

**8n1**

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# Chapter 1

## 8n1

### 1.1 8n1.device ~© by L.Lucius

8n1.device - By L.Lucius

A replacement for the standard serial.device  
and based on v34serial.device.

~Distribution~~

What you can do with this

~Disclaimer~~~~

Blah Blah Blah

~Background~~~~

Why I decided to take on this task

~Installation~~

Just follow these simple instructions

~Compatibility~

Differences between 8n1.device & serial.device

~Thanks ~

For the bug reports and suggestions

~Feedback/Bugs~

All reports good or bad are needed

~Change~Log~~~~ A list of all changes made to 8n1.device

### 1.2 Distribution

You may use or misuse this program in any way you like.

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## 1.3 Disclaimer

I will not be held responsible for ANY loss incurred by this program.

## 1.4 Background

When "v34serial.device" showed up on Aminet, I was excited, because all I ever used was 8N1 and RTS/CTS. That was it. I didn't need parity or XON/XOFF or breaks and thought that if the device didn't have to worry about all that then it would be faster.

Well, I used it for awhile, but every now and then it would cause GURUs, so I went back to "artser.device" and forgot about it.

Until a little while ago, when I found out that I would be getting a SLIP connection to the net.

I wanted something faster than "artser.device" and with less overhead. So I went to debugging "v34serial.device" and wound up rewriting the whole thing.

The end result is a minimal serial device replacement that tries to keep system overhead at a reasonable level.

## 1.5 Installation

Simply copy "8n1.device" to the DEVS: directory and tell your communications software the new name.

If your communications software is unable to accept the name of the serial device to use, get the file on Aminet called SerPat20.lha in the hard/driver directory. It will give you this capability.

## 1.6 Compatibility

"8n1.device" should be compatible with the "serial.device" as long as the following options are the only ones used: B-)

```
8 data bits
no parity
1 stop bit
RTS/CTS handshaking or NO handshaking
EOFMODE
```

It also support sending breaks, but not receiving them.

If you need something else, let me know and I'll see what I can do.

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## 1.8 Feedback/Bugs

I have included the source in hopes that some other programmers can make suggestions. It's always better to have more than 1 eye (literally B^) looking at the code.

If you have problems or feedback I would be very glad to hear about it:

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