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Chapter 1

WindowDaemon 1.6

1.1 WindowDaemon 1.6 (15.02.94)

WindowDaemon 1.6

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Thankyou for your ideas/support

History

A very brief history of WindowDaemon

1.2 Its not my fault...

Disclaimer

I hereby reject any liability or responsibility for these or any other consequences from the use of WindowDaemon whatsoever. This includes, but is not limited to, damage to your equipment, to your data, personal injuries, financial loss or any other kinds of side effects.

Although WindowDaemon has been tested thoroughly on several different machines, I cannot rule out the possibility that WindowDaemon

- o is somehow incompatible to your equipment
- o has bugs that show up on your equipment
- o does not do what it is supposed to do on your equipment

It is your responsibility to take any precautions necessary to protect yourself from these or any other effects. I explicitly reject any liability or responsibility from the consequences of you using WindowDaemon.

Swaz.

1.3 Shareware distribution info...

Shareware

WindowDaemon is shareware. The program may be freely distributed and copied, as long as the following conditions are fulfilled:

- o The sales price must not be higher than the cost of an (empty) disk plus a nominal copying fee plus costs for shipping. The total price must not be higher than 5 US\$.
 - o All parts of the program and the documentation must be complete. The distribution of single parts or incomplete subsets of the original distribution is NOT ALLOWED.
 - o WindowDaemon or parts of it may not be sold in combination with or as part of commercial software.
 - o Program and documentation may not be changed in any way.
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- o Permission has been given for distribution through Aminet and Fred Fish.

WindowDaemon is shareware, this means I request those users, who use WindowDaemon, to send me the shareware fee of 10 US\$ (or any other contributions gratefully accepted) to the following address:

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Please include the following information in your registration:

- o your name, address (electronic mail addresses preferred)
- o your Amiga model(s)
- o Kickstart and Workbench versions
- o the WindowDaemon version number

I assure you that the information you send me will be treated confidentially.

I will try and inform everybody, who has registered with me as described above, when a new version of WindowDaemon becomes available.

If you have sent a sharware donation, if possible, you will recieve an update through mail (preferably email).

Thank you very much in advance !

1.4 introduction

Introduction

WindowDaemon gives you more control over intuition windows and screens:

- o Windows and screens can be manipulated by several Arexx commands
 - o The active window may be pushed to the front or back my ← pressing the left and right mouse buttons simultaneously.
- o A special feature

available under kickstart V39 only is the ability to close the parent window when double clicking on a drawer.

- o When closing a workbench drawer window while holding down control its parent drawer window will be opened up.

1.5 Bonus V39 feature!

Special V39 Feature

When you open a drawer on workbench and hold down CONTROL, the currently active window will be closed when workbench has finished displaying the drawers window.

1.6 installation

Installation

Double click on the "install" icon.

1.7 development

What is "matrix.library"

Yet another library to put in your LIBS: drawer.

"matrix.library" has been developed over the last year or so, and has become a general utility library currently containing 167 functions, used by many programs I have written.

Matrix.library is a development tool which will be used in forthcoming releases of programs I have written.

The name "matrix" came from "The Matrix" - The computer system used by the TimeLords (Re: Dr Who).

Current Projects

Current Projects being worked on:

BlankerServer - modular screen blanker

GateKeeper/BBS/Terminal/Console... - bbs/terminal

MatrixSoundDaemon - sound player

MedPlay - med module player

ModePrefs - screen promotion

Plus several miscellaneous (hacky) programs.

1.8 How to use WindowDaemon

How To Use WindowDaemon

Workbench/CLI

Arexx

Sounds

Settings

1.9 How to configure WindowDaemon

WindowDaemon Settings Editor

The editor for WindowDaemon settings may be activated through the WindowDaemon interface by selecting the "Settings" button.

Pop Up - if checked then the interface window will be displayed the first time this program is run.

ALT patch - if checked then patches will be installed for the ALT-CloseWindow to perform the action of closing all workbench windows.

CONTROL patch - if checked then a patch is installed such that when you double click on a drawer on workbench the currently active window will be closed.

Both Buttons - if checked this will enable the window to front or back action to be performed when both mouse buttons are down.

MSDSounds - if checked this will send an Arexx command to the Arexx Port named "PLAY". See Sound Useage

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Reverse Close - if set then when a window is closed its parent

window will be opened. Also when a drawer is opened its parent window will be closed. It is necessary to set the CONTROL patch for these features.

- Arexx Port - Sets the name of the arexx port.
- Font - Sets the font to be used for the windows.
- Listview - This is a list of all the hotkeys, double click on an entry in this list and you get a brief description on what that hotkey action does and you are able to define the hotkey.
- .
- Save - Save the current settings to the icon.
- Use - Use the current settings
- Cancel - Do nothing, though nothing, get Kryten!

1.10 CLI/Workbench Arguments

Workbench/CLI Arguments for WindowDaemon

WindowDaemon can edit and save the tooltypes if you use the editor built into WindowDaemon. See

Settings

The following arguments may be specified as either ToolTypes or entered in on the command line. If possible WindowDaemon will load the tooltypes from the icon (if available) and any cli arguments will override the tooltypes specified.

- AREXXPORTNAME - Sets the name of the arexx port.
Default is "WINDOWDAEMON"
- BOTHBUTTONS - Enable left and right mouse button press to push the active window to the front or back.
Default = TRUE.
- CX_POPKEY - The hot key to display the WindowDaemon interface.
Default = "CONTROL ALT w"
- See HotKey
- CX_POPUP - Show the WindowDaemon interface. Default ←
= TRUE.
- CX_PRIORITY - Set the priority of the WindowDaemon broker.
- CONTROLKEYPATCHES - Install patches to the CONTROL key to close the current window when you open a drawer on workbench, and to open

the parent window when the current drawer is closed.
Also when CONTROL-BACKSLASH is pressed the active window
will be closed (if it has a closegadget).
(NOTE: The close current window patch is only available
under kickstart V39 or higher)

REVERSECLOSE - initial state of the reverse close feature.

FONT - Name and size of the font to use for the window.
Eg. "topaz 8"

HOTKEY_ZIP -
HotKey
to zip/unzip active window

HOTKEY_MAKEBIG -
HotKey
to size window to minimum size

HOTKEY_MAKESMALL -
HotKey
to size window to maximum size

HOTKEY_FRONT -
HotKey
to bring active window to front

HOTKEY_BACK -
HotKey
to push active window to back

HOTKEY_FRONTBACK -
HotKey
to push active window to front or back of display

HOTKEY_CLOSE -
HotKey
to ask active window to close

HOTKEY_CLOSEPARENT -
HotKey
to ask parent of active window to close

HOTKEY_PREVWINDOW -
HotKey
to activate previous window

HOTKEY_NEXTWINDOW -
HotKey
to activate the next window

HOTKEY_NEXTSCREEN -
HotKey
for popping the next screen to front

HOTKEY_SCREENSTOP -
HotKey

for pushing screen to top of display

HOTKEY_FORCECLOSE -
HotKey
for forcefully closing active window (DANGEROUS)

HOTKEY_REMTASKOWNER -
HotKey
for removing task that owns the active window

HOTKEY_SCREENCLOSE -
HotKey
for closing the current screen (VERY DANGEROUS)

HOTKEY_WSCREENFRONT -
HotKey
to bring active windows screen to the front.

HOTKEY_WBTOFRONT -
HotKey
to bring Workbench to the front

HOTKEY_PUBSCREEN -
HotKey
to bring default public screen to the front.

HOTKEY_MAKEPUBSCREEN -
HotKey
to make the active screen the default public screen.
It must however be a public screen.

HOTKEY_CLOSEWBWINDOWS -
HotKey
to close all workbench drawer windows that are open.

HOTKEY_TOGGLEREVERSECLOSE
-
HotKey
to toggle reverse close state.

HOTKEY_INCREASEPRI -
HotKey
to increase the priority of current task

HOTKEY_DECREASEPRI -
HotKey
to decrease the priority of current task

MSDSOUNDS - Allows MSD sounds, default = TRUE

PRIORITY - The priority to run the WindowDaemon task at.

o For convenience shorter equivalents have been added
for the HOTKEY identifiers:

ZP = HOTKEY_ZIP

```

MB = HOTKEY_MAKEBIG
MS = HOTKEY_MAKESMALL
FR = HOTKEY_FRONT
BA = HOTKEY_BACK
FB = HOTKEY_FRONTBACK
CL = HOTKEY_CLOSE
CP = HOTKEY_CLOSEPARENT
PW = HOTKEY_PREVWINDOW
NW = HOTKEY_NEXTWINDOW
NS = HOTKEY_NEXTSCREEN
ST = HOTKEY_SCREENTOP
FC = HOTKEY_FORCECLOSE
RT = HOTKEY_REMTASKOWNER
SC = HOTKEY_SCREENCLOSE
WS = HOTKEY_WSCREENFRONT
WB = HOTKEY_WBTOFRONT
PS = HOTKEY_PUBSCREEN
MP = HOTKEY_MAKEPUBSCREEN
CW = HOTKEY_CLOSEWBWINDOWS
RC = HOTKEY_TOGGLEREVERSECLOSE.
IP = HOTKEY_INCREASEPRI
DP = HOTKEY_DECREASEPRI

```

1.11 How to use WindowDaemon from Arexx

Usage of WindowDaemon with Arexx

WindowDaemon has an arexx port named "WINDOWDAEMON" and it will accept the following commands:

- o The name of the port may be set in the tooltypes or as a cli argument

.

General Commands

```

HIDE          - hide the interface window

QUIT         - ask the WindowDaemon to quit

SHOW        - display the interface window

```

Window Commands

```

BACK         - push active window to the back

CLOSE       - send a close message to the active window

CLOSEPARENT - close the parent window of the active window

CLOSEWBWINDOWS - closes all the drawer windows open on the
                workbench screen.

```

- FORCECLOSE - this will force the active window to be closed without informing any tasks using the window. This is only of use if an application crashes and leaves windows open.
(NOTE: If you close windows that are still in use you may find that you will crash)
- FRONT - bring active window to the front
- FRONTBACK - push active window to the front or back
- INCREASEPRI - increase priority of task owning current window
- DECREASEPRI - decrease priority of task owning current window
- MAKEBIG - size active window to maximum dimensions
- MAKESMALL - size active window to minimum dimensions
- NEXTWINDOW - activate the next window
- PREVWINDOW - activate the previous window
- ZIP - zip/unzip the active window.

Screen Commands

- CLOSESCREEN - this will close the active screen without informing any tasks using the screen. If necessary any windows on the screen are also closed without informing the tasks that own them. This is only of use if an application crashes and leaves screens open.
(NOTE: If you close screens that are still in use you may find that you will crash)
- MAKEPUBSCREEN - make the active screen the default public screen, it must however be a public screen.
- NEXTSCREEN - pop the next screen to the front of the display and activate its last window.
- PUBSCREENTOFRONT - bring the default public screen to the front
- SCREENTOP - pop the active screen to the top of the display at (0,0)
- WINDOWSCREENFRONT - bring the screen with the active window to the front.
- WORKBENCHTOFRONT - bring the Workbench screen to the front.

Miscellaneous Commands

REMTASKOWNER - this will *REMOVEo the task that owns the active window.

TOGGLEREVERSECLOSE - this toggles the current state of the reverse close feature for CONTROL CLOSEWINDOW.

The above commands may be executed from CLI via Arexx by typing

```
rx ' address <PORTNAME> <COMMAND>
```

Examples:

1) To quit the WindowDaemon

```
rx ' address WINDOWDAEMON QUIT
```

2) To close the active window

```
rx ' address WINDOWDAEMON CLOSE
```

3) To zip/unzip the active window

```
rx ' address WINDOWDAEMON ZIP
```

1.12 Audio effects for windows...

MSD/UPD Sounds

WindowDaemon will play sounds through a Sound Daemon such as MSD or UPD. These add an Arexx port to the system called "PLAY" and the following sound id's are sent to the port:

WindowDaemon/CloseScreen	- when a screen is closed
WindowDaemon/CloseWindow	- when a window is sent a CLOSEWINDOW
WindowDaemon/CloseWindowTrue	- when you FORCE a window to be closed
WindowDaemon/DecreaseTaskPriority	- task priority decreased
WindowDaemon/DefaultPubScreen	- when the default pub screen is brought
WindowDaemon/IncreaseTaskPriority	- task priority increased
WindowDaemon/NextWindow	- activation of next window
WindowDaemon/NextScreen	- activation of next screen and window
WindowDaemon/RemTaskOwner	- removal of task owning window to the front
WindowDaemon/ScreenToTop	- screen has been moved to (0,0)
WindowDaemon/WindowBig	- window is made big
WindowDaemon/WindowScreenToFront	- the active windows screen has been brought to the front
WindowDaemon/WindowSmall	- window is made small
WindowDaemon/WindowToBack	- when window pushed to back of display
WindowDaemon/WindowToFront	- when window brought to front of display
WindowDaemon/WorkbenchToFront	- when you bring workbench to the front
WindowDaemon/ZipWindow	- zip/unzip

- o Sounds are only available if the
 tooltypes or cli argument
 MSDSOUNDS
 is set to TRUE.
 Example: MSDSOUNDS=TRUE

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MSD is Copyright © 1992,93 David Swasbrook. (Not released yet)

1.13 updates

Update Information

I will try and further improve WindowDaemon if I have time for it.
 Registered users will at least get a notification when new versions of
 WindowDaemon get available that contain significant changes or enhancements.

New versions of WindowDaemon will also be available on the Internet per
 "anonymous FTP" (look on Aminet).

In order to be able to improve and/or correct WindowDaemon, I would like to
 ask every user to do the following:

- o send me the registration fee of US\$ 10
- o send me bug reports, if you find any bugs
- o give me hints how to improve WindowDaemon

Thank you very much in advance !

1.14 What is a hot key...

What is a HotKey?

HotKey description strings have the following template:

```
[CLASS] (([-]QUAL)|SYN)o [[-]UPSTROKE] [HIGHMAP|ANSICODE]
```

CLASS

QUAL

```

    SYN

    UPSTROKE

    HIGHMAP

    ANSICODE
    (o means zero or more occurrences of the of the expression in ←
    brackets)

```

Examples:

"CONTROL \"

This hot key is activated when the "\" (backslash) key and the control key are pressed at the same time. We can set this to close the active window by setting the

tooltypes or cli argument
like:

```

    HOTKEY_CLOSE="CONTROL \"
or    CL="CONTROL \"

```

"LALT SHIFT F10"

This hot key is activated when the LEFT ALT key, either SHIFT key and F10 are pressed at the same time. We can set this to zip the active window by setting the

tooltypes or cli argument
like:

```

    HOTKEY_ZIP="LALT SHIFT F10"
or    ZP="LALT SHIFT F10"

```

"LCOMMAND A"

- This is actually the equivalent of "LCOMMAND SHIFT a"

1.15 CLASS

CLASS

Is one of the following strings:

```

RAWKEY, RAWMOUSE, EVENT, POINTERPOS, TIMER, NEWPREFS,
DISKREMOVED, DISKINSERTED

```

If not specified, the class is taken to be RAWKEY.

1.16 QUAL

QUAL

Is one (or more) of the following strings:

LSHIFT, RSHIFT, CAPSLOCK, CONTROL, LALT, RALT, LCOMMAND,
RCOMMAND, NUMERICPAD, REPEAT, MIDBUTTON, RBUTTON, LEFTBUTTON,
RELATIVEMOUSE

A preceding '-' means that the value of the corresponding
qualifier is to be considered irrelevant.

1.17 SYN

SYN

*** Syn (synonym) is one (or more) of the following strings:

SHIFT, CAPS, ALT

SHIFT - left or right shift
CAPS - shift or capslock
ALT - either alt key

1.18 UPSTROKE

UPSTROKE

If this token is absent, only DOWNSTROKES are considered
for RAWMOUSE (MOUSEBUTTONS) and RAWKEY events. If it is
present alone, only UPSTROKES count. If it preceded by
'-' it means that both up and down strokes are included.

1.19 HIGHMAP

HIGHMAP

One of the following strings:

COMMA, SPACE, BACKSPACE, TAB, ENTER, RETURN, ESC, DEL, UP,
DOWN, RIGHT, LEFT, HELP, F1, F2, F3, F4, F5, F6, F7, F8, F9,
F10, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, (,), /, *, -, +

1.20 ANSICODE

ANSICODE

A single character token is interpreted as a character code,
which is looked up in the system default keymap.

1.21 Only the english locale is currently supported...

Locale Support

The WindowDaemon interface supports locale, unfortunately I have not done translations for any languages other than english.

Included in the archive is the Catalog Translation file just in case you would like to translate it into your locale.

Catalog filename matrix/windowdaemon.catalog

1.22 List of contributors

Contributors

Special thanx to Barry McConnel for suggestions, bug reports and testing.

1.23 history

History Information

- 'V1.6' o Aminet release
 - 'V1.5' o Added task priority control of active window
 - o Beta release only.
 - 'V1.4' o Fixed data-alignment problem
 - o Added locale support.
 - o Control-\ patch added to CONTROLKEYPATCHES to close the active window. This was added so you can close any window not just cli's with this key combination.
 - o Hopefully have fixed the 'bug' that would occasionally lock the system when you double clicked on an icon while holding down control.
 - o Added option to reverse the CONTROL-CLOSEWINDOW and CONTROL-DOUBLECLICK on drawer. To get normal window actions you need to hold down control if this flag is set. This is toggleable via a hotkey or arexx command. New arguments REVERSECLOSE, RC=HOTKEY_TOGGLEREVERSECLOSE.
 - o Beta release only.
-

`V1.3' o Internal release only.

`V1.2' o Internal release only.

`V1.1' o Now has a user interface to configure all the hotkeys

- o Added new argument/tooltypes: CONTROLKEYPATCHES,
MP=HOTKEY_MAKEPUBSCREEN, CW=HOTKEY_CLOSEWBWINDOWS

- o New arexx commands: MAKEPUBSCREEN, CLOSEWBWINDOWS

- o Can now open parent when you close a workbench drawer window
when holding down the CONTROL key

`V1.0' o Initial release on Aminet.
