FiDED

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                Welcome to the interactive hypertext-documentation to FiDED.   ←
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one of the buttons below for more information on a topic.

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MUI support for FiDED

                    MUI support?
                Would you like FiDED MUIfied?

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Hope you enjoy the program.

Take care,

Kai (laser@stud.uni-hannover.de)

1.2 Search strategy employed

FiDED has a sophisticated yet somehow customizable strategy to get the
file information that appears in the dirfile. The outline of the search
strategy is as follows:

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 1. Get next file in list of files to examine
 2. If COMMENTSFIRST is enabled, try to find a filecomment.
    If comment found, print and exit otherwise:
 3. If AMINETMODE is enabled, try to find a readme file
    If readme file is found, search for a line like "Short:<string>"
    and, if found, print <string> and exit, otherwise
4a. Is it a DMS file? Yes: try to find info and print otherwise goto step 5
4b. Is it a GIF file? Yes: try to find info and print otherwise goto step 5
4c. Is it a ILBM file? Yes: try to find info and print otherwise goto step 5
4d. Is it a JPEG file? Yes: try to find info and print otherwise goto step 5
4e. Is it a LHA file? Yes: try to find info and print otherwise goto step 5
4f. Is it a LZX file? Yes: try to find info and print otherwise goto step 5
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4g. Is it a ZIP file? Yes: try to find info and print otherwise goto step 5
4h. Is it a executeable file? Yes: try to find info and print otherwise goto step ←
   5
4i. Is it a MPEG audio file? Yes: try to find info and print otherwise goto step 5
4j. Is it a textfile? Yes: try to find info and print otherwise goto step 5
 5. Try to find Aminet readme-file (see 3). If failed
 6. If NOCOMMENTS is not set try to find AmigaOS-filecomment and print it
    otherwise
 7. If file has _not_ been identified in step 4 try to find
    file_id.diz in last 3000 bytes of file and print. Otherwise
 8. Print failure string

1.3 MUI

                    I'm currently thinking about converting FiDED into an MUI ←
                      application.
But this will only happen if there's enough interest from you, yes,
YOU.

If you use FiDED reguarly and would like to see it MUIfied tell me and
use EMail or Snailmail!

See also :
                    Contacting the author

1.4 Known bugs

                    There are no real bugs known to the author. You shouldn't ←
                      come
across severe problems, like sudden meditations, even if you try to.
The program has been designed to be as riliable as possible.

If you notice any bugs, or have problems with the program please
send a detailed bug report to the author.

Some problems you might encounter are the following:

· Output seems to be garbled (extra blanks)
  Some of the programs (especially unzip and cfx) called by FiDED
  produce output that cannot (believe me) suppressed
  by FiDED. For example cfx always prints out a blank line!

· Too much output, is there a QUIET option?
  No, there's not! But you may use FiDED >NIL: instead.

· Can I get direct output (not into a file)?
  Of course you can. Shell-wizards use
    FiDED [...] TO * >NIL:
  to get console output as desired.

· FiDED doesn't seem to extract zip-files (or lha-files or...)

Check if you have the unzip program installed. It must be present
in the command path (C: is always a good choice). You may add
directories using the AmigaOS 'path' command. If you start the
program from Workbench you might not get all paths specified
in shell-windows!

See also :
                        Contacting the author

1.5 Tooltypes and Commandline options

                FiDED recognises several different tooltypes/commandline options. ←
                   They are:

PUBSCREEN (GUI only) Name of a public-screen to use for the program's
    windows.

CURRENTDIR Current directory of the program (this is actually a
    workaround. Does anybody know how to specify a 'homedirectory'
    for the reqtools-directory-requester upon startup?)

SEPPATTERN You may specify a string with this option that will
    be used within the dirfile for separation. You may
    specify the
                printf-style
                 placeholder '%d' to print
    the ordinal number of the file just examined – if
    another '%d' appears after the first one, the current
    sum of all filesizes so far processed will be printed. See
    the
                examples
                 section for more information.

USDATE   If this option appears in the Tooltypes or on the
    commandline, American date output is enabled.

FILTERPATTERN Specifies the filterpattern (default : »~(#?.info)«)

SORTBY   Specifies sort-mode used. Possible values are:
    NAME (default), DATE, (oldest file first), REVDATE
    (newest file first) and SIZE

SEPARATIONMODE Specifies the separation mode. Possible values are
    NONE(default),BLANK,SLASHES,BLANKSLASHES,CUSTOM,BLANKCUSTOM,
    CUSTOMTOP,BLANKCUSTOMTOP

INPUT   (Shell only) Used to specified input directories OR files
    for FiDED's NoGUI-mode invoked with this option. The GUI
    won't pop up, instead FiDED tries to examine the input
    files and directories and created a dirfile specified by
    the OUTPUT option, which must be present if you use the
    INPUT option
    !!! NOTE: Patterns are not yet supported !!!

OUTPUT   (Shell only) Used to specify a outputfile for FiDED's

NoGUI-mode. The INPUT option must be given (see above)

FORCE   (Shell only) Overwrites existing OUTPUT files, default
    mode is append

RECURSE   If subdirectories are encountered during the examination of
    directories, FiDED will examine the subdirectories contents
    as well. Files will be sorted by directory and by the sort
    option selected by SORTBY (see above).

PRINTP   Enables 'P' output behind filenames in the dirfile.
    Just works with filenames that are max. 12 characters long.

CHOPFILENAMES Chops filenames if they are longer than 14 (12 if the
    PRINTP option is turned on) characters long

DATESEPARATOR Takes a string as argument and includes it as a date
    separator in the dirfile. This only works if sortmode is
    DATE or REVDATE. You may specify the
                printf-style
                    placeholder '%s' to print the date (which is passed as a
    string-pointer to printf). See the
                printf-style
                    section for more information.

AMINETMODE If this flag is enables FiDED will look for a
    Aminet-readme file before examining file_id.diz.
    Warning: When this flag is set no files called
    "#?.readme" or "INDEX" will be examined

SIZEMODE Possible values are: B, KB, MB, kb, mb, k, m,
    K, M, auto and AUTO. These affect the way the
    filesize is printed (either in bytes,
    kbytes or mbytes). Auto-mode sees which mode fits best
    for each file and uses that one. Try to see the
    results.

NODATE   Prints no date-string (and thereby leaves more room
    for the filenames

NOINFO   Just prints the file id without any information nor
    indention.

TOPTEXT   Takes a filename as argument and includes that file
    at the top of the dirfile

BOTTOMTEXT Takes a filename as argument and includes that file
    at the bottom of the dirfile

COMMENTSFIRST Look for file-comments before searching for any other
    information on the file (file_ids, cfx, etc.). See
    NOCOMMENTS

NOCOMMENTS Don't regard file-comments at all. If FiDED does not
    find any file-id, cfx-result, etc. it will examine the
    file for a comment and include that in the dirfile

MPEGVERBOSE Enables verbose output for MPEG audio files. This
    means output of year, album and comment data
    if available

Some of the options may be abbriviated when called from Shell. Enter
'FiDED ?' to get information on these commands.

1.6   Separation pattern examples and printf-style output

You may include one or two %d-placeholder in the file separation pattern.
The first one will be replaced with the number of the file just examined,
the second one with the sum of the filesizes encountered so far.

Furthermore you might include one %s in the date-separation patten.
Additionally you may also include C-printf-style control charactes as \\n
(new line) or \\t (tabulator). The printf-convention is to complicated to
explain here; see any decent book on ANSI-C for a full range of possible
values and modifiers (Note: This didn't work before V39.429).

NB: If you are using Diskmaster (yeah!) or similar to start FiDED you might
face problem as the %s and %d placeholder will be interpreted by Diskmaster
and thus FiDED does not work properly. To take care of this the percent
sign can be replaced by \\$ in all pattern strings. Thus the (sub)string
"----[%3d]----" in the example below produces equivalent output as
the string"----[\\$3d]----"

Some examples are given below:

 with no placeholder in the separation pattern

If you file pattern looks like this:
  "---"
your dirfile will look like this:
  aanim811.lha P 688708 08-03-95 Amiga Animation ed 8.1 1/3
  ----
  aanim812.lha P 298888 08-03-95 Amiga Animation ed 8.1 2/3
  ----

 with one placeholder in the separation pattern

If you file pattern looks like this:
  "----[%d]---------------------------------------"
your dirfile will look like this:
  aanim811.lha P 688708 08-03-95 Amiga Animation ed 8.1 1/3
  ----[1]---------------------------------------
  aanim812.lha P 298888 08-03-95 Amiga Animation ed 8.1 2/3
  ----[2]---------------------------------------

If you file-pattern looks like this:

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  "----[%0.3d]----------------------------------------"
your dirfile will look like this:
  aanim811.lha P 688708  08-03-95  Amiga Animation ed 8.1 1/3
  ----[001]-----------------------------------------
  aanim812.lha P 298888  08-03-95  Amiga Animation ed 8.1 2/3
  ----[002]-----------------------------------------



 with two placeholders in the separation pattern

If you file-pattern looks like this:
  "----[%.3d]-[%.6d]-----------------------------------"
your dirfile will look like this:
  ADHelp10.lha    73914  14-02-95  Silver·Moon
  ----[001]-[073914]--------------------------------
  Cross-Asm.exe  122288  14-02-95  EXE-file w/o description
  ----[002]-[196202]--------------------------------



 with one placeholder in the separation pattern

If you date-pattern looks like this:
  "---- New date : %s --------------------------------"
your dirfile will look like this:
  ---- New date : 08-03-95 ----------------------------------
  aanim811.lha P 688708  08-03-95  Amiga Animation ed 8.1 1/3
  ---- New date : 09-09-97 ----------------------------------
  OpenExec.c       4117  09-09-97  Textfile w/o description
```

1.7 Easy start ...

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Here's a quick-starters guide on using FiDED :

· Start program (You guessed that ?!)
· If you want to examine a entire directory, then click the
  Filter gadget once. Filtering will be disabled. If you want
  to include only certain files specify a pattern in the
  Pattern gadget.
· Use the 'Scan directory' gadget to read a directory.
· Want to add more files ? Click the 'Scan ..' gadget once more
· If you are done, choose if you want blank lines appearing
  between two files in the output file. If not click the
  'Separation'-gadget
· Choose your separation mode if you fancy some artistic stuff
· Now click 'Create dirfile' and choose an output file
· Wait until finished. Voila ... we're done
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1.8 About FiDED

FiDED is a tool to create a so-called Dirfile from the File_ID.diz
information contained within files uploaded to the Aminet,
AmiExpress-BBS-Systems and other sources. There have been many tools
like this before, but FiDED was written with two purposes in mind :
a) provide a powerful and easy to use GUI and b) to serve as a module
in for the program DePack! which deals with AmiExpress dirfiles (look
for Demoversion of DePack! in AmiNet and related sources).

Here are the features which render FiDED unique among the other
File_Id.diz extractors available :

· Easy to use GUI (but may be used without the Userinterface, so
  you might call FiDED from DOpus or Diskmaster)
· No need for programs like 'DMSExtract', 'ExeExtract', it's all
  comes in one program
· Outputfile structure compatible with filenames longer than 12 bytes
· Automagical sorting by name, filesize or date
· Filepatterns supported (so no #?.info will appear)
· Multiple directories can be read in one pass
· Separation between files may be customized
· It's sexy!

1.9   Installing FiDED

Simply copy the program, its icon and docs to a drawer you'd like.
You need reqtools.library V38+ to run the software!

See DePack!.guide to know more about using FiDED from within DePack!,
the Deluxe-Depacking tools from Laserdance Productions.

1.10   Filetypes supported by FiDED

                  FiDED recognises the following filetypes and is able to ←
                    extract
file_id information from those types :

· DMS files (DiskMasher)
· LHA/LZH files
· LZX files
· MPEG audio files
· ZIP files (a little clumsy at the moment, consider this as preliminary)
· Executeable files
· Plain Textfiles (i.e. more than 2/3 of bytes printable)
· All files that contain a description enclosed in an @BEGIN_FILE_ID_DIZ/
  @END_FILE_ID_DIZ-pair within the last 3000 bytes (this should do for
  most pictures)
· Files with Aminet-readme files (may be switched off)
· Files with AmigaOS-file comments (may be switched off)
– all other filetypes will be examined with
                  cfx
                  , if present

This should do for most of the Amiga-software released, more types
will be added in the future. If you would like FiDED to handle a
filetype thats not listed above send me an example file and I'll try
to support it in future versions.

See the section on
                search strategy
                 for detailed information.

1.11 Crunched File Examiner

CFX (Crunched File Examiner) is a tool written by Bob Rye (great
program, Bob!). CFX is Freeware and available through various sources
as AmiNet, etc. FiDED tries to invoke CFX to examine files (types)
that contain no descriptions or aren't recognised by FiDED.

CFX is not included with the FiDED distribution.

FiDED was written using cfx v5.570, other versions might lead to
problems with the layout, please let me know if you encounter such
problems.

1.12 Requirements

                FiDED needs some additional files to pop up, some of them ←
                 are
essential to start the program, some of them are optional :

Required things :

- 68020+ processor
      - Nobody uses these 68000-chips anymore...

- Operating System 2.04 or higher (starting with V37.175)
      - for the GadTools.library GUI
        and several other new features not
        available under V1.2 or V1.3

- diskfont.library (V37 or higher)
      - for the output routines.
        You can find this library in the
        libs directory of the Workbench disk
        that came with your computer.

- icon.library (V37 or higher)
      - for Tooltype reading

- reqtools.library (V38 or higher)
      - for the various requesters.
        You can find this library in many

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        PD-packages. It's not included here
        for legal issues.


Recommended things :

- lha File extractor
        - Must be present in the command
          path, if you want to extract
          descriptions from .lzh/lha-files

- lzx File extractor
        - Must be present in the command
          path, if you want to extract
          descriptions from .lzx-files

- unzip File extractor
        - Must be present in the command
          path, if you want to extract
          descriptions from .zip-files
          I use 'UnZip v5.1d3 BETA of 18 Feb 93'

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                CFX
                 File examiner
        - Must be present if you want to
          get information on files with types
          unknown to FiDED.
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1.13   FiDED Version history

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            I have to apologize for a grave mistake in the previous amigaguide
documents for FiDED.  The backslash character '\\' did not appear in these
documents or were printed as slash '/' characters.  Hence some of the
pattern-strings did not make sense.  This has been corrected in this
version of the documentation.  Sorry!

V39.547 (06.04.1998)  · MPEG audio support. This bits of code is
        based on mp3info by Thorvald Natvig and
        Mike Cheng
      · Added MPEGVERBOSE commandline option

V39.525 (13.03.1998)  · Sorry, yesterday's release still had some
        problems with the sorting, especially in
        the DATE/REVDATE modes

V39.516 (12.03.1998)  · Sortmode REVDATE added (this option was not
        mentioned in the 39.503-history entry below; still
        it is documented and implemented in that version)
      · The sorting/date-separator went completely bonkers
        in the DATE and REVDATE-sorting modes. Fixed
      · Added more abbreviations for the commandline
        options
      · Silly error in the welcome-message. Find that
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one for yourself. It's really embarassing...

V39.503 (07.03.1998) · Backslash characters '\\' did appear wrongly in
         previous versions of this document. Fixed.
      · Comments will now be included in dirfile
        (see new options : NOCOMMENTS, COMMENTSFIRST)
      · Textfiles may be included at the start and
        end of the dirfile (new options: TOPTEXT and
        BOTTOMTEXT)
      · SORTBY-tooltype did not work. Fixed.

V39.457 (15.12.1997) · The percent sign can be replaced by \\$ in all
         pattern strings to prevent clashes with Diskmaster
         or other programs that use %s or %d for other purposes.

V39.455 (06.11.1997) · SORT-tooltype was broken in last version. Fixed.
      · 7 new values for SIZEMODE: k,m,kb,mb,K,M,auto. Caution:
        SIZEMODE arguments are now case-sensitive
      · Dateoutput can be turned off (will leave more space
        for the filename). Use the option/tooltype NODATE
      · NOINFO tooltype/option just prints raw file id's
      · Finally: FiDED (when started from shell) may be
        aborted by sending an Control-C signal.

V39.429 (30.10.1997) · New tooltype/option CHOPFILENAMES chops long
         filenames
      · New tooltype/option AMINETMODE searches for
        .readme files to get a file-description (and
        ignores #?.readme and INDEX files)
      · New tooltype/option SIZEMODE allows of different
        output-modes
      · New tooltype/option DATESEPARATOR includes
        a separating line between subsequent dates in
        the dirfile
      · Fixed pseudo-bug: The docs incorrectly stated that
        one could use C-placeholders like "\\n" in custom-
        strings – this didn't work. Now it does !
      · Included new options in the program's icon
      · Slight changes to the info-text

V39.380 (11.10.1997) · _Now_ PRINTP finally works. Sorry!

V39.377 (08.10.1997) · New tooltype/option PRINTP enables 'P' printout behind
         the filenames (only if the name is <= 12 characters
         long).
      · Reversed order of this history file

V39.376 (06.10.1997) · Removed error that cleared filelist when 'no' was
         selected in the 'Add another directory'-requester.
      · Parsing string is no longer case-sensitive (whoops!)
      · Current-Directory handling had problems with ZIP-files,
        should be fixed by now.
      · Didn't remove temporary file-id's from T:-directory if
        the D-flag wasn't set, that would prevent remaining
        file-id's from being examined. Fixed.
      · Customstring may now also appear at the top of the
        file -> New values for SEPARATIONMODE-tooltype/option

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              are CUSTOMTOP and BLANKCUSTOMTOP
            · Archive now contains a file_id.diz :D


          (Thanks to all the people on the net that keep interested
          in my software and homepage)


V39.359 (16.09.1997)  · Abort requester pop up on FiDED's screen, not on the
            reqtools default screen anymore.
          · Abort requester produced guru's when used with RECURSE
            option. Fixed.
          · The 'P' between filename and filelength won't appear
            in FiDED's output anymore.


V39.353 (09.09.1997)  · Customstring may use printf-style formatting to
            output the number of the file (great idea, Fredrik)
          · FreeMem size mismatched in DMS-extract routine. Fixed.
          · Added support for GIF/IFF/ILBM-files (actually for
            a whole lot of files more, see filetypes section)
          · New tooltype/option RECURSE allows recursion into
            subdirecories
          · Improved calls of lha/lzx to allow FiDED to handle
            archives with no .lzx/.lha suffix (Thanx MadOne)
          · Icon contains tooltypes in braces
          · Current Directory was changed to PROGDIR: after
            use of unzip despite any CURRENTDIR settings. Fixed.


V39.329 (25.08.1997)  · Recompiled with SAS 6.57
          · Better support for ZIP-files
          · Sorting by size added
          · All options may be set from Shell/Workbench
          · FiDED may be used without GUI (but including all
            options), so it's may replace all Shell-based single
            file extractors as SnatchDiz and the like
          · Improved outputstyle of files with long filenames
          · Support for
                  cfx
                    and better output
            for filetypes not recognised
          · Statusgadget output was wrong after click on
            SoryBy-gadget. Fixed.


V39.274 (31.07.1997)  · Better Abort gadget handling
          · DMS-files without description were printed without
            "No description available\\n" string. Fixed
          · Enforcer hit during startup from Shell w/o
            arguments removed (Illegal read)
          · Enforcer hits during 'Scan' removed (Illegal read)
          · New Tooltype/Shell-option USDATE switched
            between American date output in dirfiles.
            (Thanx Andreas!)


V39.249 (15.07.1997)  · Textfiles were not close()d. Fixed.
          · Support for Tooltypes and new Commandline arguments
          · Workdirectory may be set upon startup
          · New built-in line separators and support for
            custom separators
          · Abort gadgets added
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· Number of files without description will be
  displayed after finished extraction
· FiDED is now compiled for use with 68020+
  processors. It might also work with 68000
  processors, who knows?
· Improved the old dull logo a bit

V39.171 (24.07.1995) · Added sorting by date (finally :)
    · Added support for ZIP archives
    · Fixed some oddities in this docfile ;)

V39.142 (30.03.1995) · Txt files weren't properly scanned sometimes. Fixed
    · Added support for LZX archives
    · Description lenght now limited to 44 col's
    · It was possible to extract FileIds while
      the About text was shown

V39.118 (15.03.1995) First public release to AmiNet

See also: the
              Future
              section.

1.14   The FiDED - gadgets

              Scan directory
              Read files into list

              Create dirfile
              Creates dirfile

              Sort by
              Select sort mode

              Separation
              Enable/Disable Separation

              Filter
              Enable/Disable Filter

              Pattern
              Filepattern

1.15   Choose sort mode

Determine the sort mode used by FiDED with this gadget. Determines in
which order the files will be appearing in the output dirfile. Nota

bene: This knob only takes effect _before_ your read any files into
the list.   The files in the output-dirfile will appear in the same
order as in the listview gadget.

The default value is NAME. It may be changed via the SORTMODE option.

1.16   Scan directory

On pressing this button you are asked to specify a directory. The
directory will be scanned and all files matching the Pattern
specified in Pattern, if enabled, will appear in the List on the
right side of the window. You may extract File_ID-information now,
or scan another directory by pressing the button again.

There is no need to clear the filelist as you'll be asked for that
before a new directory might be scanned.

1.17   Create Dirfile

A file requester will pop up, if you click this button and you may
enter a filename in this requester, that will be used for the
dirfile output. If you specify an existing file, you are asked
whether you want to overwrite or append to the existing file. If
the file could be successfully opened, the dirfile will be created.
This may take quite a while. You are able to monitor progress in
the 'Messages'-gadget.

1.18   Separation mode

Choose separation mode for the output dirfile, i.e. the way space
between files is filled. Possible values are:

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NONE       no space
BLANK      leave one blank line
SLASHES      separate with slashes (----------------)
BLANKSLASHES     separate with slashes and blank lines
CUSTOM       separate with custom pattern
BLANKCUSTOM     separate with custom pattern and blank lines
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The default value is NONE. It may be changed via the SEPARATIONMODE
option

1.19   Filter

If this gadget is in position 'Filter Files' then only files that
match the pattern specified in the 'Pattern'-gadget will be added
into the list of files to be processed.

The default value is ~(#?.info) which leaves out all icon-files. The
default value may be changed via the FILTERPATTERN option.

1.20   Pattern

If the filter is enabled, only files that match the pattern
specified here will be added to the dirfile.

1.21   Copyrights & Everything

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and performance of the program.

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usage, it's not my problem.

You are encouraged to copy the program freely as long as you include
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the author for comments, complaints etc. write to

                Laserdance Productions
                .

Thank you in advance for your support.

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- Graphical user interface designed with GadToolsBox Copyright © 1993
  by Jaba Development.

The following files belong to the distribution archive of the
'FiDED'-package :

FiDED.info
FiDED/FiDED

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FiDED/FiDED.guide
FiDED/FiDED.guide.info
FiDED/FiDED.info
FiDED/Author
FiDED/Author.info
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1.22   Greetings

The author would like to greet the following persons for their help and
moral support during the creation of FiDED

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                            Markus Schmall
                             Joerg Wabbel
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1.23   Oh Mr. Postman, bring me a letter ...

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!  Thanx for your support !

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'Things are only impossible until they are not..."
                                    Jean-Luc Picard
                           "When the Bough Breaks"

Watch  out  for  newer  versions of this software and other releases
from Laserdance Productions including :

FiDED – further expansion

FiDED is steadily growing – thanks to the continuing support from the
Amiga-community. There are still a lot of ideas floating in my mind
that I would like to implement one day:
– full control over the dirfile layout by means of
  an WHYSIWYG–preferences editor
– better pattern customization
– rearrange GUI (MUI?)

Swipe V1.56

ClearRAM was the name of a program I once wrote to clear the RAM-disk while
leaving the T,Clipboards and env-directories intact (it still can be found
on the (Ami)net).  The source code is lost, but I wrote a new version of
the program. It is called Swipe that may be used as a replacement/extension
for the AmigaOS-delete-command and incorporates the REMOVAL OF DIRECTORIES
WITH ASSIGNS ON THEM as well as ClearRAM's functionality.

Swipe – buttons

This example files exaplain how to use Swipe with your directory tool(s).

DePack! V38.204 :

My largest project so far.  Depack!  is a huge system to extract files by
selecting them within a dirfile.  May be used by AmiX-sysops for their

file-maintainance also.  Includes FiDED support.


(no title)

I'm thinking about a C-conversion of an old C-64/Amiga-Basic program I
found in a computer magazine almost a decade ago.  It renders
pseudo-3D-images of the Mandelbrot-sea.  I just converted the old source
codes to C but the GUI is almost non existant.  Be patient!



See  AmiNet's  RECENT  file  for  new  releases  or  take a look at my
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