

TolleUhr

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Chapter 1

TolleUhr

1.1 TolleUhr Documentation - Contents

TolleUhr 1.31

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1.2 TolleUhr Documentation - Introduction

Introduction

This is yet another Workbench-Clock-Utility ???!?! Not quite :-)

TolleUhr is an analogous clock for the workbench (or any other public screen) and looks really nice.

The functionality in short:

- nice outfit
- mini-menu
- cli && workbench support
- optional second hand
- custom background-pattern
- custom background-image (3.x only)
- localized
- and more

1.3 TolleUhr Documentation - Requirements

Requirements

TolleUhr requires at least v37 of the OS. The plain version will run on every 680x0, the other version requires a 68020 or higher. TolleUhr should work with gfx-cards. The same applies to the libraries. One last requirement: you need an Amiga (but this should be obvious :)

The program has been tested on:

- an A1200, 68020, WB3.0
- an A4000, 68030/882, WB3.0
- an A4000, 68030/882, WB3.0, Retina Z3

1.4 TolleUhr Documentation - Installation

Installation

You have to decide which kind of TolleUhr you want use. You can select between the normal one and the shared library.

For the ordinary type only two files have to be copied (the program and its icon), so I do not provide an installation script. TolleUhr likes to be placed in the WBStartup drawer :-), but you can copy it to any location (preferable on a ← harddisk).

The library version needs some more work: a library version has to be copied to a LIBS: location and 'TuLoader' should go to the WBStartup drawer as 'TolleUhr'.

Hint: If don't want TolleUhr reside on your system partion, you can place a project in the WBStartup drawer with TolleUhr as default tool. This technique can be used for any other program.

Please select yourself a version that suits your needs and/or requirements. Both versions support the locale.library. A catalog for german can be found in the catalogs drawer. To install the catalog copy it to "LOCALE:catalogs/deutsch".

Since both the asm and the c version are now pure I turned TU into a shared library. Why one will ask. Ok, the explanation:

Some time ago there was a discussion on comp.sys.amiga.programmers that making programs resident is not a clever decision since that has to be done by hand (also to remove the program later). A library has the advantage that the system will handle this. If memory is needed the system will flush the library.

1.5 TolleUhr Documentation - Usage

Usage

TolleUhr can be started either from CLI/Shell or from the Workbench. Settings will always be saved to the programs icon (will be created if it doesn't exist). Sending a Ctrl-c to TolleUhr causes the program to abort immediately.

Menus:

You can set anything but pubscreen, taskpriority and background image from menus and save it to the tooltypes field with the 'Save prefs' menu. There is also an alarm-function from menus.

Gadgets:

There is an invisible close-gadget in the upper left corner of the window, an (also invisible) depth-gadget in the upper right, a sizing-gadget in the lower right corner and a drag-gadget in the middle of the window.

Background image:

An image as window background is only available with OS3.x, since this feature uses the datatypes.library. You can use any image format as long as a datatype for the image type has been installed (and activated).

IMAGE - name of a picture (including the path)
 USEIMAGE - show the image
 NOREMAP - by default the 'picture.datatype' remaps a picture. This prevents color remapping - check it out (seems to be useful for MagicWB 2.0)

Please note, that this feature can need *much* memory! Window resizing will become very slow on a screen with many colors. This should affect only native graphics, not graphic cards.

The arguments:

Shell-Template: (for a short description see below at the tooltypes)

TOP/N, LEFT/N, WIDTH/N, HEIGHT/N, SECONDS/S, PATTERN/K, OVAL/S, SHADOW/S, SHOWFACE/N, HANDTYPE/N, HANDWIDTH/N, DRAWPENS/K, BORDERTYPE/N, CHIME/N, CLOSEGAD/S, USEIMAGE/S, NOREMAP/S, IMAGE/K, PUBSCREEN/K, TASKPRI/N:

Tooltypes:

TOP - Number of Pixels in top of the window
 LEFT - Number of Pixels left of the window
 WIDTH - Width of the window in pixels
 HEIGHT - Height of the window in pixels
 SECONDS - 1: seconds on 0: seconds off
 PATTERN - 0000-3333
 OVAL - 1: oval face 0: rectangle
 SHADOW - 1: shadow on 0: shadow off
 SHOWFACE - 0: show minute marks 4: show no marks at all
 HANDTYPE - 0: line 1: triangle 2: rhombus 2: rectangle
 HANDWIDTH - 0: very thin 4: very thick
 DRAWPENS - 00000000000000-3333333333333333
 BORDERTYPE- 0 no border 5 full border
 CHIME - 0 no chime 4 full functioning chime
 CLOSEGAD - activate the window close gadget
 PUBSCREEN - Name of public screen
 TASKPRI - Priority of the clock-task (_should_ be between -5 and 5)
 IMAGE - name of a bitmap to be used as background

USEIMAGE - display the image (if available)

NOREMAP - disable color mapping

The background-pattern:

It is set by a decimal number of 4 digits (abcd) and gives a background-pattern that looks like this:

```
abababababab For example: 0110 gives dark grey
cdcddcdcddcd           0220 gives light grey
abababababab           0123 looks a bit like jeans-style
cdcddcdcddcd
```

numbers greater than nine are set as: xaabbccdd (hex)

The drawpens:

```
abcdefghijklmn
a color for second hand
b color for minute hand
c color for minute hand outline
d color for hour hand
e color for hour hand outline
f color for shadow
g color for 12'o clock mark
h color for quarters
i color for hour marks
j color for minute marks
k border color 0
l border color 1
m border color 2
n border color 3
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You also can use xaabbccddeeffgghhijjkkllmmnn.

1.6 TolleUhr Documentation - Known Bugs

Known Bugs

Currently none :^)

1.7 TolleUhr Documentation - Technical stuff

TolleUhr exists as assembler and as C version. They differ only marginally:

The assembler version accepts DRAWPENS and PATTERN starting with '0x' or '\$', not only 'x'. (The C version will look a bit strangely with those prefixes ;-). Furthermore the asm version is a little bit shorter :-)

All other things work in both versions the same! A plain and a 68020 version is available (check the version strings).

C
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The C versions have been compiled with gcc (2.7.0 was used for the plain version and 2.3.3 for the 020). Since the new 1.3 version only gcc is able to compile the the program in its current form since it uses one feature not available with other compilers (AFAIK).

(For the freaks: With gcc one can declare global register variables. TU uses such a variable to keep all variables 'globally' visible that are needed by several functions and to give gcc 'global' library bases. There is no other way to use structure elements as library bases with gcc's inlines in its current form. There exists a solution, but until now nobody created new inlines that would support this.
With SAS/C there would be a better solution. There one would always simply pass the address of the "global structure" as the first function argument since SAS/C can use non-global library bases.)

I used 2.7.0 and 2.3.3 to compile the clock. Since it doesn't need '-fbaserel' anymore one can use every other gcc version (I tested 2.6.3). The 'new' proto includes for gcc have to be installed (distributed since gcc 2.6.1).

Asm

The assembler version also comes in two flavors. Its my first try with 68020+ instructions and I am not sure its worth the efforts. Anyway there is a version for 'bigger' processors. The source for this version is supplied as a diff-file, so you need a 'patch' program, eg. from the gcc-distribution :-). Additionally you need an assembler capable of handling 68020 instructions. I tested PhxAss but I used SNMA (a really good one, but only few people seem to use it) to create the 68020 executable. A68k (v2.71) is sufficient to create the plain version.

WARNING: SNMA 2.03 (8-Oct-95) *cannot* be used to assembler TU since it has a bug with pc-relative addressing. So be careful!

1.8 TolleUhr Documentation - History

History

* 1.31: both:

- can now be turned into a shared library

asm:

- fixed some wrong comments in the source

c:

- completely rewritten to get almost the same structure as the asm

- version (only 2k larger than the asm version!)
- does now also support catalogs (uses the same as the asm one)
- residentable without the help of a startup-code

* 1.3 : both:

- changed window handling to shared IDCMP
- fixed low-memory bugs (eg. return value of BuildEasyRequest)
- added support for a background image via datatypes (OS3.x only!)
- better icon handling (if started from CLI)
- taskpriority now defaults to 0 (values >0 cause the mysterious system 'hangs' - a v39 only problem !?)

asm:

- fixed alarmSet() - didn't set st/mi
- reduced overall stackusage
- savePrefs() rewritten

* 1.21: both:

- window will now be opened with 'WA_AutoAdjust' (so the window will open almost always)

asm:

- several minor improvements (can't remember exactly what)
- reduced stackusage
- tweaked :-)

c:

- removed a bug in saveprefs() that created blank lines
- some code cleanups

* 1.12: - added NewLookMenus for OS3.x
 - area buffer was to small
 - assembler version created

* 1.11: - initial release

1.9 TolleUhr Documentation - Acknowledgments

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2.3.3)

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