

QuickBrowser

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Chapter 1

QuickBrowser

1.1 QuickBrowser V1 Documentation

QuickBrowser V1.0 - The mini offline HTML reader.

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1.2 Welcome!

What is QuickBrowser?

I decided that it would be nice if there was a way to read HTML documents which accompanied with programs quick and easily. Therefore I decided to do a little bit of work and created QuickBrowser, it was that easy! Not.

1.3 Company profile:-

About Griffware Productions:-

Griffware Productions was set up in the summer of 1997. The goal was to design and make high quality software for the Amiga range of Computers. Since then Griffware Productions has gained the respect of the Amiga Community.

Because of the newness of the organization, Griffware Productions is still under the work of completing three programs which should be released in some form in 1998. Here are them:-

Power Accounts:-

Power Accounts is the next generation accounting package for Amiga Computers. The features of Power Accounts is going to be as feature layden as seasoned Amiga buisness programs.

Some of these features are:-

- * Full MUI 3.8 Interface.
- * Powerful management system with information tracker.
- * Modular interface with Database system, Transaction and credit accounts
- * Built in support for encryption of data.
- * Password protection support.

QuickBrowser:-

Quickbrowser is a small but powerful HTML viewing program. It allows for users to view local HTML documents. Because of the small size of the application, it is very handy to have it

included in archives.

QuickBrowser should be included with this version of Graphics Kit. To decrease the main size of the program, QuickBrowser uses the HTMLtext custom class to view the documents. This may change in future.

Power Launcher:-

Power Launcher is a small program launcher. Nothing much but there you go :)

About me:-

My name is Stephen Griffiths and I am currently studying for A-Levels. Hopefully this year I will be able to get into University, preferably University of West of England, Bristol or University of Glamorganshire. I am well on my way to achiveing the grades :)

I live in Carmarthen, which is situated in South West Wales.

You can catch me on IRC at around 9.30pm weeknights with the nick Griff on #amiga IRCnet. Come around for a chat it you wish :)

1.4 Copyright Information - Magic User Interface

Graphics Kit uses:-

MUI - MagicUserInterface

(c) Copyright 1992-98 by Stefan Stuntz

MUI is a system to generate and maintain graphical user interfaces. With the aid of a preferences program, the user of an application has the ability to customize the outfit according to his personal taste.

MUI is distributed as shareware. To obtain a complete package containing lots of examples and more information about registration please look for a file called "muiXXusr.lha" (XX means the latest version number) on your local bulletin boards or on public domain disks.

If you want to register directly, feel free to send

DM 30.- or US\$ 20.-

to

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Support and online registration is available at

<http://www.sasg.com/>

1.5 History:-

QuickBrowser History file:-

ALPHA 0.1 * 14th April 1998 - Passed my driving test today... Wahey!! :)))

* The first running version of QuickBrowser

ALPHA 0.2 * 14th April 1998

* Made the window as a appwindow so files can be dropped and then read.
* Added normal menus
* Added the main navigation buttons.

ALPHA 0.3 * 15th April 1998

* Sorted out the userdata for the navigation buttons so information about the button is shown in the status text box.
* Fixed a lame bug which made QuickBrowser crash if the Warning window is asked to be opened.

BETA 0.4 * 16th April 1998

* Got the Open menu item to work. An ASL window appears asking for a file.
* The goto string now returns the filename inputted from the ASL requester.
* Added the about window..
* Upped the stack to 8192, as every small MUI application should be. :)
* Made the MUI prefs MenuItem to work.
* Made the about MUI menuItem to work.

BETA 0.5 * Early morning 17th April 1998

* ASL now works correctly. Select a file and see it load! :)
* Added .htm pattern to ASL requester.

BETA 0.6 * 18th April 1998.

* Fixed the bug which zaps around 15meg of memory when QuickBrowser is run.
* The title of the document is now displayed on the main QuickBrowser window title ↔
* Fixed a bug which crept into the appwindow notification mechanism.
* Fixed the lame bug which didn't allow you to have a path bigger than 4 ↔ characters
in the "choose default directory" in preferences window.

- * I don't know if you have found this out with using V0.5, but I found that QuickBrowser didn't try/bother loading images. Well it does now. :)
- * Fixed a bug which didn't allow any filenames typed into the main string gadget in the main QuickBrowser to be loaded correctly.
- * Home button now works.
- * Somehow loading and saving of stringgadgets didn't work correctly. Reverted back to normal MUI string gadgets from Textinput for now.

BETA 0.62 * 21st April 1998.

- * Better handling of preferences.. I have added three save and load related menuitems which I have implemented.
- * Added small text object to main startup window. It tells what is happening on startup like "loading configuration file" etc.

INTERNAL BETA 0.63 * 25th April 1998.

- * Implemented "show source" window.
- * Added external editor button and got it working!

INTERNAL BETA 0.64 * 26th April 1998

- * Changed the show source textspace to texteditor class so source can be changed, updated and save.
- * Added "select external editor" preferences stringadget.
- * Added "show status bar as infotext?" checkmark in preferences window.
- * Added document information window.

TESTERS BETA 0.65 * 30th April 1998

- * Added document title, size and dir to doc info window.
- * Added toolbar prefs to preferences window - not correctly implemented yet. (Disabled)
- * Preferences window is split into four register groups, main, windows, paths and Misc.
- * General cleanup of preferences window layout such as correct weights to different objects.
- * Added reset button to source window... and it works! :)
- * Added update button.

TESTERS BETA 0.66 * 9th May 1998

- * Got the show doc info and show source windows to open at startup if the corresponding checkmark's are true.

TESTERS BETA 0.67 * 10th May 1998

- * Better handling of startup of QuickBrowser. Windows opened in correct order.

PUBLIC BETA 0.68 * 11th May 1998

* Been working on the toolbar for the view source window. Only 20% complete now ←
 :-/
 * Added *buggy* CLI support so you can run QuickBrowser through CLI + with adding
 a argument. Please note that this feature will probably (almost certain) will
 disable the "Home html file feature".

Bug report:-

I know that when you, the user will run this new version of QuickBrowser, ←
 that the
 file info and view source window will also appear! Don't get pissed off, the ←
 windows will not
 popup if you disable them on the "Startup Windows" section of the preferences.

1.6 Creating your own Toolbars:-

As you probably already know, you can edit the toolbar to your own
 presonal taste via the preferences. Also, you can use a Graphics editing program
 to create your own toolbar!

How to did it?

yrttrhhirgh

Rewards:-

Besides self-pride, if you create a decent looking toolbar, I will be more than
 happy to
 include it into the main Graphics Kit archive for future releases. Also you will ←
 get a
 mention in the
 main program and docs too! :)

1.7 It's freeware!

QuickBrowser is Freeware for the moment, and it will probably stay freeware for a ←
 while.
 After QuickBrowser V1 will be released, I hope that I can work towards V2 which ←
 will be
 shareware. QuickBrowser V2 will probably be a part of the Power Accounts ←
 professional
 package when it is released.

1.8 The main window area:-

1.9 Copyright information:-

QuickBrowser is copyright 1997/98, Stephen Griffiths & Griffware ↔
Productions.

QuickBrowser can be distributed on any kind of media, whether on Aminet or a Amiga Magazine CD. As long as this archive and the contents stay the same, I will be more than happy! :)

Textinput.mcc

The Textinput custom class is copyright 1996/98, Olli Wagner.

HTMLtext.mcc

The HTMLtext custom class is copyright 1997, Dirk Holtwick.

The Amiga and any other similar trademarks are Copyright 1985 - 1998, Amiga International Inc.

Copyright information on Magic user Interface is available
here.

1.10 Bah

I would like to thank the following people through the development of QuickBrowser:-

- Stefan Stuntz - By doing something decent like making MUI !
- Olli Wagner - For the great Voyager and the giant AmIRC!

Erm.. Id better say thanks to some of the people in my 6th form computer class too. (You know who you are!) They're "I'd bet this QuickBrowser will be crap cos ↔ it was done on the Amiga" jibes made me to work harder!

Here are the beta testers:-

Andrew Jones

Jester - Thanxs to him for his Why does this program suck whores surely made me mad.

Shrine Time:-

Oh yeah, I cant forget saying thanks to Beck Hanson, the best popular musician around. His great music and groovy sounds has helped me to code long into the night. Thanxs Beck! Two turn tables and a microphone!

1.11 Copyright information - MagicWB:-

Graphics Kit uses:-

This product is based on or uses parts of

MagicWB - The Workbench Enhancer

Copyright © 1992-98, Martin Huttenloher

If you use and like this product you should very much consider to take a look at MagicWB, which is the authentic source of the style, colors and design elements contained in this package. It features hundreds of original icons, patterns, image-drawers, dock-brushes and some specially designed high-quality fonts to improve the comfort & legibility of your daily Workbench session.

What is MagicWB? MagicWB is a full replacement for the Graphical User Interface of the Workbench and has become the standard visual interface on the Amiga. Over the last years MagicWB has received various merits and an overwhelming response from Amiga magazines and users worldwide proclaiming it "a must for all Amiga users". Even commercial applications are supporting the multi-colored look & style of MagicWB.

Get yourself the latest version of MagicWB and see for yourself the wonders it can do by automatically transforming your old and dull Amiga Workbench into an impressive workstation environment that will be the envy of all PC Windows and Mac users. Update yourself to the state-of-the-art workbench standard everyone uses on the Amiga! It is also your key to enjoy the new look & feel of many applications and other MWB add-ons and extensions.

MagicWB is distributed as shareware. Get yourself the latest FREE PUBLIC RELEASE of MagicWB now: It is called

MagicWB21p.lha

and can be found everywhere on Aminet (or your local BBS or public domain series). Install it and witness the instant magic it performs on your old Amiga Workbench. Also included is the latest SASG registration program with which you can order and get the full registered version of MagicWB.

If you want to order directly, feel free to send

DM 30.- or US\$ 20.- (cash, no checks!)

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You may also choose to visit the official MagicWB homepage on the world wide web. There you can find the latest news & support and even register your MagicWB online (which is much more comfortable and faster). You can even benefit from various special offers & discounts for MagicWB if you order through our website! Come and visit MagicWB at:

<http://www.sasg.com>

Save 20% by using the discounts on our website!

Ordering online also saves you a lot of time and work!
