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1.1   Wirenet Dashboard

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        Dashboard
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The Wirenet Dashboard is designed to provide a friendly interface to your
internet connection. It consists of a number of buttons to start various
functions, some of these buttons have cycle gadgets alongside them to select
options for the function. All of the buttons have keyboard shortcuts,
indicated by the underlined letters.

The buttons are:

```
        ~Connect~

        ~Cycle~

        ~Disconnect~

        ~Cycle~

        ~Get~

        ~Cycle~

        ~World~Wide~Web~

        ~File~Transfer~

        ~Browse~News~

        ~Read~Mail~&~News~

        ~User~A~

        ~User~B~

        ~Exit~

        ~Quit~
```

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                There are also two menus,
                ~Project~
                 and
                ~Command~

                ~What's~new~
                 for Dashboard 2?
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Wirenet Dashboard is (c) 1996-7 by
                ~Neil~Bothwick~
```

1.2 About

 About Dashboard

This brings up some program information with an option for online help.

1.3 Connect

 Connect

Dials into U-Net and puts you online. It has five options, selected from the
cycle gadget:

    Open   Go online and send any outstanding news or mail

    Mail   As Open, plus fetches any mail in your mailbox

    News   As Mail, but also gets all new News

    AutoMail   As Mail and then automatically disconnects

    AutoNews   As News and then automatically disconnects

If you click on Connect while you are already online, a requester will pop up
to let you know and give the option of sending any queued events.

1.4 Disconnect

 Disconnect

Breaks your connection. After taking you offline, it processes any mail and
news you may have received, ready to be viewed in Thor. It has two options

    Now   Breaks the connection immediately

    Wait   Waits until all sending/receiving of news/mail has finished
            before disconnecting
```

## 1.5   Get

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              Get
```

Fetches mail and/or news. The options are

```
    Mail    Fetches new mail

    News    Fetches new news

    All     Fetches new mail and news
```

This is an alternative to selecting Mail or News collection for the
              Connect
              button. do not try to use both at once.

1.6   World Wide Web

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 World Wide Web
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This starts up the AWeb browser.

For documentation on AWeb, just start it up and press the help key.

1.7   File Transfer

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 File Transfer
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This starts the AmiFTP program. Full documentation is in AmiFTP.guide. This is
in the doc drawer of the Internet drawer, on the drive you selected for
installation.

1.8   Browse News

```
 Browse News
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This starts the ConnectThor news browser, you have to be online to use this
option.

You can then look through newsgroups online, downloading the headers and
selecting which articles you want to fetch. This is of course much slower than
automatically getting news, so it is probably best if you only use it in those
newsgroups that contain large binary postings.

1.9   Read Mail & News

 Read Mail & News

Starts the Thor news and mail program.

You can then read your mail and news offline, without worrying about your
phone bill. Any replies or postings you write will automatically be sent next
time you connect.

For more information read the docs in the Thor drawer, or press the Help key
when Thor is active.

1.10   User Buttons

                    User Buttons

The two user buttons allow you to customise the operation of Dashboard.

Clciking on User A will run Internet/UserScripts/Function.A. This can be
either a dos or arexx script, but it must have the script protection bit set.
A dos script is simply a list of commands, as typed in a shell. So you could
start AmIRC from Button A with the foillowing line in Function.A:

Run >NIL: Wirenet:AmIRC/AmIRC

The text for the buttons is set in the
                    User
                      section of Dashboard Preferences.

1.11   Exit

 Exit

This ends the dashboard program.

If you are online at the time, your internet connection won't be affected.

1.12   Quit

                    Quit

This shuts down your TCP stack (AmiTCP or Miami) and then exits.

The TCP stack is the main interface between your Amiga and the Internet and is
automatically started when you start Dashboard.

Selecting Quit while online will break your connection and stop some programs.
You shouldn't do this, instead
                    Disconnect
                      normally and then select Quit,

otherwise you risk losing any information being transferred at the time.

A warning requester will appear if you select Quit while online.

1.13 Author

 About Dashboard

Dashboard, and its accompanying scripts, were written by Neil Bothwick.

Dashboard was specifically created as a front end for Wirenet subscribers to access the Internet. Please send any comments or suggestions for imporovements, bug reports etc to:

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     Gui4Cli by D.C.Keletsekis
     GoldED by Dietmar Eilert
     Heddley by Edd Dumbill

1.14 Preferences

                Preferences

This window contains seven buttons for accessing the preferences areas.

             ~~~~Dialer~~~~

             ~~~Addresses~~~

             ~~~~~User~~~~~

             ~~~~~~FTP~~~~~~

             ~~Save~~

             ~~Use~~~

             ~Cancel~
             There is also a menu with two functions

             ~Last~Saved~
                 Help~- displays this document

1.15   Dialer Preferences

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 Dialer Preferences
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You can select whether to use AmiTCP or Miami.

When using AmiTCP you can change the various parameters that affect your
connection.

If you choose to use Miami, you need to set everything within Miami's own
configuration editor.

1.16   User Preferences

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 User Preferences
```

You can change details specific to your account and also specify the labels
for the two user buttons. The actual commands executed when you click on the
buttons are defined in

Wirenet:UserScripts/Function.A and Wirenet:UserScripts/Function.B

1.17   Address Preferences

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 Address Preferences
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Most of the information in here should never need changing, apart from the
maximum retries and number of news sockets.

If in doubt, don't change anything.

1.18   FTP Preferences

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 FTP Preferences
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This window sets the name of the server to use for Aminet downloads, the
directory these downloads are stored in and whether the readme files are
downloaded as well.

These settings are used when you have selected files for Aminet download
within Thor.

1.19   Project

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                    Project Menu

   Help    Loads this document

   About   Display version information

   Prefs   Start the
             Preferences~editor
                Exit     Same as the
             Exit
              button

   Quit    Same as the
             Quit
              button


              ~Command~menu~
```

1.20   Command

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                Command Menu
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The items in this menu duplicate the buttons. They also work when the main
window is iconified.

```
              ~Connect~

              ~Disconnect~

              ~Get~

              ~World~Wide~Web~

              ~File~Transfer~

              ~Browse~News~

              ~Read~Mail~&~News~

              ~User~A~

              ~User~B~

              ~Project~menu~
```

1.21   Save

```
 Preferences Buttons
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Save   Saves the preferences permanently

Use   Use the preferences until you reboot

Cancel   Exit without changing

 Preferences Menu

Last Saved Reload previously saved settings from disk

1.22   What's New?

                    What's new for Dashboard2?

Iconification

You can now reduce the Dashboard window to a small title bar to free up space
on your Workbench, while still retaining access to all the functions.

Menus

All button functions are duplicated in a
                ~menu~
                , including the user-defined
buttons, and the menus work while the window is iconified. There are also menu
items to edit preferences and select online help.

Preferences editor

A
                ~GUI~editor~
                 for all your account settings, including the ability to switch
easily between AmiTCP and Miami.

Online help

Move the mouse over any button or gadget and a short help message is displayed
in the screen title bar. You can turn this off if you really want to, by
pressing the HELP key.