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Chapter 1

Artemis

1.1 Artemis



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1.2 introduction

Introduction

This is a program somewhat similar to biff or xbiff for unix boxes. The difference is that while biff watches a mailbox file (like Sabot on the Amiga), Artemis connects to your POP3 mailhost via TCP/IP and queries how many mails you have waiting.

biff was developed a long time ago by the BSD programmers at Berkeley University in California. They named the program after one of authors' dog because it had a habit of barking when the mailman came. Continuing this

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tradition I named my program after one of our cats, Artemis. :-) No, Artemis doesn't meow at the mailman. : $^{^{\wedge}}$)

The biff story is at http://lab.housing.fsu.edu/Pages/didyou_biff.html.

Requirements

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- ·~AmigaOS 2.04 or higher (V37)
- ·~Any TCP/IP stack

Features

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- ·~Monitors mailbox via POP3.
- ·~Works with AmiTCP/AS225/Inet225/Surfpack/mlink.
- ·~Displays AppIcon showing mailbox status and contents.
- \cdot ~Displays requester/beeps screen/plays sample when new mail arrives.
- \cdot ~Doubleclicking AppIcon opens requester with a "Get mail" button.

1.3 installation

Installation

You will most likely want to run this program whenever you're online. :-) AmiTCP allows for a scriptfile named AmiTCP:db/User-Startnet, that is executed after startnet has finished, this would be a fine place to start Artemis. Just edit that file in a texteditor and put Artemis' commandline there.

As225/Inet225/SurferPack may have a similar feature, I don't know about that.

1.4 usage

Usage

For now, Artemis must be started from the shell. I might add tooltype reading later, if anyone thinks this is important. :-)

The AmigaDOS template looks like this:

SERVER/A, PORT/K/N, USERNAME/A, PASSWORD/A, NEWMAILICON/A, NOMAILICON/A, OLDMAILICON/A, NOICONTEXT/S, XPOS/K/N, YPOS/K/N, DELAY/K/N, BEEP/S, SAMPLE/K, REQUESTER=REQ/S, GETMAILCOMMAND=GMC/K

This is the meaning of each:

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SERVER (required)
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·~The hostname of your POP3 server

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PORT (optional)
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·~The port to connect to. Default is 110. It is very unlikely you will need to change this.

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USERNAME (required)

·~Your username.

PASSWORD (required)

·~Your password.

NEWMAILICON (required)

·~The icon displayed when you have new mail.

NOMAILICON (required)

·~The icon displayed when you have no mail.

OLDMAILICON (required)

·~The icon displayed when you have mail.

NOICONTEXT (optional)

·~Usually Artemis' AppIcon will display a text telling you how many mails, totalling how many bytes, you have waiting. This switch turns off the icon text.

XPOS (optional)

 \cdot ~X (horizontal) axis coordinate for the AppIcon. If left out the icon will float freely in the x axis.

YPOS (optional)

 $\cdot \sim Y$ (vertical) axis coordinate for the AppIcon. If left out the icon will float freely in the y axis.

DELAY (optional)

·~Specify how many seconds should pass between each mailcheck. Default is 30 seconds. You will probably want a longer delay to decrease overhead.

BEEP (optional)

·~Flash screen (and/or beep/play sound with OS 3.x) when new mail arrives.

SAMPLE (optional)

·~Play specified sample when new mail arrives. This option requires OS 3.x because it uses datatypes. There are both IFF 8SVX, AU and WAV sounddatatypes available.

REQUESTER or REQ (optional)

 \cdot Display a requester whenever new mail arrives.

GETMAILCOMMAND or GMC (optional)

·~Doubleclicking Artemis' AppIcon opens a requester. From this requester you can select "Ok", "Get mail" or "Quit". The "Get mail" button will run the command you specify here.

Example:

GMC "THOR:bin/GetTCP News&Mail PUBSCREEN Workbench PASSWORD secret NONEWS MAILSERVER pserv0.cs.uit.no USERNAME troels DELETE"

You do use THOR? If not, check out http://www.cs.uit.no/~kjelli/thor.html for information about the best email and news reader on the Amiga. :-)

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1.5 author

Author

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Thomas Anderson (steiner on IRC)

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I downloaded all Sabot icons I could find on AmiNet and included those icons in this archive. If the icon artists who made these icons protest I will remove the icons.

Sabot18.lha comm/net 28K+E-mail utility. Works with remote filesy AESicons4.lha pix/icon 105K+100 NewIcons! DOpus, new flags, Sabot, more newsaboticons.lha pix/icon 4K+NewIcons sabot icons for >16 col wb. Sabot-Icons.lha pix/icon 4K+3 New Icons For Use With SABOT

The icon artist are:

Aesculape - Phil Vedovatti (vedovatt@u.washington.edu)

bmontgom - bmontgom@morgan.ucs.mun.ca

DavidVoy - David Voy <dvoy@worf.netins.net>

SabotNormal - Scott Ellis <sellis@ucssun1.sdsu.edu> (I think?)
SabotMWB - Klaus Alexander Seistrup and Colin Stuckless
xbiff - The original xbiff authors I think. Got this from

http://www.strath.ac.uk/CC/Courses/oldXC/subsection3_6_4.html

Mostly included for nostalgic reasons. :-)

1.7 history

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Version history

Artemis 1.0 (27.04.96)

- · Initial release
- $\cdot \sim$ Uploaded to ftp.netnet.net but never appeared on aminet!?

Artemis 1.1 (06.05.96)

- Byte count is formatted in bytes/kilobytes/megabytes
- ·~Shows number of mails and bytes in About window.
 Also the TCP currently in use is shown here.
- ·~The icontext wasn't updated if new mail arrived two times in a row.