UpRC

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UpRC - Aminet Upload Readme Creator

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Introduction

UpRC is an utility for easy creating Aminet upload readme
files. There are some tools available doing this job. But
none of them are really useable in my mind and provide all
features of the Aminet readmes.

This program is heavily under construction, so you may
request some extensions, changes or bugfixes to

me
.

A note about the
                 Aminet directories
                  page: This page will be
never completed. There appear and disappear nearly every
week directories. This page will give only an overview and
is completely taken from Aminet CD-ROM 27.

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                    Requirements

* OS 3.0+ - Good to have it :)
* nodelist.library (included in this package)
*
                 textfield.gadget
                  (included in this package)
* enough free memory (min 2M)
* "ENV:" and "ENVARC:" assigns for saving settings files
  in

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This text was taken from the original distribution of
textfield.gadget:

 License for textfield.gadget version 3.1

The   files   included   are   textfield.gadget   and   its
documentation (not in this package - P.P.).

COPYRIGHT

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at your own risk.

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products that use the textfield.gadget file, only that file
needs to be distributed. For development purposes, the
gadget and its documentation should be all distributed
together.

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what type of software the gadget class is used in:
commercial, freeware, shareware, or whatever.

1) Note in the program and documentation that
   textfield.gadget is Copyright © 1995 Mark Thomas.

2) You must give me a copy (address below) of the software
   it is used in which includes different versions of the
   software that use the gadget. There should be no cost to
   me. The purpose is to track the gadget's usage for
   future developments.

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 Installation

To install the UpRC software use the Installer script for
the AT/AI-Installer (available from Aminet).

You should install the setup file and the upload types list
from this archive! It's hard to type in all upload types
per hand; I've done it for you.

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long as the archive remains intact, and only a nominal fee
is charged for its distribution.

This software is provided "as is" without warranty of any

kind, either expressed or implied. By using it, you agree
to accept the entire risk as to the quality and performance
of the program.

It's not recommended to include a note into readme files
created using UpRC.

The

                textfield.gadget
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  Send me also an email if you just like this proggy :)

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                Usage

It's very simple to use this program. The main window is
splitted into several pages. These pages are selectable at
the top of the window:

                Edit
                Enter here the readme contents.

                Upload types
                Change/add the upload directory (type).

                Settings
                Global program setups.

Some functions are only available from the program menu
like:

   Menu "Project"

                New

                    Clear all entries.

                    Open
                    Load any Aminet readme file.

                    Save (as)
                    Save the current readme.
        About   Informations about
                    me
                      .
        Quit   Exit UpRC.

      Menu "Description"

     This menu is only available if the "Edit/Description"
     page is active.

                    Clear
                    Clear description contents.

                    Load
                    Load in new description text.

                    Insert
                    Insert in description.

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                    Usage of the "Edit" page

This page is splitted again into three pages named:

                    Required
                    Enter the required entries.

                    Additional
                    Type here the additional entries.

                    Description
                    Edit the long description.

If you're not sure about the format of Aminet readme files,
read the
                    About readme files
                     chapter now.

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 Usage of the "Edit - Required" page
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You have to enter in the text input gadgets the recommended
information about the archive to upload like   short
description, name of uploader and the name of the author.

To select the upload type (Aminet directory) press the
"type button" and select the requested entry in the opened
window and do the same in the window opening after that.

Note: All entries at this page are required for creating
the Aminet archive readme file but UpRC did'nt check the
validity of the entered data!

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 Usage of the "Edit - Additional" page
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Here you may enter some additional information about the
archive to upload (german short description, replacement
information, requirements and version).

If you leave any field empty it will not appear in the
readme file later.

At the bottom of this page, you can enter a filename
of the corresponding archive file. But this feature is'nt
used in this version of UpRC.

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              Usage of the "Edit - Description" page
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You can enter here some additional informations about your
archive to upload. This text input field is'nt very
configurable so you must include linfeeds by hand (pressing
"RETURN").

You should always include one or more linefeeds at the top
of the description text for better looking in the result.
UpRC can't handle it correctly.

There are options to
            clear
            ,
            load
             and
            insert
             text from
program menu "Description", which is only available at this
page.

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Usage of the "Upload types" page

At this page, its possible to edit the upload types list.
In the left listview are all (current) main upload
directories available and by clicking any entry in this
list in the right listview all corresponding
subdirectories are shown.

The "Save" button will save the complete list forever and
the "Use" button store it temporarily. The "Restore" button
will load the last saved list again.

The upload type is very important, because many software
at the Aminet will appear in wrong directories and never
found by the user. So look
here
to show the descriptions
of every upload (sub-)directory taken from Aminet.

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 Usage of the "Settings" page

Here you can enter some global program settings:

Font: You may select here the (fixed width sized) font for
    use in the textfield.gadget display. Default is
    topaz.font, size 8.

Archive pattern:
    Pattern matching for selecting archive file. Default is
    "(#?.lha|#?.lzx|#?.jpg|#?.mpg)". Don'nt change it. Only
    these archive/file types are allowed yet to upload into
    Aminet.

The "Save" button will save the settings forever and the
"Use" button store it temporarily. The "Restore" button
loads the last saved settings.

If you select "Save" or "Use" also the current window
positions are saved.

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 New project

This menu item will clear all input done by user. It will
reset UpRC in the state as at program startup.

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Loading readme files

UpRC tries to load any Aminet readme file but it relies on the
right syntax
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After reading the provided fields, it loads the rest as
long description. The optional listing of the archive
contents will be leaved out but this part of code did'nt
work very intuitive.

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Saving readme files

Saves the current entered specifications as a full Aminet
upload readme file. All empty areas are not written. UpRC
did'nt check if the readme contents going conform with the
specifications by the Aminet providers.

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Clear description

Clears the current description. All text will be lost!

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Load description

Load a new text as description for the readme file. Note
that any file will be loaded without checking. Make sure
you only load real text files.

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Insert text into description

Insert text into current description at actual cursor
position. You should only load real text files to insert!

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 Future of UpRC

- including list of archive contents into the long
  description automatically.
- intial program setups provided by tooltypes.
- Better and more error messages in system requesters.
- Clipboard support for textfield.gadget.
- ARexx interface

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 History

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V1.1    22.11.1998 (minor update)
        - Bug:    Removing   entries   in   the   upload   types
                  editor    did'nt    work    and    will   crash
                  sometimes your Amiga; thanks to Andreas.
        - Change: Note:  Upload   types   editor  handling  has
                  changed completely.
        - Bug:    Some  enforcer-hits  (mainly  produced  by
                  wrong memory (de-)allocations) removed.
        - Change: Register   titles   appears   now   as  single
                  coloured text.
        - Change: Selecting  upload types in the edit window
                  is  now  possible  by  doubleclicking   at  the
                  requested entry.
        - Add:    Selecting        textfield.gadget       font
                  implemented (fixed width only).
        - Add:    Documentation    extended    by    upload
                  directories descriptions.
        - Bug:    Textfield handling bug removed.
        - Change: Restoring  settings   and   upload  types  now
                  works fine.
        - Change: Distribution   field   of   readme   files  now
                  supported.
        - Change: Gadget  shortcuts  removed.   There  is  a bug
                  in the GUI engine!
        - Bug:    Reading     readme     files    bug    (long
                  description) removed.
        - Add:    New    menu    "description"   for    long
                  description handling included.
        - Add:    UpRC  remembers  now  last  saved  window
                  position.
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V1.0    07.11.1998
        - First release.
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 Informations about readme files and uploading

The following text was taken directly from Aminet:

UPLOADING INSTRUCTIONS
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To those who never fully read the README's: Upload
foo.readme for foo.lha, where foo.readme contains they
keyword Short: plus a 40 character description on the
first line. Don't upload if CD releases are a problem.

All others please read below instructions carefully, or
your upload is in danger of being deleted. Uploading to
Aminet is a bit more complicated than to other places since
it's a network of sites and provides more info about files.
It's a bit of work for you, but it saves a lot of hassle to
the many, many downloaders.

WHAT TO UPLOAD

This FTP site is intended for the distribution of any type
of freely distributable software. However, due do copyright
laws and internet provider restrictions, we have to set the
following conditions:

DO NOT UPLOAD:
- Commercial software
- Software that is not OK to distribute on CD (see below
  for exceptions)
- Samples from copyrighted CD's, TV or radio broadcasts
- Musical mods that are cover versions from copyrighted
  songs
- Images or animations from copyrighted image sources
- Images depicting persons who didn't agree with the
  distribution
- Images of sexual content
- GNU software without sources
- Strong cryptography (key length >40 bit)
- GIF/LZW software without telling us by email that you
  have a license
- GIF pictures
- DMS files

Please respect these conditions, or you could bring Aminet
in danger of being shut down.

WHERE TO UPLOAD

Aminet consists of about 30 FTP sites and 60 BBSes that
exchange their files. The center of the net is
wuarchive.wustl.edu [128.252.135.4]. If possible, upload
there. Most other sites (de.aminet.net recommended for
Europeans) forward the files to that site and delete them
locally, they'll be mirrored back later. Do not upload the
same file to multiple Aminet sites.

There are two upload directories on Aminet sites:

  pub/aminet/new   for public uploads
  pub/aminet/priv for private uploads (local to this site)

Uploads in new/ that have no .readme will be deleted since
they could be commercial or otherwise suspect. If your
upload appears in RECENT within 4 days, everything was fine
(don't delete your copy before that happens!). If not,
contact aminet@aminet.net

If you provided an Uploader: field, you'll get a mail if we
deleted your upload for any reason (e.g. because it was
corrupt).

If you have no direct Internet access you can also upload
via e-mail. Send a mail with "HELP UPLOAD" in the body to
"aminet-server@aminet.net" to get the instructions.

PUBLIC UPLOADS

The main difference between Aminet and most other ftp sites
is that all uploads have a description. They're collected
automatically and listed in RECENT and INDEX. These short
(40 characters) descriptions come from the .readme files
uploaded along with the binaries.

Whenever you upload something, create .readme file for it.
An example: Along with PictureView.lha you would upload
PictureView.readme. That file could look about like this
(no blank lines at the start, and don't include the
CUT HERE lines):

-----------------------CUT HERE--------------------------
Short: Shows JPEG & IFF pics. AGA support. V1.2
Uploader: umueller@amiga.icu.net.ch (Urban Mueller)
Author: umueller@amiga.icu.net.ch (Urban Mueller)
Type: gfx/show

This all new picture displayer is capable of showing almost
any image type in any resolution. Main features include:
- Scrolling screens
- CLI and WB interface
 ......
-----------------------CUT HERE--------------------------

The meaning of these fields is:

Short: is the only mandatory field, and has to be in
              the first line. It lets you specify a 40
              character description of your upload, that
              will be seen and INDEX and RECENT so everyone
              can easily learn about your upload. Don't
              repeat the file name here, but if several
              versions of your archive exist, specify the
              version number here. Try to explain what the
              program *does*. Music should specify the
              style and author. Don't boast or use much
              uppercase.

Uploader: lets you indicate your email address so we
              can contact you if something goes wrong (and
              this happens more often than you think).
              Please always provide it.

Author: is the place where you can indicate who
              created the piece of software you uploaded.

Type: is the place where you can propose a
              directory where the file should be moved.
              Check the file TREE for possible subdirs. If
              you want a new dir, read
              info/start/newdir.txt

Now for some completely optional fields:

Kurz: is the German version of Short:

Replaces: lets you specify files that are superseded by
              your upload. Give full path, e.g.
              biz/patch/PageStreamPatch* Not needed if you
              overwrite an earlier file with same name.

Requires: other archives that your upload needs to
              work, with full path. Also name OS, mem and
              chipset requirements here.

Version: the version number of your upload. Don't use
              version numbers in files names if possible.

Distribution: lets you specify where your upload is OK to
              distribute. If you specify the 'NoCD' keyword
              here, your upload will not appear on the CD's
              made of this site. If you specify 'Aminet',
              you only give Aminet the distribution
              permission.

After a blank line, you may add a longer description, that
could for example be the README found inside the archive.
Don't rely on people downloading the .readme file, the info
found there should be in the archive, as well.

Notes:
- If your upload requires a language other than English,
  please mention that language in the Short: description.
- You can overwrite old versions of your uploads by
  uploading again using the same file name. This is the
  preferred way to do updates. However don't update within
  10 days of previous upload.
- If you want to make sure your file is not renamed on the
  CD, only use letters, digits and _ in the name and make
  sure the first 8 characters are unique.

FILE NAME CONVENTIONS

The maximum file name length is 18 characters including the
archiver suffix (.lha, .lzh). Mixed case is OK, but it
should be mainly lowercase. If your file name is generic
(ls, pipe), append your initials (pipe-JU). Version numbers
are better in the Short: descriptions than in the file
name. Also, please do not upload in any other file format
than .lha or .lzh. Also, .jpg and .mpg files can be
uploaded without putting them in archives. If you're
uploading from a PC, you may use .rea instead of .readme.
By adhering to these rules you can save a lot of beginners
a lot of trouble.

CHECK LIST

- Are the archives okay? Use UNIX LhA to find out.
- Is there a .readme for *every* file you are about to
  upload?
- Are the base names of the .readme and the archive the
  same? Same case?
- Are all archive names 18 characters or shorter?
- Is there a Short: and if possible an Uploader: field in
  the .readme's?
- Does none of the archives contain copyrighted or
  Workbench material?
- Is the archive free of BBS ads?

Thanks for checking, you're saving us a lot of work.

PRIVATE UPLOADS

You may upload files that are not meant to be available to
the public to /amiga/priv. Files in there can not be
listed, so you have to tell your partner the precise file
name. Files remain available at least one week, much longer
in most cases. Note that we don't give any warranties about
the privacy of the files in there, encrypt them if you
like.

YOUR COMMENTS

If you have any comments about the policies given, or if
you see suspicious,   commercial or corrupt files,   please
immediately send mail to aminet@aminet.net

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Descriptions of Aminet directories (incomplete)

biz

comm

demo

dev

disk

docs

game

gfx

hard

misc

mods

mus

pix

text

util
biz - Business software

cloan   Cloanto software & support
dbase   Data base software
demo   Demo Versions
dopus   Directory opus files
haage   Haage & Partner software & support
misc   Misc business type soft
p5   Phase5 software & support
patch   Commercial software patches
swood   Softwood products

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 comm - Communications

amiex     Ami-Express BBS related
bbs       BBS programs
cnet      CNET BBS related
dlg       DLG BBS related
fido      FIDO software
irc       Internet Relay Chat software
mail      Mailing soft
maxs      MaxsBBS related
misc      Misc communications
mmgr      MailManager files
net       Networking
news      Newsreaders
tcp       AmiTCP networking
thor      Thor mail/news system
ums       Universal Message System
uucp      UUCP software
www       World Wide Web software
xeno      Xenolink BBS related

 demo - Gfx and sound demos

40k       40k intros
aga       Demos requiring AGA chipset
bse       Belgian Scene Event files
euro      Euro demos in file form
file      Single file demos
intro     Intros
mag       Demo coder magazines
sound     Sound oriented demos
ta97      The Assembly 1997 demos

 dev - Development software

amos      AMOS BASIC compiler
asm       Assembly language related
basic     BASIC language related
c         C language related
cross     Cross development
debug     Debugging software
e         E language related
gui       GUI builders
lang      Various languages
m2        Modula-2 related
misc      Misc development software
moni      Monitors/disassemblers
mui       MUI development software
src       Tutorial sources

 disk - Disk/Harddisk tools

bakup     Backup software
cache     Disk caching
cdrom     CD-ROM related software
misc      Various disk related tools
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  docs - Text documents

anno      Announcement documents
help      Help on various issues
hyper     Hypertext documents
lists     Lists and tables
mags      Magazines
misc      Vatious documents
rview     Amiga product reviews

  game - Games

2play     2 and more player games
actio     Action games
board     Board games
data      Data files for games
demo      Demos of commercial games
gag       Gag programs
hint      Game hint documents
jump      Jump-n-run games
misc      Miscellaneous games
patch     Patches for games
role      Role, adventure games
shoot     Shoot-em-up games
text      Text adventures
think     Mind games
wb        Workbench games

  gfx - Graphics

3d        3D graphics software
3dobj     3D objects
aga       AGA chip set software
board     Custom gfx board software
conv      Gfx conversion tools
edit      Paint programs
misc      Misc graphics software
pbm       Pbm+ gfx conversion
show      Image/anim displayers

  hard - Hardware

drivr     Drivers for hardware
hack      Selfmade hardware
misc      Misc hardware related files

  misc - Miscellaneous

edu       Educational software
emu       Emulations
kids      Children's software
math      Mathematics
misc      Uncategorizable
sci       Scientific software
unix      Amiga related UNIX software

  mods - Music modules
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8voic    8-voiced songs
atmos    Atmospheric mods
demo     Demo style music
elbie    Mods by Elbie
funk     Funky/jazzy mods
hardc    Hardcore techno mods
house    House mods
instr    Instrumental mods
jungl    Jungle/Breakbeat mods
k4k      Mods by Kure4Kancer
med      MED modules
melod    Melodic modules
misc     Miscellaneous songs
mpg      Samples in MPEG format
neuro    Mods by Neurodancer
nork     Mods by Nork
piano    Piano mods
pop      Pop music
pro      Protracker songs
rock     Rock'n'Roll
roz      Mods by Roz
sets     Module collections
slow     Slow/melodic mods
smpl     Sound samples
sonor    Mods by Sonority
symph    Symphonie format mods
techn    Techno music
toady    Mods by Oliver Gonneau
tranc    Trance techno mods
voice    Music with voices
xceed    Mods by X-Ceed
xm       Multichannel XM mods

 mus - Musical software

edit     Composing software
midi     MIDI software
misc     Miscelleanous
play     Sound players

 pix - Pictures

3dani    3D animations
anim     Animations
art      Hand drawn imagery
back     Backdrop images
boot     Boot pictures
eric     Eric Schwartz anims
fract    Fractals
heiko    Traces by Heiko Popp
icon     Icons and backdrops
illu     Illustrations
imagi    Imagine traces
irc      The people on IRC
jason    Jason Jordache illustration
misc     Miscellaneous images
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mpg       MPEG video streams
mwb       MagicWB icons
nicon     NewIcons
trace     Raytraced pictures
vehic     Vehicle images
views     Scenery, countries
wb        Example WB screens
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 text - Text related

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bfont     Bitmap fonts
dtp       Desk top publishing
edit      Editors
font      Fonts of all formats
hyper     Hypertext tools
misc      Misc text software
print     Printing tools
show      Text displayers
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 util - Utilities

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app       Appicons, appwindows
arc       Archivers
batch     Script software
blank     Screen blankers
boot      Startup sequence software
cdity     Commodity type software
cli       Command line interface
conv      File conversion
crypt     Encryption tools
dir       Directory utilities
dtype     Datatypes for OS 3.x
gnu       GNU utilities
libs      Libraries
misc      Miscellaneous
moni      System monitors
mouse     Mouse accelerators
pack      Packers
rexx      AREXX tools
sys       Commo file replacements
time      Clocks and timing
virus     Virus checkers
wb        Workbench utilities
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