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Chapter 1

Default

1.1 This Guide is a Reference to AMOS_Default_EDIT program.

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Released as GiftWare. It was written using Amos1.36 on
an Amiga 2000HD with 4 megs. Ram, running WBench 2.04.

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1.2 introduction

An Introduction To The AMOS_Default_EDIT program.

I purchased AMOS, Version 1.2, a couple of years ago and, once set up, found it an excellent and easy to use Basic language. My Amos has since been updated to version 1.36, AMOS_Default_EDIT was written using

this version.

In the mean time, AmosPro has come onto the market. This program, very similar to Amos, but with a brand new GUI (Graphics User Interface), and with a more modernistic approach, gives you the ability to alter the parameter of the Default screen (Screen 0). Unlike Amos, where you can only alter the Default Screen Display Position (Pos.y). Just why (???), Francois Lionet restricted us to only this one change I have not the foggiest idea.

I decided it was time to fix the problem, NO more dirty Orange (NTSC) screen that Flashed every time you ran a project. The AMOS user too, can NOW have a nice, clear black screen to run a program. I must say at this point that unlike AmosPro with the ability to change the Default Screen to any Size or Type Screen, I have restricted my program to alterations of Hires or Lores, a Screen Height of 200 or 256, Number of Colours (2 to 32) and the Changing of the Colours themselves. I feel this is more than adequate.

Give AMOS_Default_EDIT a try, it's Real easy.

1.3 envelopes

The .ENV Extensions.

The Envelope (.ENV Extension) files (among others), are all stored in the AMOS_System Drawer. These files hold all your parameters as to the way you would like AMOS to look, the Colours of the Editor screen, how many lines, the positioning of the different screens and the File Requester and many others. You have more probably ran the program, Config1_2.AMOS or Config1_3.AMOS to alter these parameters. I have four (4) of these files in my AMOS_System drawer, these are:-

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AMOS1_2.ENV      (left over from a previous version).
AMOS1_3_PAL.ENV
AMOS1_3_NTSC.ENV
RAMOS1_3.ENV
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You should have at least three (3) of these files. The RAMOS1_3.ENV is used by the Amos Compiler. Because here in Australia we use the PAL Television System, my Amos uses the AMOS1_3_PAL.ENV file. An American or Japanese Amos user would use the AMOS1_3_NTSC.ENV. As this is No technical article, I will leave it at that. Less to be said, it will be these files that my program, AMOS_Default_EDIT will Load.

1.4 compiler

The Compiler .ENV File.

The Amos Compiler uses the RAMOS1_3.ENV. Just to get away from

that Orange Square when running the Compiler, all I changed in the RAMOS1_3.ENV, was Colour #1, to \$111. I suggest you do the Same, as this is all that is really needed here.

1.5 backup

Making BackUP Files.

Before anything else I think it a VERY GOOD idea to make a backup of ALL your '.ENV' files. Just Find and Open the AMOS_System Drawer and MAKE a COPY of ALL the '.ENV' Files before ALTERING any of them.

Done It! Good Job!

1.6 doing_it

Running The Program.

The First thing to do is to put the AMOS_Default_EDIT program where AMOS can get to it. If you have a hard drive, in the same partition you have Amos and the AMOS_System drawer will do fine. If you Boot with a floppy disk, then you'll have to have space to put it in, on the same disk that you have the AMOS_System drawer on.

Load and run the AMOS_Default_EDIT program, you will first see a small screen across the middle of your Monitor, the Title of this screen is 'The Command Screen' in the right top corner is the word 'Drag', you can slide the screen Up or Down at any time by Click and Holding the Left Mouse Button on or near this word and sliding the pointer Up or Down.

Looking at this screen from Right to Left, we see a small blank square (this square will show the Default Screen Parameters on loading an Envelope file), and underneath, 'Hires' and 'Lores' buttons, towards the middle, buttons for 'Screen Height' and 'No. of Colors' (pardon the Australian spelling). In the middle are the three (3) sliders for changing the individual colours. On the Left are four (4) more buttons 'END', 'Save', 'RESET Screen 0' and 'RESET Colours'.

Above (should be?), three (3) or four (4) buttons with the Names of the '.ENV' files.

IF THESE FILES ARE NOT SEEN, IT MEANS AMOS_Default_EDIT CAN NOT FIND THEM. MAKE SURE THE AMOS_Default_EDIT PROGRAM IS ON THE SAME FLOPPY DISK OR IN THE SAME HARD DISK PARTITION AS YOUR - AMOS_System DRAWER - (Dir).

I'm going to assume you are using the 'PAL' Mode of operations. If you happen to be using 'NTSC', the same will apply except, you will have Clicked on the AMOS1_3_NTSC.ENV file button and you CANNOT use the '256' button.

Above these (in the Title), is 'BANK 10: ' and the word 'ERASED', I use Amos Bank 10, to hold the Envelope file you Load. If you Load a file it will show the Length of the file. You can UNload a file by just Clicking OFF the same button.

So, Click on the AMOS1_3_NTSC.ENV file button, another Screen will appear behind our Command screen, this is 'The Default Screen', this is the SAME screen you see, should you push the 'ESC' button while using the Amos program. The ONLY difference is this screen Now has the Title Line and the 'Standard' Amos Default screen Colour Set, graphically represented in squares.

To Change a 'Colour', Click on a colour square (ON the Default Screen), then use the Sliders (On the Command Screen), using the same method as you do with 'Dragging' a Screen. One word of WARNING, Always have a good contrast between colours #1 and #2, or you may NOT be able to see any Printed Text.

I feel the 'Buttons' speak for themselves, it's best to start changing the Screen Mode from Right to Left:-

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Set Buttons ... Hires or Lores.  
'   '      ... Screen Height.  
'   '      ... No. of Colours.  
Set Individual Colours.
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If you make a mistake use 'RESET Colours' to get back the Original colour SET.

If you want to start all over again, use 'RESET Screen 0', to Totally reset the Default Screen.

Use 'Drag' (On the Default Screen), to POSITION it best for your Monitor.

Last of all, if you think you have everything Correct and the way you would like it set. Press the 'Save' Button. The Command will alter slightly to give you a second chance, Click either 'Save' or 'Cancel'. Cancel will return you to the Normal Command Screen. After Save, tap any key to return to the Command Screen, then use the 'END' Button to Close the AMOS_Default_EDIT program.

Your NEW Default will be there the NEXT time you Run the AMOS Program.
