

# About

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# Chapter 1

## About

### 1.1 About, main menu

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Music File System V1.55  
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Address

Questions? Problems? Write to me!

Included files

Like that, included files

© Copyright

Copyright MFS

Know Bugs

Yes, there are some bugs in MFS

History

The history of MFS

Future updates

Future updates information

### 1.2 Know Bugs

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Here are the know bugs in MFS:

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\*Pitch style sometimes gives 00 instead of 10, 12, 15, 17 or 20!  
I can't find the problem, tests reveal no problem!

AmigaGuide  
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Something strange happend when I tried to use a newer version of Amigaguide.datatype (v40+) to display Menus.guide. It was not possible for me to load the Index (Multiview locked up). I now use the old datatype (V39) and everything works just as it should. You might want to check out the 'Sys:Classes/Datatypes/' directory.

Kickstart 3.1  
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I can use kick 3.1 on my 3.0 machine by using the MapRom tool of my Blizzard turbocard. I noticed that under this kickrom 3.1 a MFS' Interlaced screen does NOT work correctly.

### 1.3 Amiga, the choice of a new generation

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Write to me!  
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If you want to contact me for any number of reasons then write to the following address:

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Don't forget to write down the version of the Music File System you use, your system configuration and, if you have a bug report, how it happend!

### 1.4 ©Copyright

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Copyrights MFS  
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I, Rene Frank Bisschop hold the copyright on the following software, program, text and or graphics:

-The Music File System, main program called : MFS.MAIN  
Sample converter: SampleConvert  
SMM player: SMMplay  
MFS.Main script file (MFS\_Vx.xx)  
Assign script file (Assign)  
First time document (MFS.Readme)  
-Icons for:  
The Music File System (MFS\_Vx.xx)

Project MFL (Def\_MFL)  
Project MFS (Def\_MFS)  
PrinterFiles (Def\_PRT)  
PrinterFiles Information file (Def\_PRI)  
SMM to IFF (Def\_IFF)  
IFF to SMM (Def\_SMM)  
Sample converter (SampleConvert.info)  
SMMplay (SMMplay.info)  
The guides ([name].Guide)  
Assign icon (Assign.info)  
FirstTime icon (MFS.readme.info)  
-All the text in Menus.Guide, About.Guide, Converter.Guide  
Player.Guide and Tutor.Guide  
-All tutor examples

Music File System V1.55 is ©1998 R.F.Bisschop  
Amospro V2.00 is ©1992 Europress software.  
Craft V1.00 is ©1993 Black Legend Software and Solaris.  
Printfiles is ©1985-1992 Commodore Amiga Inc.  
Magic Workbench icons for the drawers ©Martin Huttenloher

## 1.5 Included files

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### Included files

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After extracting MFS.Lha you will get the following files:

Main directory:

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MFS.Main  
MFS\_V1.55  
MFS\_V1.55.info  
MFS.CFG  
Nodes.SYS  
Assign (script)  
Assign.info  
MFS.readme (FirstTime Document)  
MFS.readme.info

Documents directory:

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Menu.Guide  
About.Guide  
Converter.Guide  
Player.Guide  
and icons

Files directory:

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Tutor01.MFS  
Tutor02.MFS  
TutorMFL.MFL

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Files/Datafiles Directory

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Tutor01.STT  
Tutor02.STT  
TutorMFL.STT  
Tutor.TPE

Icons directory:

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Def\_MFL, Default icon for a Multifile project  
Def\_MFS, Default icon for a (Single) project  
Def\_PRT, Default icon for a 'Print to File' file  
Def\_PFI, Default icon for a 'Print to File' information file  
Def\_GDE, Default icon for a MFS guide  
Def\_SMM, Default icon for SMM samples  
Def\_IFF, Default icon for IFF samples

Tools:

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Printfiles, ©1985-1992 Commodore Amiga Inc.  
SMMplay  
SampleConvert  
and there icons

Tutor:

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Tutor.Guide and icon

## 1.6 Future updates

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Future updates  
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Future plans:

- Language support
- Goto next sample
- Extended play sample

Also :

History

## 1.7 History

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The History Of The Music File System  
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When I bought my first Amiga 500 (1987/Kick1.2/512kb) I wanted to do something special and usefull with it. So I fooled around in Amiga Basic

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and created the first version of MFS, which was called CDL (Compact Disc List). Compared to this version it was quite simple but the 'basics' are still the same.

Later on in life I got myself a copy of Amos V1.0. I constructed a new version of CDL, CDS (Compact Disc System). CDS reached version 7 and was a nice program to work with. But I wanted more, I wanted something better. So here is MFS. I been working on and off it for the last two years (1995).

Ps. Remember this : AMIGA, dE gROotStE fAmILie VaN NeDERLaNd !!

Computer used creating version 1.50

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Amiga 1200, 2MB Chip/16MB Fast, Blizzard 1230-III + SCSI Kit,  
3 Disk drives, 270 MB Harddisk, 1GB Iomega Jazz, Star LC24-10 printer  
and 1084S Video Monitor. Optional Epson styles 600 printer.

Version 1.00 (01/01/1997)

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Here's a list of some of the (major) new features:  
Upto 9999 albums. New medium type indicating (CD-SGL etc.). Support lots  
of mediums now, not only CD's. Different screen mode support & auto detect.  
Year, Label and Comment added. Multi file mode (and all it's functions).  
Buffer size change. Workbench look. Extended configuration file.  
Merge & split functions trou-out the program. You can add a sample now.  
Sample player & Song player. Time calculator. Tape selection in a window.  
Extended preferences. Extended Statistics and lots, lots more....  
Ps. I really wanted to release V1.0 at the first of the first of 1996 but  
lots of problems popped up and also my life took some twisted turns!!

Version 1.05 (01/03/1997)

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New : Online help/guide reader  
Minor & Major bug fixes!

Version 1.10-1.20 (31/07/1997)

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New : New preferences (lay out) with some new (print) functions!  
New : Text style added for albums & songs, also for printing  
New : Printer: NLQ/Draft select  
New : Printer: Pitch 10, 12 and 17 auto select, 15 and 20 manual select  
New : Add keys : You can now abort the operation  
New : Clock alarm!!  
New : Text input : Now possible to enter text longer than size of input box  
New : Header/Footer: Longer text possible, text style and double width!  
Bug fixes:  
-Text input : Delete ALL right from cursor  
-Header/Footer text can be as long as you like <!>  
-Text style : File format change for .MFS and .TPE files  
-Text style : Correct display + scrollers + bar drag  
-Indicator bar now correct when switching between file types  
-No icon is saved (if exists) using Multi update  
-Tape Preferences : Display correct (Disco/Fade time)  
-Window cycle gadget : Mouse pointer correct now  
-A few small bugs

Version 1.30 (09/1997)

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## New:

- Tools (New version. Used to be external, now internal). Includes: Rename, Delete, Mkdir, Copy and Relocate.
- Ps. Original Tools version reached V1.02, date 07/97.
- Auto Assign if MFS: (Volume) is not found
- Guide viewer, print option now active!
- Inputting text, special characters use (also) keyboard control
- Preferences: Due to 'Garbage collection' during printing, Amos forced me to use a 'wait' instruction, which will wait according to the value set in the preferences.

## Changes:

- Manipulations/Input with auto search for free key, Next free key will be searched from the last searched position, not number 1 as before. You can abort auto search by hitting one of the mouse keys.
- Serial number removed!
- From now on only HD support for the program. Inside the program you can still use floppies for data storage.
- Project Icons are now not created from within the program but copied from the MFS:Icons/ drawer.
- Requester if 'Flip to Workbench gadget' is pressed.
- Flip to Workbench gadget trou-out the program.

## Bugs:

- Bottom margin in Printer options correct.
- Guide reader nodes. Mem-List big enough now.
- Tape, save name not in main window.
- Screen display will now be refreshed after an auto-input manipulation.
- Question/Volume requester includes HELP key check.
- Printer prefs: Pitch & Lines now correct.
- Top Margin error first page removed
- Header pitch question correct (Now only at first page).
- Print tape file extended now correct
- The printer problem with Online/Offline is salved.
- Font problem after clock update resolved.
- Display stays correct while scrolling 4x8

Version 1.40 (01/1998)

## New:

- New statistics routine. The 'old' one was much too narrow. New window layout, new storage system (incompatible with old file style). Statistics much more accurate. Supports ANY type of medium!!! Data file size smaller. Includes New printing routine.
- Printer output to file.
- This includes some changes to the preferences menu, a icon for the output file and the PrintFiles in the /Tools drawer.
- Now also 'To File' without Printer Escape codes and an information file is added.
- Set style : Range
- Guide can load/save node list (saves 'lots' of time)

## Changes:

- File write format, from PC format (13,10) to Amiga format (10,-1) It also saves disk space, quite a lot of space!!!
- Input shift+delete and shift+back now without 1/50th of second wait
- Medium type selection changed. You can make, create and use your own types. Changes made to Manipulation/Prefs/Search.
- Due to new medium types search operation changed a little bit more

- then average, I thought I should let you know!!
- Status with guide help reading nodes.
- Print Help Page/Book: header, footer and buttons now correct

## Bugs:

- Split function could split 10.000, that's 1 to much, correct now!
- Preferences bug removed

Version 1.50 (06/1998)

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## New:

- Samples can only be played in own SMM format.  
Use the NEW converter to convert samples to the SMM format
- Loader, brandnew routine
- Ask volume, brandnew routine, comes with loader
- Text input, routine optimized.
- 2 new programs in tools drawer:  
SampleConvert, convert IFF samples to the SMM format  
SMMplay, a CD player for SMM samples.
- The song player has been removed
- The PLAY function in the contents just plays now. No window, no options.

## Changes:

- The normal contents-player has been adapted for use with SMM samples
- Arrow keys in Manipulations/Changes for going trou the list of songs has been sped up a bit. Wait 20 -> Wait 15
- The time, when a button is pressed, before continuation is sped up from 4 to 3 50th of a second
- Add new keys: Add '100 keys' has been removed and replaced by '???'. This means that you can input any number of keys to add to the database.
- Add new keys: The requester -press right mouse ... - has been changed into a display message with the number of keys to be created. Also new if the fact that you now can cancel the adding from there, instead of only while adding the new keys. \*\*\* \_YN has been changed:P\$="4"/"5" \*\*\*
- Due to lots of bugs in the MEDIUM TYPES I had to make a few changes. You can now preset 50 medium types, just like the statistics. Also some options have been added. Check it out, the preferences menu. I don't like to admit it but I did sloppy work the last time!
- Medium types in Goto/Search/Manipulations work fine now!
- ALL filenames now with a maximum of 30 characters except Printer filename, set to 20 characters

## Bugs:

- No bar display if database is empty
- Help: Help restart after error nodes correct now
- Statistics: Can't create statistics with an empty database
- Statistics: Display is cleared if you go from a long statistics file to a small one.
- No more blue text when the Alarm clock is active!

Version 1.55 (08/1998)

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## New:

- FormFeed added to printer prefs (Epson styles is namely GFX based!)
- Printer spacing added (Not functioning)

## Bugs:

- The input cursor of Manipulations/Erase correct color
- Loader cursor correct color
- PPrefs, preferences window leaves other windows alone now
- Preferences Text lines input box correct

- Input box Multi new correct display
- Top Bottom margin printing without doubling escape codes all the time
- Bottom margin big error: Prefs(5) must be Prefs(7)
- Footer on/off correct detect while printing
- No more empty pages if a print job fills pages exactly!  
Ps. This must be one of the oldest bugs ever. I've always had problems with this. I think this bug dates back even before CDL!!!!
- Statistics date now DATE i.s.o. DATA

Also :

Updates