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# **Chapter 1**

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#### 1.1 BackClock V2.2B2

ThE MaN - BackClock V2.283

A beautiful backdrop clock

1997 - 1998

**Introduction** What's this?

**Distribution** Freeware, Shareware?

Requirements What do you need?

**Installation** How to install

Usage How does this work?

**Bugs** Known problems

Author Who did this?

Future What will be next released?

Thanks My contacts

#### 1.2 Introduction

Backclock

Something missed on my Workbench:

A <transparent> clock which opens on the Workbench and very easy to use.

So, I started to search on aminet but nothing suits what I was searching for then I decided to code it myself .

This is an analogic clock that works on the Workbench screen.

There is no border in the window, and you can choose the needles color in order to make the window transparent. in 2/4

### 1.3 Requirements

In order to run this prog you need:

- An Amiga with at least a 68020
- OS 3.0, 3.1 or better prefered
- math libraries
- notifyintuition.library V2.0+
- no memory requirements
- no hard disk needed but prefered

Tested succesfully:

\* Amiga 1200 Escom + Blizzard 1260/50MHz / 16Mo

HD + CD + 2 Drives

- \* Amiga 4000, 64MB, OS3.1, setpatch 43.6, P96
- \* Amiga 1400T + Blizzard 68030\*50 WB 3.1 2M chip 16M fast
- \* Amiga 1200 68040-25, 160 MHz Blizzard PPC

#### 1.4 Installation

To install simply run the provided Installer script

You need to install the notifyintuition.library into your libs: dir

The archive can be found on Aminet

\* sources are given too

### 1.5 Usage

You can run this programm from CLI or Workbench

If it's the first you start the prog, then the following default

parameters are taken:

position X: 0 position Y: 0 width: 100

height: 100

neddles : R=0 G=0 B=0 (black) tics : R=255 G=255 B=0 (yellow)

To change parameters then start the prefs program

you can change differents components of the clock:

seconds color

minutes color

hours color

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tics color

background color

the position and the size of the window

To change the colors just choose the components to change then use sliders

to set color

If you want to move or resize the clock, there are invisible size and move

All what you do is real time:

color is reactulised every time you move a slider.

If you want the clock to be filled with the background color then check the

-fill background- checkbox

To use the new settings choose "USE" (preferences written to ENV:)

To save the new settings choose "SAVE" (preferences written to ENV: and ENVARC:)

To cancel choose "CANCEL"

note: even if you set new preferences but click on cancel, changes are taken but not saved.

If you want to quit, start the program a second time.

### 1.6 Sorry, there some bugs

Sends bug reports please...

I did not use the blitter directly but the fonction of the graphics.library:

Normally, it should work on <ANY> amiga (68020+, AGA, ECS).

There is a problem with graphics card, the background is not copied

If you got the solution, please contact me, thanks.

Note: this version is a beta version so....

#### 1.7 Distribution

BackClock is Freeware, you are free to distribute BackClock, you are not allowed to make money with this distribution, even if you modify the program:

The sources code are provided with this distribution, you can modify it as long as you don't make any charges on it.

I couldn't be responsible of any damage made by my programm.

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### 1.9 Future plans

About future release:

- \* differents styles of clocks (needles, ...)
- \* localisation (doc, prog)

#### 1.10 Feed back

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