

AmiNote

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Chapter 1

AmiNote

1.1 AmiNote v2.1a - DFD Ltd.

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1.2 Introduction

Introduction

AmiNote was written to automate the process of adding the SHORT description to a file as a filenote, then copy or move the file to either a BBS file directory structure, or an AmiNet Mirror on your hard drive. Then optionally delete the ".readme" file from the download directory. Maybe a time saving utility for BBS sysops.

This program will read an aminet RECENT file, then add the SHORT description to the archive as a filenote. AmiNote then looks at the aminet path that the file came from, then decides which BBS file directory to move the archive to - determined by a configuration file, or moves it to your aminet mirror directory.

For some reason it seems most people uploading files to aminet have no idea what "add a 40 character description to your upload." means. They think it means 50 characters or 80 characters. So, this program will look to see if you have the downloaded archives companion ".readme" file. If so, then AmiNote will add the full SHORT description (up to 79 chars.) to the archive as a filenote. Otherwise, AmiNote will add the (possibly)

truncated at 40 chars. SHORT description as found in the aminet RECENT file.

AmiNote is written in ARexx, then crunched using The ReXXmAsHeR v0.4g.

1.3 Install / Setup

You can install or upgrade AmiNote by hand or by clicking the Install button below.

Install button only works if the Current Directory is where you unarched the AmiNote archive. Or you can cd to the dir you unarched to and from the shell enter "RX Install_AmiNote.rexx".

1st time AmiNote users MUST DO:

1. If you are setting up AmiNote for the first time you must edit the included configuration file "s/AmiNote.config". This only applies if you are using "User Definded" Destination. If you are using "AmiNet Mirror" mode, then you do not need this config file.

Note: If you used AmiNoteBBS you can use its config file by deleting the "arc_path", "def_recent", and "log_file" lines at the top of the file, then rename it as "s/AmiNote.config".

These are all the aminet subdirectories (as of Mar 95 - and I do not have an internet account, so have no way of updating this file), taken from the pub/aminet/TREE file. Followed by YOUR BBS directory path. Your BBS files directory path must end with either : or /

example;

```
biz/dbase dh2:Utilities/  
comm/bbs dh2:Telecom/
```

Note: Any line in the configure file beginning with a ; (semi-colon) will be treated as a "comment" line.

2. When finished editing s/AmiNoteBBS.config, copy it to your S: assigned directory.

AmiNet is frequently adding new directories. When AmiNote comes across an archive path it does not recognise, a requester is popped up asking you where to Copy/Move files to when they are from this new aminet directory. This info is added to the s/AmiNote.config file so the next time you run the program it will recognise the new dir.

If using "AmiNet Mirror" mode, then the new directory will be created for you automaticly.

Installing AmiNote By Hand:

1. Copy AmiNote wherever you want, and the Run_AmiNote script and icon if you are going to be starting it from Workbench.

2. Copy the library file included in this archive `libs/` directory to your `LIBS:` assigned directory.

`libs/apig.library` (included in archive)

- 2a. You must also have the following libraries in your `LIBS:` assigned directory;

`asl.library` (supplied with WB2+)
`rexsyslib.library` (supplied with WB2+)
`rexsupport.library` (supplied with WB2+)

3. If you are upgrading from an earlier version you will need to make a new directory called `"DFD"` in your `ENV:` and `ENVARC:` assigned directories. Then move your `"ENV:AmiNote.prefs"` file to `ENV:DFD/`, and your `"ENVARC:AmiNote.prefs"` file to `ENVARC:DFD/`.

You must have `RexxMast` already running before you run `AmiNote`. You can either drop `RexxMast` in your `WBStartup` drawer, or add it to your `user-startup`.

`AmiNote` requires `Amiga OS 2.0+`. I have no way of testing it, but am pretty sure it will also work with `OS 3+`.

Install AmiNote Now

1.4 Program Use

`AmiNote` is started from a `CLI` or `Shell`, there are no command line `↔` args.

Or by double-clicking the `"Run_AmiNote"` icon.

Menus

User Interface

1.5 Menus

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Destination

AmiNet Mirror

User Defined

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Save Prefs

1.6 About

Displays program completion date, author name address, voice & email phone numbers, and your registration number.

In the UnRegistered version this About requester will pop up from time to time to remind you to register.

No options or features are disabled in the unregistered version. The only difference in the Registered version is the only time you see the About requester is when you select it.

The keyboard shortcut is Right-Amiga-A.

1.7 Quit

Close any open files and exit program.

The keyboard shortcut is Right-Amiga-Q.

1.8 Destination - AmiNet Mirror

When you switch to "AmiNet Mirror" mode, the "Config" gadget will change to read "Mirror". Using this mode will create a mirror of aminet on your hard drive. All you need to tell AmiNote is the ROOT directory of your mirror.

1.9 Destination - User Defined

When in "User Defined" mode, AmiNote will get its destination directories where it Copies or Moves the archives to from the Config file.

This option is the default.

1.10 Log Toggle

Turns the LOG file off and on. When in the off state, "-OFF-" will be displayed on the User Interface as the "Log" filename.

The keyboard shortcut is Right-Amiga-L.

Log

RAM:AmiNote.log

Do It!

(* = default ←
option)

1.13 Move Files

Move files from your download directory to the BBS file directory or to your aminet mirror directory - depending on which of the two modes you are in.

There is no such thing as a "real" MOVE command. In reality it is a COPY/DELETE two part operation.

This option is the default.

1.14 Copy Files

Copy files from your download directory to the BBS file directory or to your aminet mirror directory, and does not delete the files in your download directory.

1.15 Notes Only

Add SHORT description as filenote, and do not Copy or Move the files to their destination directories. If you have the Log turned on then it will show you where it "would" have copied each file to.

1.16 Move .readme

Move .readme file to the archive destination directory. Meaning the .readme file will be COPIED to the destination then DELETED from the archive directory.

1.17 Copy .readme

Copy .readme file to the archive destination directory. Meaning the .readme file will be COPIED to the destination but NOT DELETED from the archive directory.

1.18 Delete .readme

After getting the SHORT description from the .readme file it will be deleted from your download directory.

This option is the default.

1.19 Save .readme

With this option set the .readme file will not be Copied or Moved, or deleted from your download directory.

1.20 Force Note

Overwrite any existing filenotes.
Some terminal program write filenotes to your downloads, so this option forces AmiNote to ignore them.

This option is the default.

1.21 Skip Noted

Skip any file with a filenote.
No new filenote will be written to the file, and it will not be Copied or Moved.

1.22 Archive Path

This is where you download files to. Click the gadget and a requester will pop up to choose your archives path.

1.23 RECENT File

This is the path and filename of your AmiNet RECENT file. This is where AmiNote gets the filename, aminet tree, and SHORT description from.
Click the gadget and a requester will pop up to choose the RECENT path and filename.

The default is Arc_Path/RECENT

1.24 User Defined Destination

When in "User Defined" mode, the "Config" will be the path and filename to your custom config file. By default this is "s/AmiNote.config". Click the gadget will pop up a requester to choose a new config file.

When in "AmiNet Mirror" mode, this gadget will change to "Mirror". Click the gadget will pop up a requester to choose your AmiNet Mirror ROOT directory - the equivalent of the AmiNet "pub/aminet/" directory. All the mirror subdirectories will be created in this root directory.

If you want to make a Mirror but spread it across several hard drives, then you will have to use the "User Defined" mode and set up the config to move the files to your destinations.

1.25 Log File

This is the path and filename of your LOG file. In this file you will find information about what AmiNote did with the archive files.

If you turn the Log OFF via the menu, the Log filename will be displayed as "-OFF-".

1.26 Do It!

When you click this gadget AmiNote will go into action and start processing files. A CONsole window will be opened to display processing information.

Sorry, there is no abort. Maybe in an update version if I see any user interest in this program.

1.27 AmiNote History

AmiNote is a combination of two Shell-only programs I wrote called "AmiNoteBBS" and "AmiNoteMirror".

AmiNote:

v2.1a - 10-Jul-95

Cleaned up various parts of the code. It is slightly faster than the previous version - a little smaller too.

Removed the "Debug" menu option. Now when you click "Do It!", it opens a CONsole window to display file info. I did this so you can start AmiNote from Workbench and still see the info display. It no longer shows any message packet information.

v2.1 - 17-May-95

I guess this is really the first public release. v2.0 was compiled

using REXXPlus, and I just couldn't stand how BLOATED it was. So only a few people got that version. Now I have The ReXXmAsHer so the program is quite a bit smaller than the previous. V2.0 is 84k+ using REXXPlus, plus 28k for the proprietary rexxplslib.library - totaling about 112k. And I didn't really see very much of a speed increase as they claim. The source to v2.1 is about 500 bytes larger (about 18k) and comes out to about 6k after using The ReXXmAsHer.

Changed the gadgets from BUTTON_KIND to MX_KIND (mutual exclusive). I had tried to use them in v2.0 but hadn't figured how to "force" a button ON (loading prefs at startup). I'm working with an os1.3 RKM and guessing at the rest, so progress is sometimes slow.

Changed the ".readme" gadget options to allow Copying or Moving the .readme file to the destination directory. This was added mostly for use with the AmiNet Mirror mode, but will also work in the User Defined path mode.

Even though there is one more gadget, the window size is slightly smaller than v2.0.

Cleaned up some of the code to make it smaller and faster. I see a few more things I can optimize in the next version.

v2.0 - 25-Apr-95

First public release.

Added GUI.

Bug fix in AmiNoteBBS (now "User Defined" mode); if a file came from a aminet directory that was not in your config file, the file would not be Copied or Moved - only deleted... oops.

AmiNoteBBS:

v1.1a - 12-Apr-95

A BIG OOPS BUG FIX!! (how embarrassing)

The previous versions worked properly only for WShell users. And <gasp> didn't Copy or Move the archives... only Deleted them... Sorry about that! I've been using WShell since '87 and forgot there are non ARexx-literate Shells out there.

Changed docs; it had said it would work with an Aminet RECENT or INDEX file, which was not the case. It works only with the RECENT files. The INDEX has slightly different spacing. Maybe in a later version I'll make it work with the INDEX also.

v1.1 - 07-Apr-95

Now it gets the SHORT description from the .readme file if it exists. V1.0 was supposed to, but didn't.

Added -f flag to load a configure file other than the default.
NOTE: In v1.0 -f loaded an alternate RECENT file.

v1.0 - 03-Apr-95

First public release.

AmiNoteMirror:

v1.0a - 12-Apr-95

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v1.0 - 03-Apr-95

First public release.

1.28 Credits

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