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Chapter 1

Install.dopus5

1.1 Version Installation Program for Directory Opus Magellan

```
$VER: Install.dopus5.guide 3.3 (05.06.97) © Frédéric Steinfels
Version Installation Program for Directory Opus Magellan
             This program is eMailWare.
         If you like it, please send me an eMail!
Contents
            ~Copyright~~~~
               distributing
            ~Introduction~~
               why should I use this program
            ~Requirements~~~~
               what you need to use this program
            ~Installation~~
               if you dont like installers...
            ~Features/Preferences/Buttons
               and of course starting...:-)
            ~Important
               read before using
            Internals
               how the program works
            ~History~~~~
               what's new, fixed and changed
            ~Future~~~~~~
```

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```
what's left to do

~Known~Bugs~~~~
  "It's not my fault..."

~Author~~~~~~
  send me an eMail!
```

New versions can be obtained from Aminet or directly from the author.

1.2 important

If you are using this program on a read only file system or if you \hookleftarrow don't want that your file comment will be overwritten, you must disable the the

write Comment
function.

For read only file systems you should also disable the orther three functions:

replace
auto replace
complete

1.3 History

	1.x	~ a year ago History stripped
	(10.02.1997) (14.02.1997) (17.02.1997)	· various bugfixes
2.3	(25.02.1997)	\cdot If REPLACES and REPLACED were disabled, the abort \leftrightarrow
req	quester	
		'You must set more compare criteriums' appeared
	(26.02.1997)	 Ports are closed with FORBID/PERMIT
		 File variables are dropped/freed
2.4	(04.03.1997)	· Wrote this guide
2.5	(16.03.1997)	 As variables were dropped to early sometimes, I disabled this function until I can fix it
		 Output of the Install_Preferences.dopus5 ('show Settings' button) improved
		· Fixed three links in this guide
		· Added new sections and links to the guide
		· The program is fully localized now
2.6	(17.03.1997)	 As I'm waiting now for the subtasks, there should be no more endless loops because of lost packets c:Version and c:Delete were added even if they were

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		already present
		· CleanUP code wasn't executed as it should
		Forgot to translate two strings in Install_RequestDropping of variables works now
2.7	(18.03.1997)	· Bug in a requester removed
		· Wrote german documentation
2.8	(10 02 1007)	· Improved the documentation
2.0	(19.03.1997)	 Fixed some wrong links in the german guide Exchanged buttons in the german button bar moved back
3.0	(01.04.1997)	 A patch to fix this ugly endless loop / crash in c:version included (from Urs Eprecht). It occured if there was a \$ sign in the last four bytes of a file. A minor change in the german catalog
3.1	(09.05.1997)	Updated installer scripts and guidesFixed problems with spaces in the path
J • ±	(03.00.1337)	· Added some 'Call's to avoid result values being
		executed as rexx commands
		· Cosmetic bugfixes in the error requesters
		· Due to a bug in ARexx, some error requester
		always showed 'invalid message packet'
		• The hidden listers are closed after all PORTS
		had been closed to avoid an 'arithmetic conversion error' (only occured if you pressed ctrl-c in
		the ouptut window)
		 Delete protected files are automatically deprotected if necessary
		 Better checking and warning for delete protected files
		 Changes in the installer script, the guide and the locale files
3.2	(01.06.1997)	 Fixed a never considered case: After having copied
	(021001233.)	a file, it's variables were dropped. If the destination files scanner hadn't scanned this directory yet, it would have found this file after the variables were dropped. The program tried to compare these files and as variables were missing, an 'arithmetic conversion error' occured
3.3	(05.06.1997)	 The catalog is again copied to 'LOCALE:' instead of 'DOpus5:Locale' because without an additional 'assign LOCALE: DOpus5:Locale ADD', rexx couldn't find the catalog. Unfortunately there is no possibility to open a catalog in a certain directory (in rexx) as far as I know Additions to the guide Please read the
	knоw	n bugs
		ion!
	5566	

1.4 future

Listed in decreasing priority:

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```
    Option for a requester if a file only exists in either source or destination (Choices: Complete, Delete, Skip)
    Progress bar including abort button
    icon compare routine
    only search version if both files exist and both have a different crc

            compiled version if possible
            (I compiled it with rexxplus:
```

- The size of every file became about 10 times greater.
- I haven't been able to gain a single second
- I think we can forget a compiled version

Optimizing with RexxOpt made the program unusable and even slower)

- write

crc

/Hex Date/Version to file instead of comment

Send me your requests!

1.5 Known bugs

- Doesn't support the special character translation FFS Internation1 supports. Eq. çatefaitplaisirjon is not equal to Çatefaisplaisirjon.
- Unfortunately, it's slow, even on a 060. The concept is too good for the overhead of ARexx.
- Due to a bug in DirectoryOpus, you can get two source lister what is illegal. DOpus seems to be a bit confused then about the state of this lister. It will always be source or off, but never destination. You have to leave the directory (parent) and then reenter it to restore normal behaviour.

Send me your bug reports!

1.6 Copright/Distribution

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All others have to contact me first.

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```
author
                ~accepts~no~responsibility
for {\it -damage-and/or-loss-of-data/equipment-resulting-from-the-use-of-this-software.}
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version.pch
Copyright (C) 1997 by Urs Eprecht
Don't forget to send me an eMail!
1.7 Introduction to Install.dopus5
                Is it useful for me?
Do you have more than one amiga? Do you have to update other amigas with the
latest libraries/tools etc?
If yes, this program is very useful for you!
As far as I know, there is by for no other program available with the same
functionality.
What does it?
It installs complete directory trees from one harddrive/path/
                 source
                 to another
harddrive/path/
                 destination
                , if you want, even in both directions.
It is smart: It scans the
                 size
                 creation date
                 version base name
                 version
                 revision
                 and
                 version date
                 of each file. If all of these points (or at least
all of those you've enabled in the
```

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```
preferences editor
                ) declare a file to be
newer, the older one will
                 automatically be replaced
                 by the newer. If it's not
clear which file is newer, a
                 requester
                 will ask you which file you want to
replace.
If you want, it
                 completes directories
                , from
                 source
                 to
                 destination
                 destination
                to
                 source
                 or in both directions.
```

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1.9 Installing Install.dopus5

ARexx/Install_Request.dopus5

```
If you don't like my installer script, you can do it manually:

Quelle

Ziel

Needed:

ARexx/Install_Execute.dopus5

ARexx/Install_GetID.dopus5~

ARexx/Install_Main.dopus5

ARexx/Install_Main.dopus5

DOpus5:ARexx/Install_GetID.dopus5

DOpus5:ARexx/Install_Main.dopus5

DOpus5:ARexx/Install_Main.dopus5

DOpus5:ARexx/Install_Preferences.dopus5
```

DOpus5:ARexx/Install_Request.dopus5

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ARexx/Install_Scan.dopus5

ARexx/Install_Scan.dopus5

DOpus5:ARexx/Install_Scan.dopus5

DOpus5:ARexx/Install_Startup.dopus5

Libs/rexxdossupport.library
Libs/rexxtricks.library
Libs:rexxtricks.library

System/Install_Locale.prefs DOpus5:System/Install_Locale.prefs System/Install_Main.prefs DOpus5:System/Install_Main.prefs

If you prefer german:

Install.dopus5_ger.guide DOpus5:Help/Install.dopus5_ger.guide Buttons/Install_Preferences_deutsch DOpus5:Buttons/Install_Preferences

If you prefer english:

Install.dopus5_eng.guide DOpus5:Help/Install.dopus5_eng.guide Buttons/Install_Preferences_english DOpus5:Buttons/Install_Preferences

If you'd like to write your own translation: Catalogs/deutsch/Install.dopus5.cd Catalogs/deutsch/Install.dopus5.ct (I'd like to includem them in the Archive)

1.10 What you need to use Install.dopus5

Screen size

If you have a small screen, the replace requesters could be to big. DOpus automatically cancels/skips such

requesters

. ARexx can't remark this.

But you: If in the output window appears the text '[ASK] bla' and no

requester

appears asking you what to do with the file bla, you should make a virtual screen that is big enough and try again.

OS

You need at least Kickstart/Workbench 2.1, but I've only tested it with 3.1. Rexxmast must be running of course, the needed libraries must be available.

DirectoryOpus

You need at least Directory Opus Magellan. 5.5 won't work as the command 'dopus send' is missing.

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```
Other files
rexxdossupport.library
Copyright (C) 1994-1997 by Hartmut Goebel, <a href="mailto:kartmut@oberon.nbg.sub.org">kartmut@oberon.nbg.sub.org</a>
rexxtricks.library
Copyright (C) 1994,95 by Jürgen Kohrmeyer, <J_Kohrmeyer@wilam.north.de>
version.pch (strongly suggested)
Copyright (C) 1997 by Urs Eprecht
All these files are included in this archive.
The directory DOpus5:System/
Locale settings file ENV:Sys/Locale.prefs
And of course a correct installation of almost all other files delivered in this \ensuremath{\hookleftarrow}
   archive.
1.11 Features/Preferences/Buttons
                 This is the default button bank named 'DOpus5:Buttons/ \leftarrow
                    Install_Preferences'
if you haven't changed the path.
With it, you can control all features. Of course you are free to modify it.
Keep in mind: Some buttons are only for information. You can't click on them!
These are the buttons you can't press as they are only for information:
 show Settings
                  Source
                 Destination
                  compare Icons
                    yes
                  write Comment
                              yes
                                           !! Install !!
                                                                      reset to ←
                       Defaults
                  replace
                   yes
                             yes
                  auto replace if...
                   same BaseName
                  auto replace
                                            Version higher
                                                                     VersionDate ←
                   yes
                             yes
                       higher
                  complete
                                           Size greater
                                                                      FileDate higher
                    yes
                           yes
```

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You can press the following buttons if you use your left Mouse button:

show Settings

```
Destination compare Icons
                  Source
                yes
                write Comment
                yes
                yes
                !! Install !!
                reset do defaults
                replace
                yes
                yes
                  auto replace if...
                same BaseName
                auto replace
                yes
                yes
                Version higher
                VersionDate higher
                complete
                yes
                yes
                Size greater
                FileDate higher
               You can press the following buttons if you use your right Mouse \ \leftarrow
                  button:
                show Guide
                           Destination compare Icons
                  Source
                write Comment
                no
                no
                !! Install >libs: !!
                 reset to defaults
replace
                no
                no
                  auto replace if...
                ignore BaseName
                auto replace
```

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```
no
no
ignore Version
ignore VersionDate
complete
no
no
ignore Size
ignore FileDate
```

1.12 show Settings

```
First it opens a window with the activated functions and then one with the activated criteriums to replace automatically
```

1.13 show Guide

Opens this AmigaGuide/Help/Documentation.

1.14 write Comment Source/Destination

```
Unfortunately, scanning a file for the crc and version, takes some time. To make it faster for the second time, the crc and the version string will be written into the files comment field. This can be enabled (left mouse button) or disabled (right mouse button) for the source and for the destination . Don't forget to do this on read only file systems!

Default: On for source and
```

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destination

1.15 replace Source/Destination

```
If you want that under no circumstances a file gets written to ← either

the

source
or the
destination
, you can force this with this option.

Use it if you have a read only file system!

Default: On for

source
and
destination
.
```

1.16 auto replace Source/Destination

```
If a file passes all tests enabled in the 'auto replace if...' \leftrightarrow
                    section,
eg. a file is definately newer than the other, the older one will
                  automatically be replaced
                 by the newer.
If you disable this feature, you will always be asked before something gets
replaced. If you have disabled the
                  replace
                  option for
                  source
                  The
                  requester
                 hides the
                 repl. Source
                 button
                  destination
                  The
                  requester
                 hides the
                  repl. Dest
                 button
                  source
                  and
                  destination
                  The
                  requester
```

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```
won't be opened and the files are simply skipped

.

Default: On for destination
, off for source
```

1.17 Replace Requester

The requester looks like that:

```
|Directory Opus
                                               | 0 |
|-----|
| Subpath [optional]
| Filename
| Source: Path of the Source Lister
| File Length bytes, File Time, File Date
| Library Base Name Version.Revision (Version Date)
| Version Comment [optional]
| File Comment [optional]
| Destination: Path of the Destination Lister
| File Length bytes, File Time, File Date
| Library Base Name Version.Revision (Version Date)
| Version Comment [optional]
| File Comment [optional]
               repl. Dest
               repl. Source
               skip
```

1.18 ersetze Ziel

The file in the destination lister will be replaced by the file from source lister.

1.19 ersetze Source

The file in the source lister will be replaced by the file from destination lister.

1.20 auslassen

Neither the file in the source nor the file in the destination will be copied or overwritten.

1.21 complete Source/Destination

1.22 compare Icons

Not implemented yet.

It scans both icons and compares type, stack, default tool and tooltypes and will warn you, if there are differences.

Icons are only completed or skipped for now.

You can enable this function by clicking with the left mouse button on the

yes button to the right of the 'compare icons' field.

You can disable this function by clicking with the right mouse button on the

button to the right of the 'compare icons' button.

1.23 Enable 'compare Icons'

Enables the compare Icons routine.

1.24 Disable 'compare Icons'

```
Disables the compare Icons routine.
```

1.25 !! Install !!

```
Starts the installation program,
                 Install_Startup.dopus5
                . You need a
                 source
                and a
                 destination
                 or you have to give two extra
                 parameters
                 . Files
can be selected in
                 source
                 or
                 destination
                , it doesn't matter.
The program will open a new lister for both
                 source
                 and
                 destination
                 so
that your original
                 source
                 and
                 destination
                 won't get busy.
The new listers will be hidden immediately and closed before the program
ends.
Depending on the functions you've set, a
                 requester
ask you what to do.
It is possible to run this program several times at once.
You can stop it by pressing ctrl-c in the output window.
In the output window there are the following messages. They are always related
to the filename that follows on the same line:
[REPL D] Replacing
                 destination
                 file.
[REPL S] Replacing
                 source
                 file.
[SKIP A] File has been skipped as the user selected
                 skip
```

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```
[COPY D] Copying file from
                 source
                 destination
[COPY S] Copying file from
                 destination
                 to
                 source
[SKIP D] The file would have been copied to
                 destination
                 if
                 complete
                 destination
                 had been activated.
[SKIP S] The file would have been copied to
                 source
                 if
                 complete
                 source
                         had been activated.
[SKIP= ]
                 Source
                - and
                 destination
                 files are the same.
[SKIP.e]
                 Icon compare routine
                 would have been used if it were implemented.
[SKIP. ] The files were not compared as they are icons and the
                 icon compare routine
                 is disabled.
[SKIPnr] As
                 replace
                 source
                 and
                 replace
                 destination
                 are disabled, the
         files have been
                 skipped
[ASK dD] Although the
                 destination
                 file should have been
                 replaced automatically
                , the user will be
                 asked
```

```
as it was delete protected.
[ASK dS] Although the
                 source
                 file should have been
                 replaced automatically
                 , the user will be
                 asked
                          as it was delete protected.
[ASK
     ] The user will be
                 asked
                 and he can choose between
                 replace Destination
                 replace Source
                 and
                 skip
[ASK D] The user will be
                 asked
                 and he can choose between
                 replace Destination
                          and
                 skip
[ASK S] The user will be
                 asked
                 and he can choose between
                 replace Source
                          and
                 skip
[ASK ?] An unexpected case has occured and the file was
                 skipped
1.26 !! Install >libs: !!
                This is an example button how you could use this program from \ \hookleftarrow
                    filetypes.
```

1.27 Internals

Look at

Multitasking/Ports

Parsing of the localized output of c:version full file

Command line options of Install_Preferences.dopus5

the arguments list of Install_Startup.dopus5

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Command line options of Install_Startup.dopus5

1.28 Multitasking/Ports

```
There are seven tasks running at the same time and communication \,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,\,
                   over ports.
- DOINST.x Install_Startup.dopus5
 Only runs before and after Install_Main.dopus5
- DOINMN.x Install_Main.dopus5
  Controls all other tasks
- DOINSS.x Install_Scan.dopus5
 Scans source directory for files and dirs.
- DOINSD.x Install_Scan.dopus5
  Scans destination directory for files and dirs.
- DOINVS.x Install_GetID.dopus5
  Scans the source files for
                 and version string.
- DOINVD.x Install_GetID.dopus5
  Scans the destination files for
                 and version string.
- DOINEX.x Install_Execute.dopus5
  Copies and replaces the files told by the main program.
           Install_Request.dopus5
- DOINRQ.x
  Opens the
                 requester
                 to find out which file you want to replace.
As this program completely multitasks, you don't need to answer the
                 requester
                when it appears. The program will continue to work.
```

1.29 reset to defaults

```
Sets the default settings. These are
WRITECOMS

write Comment to source

on
WRITECOMD
write Comment to destination

on
REPLACES
replace files on source

on
REPLACED
replace files on destination
```

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```
NOAUTOREPLACES
 auto replace files on source
 off
AUTOREPLACED
 auto replace files on destination
 on
NOCOMPLETES
 complete source directory
 off
COMPLETED
 complete destination directory
 on
NOCICONS
 compare icons
 off
BASE
 compare BaseName
VERSION
compare Version
SIZE
 compare FileSize
VDATE
 compare VersionDate
FDATE
 compare FileDate
```

1.30 Parsing of the localized output of c:version full file

```
The output of the version command is different in each country. Some examples: Kickstart 40.70, Workbench 40.42 (18.02.1994) (Switzerland)
Kickstart 40.70, Workbench 40.42 (18-Februar-1994) (Italy)
Kickstart 40.70, Workbench 40.42 (02/18/94) (USA)
After starting my program, it checks wheter the ENV:sys/locale.prefs has changed. If yes, a parsing table is built and saved in DOpus5:System/Install_Locale.prefs.
The program should understand all date formats! :-)
```

1.31 Functions

```
By pressing either yes (left mouse button) or no (right mouse ← button) in the column under the source or the destination button, you can either enable or disable the corresponding ← function.
```

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```
write Comment
replace
auto replace
complete
```

1.32 Source

```
By pressing either yes (lmb) or no (rmb) in the column under the
source
button, you can either enable or disable the corresponding ←
  function.

write Comment
replace
auto replace
complete
```

1.33 destination

```
By pressing either yes (lmb) or no (rmb) in the column under the
destination
button, you can either enable or disable the corresponding ←
  function.

write Comment
replace
auto replace
complete
```

1.34 Enable 'write Comment to Source'

```
Enables the write Comment routine for the source
```

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1.35 Enable 'write Comment to Destination'

Enables the write Comment routine for the destination

1.36 Disable 'write Comment to Source'

Disables the write Comment routine for the source

1.37 Disable 'write Comment to Destination'

Disables the write Comment routine for the destination

1.38 Enable 'replace File on Source'

Enables the replace File routine for the source

1.39 Enable 'replace File on Destination'

Enables the replace File routine for the destination

1.40 Disable 'replace File on Source'

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> Disables the replace File routine for the source

Disable 'replace File on Destination' 1.41

Disables the replace File routine for the destination

1.42 Enable 'auto replace File on Source'

Enables the auto replace File routine for the source

1.43 Enable 'auto replace File on Destination'

Enables the auto replace File routine for the destination

1.44 Disable 'auto replace File on Source'

Disables the auto replace File routine for the source

1.45 Disable 'auto replace File on Destination'

Disables the auto replace File routine for the destination

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1.46 Enable 'complete Source Directory'

Enables the complete Directory routine for the source

1.47 Enable 'complete Destination Directory'

Enables the complete Directory routine for the destination

1.48 Disable 'complete Source Directory'

Disables the complete Directory routine for the source

1.49 Disable 'complete Destination Directory'

Disables the complete Directory routine for the destination

1.50 auto replace if...

If every of the following criteriums

same BaseName

Version higher

VersionDate higher

Size greater

FileDate higher
is either true or disabled, Install.dopus5

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```
automatically replaces
the
older file if this function is enabled, otherwise it opens a
requester
if
the
replace
function is enabled, otherwise it skips the file.
```

1.51 same BaseName

1.52 Version higher

```
If this function is enabled, Install.dopus5 will check the version \hookleftarrow
                     numbers.
If both files have the same
                  version
                  but not the same
                  crc
                 , a
                  requester
                  will
ask you what to do.
If one file has the higher
                  version
                  and the other
                  criteriums
                  are either true or
disabled, the file will automatically replace the older if
                  auto replace
                 is enabled.
Default: On.
```

1.53 VersionDate higher

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```
If this function is enabled, Install.dopus5 will check the
                 version date
If both files have the same
                 version date
                 but not the same
                 crc
                , a
                 requester
                will ask you what to do.
If one file is newer and the other
                 criteriums
                 are either true or disabled,
the file will automatically replace the older if
                 auto replace
                 is
enabled.
Default: On.
```

1.54 Size greater

```
If this function is enabled, Install.dopus5 will check the file sizes
.

If both files have the same size date but not the same crc
, a requester
   will ask you what to do.

If one file is bigger and the other criteriums are either true or disabled,
the file will automatically replace the smaller if auto replace is enabled.

Default: On.
```

1.55 FileDate higher

```
If this function is enabled, Install.dopus5 will check the filedates
.

If both files have the same age but not the same crc
, a requester
```

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1.56 ignore FileDate

Disables the higher FileDate criterium

1.57 ignore VersionDate

Disables the higher VersionDate criterium

1.58 ignore Size

Disables the greater Size criterium

1.59 ignore Version

Disables the higher Version criterium

1.60 ignore BaseName

Disables the same BaseName criterium

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Command line arguments of Install_Startup.dopus5

PORT/A, SOURCEHANDLE/A, DESTINATIONHANDLE/A, PREFSFILE/A, FILE, DESTINATION

PORT - {Qp} (Directory Opus Port, required) SOURCEHANDLE - {Ql} (current source lister handle) DESTINATIONHANDLE - {Qd} (current destination lister handle) - DOpus5:System/Install_Main.prefs, required PREFSFILE - {o} only needed if you use it from a popup menu FILE DESTINATION

- eg 'libs:' only needed if you use it from a popup menu in this case, a destination lister is not required

Command line arguments of Install Preferences.dopus5

PORT/A, PREFSFILE/A, SHOWSETTINGS/S, WRITECOMS/S, WRITECOMD/S, $REPLACES \leftrightarrow SHOWSETTINGS/S$ /S,

REPLACED/S, AUTOREPLACES/S, AUTOREPLACED/S, COMPLETES/S, COMPLETED/S, CICONS/S, SIZE/S, FDATE/S, VDATE/S, BASE/S, VERSION/S, NOWRITECOMS/S, NOWRITECOMD/S, NOREPLACES/S, NOREPLACED/S, NOAUTOREPLACES/S, NOAUTOREPLACED/S, NOCOMPLETES/S, NOCOMPLETED/S, NOCICONS/S, NOSIZE/S, NOFDATE/S, NOVDATE/S, NOBASE/S, NOVERSION/S

PORT - {Qp} (Directory Opus Port, required)

PREFSFILE - DOpus5:System/Install_Main.prefs, required

SHOWSETTINGS - Shows the current settings in a

requester

You can use all of the following arguments for Install_Preferences \leftrightarrow .dopus5

with the prefix 'NO' to disable the corresponding option:

WRITECOMS

Write comment

to source directory

WRITECOMD

Write comment

destination directory

REPLACES

Replace files

source directory

REPLACED

Replace files

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```
destination
directory
AUTOREPLACES
Auto replace files
source
directory
AUTOREPLACED
Auto replace files
on
destination
directory
COMPLETES
Copy files
to
source
directory
COMPLETED
Copy files
to
destination
directory
CICONS
Compare icons
SIZE
  - One file must be bigger than the other to auto replace the \ \hookleftarrow
     other
FDATE
  - One file must be newer than the other to auto replace the \,\leftrightarrow\,
     other
VDATE
  - One file must be newer than the other to auto replace the \,\,\hookleftarrow
BASE
  - The base name must be the same to auto replace the other
VERSION
  - The file must have a higher version to auto replace the other
```

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1.63 crc

The

crc

is a 32 bit checksum. It's calculated by reading every byte of a \leftarrow file

and adding them in a certain way. It's save to assume that two files with the same name, size and

crc

are the same.

As comparing byte for byte in ARexx would take a lot of time, it's much faster to have a library calculating the

crc

. And if

write Comment

is enabled,

the program will be much faster the second time you use it on the same files as the

crc

is already calculated and can be read from the file's comment.

As some program (CynnusEd, \dots) are saving files by keeping the comment line, the

cro

 $\,$ must be verified with the AmigaDOS filedate and the filedate that was written to the comment field with the

crc

and the version string.

That's why there are always 16 hex characters in the comment and not only the $8\ \mathrm{characters}$ for the

crc

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