

MoreText

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Chapter 1

MoreText

1.1 MoreText 0.51 Documentation

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MoreText 0.51
Text / AmigaGuide viewer
by Tero Oinas

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1.2 What is MoreText?

MoreText is a powerful, yet easy to use text/AmigaGuide/HTML viewer. It uses standard IO, so it's ideal for BBS usage. Of course it works

fine on shell too.

Viewing of AmigaGuides/HTML docs is very easy : use TAB to move to the next link and RETURN to jump to a new node or file. Link jumps can be naturally retraced. Also INDEX node is supported.

MoreText supports XPK system (crypting algorithms too) with all three formats.

Other features include fast search and line jump routines etc...

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1.4 How to install MoreText?

Installation of MoreText is very simple.

Just copy MoreText executable to some directory in your path, and copy MoreText.guide to HELP:English directory so you can use online help.

1.5 How to use MoreText?

Some information concerning the usage of MoreText.

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1.6 Command line parameters

MoreText has following command line template:

FILE/A, LINES/N, COLUMNS/N, ALTCOLOR/S, STARTNODE/K, NOFILELINKS/S, QUERYCON/S, ALTCURSOR/S

- FILE : Name of the file to view.
This is the only parameter required to get MoreText running.
- LINES : Number of lines to use. (Default is 24)
- COLUMNS : Number of columns to use. (Default is 80)
- ALTCOLOR : With this option on, MoreText uses different ANSI codes which makes it more suitable for CLI usage.
- STARTNODE : With this argument you can specify starting AmigaGuide node, which will be used instead of "main" node. Home (7) key will also jump to this node.
- NOFILELINKS : This option is for SysOps that do not want BBS users to use AmigaGuide links to view other files or guides and thus possibly violate the protection system provided by BBS software. This option also disables the use link tags in HTML documents.
- QUERYCON : When this option is on, every time display is redrawn MoreText queries console handler for number of lines and columns to use. Not all console handlers support querying.
- If LINES and/or COLUMNS arguments are specified, QUERYCON option is ignored.
- ALTCURSOR : When this option is on, cursor keys have different actions when viewing AmigaGuides:
- CURSOR DOWN and CURSOR RIGHT = Find next link
CURSOR UP and CURSOR LEFT = Find previous link

The Kickstart 1.2 / UNIX version of MoreText has following command line parameters :

Usage : moretext [-l<num>] [-c<num>] [-a] [-u] [-q] [-x] [-s<name>] <file>

Arguments :

- l = Number of lines to use.
 - c = Number of columns to use.
 - a = Use alternate (faster) ANSI codes.
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-u = Different actions for cursor keys in AmigaGuides.
 -q = Query console size automatically.
 -x = Disable AmigaGuide/HTML links to other files.
 -s = Name of the starting AmigaGuide node (defaults to : main).
 <file> = Name of the text/AmigaGuide/HTML to view.

1.7 Keyboard commands

Description of MoreText's keyboard commands.
 Press Q to quit reading help.

CURSOR UP, 8	SCROLL ONE LINE UP
CURSOR DOWN, 2	SCROLL ONE LINE DOWN
9, BACKSPACE	JUMP ONE PAGE UP
3, SPACE	JUMP ONE PAGE DOWN
CURSOR LEFT, 4	SCROLL ONE PAGE UP
CURSOR RIGHT, 6	SCROLL ONE PAGE DOWN
7	GO TO THE START OF TEXT
	Goes to the first line of text or to main node if you are viewing AmigaGuides.
1	GO TO THE END OF TEXT
s , /	SEARCH FOR A STRING IN TEXT
	You will be prompted for a string to search. The search is always case-insensitive and starts from the line after current line.
n	SEARCH FOR NEXT OCCURRENCE
	This is exactly same as previous command, except that it uses previously given search string.
j	JUMP TO LINE
	You will be prompted for a line number to jump to.
- , u	RETRACE
	With this key, you can "undo" your searches, line jumps and link jumps. You will return to a position you were before (including links to other files).
	Currently you can "undo" up to 32 jumps in one file, and unlimited jumps to other files.

r REDRAW SCREEN

If for some reason, the display is messed up you can issue full redraw with this key.

q QUIT CURRENT

Quit reading current document. If this was the last document, MoreText quits completely.

Q QUIT ALL

Quits MoreText completely, regardless of how many documents you have in memory.

h DISPLAY SHORT LIST OF COMMANDS

H DISPLAY THIS HELP TEXT

AmigaGuide/HTML control keys. These keys are only usable when viewing AmigaGuides or HTML documents

a TOGGLE BETWEEN NORMAL and AMIGAGUIDE/HTML MODE

If for some reason you want AmigaGuide or HTML doc to be displayed as normal text, use this key. Returning back to the AmigaGuide/HTML mode is also achieved with the same key.

TAB FIND NEXT LINK

Scan for next link in current node. If link is found it will be highlighted.

p FIND PREVIOUS LINK

Same as TAB key, except that the search will commence backwards.

RETURN USE CURRENT LINK

With this key you can jump to the location pointed by highlighted link.

i JUMP TO INDEX NODE

If index node is available in the guide you are reading, the program will jump there. Naturally jump to index node can be retraced.

When viewing HTML documents, this key will try to load index.html document.

1.8 Testing MoreText in UNIX environment.

I have modified the code to (hopefully) compile under all modern UNIX systems.

But I haven't tested this on many systems, so I'm not yet including the sources in public releases.

If you want to help me test the sources, send me some mail and I'll throw you them.

1.9 How to contact me?

Send all bug reports, comments, suggestions etc to:

InterNet: toinas@kauhajoki.fi

FidoNet: Moonlight Sonata 2:221/113 (+358-18-161 763)

Flames >NIL:

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1.11 Version History

Version 0.51 Released 7-Mar-95

Added support for HTML documents.
Currently ignores almost all tags and can be little picky about the format of the document.
Also doesn't support networking (at least not yet :)
All guides converted with Guide2HTML seem to work.

When retracing link jump, the highlighted link

is the same that was before jump.

Cleaned up the code little.

Version 0.49 Released 01-Mar-95 (NON-PUBLIC)

Displays CRLF at EOL, instead of just LF.

Executable for Kickstart 1.2 / 1.3 compiled.
It's slower and doesn't have the cool Kickstart 2.0
command line argument system and doesn't support XPK.

The sources should be now compilable under UNIX
operating systems. (See UNIX port section in manual)

Version 0.45 - AmigaGuide links to other guides and texts are supported.
Also added NOFILELINKS command line option.

Lines wider than the display are clipped off.
COLUMNS command line option added.

Search command locates the search string also from outside
the current AmigaGuide node.

Searches and line jumps are now also retraceable.
Because of this, retrace buffer has been increased to 32.

Added code for querying console height and width
(QUERYCON option.)

Improved input reading routine. Added ALTCURSOR option.

Lots of small fixes and additions mainly to the
AmigaGuide parser.

Version 0.35 - Better on-line help system.

STARTNODE command line option.

Added more intelligence to few functions dealing
with AmigaGuide control codes (nodes, links etc...)

Added standard version string.

Some little changes and fixes.

Version 0.30 - Made better node searching routine because old one
had some serious flaws (some guides were unreadable etc.)

Uses better method for changing console handler's mode
(old one didn't work on some systems.)

Better ANSI system (ALTCOLOR option for CLI usage etc...)

Version 0.28 - Supports AmigaGuide text style control codes.

Active link is now displayed in different color

(instead of boldface) to make it more visible.

Some little cosmetic changes.

Version 0.27 - First public release.