Raindir

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1. Introduction

  This is my first released utility(?) for Amiga (though I havent't made
    anything for any other computer either). Since now I've made couple of Demos
    and intros by the name Rainman of DiskNet. I've made also small tools which
    were never released (they're for my personal use only).

  But why new dir? What's wrong with the old one? Well, nothing really,
    Its output is just so booooring! I've been using the MasterDir v2.0 by
    Corsair of Dragons since it produces a bit nicer (colorful) output, but
    as it is a quite old prod (and bugged) I decided to make my own and better.

    NOTE: It is not allowed to give this production for free (unless you have a
    really good reason to do so). You must take a decent amount of money
    to cover up all your expencies (the more the better :). Everyone who
    disobeys the rule WILL be prosecuted (and found guilty).

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2. Using Raindir

  The reason why I am using Raindir and not any other dir (No, I don't
    use c-shell or similar either) is because I like to show off My WB. I have
    64 color WB with 64 color bg-pictures (mostly Hajimes) and MagicWB of
    course. And everything looks extrimely cool (and colorful).

  There is nothing wrong with the other Directory commands. It's just
    that they look so plain. One color output is hardly what I want to see
    on my WB. I know that more colors means less speed, but I think you can
    cope with that, after all if you compare the speed of 64 color WB to any
    other Graphical Operating System (e.g. Windows) it is UltraFast.

  The output is designed to use MagicWB colors so it may look a bit
    strange if you don't have 'em.

      Please note that I don't take any responsibility if your HD might crash
    while using this production nor do I take responsibility for any other kind
    of data loss or physical / mental damage to you or your computer.

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3. Features

    Raindir has couple of nice features which are compiled below:

- · It was coded in 100% Assembler (which means that it may have some unexpected bugs in it)

- · It generates its output to fit in your window (wider the window more columns you get)

- · Detects different fontsizes

- · Centers the path-name and puts it in a gadget like 3D-box (Though nothing happens if you push it :)

- · Displays useful info about the dir and the disk

- · From version 1.1 Raindir uses ReadArgs(). Arguments currently known are:

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COMMENT   Prints out comments (window sensitive)

DEFAULT   Uses defauls values (width=80 height=infinite)

FLAGS   Prints flags and dates (window sensitive)

HORIZONTAL  Sorts horizontally (check the difference)

LENGHT    If you like to use different lenght in columns
     (LENGHT 20 will produce four 20 chars wide columns
     on default window)

COLUMNS   If you want to use different number of columns in your
     output (COLUMNS 1 will produce only one column). You
     can combine LENGHT and COLUMNS to generate almost any
     kind of output.

PAUSE    Pause after one page is printed

SINCE    Print only files which are newer than given date
     (SINCE today will show files that have been made today)
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- · Possibly lots of nice little things which I am not gonna tell you here (Find out something yourself! It shouldn't be too complicated)

WARNING: I am not sure if I consider the following a feature, but I might as well inform you of it: Sometimes Raindir goes wacko and randomly destroys parts of your disks (harddisks included) completely...

... Nah! No it doesen't. I'm only kidding!

... Or am I?

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4. History

   Version 1.0 14-Nov-94
      · First Release

   Version 1.01  23-Nov-94  (Not released)
      · Fixed bugs in flag detection

   Version 1.1 07-Dec-94
      · Now uses ReadArgs()
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5. ToDo

    · Ask console the real width and height of the window

    · Optimize and make it smaller

   (· Fix the bugs)
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6. Credits

    Raindir was compiled using PhxAss -assembler on A1200/120/6
    by Kimmo 'Rainman' Pekkola

    All bug-reports and suggestions can be posted to the author (Guess that's
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    Thanks must go to Mandra of Skidmark for Ideas and Testing!
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7. Other prods
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Rainlities #1: Jack the Picture Ripper
      · Simple AGA only graphics ripper with not so system-friendly
        interface.
      · Not released (Too many bugs)

Rainlities #2: Random
      · Generates random numbers
      · Made only for my personal use

Rainlities #3: Convert
      · Displays numbers in Dec, Hex, Asc and Bin
      · I might turn it to a command line calculator someday
      · Not very useful yet (= No point in releasing)

Rainlities #4: RainDir
      · Colorful window sensitive directory command
      · First release Rainlity

Rainlities #5: StickyClock
      · Clock for Virtual WBs

Rainlities #6: Iff2Font
      · Converts Iff pics to Amiga bitmap fonts
      · Not ready yet
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