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## **Chapter 1**

## **CoolPatcher**

## 1.1 Da Cool Patcher - too much for you?

dA cOOL pATCHER V1.3 \_\_\_\_\_ Freeware Release (21.5.99) (C) 1997-99 Andreas Falkenhahn Da Cool Patcher is now Freeware Read why Introduction What's this !? System requirements What you need Copyright & Distribution info Important (as usual:) Using Da Cool Patcher This is as easy as possible About the author Something about me About MUI This program uses MUI Greetings and thanks Some greetings (a must read) History Program's history

## 1.2 DCP is Freeware now

I finally decided to release Da Cool Patcher as Freeware. There're several reasons why:

- nearly all the patches were taken from Amiga Patch List by Mark Knibbs and not made by me (although coding the rest was alot of work either)
- and I think 20 DM (15\$) were too much as a Shareware fee then so I first decided to lower it but then decided to release it as Freeware

Some thanks also to Magic Rocket who tried to persuade me to release it as Freeware ;)

So enjoy this full version of Da Cool Patcher and DON'T forget to send me your feedback! (It's very important in those hard times...)

Greets,

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### 1.3 Usage

Select a game from the listview with the currently loaded patch base and click on one of the following buttons:

Start Patching: This patches the currently selected game. After pressing this button Da Cool Patcher will load in the patch and ask you for a file of the selected game/program which will be patched. After you've selected this file DCP will check if you got the correct version and then the file will be patched. If the game is disk-only you've to insert the disk and DCP will do the same procedure as above but from disk.

Start Unpatching: This unpatches the currently selected game. Unpatching can be useful if a patch doesn't work with a game.

Patch Editor: With the Patch Editor you can create your own patches. After you've pressed this button a new window will open. In that window you have to type some information like game's name, game's developer, patch author etc. and you need of course specify the patch offset and the patches. It's also possible to import patches in the Patch Editor: Click the 'Import' button and then on a patch in the main listview. If you click on 'Save' the patch will be saved to the user patchbase. About: Displays some information about the program

Exit: Quits Da Cool Patcher.

## 1.4 MUI.readme

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MUI - MagicUserInterface

Version 3.8

(c) Copyright 1992-97, Stefan Stuntz

MUI is an object oriented system to create and maintain graphical user interfaces. From a programmers point of view, using MUI saves a lot of time and makes life much easier. Thinking about complicated terms like window resizing or font sensitivity is simply not neccesary.

On the other hand, users of MUI based applications have the ability to customize nearly every pixel of a programs interface according to their personal taste.

Please click on the Install-MUI icon to install MUI on your system or to update from previous versions. Latest news and support can be found on Internet at www.sasg.com.

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#### Attention

If you're still not registered for MUI, check the new and unique shareware lottery and great discounts at www.sasg.com. Give it a try!

## 1.5 Introduction

With the help of dA cOOL pATCHER (DCP) you can patch your favourite games/programs for your personal needings. For example remove nervy copy protections, set unlimited lifes or weapons and alot more.

DCP comes with over 150 predefined patches which you can apply to your games easily.

You can also unpatch patched games.

DCP is able to patch files and disks. So 'NDOS' games are no problem for DCP!

## 1.6 Copyright & Disclaimer

Da Cool Patcher is copyrighted 1997-99 by Andreas Falkenhahn ( ↔ Software Failure/Airsoft).

Da Cool Patcher shan't be selled for more than \$2. If you have bought it for more, please change your dealer fast.

Da Cool Patcher must distributed with all files on the disk apart from devs:DaCoolPatcher.key, of course. Please spread it not as an DMS Archive, only as a disk or LHA/LZX archive.

If Da Cool Patcher is distributed on a Cover CD/Disk, I would like to get a free copy of the magazine. Thank you.

I don't accede any liability if Da Cool Patcher has something damaged. It was compfortable

tested

and at me nothing dangerous happened.

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My system:

A1200T, 68040 40mhz, Mitsumi FX-400, 18MB Ram, OS3.1

## 1.8 Some greetings

Thanks to:

Mark Knibbs for his Amiga Patch List Magic Rocket for moral support TFA for their great ASM One DJ Honk and Conductor for moral support

Greetings fly to (outdated):

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 Gert

## 1.9 System Requirements

Da Cool Patcher's minimum requirements are:

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• an Amiga ;)
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- OS2.04 or higher
- $\cdot$  MUI needs to be installed on your system

Recommended requirements:

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• NewInstaller (util/wb/NewInstaller1_3.lha) for the installation
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- xfdmaster.library for decrunched patches (util/pack)
- · 68020+

## 1.10 History

Version 1.31: (Freeware Release Version) • NOW FREEWARE!!! updated AmigaGuide® documentation  $\cdot$  added locale.library code, German catalogs and ct+cd files · Da Cool Patcher uses now xfdmaster.library instead of C:xfddecrunch • Patchbases can be imported · added menus to the window: You can now edit MUI settings for DCP • fixed some bugs in the filepatch code · major code cleanup and optimizations Version 1.3: (Internal Beta Version) • added Patch Editor Version 1.2: (Shareware Release Version) • MUI interface fixed many bugs added AmigaGuide® documentation • v1.2 is only a quick compile of my sources from December '97

Version 1.1: (Internal Beta Version)
 fixed some bugs
 DCP patches now disks either
Version 1.0: (Internal Beta Version)
 Gadtools Interface
 patches files
Future plans:

- $\cdot$  more default patches
- patching of adf files??