or US\$ 20.-

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1.20 Requirements

You need at least the following:

OS2.04+ installed

MUI

2.2+ installed (aminet:dev/gui)

1mb or memory for a descent game.

Optional but really needed:

Hard drive 2mb of memory

Tested:

A3000T 17mb memory OS2.05

A3000 6mb memory OS2.04

1.21 IceBBS

To the sysop:

This game is beta. I am doing my best to kill all the bugs but you still must realize it is beta.

To start the game you must set two tool types in the MainEmpireServer icon:

Game=game Time=20

Game is the samed game that you are using. Thus should be set up by running MUIEmpire, add the players and number of planets. This is the only point that you can add players or planets. Keep the players names written down because you must give these to the players for logging in. Once into the first turn you can save the game under the name you want. There will be more than one file created. A file is created for each player. But when you set the game= tootype, set it to the main file name without the the extension.

Time is the amount of time between turns in minutes. The computer will then force a turn. You should give enough time to allow the players to enter their turns. You may want to play one turn per day and therefor you can set it to the number of minutes in a day (1440). If you want to do the turns yourself, currently there is not way to stop the computer from doing turns but you can set it to a very high value to avoid the computer from doing a turn.

Once the MainEmpireServer is running it will accept several inputs into its window:

CTRL-C: quits the game

CTRL-E: forces a turn resolution
CTRL-F: forces a save game.

Once you decide on a quit you will also need to do a CTRL-\ to close the window since I eliminated the close window gadget.

And that is all you have to do. Eventually you will be able to run multiple save games on the same BBS but you should only run one at a time at this point.

1.22 LOGIN

This is the login window for the IceBBS version and Envoy version of MUIEmpire. The standalone MUIEmpire does not use this window.

Put your player name in the Player String Gadget. Don't put your Empire name but the name set up by the game maintainer.

Put your password into the Password String Gadget. If your are logging into the game for the first time, then this is where you set your password. Don't forget it because you will then need to contact the game maintainer for your password.

The Game String Gadget plays no role at this point but in the future it will allow the playing of multiple games on one system. You can leave this blank.

The Envoy version allows setting of tool types to automatically set these gadgets. It accepts the following tool types: name,game,password,host.

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name=[Insert your player name]
password=[Insert your password]
game=[Insert your game]
host=[Insert the host of the game on your network]
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The IceBBS version currently doesn't support this but may in the future.
