

DMS2HD

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Chapter 1

DMS2HD

1.1 DMS2HD V1.5

DMS2HD V1.5

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Cardware Release (10.04.99)

(C) 1997-99 Andreas Falkenhahn

Introduction

What's this !?

System requirements

What you need

Copyright & Distribution info

Important (as usual:)

Cardware

This program is now Cardware

Xadmaster.library Readme

Read this

DMS2HD Translators

The catalog translators

Decrunching an DMS archive to HD

It's as easy as possible!

How does DMS2HD work?

For interested people

What will it not do

Restrictions? Some.

About the author

Something about me

Greetings and thanks
Some greetings (a must read)

History
Program's history

1.2 Translators

The following people helped to make DMS2HD multi-languagel:

Finnish: Samppa Rönkä <exsotic@dlc.fi>
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What? Your language is not here?? Translate the catalog
and send it to me!

1.3 What will it not do?

DMS2HD can only decrunch Amiga DOS archives to Harddisk.
Don't try it with NDOS disks! It won't work...

1.4 How does DMS2HD work?

The idea of DMS2HD is simple. DMS2HD executes the following
steps:

1. It creates a RAD: disk in FastRAM.
2. It decrunches the DMS archive to this RAD:
3. It copies the contents from RAD to the harddisk
4. It formats the RAD:
5. ...and destroys it after a reboot

That's the whole mystery :)

1.5 Read me

I finally decided to release DMS2HD as freeware! Here are some
reasons why I did this:

1. I haven't spend "that much" time on DMS2HD that it's really
worth to release it as Shareware.
 2. DMS2HD is used by some other progs from me and they cannot
use the unregistered version.
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If you registered DMS2HD you perhaps think you paid 20 DM or \$15 for nothing... NO!!! Of course not! You've supported me and Amiga to !

Ok, but now enjoy this uncrippled version of DMS2HD.

Yours sincerely,

Andreas

1.6 The keyfile

The Keyfile is file which must be copied to devs:. With the ↔ keyfile are the disabled options useable and you have automatically the full version of the InstallKit, logical!

You get the keyfile when you send US\$15 or 20DM and the filled in

Registration form
to
me
.

You aren't than allowed to spread the keyfile! In the keyfile is you're complete adress saved. Spreaded keyfiles are an act of software piracy!

1.7 Introduction

DMS2HD is a more or less powerful program which can decrunch your .DMS archives *DIRECT* to HD/RAM. Decrunching a DMS disk is now very fast (5 secs).

DMS2HD is a CLI/WB program. You can easily use it in conjunction with a directory manager like DirOpus, but you can also double-click the icon and use the marvellous MUI GUI.

DMS2HD can use the executable DMS or the xadmaster.library by Dirk Stöcker for decrunching.

Decrunching a DMS archive is simple.
See how

easy
it is.

1.8 Copyright

DMS2HD is copyrighted 1997-99 by Andreas Falkenhahn.

It comes with the program FastrAD which is copyrighted by Torbjörn Andersson. The program FastrAD is Freeware.

Optionally DMS2HD can use xadmaster.library for unpacking. This library is Copyright (C) by Dirk Stöcker <stoecker@amigaworld.com>.

DMS2HD shan't be sold for more than \$2. If you have bought it for more, please change your dealer fast.

DMS2HD must be distributed with all files on the disk! Please spread it not as an DMS Archive, only as a disk or LHA/LZX archive.

I don't accede any liability if DMS2HD has something damaged. It was comfortable

tested
and at me nothing dangerous happened.

1.9 About the author

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If you have any problems with DMS2HD, found bugs or have suggestions please email or write me.

If you write, don't forget to send some stamps or \$\$\$, because the postal service in Germany is REALLY expensive.

My system:

A1200, 68040 40mhz, Mitsumi FX-400, 18MB Ram, OS3.1

1.10 Greetings

Note: this list is outdated!! (last updated in december '97)

Greetings fly to:

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Excalibur / Airsoft
Gandalf of Infinity
WF King
The Falconer
A. v. K.
Wusel
Atlan
Rick t. R.
Jennes
Marty McFly
Noke Artificial Bytes
Roadrunner
H.W.
Dodger
Pearl
Titanic
Olli
Steffen
Phil
Rave of Bizarre arts
Antibrain of Bizarre arts
Willi Hillenbrand
Tazz / Animators
Jones
Rich
Dr. Retro
Cyberbit
Mr. P
Dirk
Erich
Marcel
Marco
Joggy Baer
Richie
Chris
Michael

1.11 Requirements

To use DMS2HD you need at least an Amiga with harddisk and OS2.0+

IMPORTANT: The main executable DMS must be installed in C:
DMS2HD tries to allocate C:DMS.

Additionally you must have the workbench installed on your harddisk.

Optionally DMS2HD will require xadmaster.library by Dirk Stöcker
in libs:. You can get this powerful unarchiving library from Aminet
(util/arc/xadmaster.library)

1.12 Decrunching a DMS archive

Decrunching is simple you can use...

- 1) the inbuild MUI GUI: Start DMS2HD. Now you can select a DMS archive, the destination path and some other things. Click the 'Decrunch' button to start the operation!

You can set in the menu Settings/DMS2HD which unarchiver DMS2HD shall use. Possible archives are DMS and xadmaster.library. I suggest to use xadmaster as this way is cleaner!

- 2) the CLI: This way is good for using DMS2HD with a directory manager. You can then decrunch the files easily with the manager. Especially cool with DirOpus :) OK, there're two parameters, which need to be specified: DMS2HD archive.dms destination
Archive is the DMS archive to decrunch (don't forget suffix .DMS)
Destination is the path, where to decrunch the files to
Here's an example: DMS2HD Wonderland.dms dh0:Games/Wonderland

Additionally you can use as the third parameter XADMASTER or DMS. This tells DMS2HD which way to use to unpack the archive. e.g. 'DMS2HD archive.dms dh4:Files XADMASTER' would use xadmaster. ↔
library
to unpack the archive. Specifying DMS as argument is not really necessary as its the default. I suggest to use XADMASTER argument for unpacking because this is the cleaner way.

That was it! If you've questions, don't hesitate to ask
me
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1.13 History

V0.1: (for private use only)

- very buggy
- CLI control

V1.0: (Shareware Release Version)

- simple GUI added
- better decrunching
- less bugs (many were fixed)
- keyfile support
- Amiga Guide@ Documentation

V1.1: (Freeware Release Version)

- now freeware: nothing is disabled!!
- keyfile code removed
- bug fixes

V1.4: (Cardware Release Version)

- added german catalog + developer files
- added locale.library support
- it uses now my own copy routine instead of C:Copy
- it doesn't need assigns any more
- improved decrunching routines
- improved user-interface
- improved errorhandle -> no more crashes
- added MUI GUI

V1.5: (Cardware Release Version)

- added support for xadmaster.library
- fixed a bug
- added finnish catalog by Samppa Rönkä
- updated doc and german catalogs

Future plans:

Not much...unless you've some nice ideas. Contact
me
then.

1.14 Cardware

DMS2HD is Cardware, that means that you have to send me a postcard from your country/town or whatever. Just a little card.

Show me your support !!

Send cards to here....

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Of course you can send any other stuff too like money, chocolate...etc.

I'm waiting !

1.15 Was bringt mir die Vollversion?

The fullversion (= keyfile) has this features:

1. decrunch archives which are bigger than 350kb !!
2. don't enter the funny sentences

and more because of the future versions which run with the keyfile undisable, of course.

Register now.

1.16 Registrationsformular

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Registrationsformular

Surname/name: _____

Street: _____

Adress: _____

Phonenumber (free) _____

E-Mail(s): _____

I own the following computers: A500 A600 A1000 A1200
 A1500 A2000 A3000 A4000
 CDTV CD32 _____

with memory: Chip RAM: _____ Fast RAM: _____

Processor: 680_0 Coprocessor: yes no

Kickstart/Workbench: 1.2 1.3 2.0 3.0 3.1 ____.

I wanna get the keyfile: per E-mail per post

Used DMS2HD Version: V____.

I'm a member of a group yes no Name: _____

I have the DMS2HS from: _____

Error reports/Bugs/suggestions: _____

With my signature I promise that the keyfile is only for my private use and that I give it not to any other people. I know that spreaded keyfiles are illegal and that that may have judicial follows.

Signature

Date

1.17 xadmaster.library readme

/* snipped from the xadmaster.library documentation */

The xadmaster.library is Shareware with very special conditions. There are no usage restrictions (means this is no Crippleware!), and xadmaster.library use can be implemented into programs without any restrictions.

Only the end users have to pay shareware, when using xadmaster.library. There are 3 forms of payment to get a registered user:

- Send US \$20 (or as DM) to my snail mail address or use any other more secure transfer system.
- Make detailed bug reports about 3 currently unknown bugs. I decide whether a bug report is counted or not. Mainly this depends on two facts:
 - was the bug already reported
 - does the description help me to find the bugAfter the first report you will get a partly registered user :-)
- You make an own external client and send me the source and the client for inclusion in next release. Some more are good as well!

The last form is the most wanted!

For programmers using xadmaster.library in own applications (f.e. in virus scanners):

- It would be fine, if you would tell me suggestions or bugs, as implementing xadmaster.library use may show you some problems.
- You must state above conditions in your distribution, at a place, where users can read it.
- And please do not forget: Most time you are users as well, so think about above conditions.

NOTE: This conditions only cover the xadmaster.library! External clients may have different legal state. For example LZX and Zoom both are Freeware. So expect clients to have any legal state. You need to check this for every client. Normally the version string in the client should tell you what type it is.
