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Preface:

As allways, writing a piece of software takes time. This product, A.S.O.S. v1.35, has been in development for over FOUR YEARS now, we at Power Programs hope that this effort is not lost on you. We hope that this product is one of high standards and will aid you in your quest for great AMOS programs!

> Jeroen Knoester, Coder Power Programs.

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A.S.O.S. is an utility for all the AMOS users out there who wish to be able to add a GUI (Graphical User Interface) to their program, without all the long-winded hassle of programminging one from scratch. A.S.O.S. is an abreviation, standing for: Amos mouse Operated System. I originally named it AMOS, but that name was in use by someone else allready...

Although A.S.O.S. cannot perform miracles, such as true intuition support from AMOS, it does provide you with a set of ready to use procedures for the creation of a GUI and examples on how to use these routines.

A.S.O.S. is a PROGRAMMING utility and can be thought of as a runtime library. If you cannot program in AMOS, then A.S.O.S. will not teach you to. A.S.O.S. is free software.

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1.5 Requirements to use A.S.O.S. v1.35

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Brief:

Minimum: 1mb of ram, a 68000 processor and Kickstart 1.3. Recommended: 2mb+ ram, a 68020+ processor, Kickstart 2.04+ and a harddrive.

In both cases, you obviously also need AMOS 1.3+ or AMOS PRO. I also recommend having acces to the AMOS/PRO compiler.

Detailed:

A.S.O.S. is a complex piece of AMOS code and, as a result, it is quite large. It's source currently is 58834 bytes big. I recommend having a variable space of at least 64kb and an editor space of at least 64kb.

A.S.O.S. is NOT an extension and therefore has a few extra things worth noting:

- Since it is AMOS compatible code, it won't interfere with other extensions.
- A.S.O.S. uses quite a bit of global variables and editor buffer space, so a 'power' Amiga is recommended.
- AMOS code is not lightning fast assembly, so don't expect any speed

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miracles. A.S.O.S. is as fast as any efficient AMOS progam.

- A.S.O.S. works in any screenmode, but 640x256x8 or 640x256x16 is recommended. Default is 640x256x8.
- A.S.O.S. uses standard AMOS functions for drawing / redrawing.
 Note: A.S.O.S. is not meant for usage on double buffered screens.
 It will probably mess up your screen looks.
- Last, but certainly not least: A.S.O.S. is a programmers utility. It won't write your programs for you. It will, however, hopefully make writing your code easier.

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Installing A.S.O.S. is simple, simply drag the ASOS drawer to the location where you wish to use it. Note that if you wish to use A.S.O.S. in your programs, you will need the asos icon file in the local directory.

For example, you wish to use A.S.O.S. in a program located in 'work:amos/prog1/' the A.S.O.S. icons should then be located: 'work:amos/prog1/asicons.abk'.

For your finished releases, you will also need to include the asos icon file on the distribution disk, in a directory wich is local to your path.

A.S.O.S. requires about 100KB to install.

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4.1, supplied executables.

The supplied executables are all AMOS compiled ones should be able to run without any extra work.

4.2, supplied demos/tutorials.

The supplied demos and tutorials are AMOS source code examples, wich do NOT have the A.S.O.S. procedures includes, as to save disk space. Including the A.S.O.S. procedures can be done reasonably simply:

If you have AMOSPRO, simply use the 'include' command to include them from their path (example: 'include work:ASOS_Sys/asos-procedures.amos')

If you have AMOS, go to the top of your program and use the MERGE Command, from the 'right mousebutton menu'.

You can now test if all works by running the program. If it did not work, try again from scratch. If you cannot get it to work, by all means

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me mail. I will try to answer it to the best of my ability. Note: e-mail is probably answered quicker than snail-mail. Also note: snail-mail is only answered if I got the time to do so.

4.3, Your own programs.

The best way to usage A.S.O.S. from your own program is to include the A.S.O.S. procedures in your program from the very beginning. It's easier to remove A.S.O.S. code later than to add it to a finished product!

For instructions on how to include A.S.O.S. procedures in your program, see chapter 4.2, supplied demos/tutorials, wich is found on this very page.

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1.8 Tutorial on A.S.O.S. v1.35

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5.1 Introduction.

In order to begin making ASOS driven programs, you should first get to know ASOS. This tutorial aims to be a helping hand in getting to know the ASOS gui 'language'. To help you get started, all programs in this tutorial are also on disk, so you can easily load them into AMOS and experiment with them.

Before we can begin coding ASOS programs however, you need to know how ASOS programs work.

To begin, you need to add the ASOS procedures to your program (see section 4.2 to know how to do that).

After that, you need to 'tell' ASOS where some things are, so it can get started. This is because all ASOS programs use the same set of variables and procedures to get them to work. And like a computer program needs to get started up, so does ASOS.

Starting up ASOS is easy. In order to get any ASOS program 'started' just type the following lines into your ASOS program (before any ASOS calls).

ABOUT

About displays a small bit of information about ASOS and 'starts' ASOS by initializing important variables, as well as the screen.

If you do not want to have the about window, you can also use ADEFAULT instead. ADEFAULT just initializes the variables and the screen, but displays no welcome message. For know, we assume to use ABOUT.

One last thing: If you wish to know more about a command, check the

Quick Reference guide for more information!

5.2 Opening a window.

Since ASOS's functions all have to do with windows, the first thing we want to have is an open window, to experiment with. Opening a window in ASOS is really simple. You just use WINREQ to get a window number (stored in the variable ANS) and then make a call to WINOP. See for yourself:

The next variable sets the type of window. For now, just use type 0 (default) \leftrightarrow

The next variable is the window number. ASOS allows you to have more than one \leftarrow open window, and this number identifies each one. The last variable is the title of the window. Opening a window is easy. Now lets add some text to it: Add the following line to your program: WINTX [OURWINDOW, "Hello, World!", -1, 2, 0] This command puts text into window OURWINDOW. The text is Hello, World!. The last three variables give a place and a mode to the text. The first (-1) is the x coordinate. Normally, you'd use something like 1 or $\,\leftrightarrow\,$ 10 here. -1 Is a special form. If the X coordinate is -1, the text will be centered in \leftrightarrow the window. The second (2) is the y coordinate, use it to set the vertical position of \leftrightarrow the text. The last is the text-mode. Multiple modes (underline, shade and inverse) are $\, \leftrightarrow \,$ available. For now, use type 0, normal text. Now we wish to wait for a key and close the window (and end the first tutorial \leftrightarrow !). To do that, add the following lines of code: WATKEY WINCL [OURWINDOW] Watkey waits for a key, or the left mouse button. Wincl closes a window, in this case, our window. 5.3 Using gadgets. In this tutorial, we will create a window and add an OK gadget to it. An ASOS gadget is a small button with some text in it. You can click on a gadget to do something (Like the OK and CANCEL buttons in most Amiga requesters !). We start the program in a similar way as before: ABOUT WINREQ : OURWINDOW = ANS WINOP [40, 40, 600, 160, 0, OURWINDOW, "Gadget"] WINTX [OURWINDOW, "Click on the OK button to exit!", -1, 2, 0] Now we have a window with some text in it. Let's add the gadget to the window. Adding gadgets to windows is simple. You just call ZONREQ to get a free 'zone' (A zone is where ASOS keeps it's information about gadgets and windows). You

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can then use the answer in ANS to create the gadget using WINGAD. The code to do that is: ZONREQ : OKGADGET = ANS WINGAD [OURWINDOW, OKGADGET, "OK", 33, 12, 2] Let's analyse this bit of code: ZONREQ : OKGADGET = ANS This line of code requests a free zone and then names it OKGADGET. WINGAD [OURWINDOW, OKGADGET, "OK", 33, 12, 2] This line creates the gadget in the window. Ourwindow is the window number, Okgadget is the zone number. "OK" is the text $\,\leftrightarrow\,$ to put into the gadget. The next three parameters describe where the gadget will be placed and how it $\,\leftrightarrow\,$ will look. The first is the X position, The second is the Y position, both using \leftrightarrow coordinates as wintx. The last defines how the gadget will look. For now use type 2, standard gadget. Now we wish to wait until the gadget is clicked and then end the program. To do \leftrightarrow that, we add the line: WTCLK[OURWINDOW] This line calls upon ASOS's event handler. It will wait until a gadget in the \leftrightarrow window OURWINDOW is clicked and then continue. In later tutorials, we will show how to use the $\,\leftrightarrow\,$ event handler more effectivly. Now all that's left is to end the program like we did in the first tutorial: WINCL [OURWINDOW] Wincl also removes the gadget and it's zone from the screen. 5.4 Using buttons. In this tutorial, we will create a window, with an OK button and a button on it \leftrightarrow . Buttons are more like switches: they can be either on or off. First, we start ASOS, open the window and add the OK button: WINREO : OURWINDOW = ANS WINOP [40, 40, 600, 160, 0, OURWINDOW, "Button"] WINTX [OURWINDOW, "Click on the OK button to exit!", -1, 2, 0] ZONREQ : OKGADGET = ANS WINGAD [OURWINDOW, OKGADGET, "OK", 33, 14, 2]

We now have a window with an OK-button on it. We will now add the button, using \leftrightarrow ZONREQ to get a free zone and BUTTON to add the button to the window: ZONREQ : OURBUTTON = ANS BUTTON [OURWINDOW, OURBUTTON, 3, 200, 32, 0] Let's see how this works: ZONREQ : OURBUTTON = ANS This line of code requests the zone for our button. BUTTON [OURWINDOW, OURBUTTON, 3, 275, 50, 0] This line of code adds the \leftrightarrow button. The last four parameters of the procedure have the following meaning: The first (3) is for the type of button. For now leave it on 3 (Radiobutton \leftrightarrow). The second (275) is the X coordinate of the button (in pixels from the top- \leftrightarrow left). The third (50) is the Y coordinate of the button (in pixels from the top- \leftrightarrow left). The fourth (0) is the number of the 'radiorange'. It can be used to create a \leftrightarrow number of buttons, from which only one may be active at any time. \leftarrow Leave it. for now. Now we will wait for the user to click on the OK button before exiting the $\,\leftrightarrow\,$ program (as we did in earlier tutorials), but this time, we also, before exiting, \leftrightarrow show the user in what state the button is (On or Off). (We wait a small time $\,\leftrightarrow\,$ before actually stopping the program). WTCLK[OURWINDOW] If BT(OURBUTTON, 5) = 1WINTX[OURWINDOW, "The button was ON", -1, 8, 0] Else WINTX[OURWINDOW, "The button was OFF", -1, 8, 0] End If Wait 200 WINCL [OURWINDOW] The BT() array contains information about buttons. In index 5 of the array, the \leftrightarrow state of any button is stored. You can use this to see wether a button is on or off. (So BT (1, 5) will tell you if button 1 is on (1) or off (0)). Note that WTCLK will not stop if you press the button, only if you press the OK gadget. Wincl also removes buttons from screen and memory. 5.5 Event loop.

In this tutorial, we will create a window with three gadgets: An OK gadget to \leftrightarrow exit the program, a Click me gadget and a Click me instead gadget. If a gadget other \leftrightarrow than OK is pressed, a text will appear, stating which one. Let's first create a window like before: WINREQ : OURWINDOW = ANS WINOP [40, 40, 600, 160, 0, OURWINDOW, "Button"] WINTX [OURWINDOW, "Click on the OK button to exit!", -1, 2, 0] ZONREQ : OKGADGET = ANS WINGAD [OURWINDOW, OKGADGET, "OK", 33, 14, 2] Now, we add the other two gadgets like we did with the OK gadget: ZONREQ : CLICKME = ANS WINGAD [OURWINDOW, CLICKME, "Click me!", 5, 5, 2] ZONREQ : METOO = ANS WINGAD [OURWINDOW, METOO, "Click me instead!", 50, 5, 2] At this point, it is worth noting that the ZONREQ and WINREQ commands need to $\,\leftrightarrow\,$ be acted on immediatly, if you use the following code, you will get an error. Faulty code: ZONREQ : CLICKME = ANS ZONREQ : METOO = ANS WINGAD [OURWINDOW, CLICKME, "Click me!", 2, 5, 2] WINGAD [OURWINDOW, METOO, "Click me instead!", 50, 5, 2] The reason this will not work is that ZONREQ and WINREQ request a free zone- \leftrightarrow number, but they do not reserve the zone, so you have to ask for a zone and immidiatly after \leftrightarrow that create the zone. Now, we have to build an event loop. An event loop will check for each gadget \leftrightarrow if it has been clicked and act accordingly. In this case, our event loop will display which \leftrightarrow qadget has been clicked, or exit if OK is clicked. The code to do this: Do WTCLK[OURWINDOW] If FL2 = CLICKMEInk 6,6 : Text 446,105, "Thank you!" Ink 3,6 : Text 62,105, "Thank you!" End If If FL2 = METOOInk 3,6 : Text 446,105, "Thank you!" Ink 6,6 : Text 62,105, "Thank you!" End If

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Exit If FL2 = OKGADGET Loop Let's analyse this bit of code: Do This begins the loop. WTCLK[OURWINDOW] Here, we wait for a click in our window. If a gadget in the window is clicked, WTCLK will exit and put the result in \leftrightarrow FL2. If FL2 = CLICKME Here we check if CLICKME was the gadget the user clicked. Ink 6,6 : Text 446, 105, "Thank you!" Here we erase the 'thank you' text under the other gadget. (Colour 6 \leftrightarrow is the ASOS window background colour). Ink 3,6 : text 62, 105, "Thank you!" Here we print the 'thank you' text under our gadget. (Colour 3 is the ASOS white colour). End If Here the first gadget is complete. If FL2 = METOOInk 3,6 : Text 446,105, "Thank you!" Ink 6,6 : Text 62,105, "Thank you!" End If This does the same for the other gadget. Exit If FL2 = OKGADGET Here we exit the loop if OK is clicked. Now all that's left is to exit the program: WINCL [OURWINDOW] 5.6 Input fields. In this tutorial, we will open a window, add an OK button and a single input \leftrightarrow field. We will also print the content of the input field after each entry. The program \leftrightarrow will exit on clicking the OK button. First, we create the window and button, like before: WINREQ : OURWINDOW = ANS WINOP [40, 40, 600, 160, 0, OURWINDOW, "Input field"] WINTX [OURWINDOW, "Click on the OK button to exit!", -1, 2, 0] ZONREQ : OKGADGET = ANS WINGAD [OURWINDOW, OKGADGET, "OK", 33, 14, 2] We shall now add the input field to the window. The input field function in $\,\,\leftrightarrow\,\,$ ASOS is called ANPUT and can, at times, be a little difficult to understand. First we $\, \leftrightarrow \,$ request a zone using ZONREQ and then, using ANPUT we will create the input field. ZONREQ : MYFIELD = ANS ANPUT [OURWINDOW, -MYFIELD, "Text please!", 10, 5, 15, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0] Let's see what that means: ANPUT [OURWINDOW, -MYFIELD, "Text please!", 10, 5, 15, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0]

The first parameter is the window in which to create the input field. The second parameter is the zone of the input field. During the creation of an ANPUT field, this must be the zone number, negative (the - sign). The third parameter is the default text to display. The fourth parameter is the X position of the field, like in wintx. (Centering \leftrightarrow is not supported!) The fifth parameter is the Y position of the field, like in wintx. The sixth parameter is the maximum length of the string. The seventh parameter give the type of input. For now, leave it at 3, which is \leftrightarrow an unrestricted string. The eight, ninth, tenth and eleventh parameter have no meaning during \leftrightarrow initialization. Now we need to create an event loop, to see what the user types into the field. \leftrightarrow This is somewhat similar to the event-loop above: TXT\$="Text please!" Do WTCLK[OURWINDOW] If FL2 = MYFIELDANPUT[OURWINDOW, MYFIELD, TXT\$, 10, 5, 15, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0] Ink 6,6 : Text 113,88,TXT\$ TXT\$=OUT\$ Ink 3,6 : Text 113,88,TXT\$ End If Exit If FL2 = OKGADGET Loop The event loop has only a few differences from the original one: At the very beginning the TXT\$ is initialized to the same string as our default \leftrightarrow string. The ANPUT command is the same as during the initialization, only now the zone $\,\leftrightarrow\,$ number is positive. When this is called, the input field will go into input mode, so only \leftrightarrow after you have clicked will the input field actually work. An ASOS input field can do most normal text edit features you'd expect from an \leftrightarrow input field, cursor keys, delete and backspace all work. Plus, you can use the mouse to $\,\leftrightarrow\,$ select a postion. If you press the left mouse button with the mouse cursor over a certain letter $\ \leftrightarrow$ in the string, the cursor will jump to that letter. 5.7 Advanced features.

Most ASOS procedures offer far more options than those that have been discussed ↔ above. You can check those options in the quick reference guide

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6.1 Introduction.

The purpose of this chapter is to expand on several more advanced topics of ASOS. For more information, you can always check the quick reference guide

6.2 Error-Handling.

ASOS offers generic error handling for all your programs, through the procedure GENERR. This procedure is called by all ASOS procedures on any error, but you ↔ can also use it in your programs. By default, ASOS reroutes error handling to ↔ GENERR through ADEFAULT. If you wish to do your own error handling, do not forget to remove that entry.

How it works:

You can call GENERR in two ways:

Via the On error proc method.
 Via any AERR=x : GENERR call.

If you use the second, GENERR will still only respond to known errors and give
an error # 1024 for unkown ones, however, there is a fundamental difference in
what happens. The first method traps AMOS / OS errors, the second can be used ↔
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 fo add an error to the list, first read the
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 of errors, to
 see if the error already exists and to see which error numbers you should use.

Then, use any error as template:

Error 4, Window error: If AERR=1 Then WINTX[0, "Asos error #4: Window error.", -1, 3, -1] : Goto ERE This is AERR 1 (window error). You could add any error in this way. Fatal errors, such as error 6, Software corrupt, are somewhat different: If AERR=3 Then WINTX[0, "Asos error #6: Software corrupt!",-1,3,-1] : RST=True: ↔ Goto ERE RST is the reset flag. If it is true, RESET[] will be called. GENERR calls the Resume Label after exiting, so you know an error has occured. \leftarrow If you wish, you can also use L_AERR to see which AERR was the last to occur. Do not, \leftarrow however alter this variable, because it is used to determine the end of stack-space as \leftarrow well. 6.3 Filling out 'user' procedures. There are a number of 'user' procedures in ASOS: USERGADDATA USERRESET USERHELP USERGADDATA contains information for cyclegadgets. Here you can fill in the \leftrightarrow various gadget texts you wish them to have. Alter the first data field to suit the $\,\,\leftrightarrow\,\,$ maximum entries and the following data fields to contain the various cyclegadget texts $\,\leftrightarrow\,$ you wish to have. USERRESET is called when RESET[] is executed. You can put anything nessecary to restart your program here. USERHELP is called when GENHELP is called. You can put an online help system \leftrightarrow here. Note: The standard help screen is screen 1. 6.4 ASOS palette. The standard ASOS palette is as follows: Colour 0: \$001. (Dark blue) Default background colour. Colour 1: \$555. (Medium gray) Used in gadgets / buttons. Colour 2: \$222. (Dark gray) Used in gadgets / buttons. Colour 3: \$FFF. (White) Default text colour. Colour 4: \$227. (Medium blue) Used in buttons. Colour 5: \$22C. (Light blue) Used in buttons. Colour 6: \$300. (Dark red) Default window colour. Colour 7: \$000. (Black) Used in gadgets / windows / buttons.

These colours can be altered either in ADEFAULT, or by using Palette ↔
instructions.
The choice of these colours can only be altered by editing almost all drawing
functions in ASOS.

6.5 Writing your own A.S.O.S. procedures.

Since ASOS is not an extension, you can edit and add any procedure you like.

There are one or two things to think about:

All ASOS procedures use GENERR for error handling. All ASOS procedures use the ASOS zone commands and structure.

You should look at the supplied procedures to see how they work.

If you think your procedure / change is essential, let us know and we will consider adding it (with your name credited of course) to the product.

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1.10 Appendix A: A.S.O.S error list

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In this appendix, the complete list of A.S.O.S. errors is found, with a small explanation what they mean and how to solve them/use them.

Asos Error #1: Config file not found

This error is meant to be used by user programs. It's given if the file 'config.asos' is not found. This file name can be edited. It's function is to give you a warning when the configuration file of your program is not found.

Asos Error #2: File not found

This error is given if the dos error for file not found occurs. It allows the program to continue even if a file does not exist.

Asos error #3: Out of buffer space!

This fatal error is given if your AMOS program runs out of variable buffer space. It does not always work properly, because it might not be detected in time. As with any fatal error, the function reset[] and the function user_reset[] are called as a result.

Asos error #4: Window error.

This error is given if either a window has wrong properties, has a too large window-number or a window-number wich is already in use. The window wich caused this error is NOT opened, but the program A.S.O.S ↔

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continues anyway.

Asos error #5: Zone error.

This error is given if a zone has the wrong properties, a zone with a zone-number wich is already in use or a zone-number wich is too large is tried to be created. The zone will NOT be created, but the program continues anyway. NOTE: The error is also used if a gadget gets the wrong properties.

Asos error #6: Software corrupt!

This error should never happen, but may be used in your programs as a debug feature. It is meant to show that something wrong happened. It is also a fatal error.

Asos error #7: Unknown item clicked.

This error is given if the wtclk[] function, or the other functions having to do with mouse-clicks, detect a zone-hit wich does not exist.

Asos error #8: Out of redraw buffer.

Is this error is given then the window-based redraw buffer has run out. It can be solved by either putting less into the window, combining multiple text-outputs in a single one or by enlarging the redraw buffer.

Asos error #9: Input flag out of range.

This error means an A.S.O.S. function recieved a call in wich one of the properties was out of range (for example a too high window number).

Asos error #10: Window request failed.

The window request given to winreq[] failed. There are no free windows. Check if you really need to open so many windows, or change the maximum number of windows.

Asos error #11: Zone request failed.

The zone request given to zonreq[] failed. There are no free zones. Check if you can free one or multiple zones, or change the maximum number of zones.

Asos error #12: General request failed.

This error is currently not implemented.

Asos error #13: Recursive error!

This fatal error occurs when a single error occurs more then x times. In this case there is a high probability that the same line of code created the error. It is given to prevent those nasty 'out of stack space' errors.

Errors #14-256 (AERR numbers 11-253) are reserved for future use.

Note:

Errors 257-511 and 513-1023 (AERR 257-511 and 513-1023) are reserved for user programs. Errors 256 and 512 are included for shareware software and unfinished software. Error 1024 happens after a call to GENERR without a specific error number, or after a call to GENERR with an invalid error number.

For instance:

AERR=32768 : GENERR : Rem Incorrect error number yields unkown errors.

Asos error #256: Shareware version!

This is a user error. If you give AERR=256 and call GENERR, you cause this non-fatal error to occur. It is a message for the user that it's time to register their software. It does not influence the rest of your program in ANY way.

Asos error #512: Option not implemented!

This is also a user error. It can be used to supplement error 256 or it can be used during programming or beta-release. It is no more than a message to yourself/your user. It does not influence the rest of your program in ANY way.

Asos error #1024: Unknown error!

This error is given when GENERR is called without a valid error number in the variable AERR. It really shouldn't happen in any of the demos/examples but it may happen in your programs when you give a wrong error-no, or if you call GENERR without an error number.

Note:

It is possible in to add errors to the generr procedure. For information on how to achieve this, read chapter 6 on error

editing.

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Asos general procedures. Revision: 4

Procedure ABOUT

This procedure opens a window with some information about ASOS

Either this procedure, or ADEFAULT should be run at least once.

Procedure ADEFAULT

This procedure opens the default ASOS screen. It also sets the default palette, loads the default ASOS icons and does On Error Proc GENERR, for error handling.

Zone-structure procedures. Revision: 8

Procedure STZN[NUM, X1, Y1, X2, Y2]

This procedure sets (or alters) an ASOS zone. It should not be used in your programs unless you wish to use the ASOS zone detection routine (MSZON) to check on a part of the screen.

Usage:

STZN[NUM, X1, Y1, X2, Y2]

NUM = The number of the zone to set. Must be smaller than MAX_ZON.
X1 = The X coordinate of the upper left corner of the zone.
Y1 = The Y coordinate of the upper left corner of the zone.
X2 = The X coordinate of the lower right corner of the zone.
Y2 = The Y coordinate of the lower right corner of the zone.

Procedure MSZON

This procedure delivers the zone number the mouse is in, in the variable FL3. It also delivers the window number the mouse is in in the variable FL6.

Usage:

MSZON : WINDOW_IN=FL6 : ZONE_IN=FL3

Call MSZON when you wish to check wich zone (ASOS zone) the mouse is in.

Procedure RSTZN[NO1,NO2,WNFL]

This procedure resets one or more ASOS zones, as set by STZN. It does not reset AMOS zones.

Usage:

RSTZN[NO1, NO2, WNFL]

are reset. This is used to close windows. See also: STZN Procedure WINREQ This procedure requests a free window zone number. Usage: WINREQ : WINDOW=ANS ANS = The returned window zone number. This is zero if the call failed. Notes: The returned zone number is not reserved, so you cannot call this procedure twice in a row without first initializing the returned zone number. See also: ZONREQ Procedure ZONREQ This procedure requests a free gadget zone number. Usage: ZONREQ : GADGETZONE=ANS ANS = The returned gadget zone number. This is zero if the call failed. Notes: The returned zone number is not reserved, so you cannot call this procedure twice in a row without first initializing the returned zone number. See also: WINREQ Window-handler procedures. Revision: 7 Procedure WINOP[X,Y,X2,Y2,TP,NUM,TI\$] This procedure opens an ASOS window on screen. It may also set a number of zones, depending on window type number. Usage: WINOP[X,Y,X2,Y2,TP,NUM,TI\$] = Upper left corner X coordinate (will be rounded to nearest 8) Х

= Upper left corner Y coordinate (will be rounded to nearest 8) Y X2 = Lower right corner X coordinate (will be rounded to nearest 8) Y2 = Lower right corner Y coordinate (will be rounded to nearest 8) TP = A number describing the type of window. Currently supported are: 0 = Normal window. No Gadgets will be created. 1 = Closable window. Contains a close gadget in upper left corner. 2 = Resizable window. Contains a resize gadget in lower right corner. 3 = Closable, resizable window. Contains a close gadget in upper left corner. Also contains a resize gadget in lower right corner. 4 = Error window. Not to be used except by procedure GENERR and RESET. NUM = The window number. As gained by winreq, or smaller than MAX_WIN. This number needs to point to a free window zone. TI\$ = (Optional) String containing the title of the window. This title must fit the window. See also: WINREQ WINCL Procedure WINCL[NUM] This procedure closes a window, and resets all it's gadgets. A closed window is removed from the screen. Usage: WINCL[NUM] NUM = Window zone number to be closed. Can be -1 to close ALL windows on screen. See also: WINREQ WINOP Procedure WINTX[WIN, TX\$, X, Y, MD] This procedure adds text to an open ASOS window, as well as adding that text into the redraw buffer of that window. Usage: WINTX[WIN, TX\$, X, Y, MD] WIN = A valid ASOS window. TX\$ = Any valid AMOS string. This string has to fit within the window. = The x position relative to the topleft of the window. A value of Х -1 will center the string in the window. (1 unit is 8 pixels) Y = The y position relative to the topleft of the window. (1 unit is 8 pixels) MD = The text mode you wish to use: 0 =Standard text. 1 = Inverse (Background-in-white instead of white-on-background) 2 = Shade (text will be 'ghosted' out)

4 = Underline (A line will be drawn under the text)

These modes can be combined by adding them together (i.e. 6 for

shade-underlined text.)

Notes:

Multiple WINTX[] calls can be made to the same horizontal line (i.e. WINTX[1,"hello",10,10,0] WINTX[1,"world",16,10,4] will result in: hello world being printed in window 1, starting at position 10,10)

WINTX[] should not be used for often changing data on screen. The reason for this is simple: WINTX[] calls are buffered into the (limited) redraw buffer. Thus, printing 10 different values on the same position will result in showing all these 10 values in the order printed with each redraw. What's worse is that this can result in 'Out of redraw buffer' system messages. Use the AMOS text command for these purposes.

See also: WINOP WINRED

Procedure WINCLR[WIN,FL]

This procedure is used to clear a window. All text, gadgets and graphics in the window will be removed. Note: Depending on the value of FL, the gadgets and window text will remain active.

Usage:

WINCLR[WIN, FL]

WIN = A valid ASOS window

- FL = This flag influences how the window will be cleared. 0 = The inside of the window (up to the border) will be redrawn, excluding any gadgets, text or graphics. Gadgets and text will be removed from any redraw buffers or zones.
- 1 = The window will be redrawn, excluding any gadgets, text or graphics. Gadgets and text will still be available in their redraw buffer and zones.
- 2 = The window will be redrawn, excluding any gadgets, text or graphics. Gadgets and text will be removed from any redraw buffers or zones.
- Notes: Using method 1 while gadgets exists will result in the redrawing of these gadgets as the user presses them.

Using method 1 while wintx[] text still exists in the window, will cause this text to reappear whenever a redraw[] is used by the system or user program.

See also: WINTX WINGAD REDRAW WINRED

Procedure WINSZ[WIN]

This procedure is used to allow the user to resize a window. When called, the user gets a 'growbox' outline of the current window, which can be resized using the mouse.

Usage: WINSZ[WIN] WIN = A valid ASOS window. Notes: This function should be called whenever a resize gadget is pressed by the user. The window content is reset by calling this function, so any gadget will have to be replaced by the user-software. The same goes for text. Wintx[] text which is placed in a resizable window can exceed window boundaries. See also: WINOP Gadget-structure procedures. Revision: 11 Procedure WINGAD[WIN, NUM, GD\$, X, Y, R] This procedure creates a text gadget inside a window. Usage: WINGAD [WIN, NUM, GD\$, X, Y, R] WIN = A valid ASOS window. NUM = A valid, unused ASOS zone. You can use ZONREQ to get such a zone number. GD\$ = The text in the gadget. For example, "OK". = The x position of the gadget, relative to the top-left of Х the window. (1 unit is 8 pixels) Y = The y position of the gadget, relative to the top-left of R = The type of gadget: 0 = Borderless gadget. The gadget will appear as a gray block with the text in it. = Thin Bordered gadget. The gadget will have a thin black 1 border around the gray block with the text in. 2 = 3D-Look gadget. The gadget will have a 3D look to it. = ANPUT gadget. Reserved for the ASOS input routine. Do not use. 4+ = Text only gadget. The gadget will appear exactly as standard text. You can, however still click on it. See also: WINCLR WINOP Procedure CYCLEGAD[WIN, NUM, GD1, GD2, X, Y, R] This procedure creates content cycling text gadget in a valid window. For this function to work, the content must be added to USERGADDATA as outlined in chapter 6, on filling 'user' procedures.

Usage:

CYCLEGAD [WIN, NUM, GD1, GD2, X, Y, R] WIN = A valid ASOS window. NUM = A valid, unused ASOS zone. GD1 = The first gadget entry to use, from USERGADDATA. GD2 = The last gadget entry to use, from USERGADDATA. = The x position of the gadget (see WINGAD). Х = The y position of the gadget (see WINGAD). Y R = The gadget look (see WINGAD). See also: WINGAD WINCLR CYCLEUPD CYCLEGET Procedure CYCLEUPD[NUM] This procedure updates the contents of the named CYCLEGAD. It should be called after every 'click' on the gadget. Usage: CYCLEGAD [NUM] NUM = A valid, used CYCLEGAD. See also: CYCLEGAD CYCLEGET Procedure CYCLEGET[NUM] This procedure gets the current value of the named CYCLEGAD. Usage: CYCLEGET[NUM] : GADSTATUS = ANS NUM = A valid, used CYCLEGAD. ANS = The current content value. For example: A cyclegad with GD1 = 10 and GD2 = 14 will have possible content values 1 (which equals to GD1 (10)) through 5 (which equals to GD2 (14)). In other words, the content of a cyclegad is equal to the difference between GD1 and the current value. This in turn is equal to the amount of 'clicks' between the initial state and the current state. See chapter 5 on 'gadget use' for more information. See also: CYCLEGAD CYCLEUPD Procedure INVGAD[NUM] This procedure redraws the named gadget in it's 'clicked on' state.

Usage:

INVGAD [NUM] NUM = A valid, used gadget. Notes: This procedure is used mostly internal and should not really be nessecary, unless you plan to write your own event handler. See also: RESTGAD Procedure RESTGAD[NUM] This procedure redraws the named gadget in it's default state. Usage: RESTGAD [NUM] NUM = A valid, used gadget. Notes: This procedure is used mostly internal and should not really be nessecary, unless you plan to write your own event handler / redraw handler. See also: INVGAD REDRAW WINRED Procedure BUTTON[WIN, NUM, TYPE, X, Y, RADIORANGE] This procedure is used to create a button in a window. There are a number of button types which can be created. Usage: BUTTON [WIN, NUM, TYPE, X, Y, RADIORANGE] WIN = A valid ASOS window. NUM = A valid, empty zone number. You can use ZONREQ to get such a number. TYPE = The type of button to be created: 0 = Undefined. Do not use. 1 = Close gadget. Use this to generate a close gadget in the window, if it is not already present. 2 = Resize gadget. Use this to generate a resize gadget into the window, if it is not already present. Note: the window will not become a resizable window, so text e.d. will still have to fit. 3 = User button. This button can be used as a switch, or as a radioswitch. = The x value of the button, relative to the top-left of the Χ window. (1 unit is 1 pixel). Y = The y value of the button, relative to the top-left of the window. (1 unit is 1 pixel). RADIORANGE = This value sets the 'Radioswitch' range to which the button belongs. This can be any positive number above zero. If a button has a RADIORANGE value above zero and it is clicked, all other buttons with the same RADIORANGE value will be cleared, so that only the last clicked button applies.

Notes: More information about creating buttons, their values and the RADIORANGE variable can be found in chapter 5, under 'creating buttons'

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See also: BTUPD
BTDRAW
WINOP
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Procedure BTUPD[NUM]

This procedure changes the state of the named button and, if applicable, the state of all associated RADIORANGE buttons as well.

Usage:

BTUPD[NUM]

NUM = A valid button zone. If the button was active, it will be deactivated. If the button was inactive, it will be activated and all associated RADIORANGE buttons will be deactivated.

See also: BUTTON BTDRAW

Procedure BTDRAW[NUM]

This procedure (re)draws a valid button in it's window. It is used mostly internal, but could be used in custom redraw handlers and the like.

Usage:

BTDRAW[NUM]

See also: BUTTON BTUPD

Input-handler procedures. Revision: 13

Procedure ANPUT[WIN, NUM, DEF\$, NX, Y, MX, SPC, CU, CD, CL, CR]

This procedure generates an input field in a ASOS window. The way this function works is a bit special and can be a bit hard to understand. It is recommended that you read chapter 5 on 'input fields' before using this function.

Return values:

OUT\$ = The returned string, changed or not.

= If this is true then Cursor up is pressed. T'Ĥ = If this is true then Cursor down is pressed. T.D LF = If this is true then Enter has been pressed. СХ = This variable contains the last X postion that the input cursor was on. All these variables are global variables which can be used to get the contents of the input field, or to link multiple input fields together. Usage, initialization: ANPUT [WIN, -NUM, DEF\$, NX, Y, MX, SPC, CU, CD, CL, CR] WIN = A valid ASOS window. NUM = A valid, empty ASOS zone. Such a zone can be aquired using ZONREQ. DEF\$ = The default string to be used. This string must be shorther than MX. NX = Starting position of the ANPUT field, relative to the top-left of the window (1 unit is 8 pixels). Y = The Y postion of the ANPUT field, relative to the top-left of the window (1 unit is 8 pixels). = The length of the ANPUT field (1 unit is 1 character). MX SPC = The type of input to expect: 0 = Undefined. Do not use. 1 = Character string. May contain a..z, A..Z, 0..9, ''. = Numerical string. May contain 0..9. 2. = Open string. May contain all characters. 3 4 = Complex numerical string. May contain -, ., 0..9.CU = Undefined during initialization. CD = Undefined during initialization. = Undefined during initialization. CT. = Undefined during initialization. CR Usage, redraw: ANPUT [WIN, 0, DEF\$, GD (NUM, 2), GD (NUM, 3), PSP (NUM, 1), PSP (NUM, 2), 0, 0, 0, 0] WTN = A valid ASOS window. DEF\$ = The last string to be input into the field. = This is equal to NX. You can also use the old value of NX GD (NUM, 2) here. GD (NUM, 3) = This is equal to Y. You can also use the old value of Y here. PSP(NUM, 1) = This is equal to MX. You can also use the old value of MX here. PSP(NUM, 2) = This is equal to SPC. You can also use the old value of SPC here. CU,CD,CL,CR = These are undefinded during the redraw phase. Usage, clicked: ANPUT[WIN, NUM, DEF\$, NX, Y, MX, SPC, CU, CD, CL, CR] WIN = A valid ASOS window. NUM = A valid, ANPUT zone.

DEF = The string to be edit. = The X position of the input field. NX = The Y position of the input field. Υ МХ = The length of the input field. SPC = The expected input type (see above). = If this is 1, the global variable LU will be set to true if CU the user presses cursor up. This can be used to link input fields together. CD = If this is 1, the global variable LD will be set to true if the user presses cursor down. = If this is 1, the global variable LU will be set to true if CL the user presses cursor left, while on the first input position of the input field. CX will be set to -1. = If this is 1, the global variable LD will be set to true if CR the user presses cursor right, while on the last input position of the input field. CX will be set to 0. Usage, draw active: ANPUT[WIN, -9999, DEF\$, NX, Y, MX, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0] WIN = A valid ASOS window. DEF = The text to be drawn. NX = The X position of the input field. Y = The Y position of the input field. = The length of the input field. МХ Notes: ANPUT should be used in the following order: - First call with the initialization parameters. - At each 'click' on the input field, call with the clicked parameters. - At the end of each event loop, call with the the redraw parameters. The draw active version should not be used, execpt in a new event handler. Procedure WTCLK[WIN] This is the standard ASOS event handler, it can be used as a template for your own event handler. It waits for mouse clicks and interprets them for the supplied window number. Gadgets and buttons are updated accordingly. Redraw functions may be called by this function.

Usage:

WTCLK[WIN]

WIN = A valid ASOS window.

Result:

FL2: Contains the clicked zone number.

Notes:

This procedure waits for one click then exits, thus a call of this function to a window without any other zones will never return.

Procedure WATKEY

This is the standard wait for input function for use in your programs. It waits for both mouse keys and keyboard entry.

Usage:

WATKEY

Result:

ANS\$: Contains the pressed key as string. (For instance: "A") If ANS\$ is empty ("") then the mouse key has been pressed.

Error-handler procedures. Revision: 11

Procedure GENERR

This procedure is ASOS's standard error handler. All errors are by default trapped to this location (On Error). If the error is a known error, the error window will contain a description of the error. A list of errors can be found in Appendix a. The error handler can be called by your own procedures as well.

Usage:

AERR = x : GENERR

AERR = An ASOS error code.

Result:

Notes:

This procedure is automattically called by most ASOS functions in case of error. It can also be called by any run-time error. This is defined in ADEFAULT.

This procedure attempts to 'intelligently' trap errors, so that a program will not run out of stack space. If the same error happens to often, the procedure will state a special 'too many errors' type error, which is treated as a fatal error.

On fatal errors, the procedures RESET and USERRESET are called.

Procedure RESET[NUM]

This procedure handles the 'resetting' of ASOS. Since ASOS does not really reset, all it does is close all windows, clear all zones and flags, as well as the screen. It can also be used to quit a program. This procedure calles the user function USERRESET. Usage: RESET [NUM] NUM = 0: This reset is for voluntary reseting. It asks wether you wish to reset before actually doing anything. NUM = 1: This reset is for fatal errors. The reset is no longer voluntary. NUM = 2: This reset can be used for a non-voluntary reset, where there has not actually been any error. NUM = 3: This reset takes form of a Quit question (yes/no). Result: Reset does not return. Notes: Since reset[] does not return, you should be carefull around quit and other voluntary resets. You could use USERRESET to set a flag or something so you know the reset has actually happened. Procedure QUIT This procedure calls Reset[3] for you. Notes: See reset[] Redraw-handler procedures. Revision: 4 Procedure REDRAW[NUM] This procedure is the ASOS redraw handler. It can be used to redraw ASOS \leftrightarrow windows and / or screens. Usage: REDRAW[NUM] NUM = 0: Clears the screen and redraws all ASOS windows. NUM = -1: Redraws all ASOS windows, without clearing the screen. NUM = x (where x>0): Redraw ASOS window x. Notes: Redraw only redraws standard ASOS windows, gadget and buttons. Procedure WINRED[NUM]

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This procedure redraws a single window, including all WINTX[]texts
   which have been written into it.
   Usage:
     WINRED[NUM]
     NUM = x : Window to redraw.
Procedure CLREDRAW[NUM]
   This procedure is used to clear the redraw-text buffer of windows.
   Usage:
     CLREDRAW[NUM]
     NUM = 0: Clear the redraw buffer of all active ASOS windows.
     NUM = x (where x > 0): Clear the redraw buffer of window x.
Procedure CLEAR
   This procedure clears the screen. Any ASOS windows on it are just
   invisible, they are not removed using this function.
Help-handler procedures. Revision: 1
Procedure SETHELP[WIN, NUM]
   This procedure sets a zone to be seen as 'help' button, for the other
   help procedures.
   Usage:
     SETHELP [WIN, NUM]
     WIN : A valid ASOS window.
     NUM : A valis ASOS gadget zone.
Procedure DELHELP[WIN]
   This procedure removes the 'help' button from a window.
   Usage:
     DELHELP[WIN]
     WIN : A valid ASOS window.
Procedure GENHELP
   This procedure opens a screen and calls USERHELP. The user help
   function should then display any available information, in a
   context sensitive way.
   Usage:
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GENHELP

External procedures. Revision: 1

Procedure GROWBOX

This procedure, which is a version of the GROWBOX procedure found in many AMOS examples, is used to draw bounding boxes.

Procedure EXEC[C\$]

This procedure can be used to execute an Amiga program.

USAGE:

EXEC[C\$]

C\$: The complete command path and any command parameters.

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Like any software product, ASOS v1.35 contains bugs. There are also a few procedures which do not work completely.

Known bugs:

The ANPUT[] procedure has a number of known bugs:

- When pressing [DEL] at the last possible position in any input field, the key will not work. Instead, you will have to move past the last character and use [BACKSPACE].
- When ANPUT[] is used for numbers only, the display sometimes moves to the left after exiting the field, only to move back to the right when re-entering the field.

The WTCLK[] procedure does not handle close / resize buttons accurately in all cases.

There are likely more (small) bugs in ASOS v1.35. If you find one, send us a detailed bug-report.

Known limitations:

ASOS only really works correctly is used on screen 0. ASOS doesn't really like double-buffered screens.

The event-handler (WTCLK[]) only handles one window at a time and cannot be used concurrently.

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If you find other procedures that work without problem, but not upto the named specifications (see the quick reference guide), send us a detailed report.

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1.13 Appendix D: List of examples and demos.

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Currently there are no real examples, other than the tutorials and the demo. Combining these does give an overview of ASOS's capabilities. In future versions, examples will be included.

A note about Mandelbrot.amos, Mandelbrot_old.amos and Mandelbrot:

This 'package' has been included to show you the program which inspired ASOS in ↔
the
first place. The programs are not very good and contain more than a few bugs, but
they also contain the very first GUI system we wrote. Enjoy!

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Power Programs documentation, A.S.O.S v1.35 ASOS v1.35: First public release Removed multiple bugs from the gadgets system. Added cyclegadgets. Added generic help support. Changed the way buttons work. Added standard icons for close buttons and the like. Removed registration limits. Removed multiple bugs from the generic input field system. Removed a bug from WTCLK[] dealing with buttons. ASOS v1.34: Changed the palette. Removed bugs from the window system and the buttons system. Implemented RESET. Updated the generic error handler.

ASOS v1.30: Base version

Added the generic input field system. Added buttons. Removed several dozens of bugs accros the entire package. ASOS v1.00 and lower: Amos window system Implemented every section but buttons. Toyed around with icons, but later removed them. Tried to create a process communication system, so ASOS could become a full GUI system, instead of an AMOS 'extension' Build the core package.

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Plans for v1.36 onwards:

Create a colour system. Update ANPUT to work better. Remove bugs. Implement better button support. Better help system.

And much more...

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