

Help

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Chapter 1

Help

1.1 AmigaGuide® Help

The documents on this disk are displayed using Commodore's "Amiga Guide".

Using the mouse

For mouse use, note the following conventions:

"click" = move the mouse until the mouse pointer is over the desired area, then press and release the left mouse button quickly

"drag" = as "click", but press and hold the left mouse button down and move the mouse

Documents are split up into subject areas known as "topics". Topics are chosen simply by clicking on any text which is surrounded by a box.

It is unlikely that the whole of a topic will be able to fit on the screen at the same time. The amount of the topic which is currently on the screen is shown by the white rectangular "scroll bar" on the far right of the screen. You can reveal more of the topic either by dragging this scroll bar or by clicking the up and down arrows below the scroll bar (try it now!).

Above the topic's text are six "buttons" which perform various functions when clicked. These functions are:

Contents - Selects the contents page.

(Index - Unused by any documents on this disk)

Help - Selects these help pages.

Retrace - Selects the topic previously chosen. Repeated clicking of this button "retraces" the topics you have chosen so far.

Browse - These two buttons select the previous and next topic in the document you are reading respectively.

When any of these buttons appear checkered, they cannot be selected. (This checkering is known as "ghosting"). You'll notice that all buttons in this

window are currently ghosted, except "Browse >".

The help file window is closed by clicking its close gadget (the small gadget on the far upper left of the window).

Using the keyboard

This section describes the keyboard equivalents to the mouse operations described above. It is likely that you'll wish to mix mouse and keyboard use when using a document, for maximum speed.

In this list: <up>, <down>, <left> and <right> refer to respective arrow keys; and (for example) "Shift - <up>" means hold down the Shift key and press the up arrow key.

Return	Selects the topic highlighted in blue.
(Shift)-Tab	Cycles through each topic box currently on the screen, highlighting them in blue.
<up> or <down>	Scrolls the topic upwards or downwards.
Shift - <up>	Moves the topic a page upwards.
Shift - <down>	Moves the topic a page downwards.
Alt - <up>	Moves the topic to the very top.
Alt - <down>	Moves the topic to the very bottom.
Space bar	Scroll forwards
Backspace	Scroll backwards

Holding down any of these keys listed above repeats the function continuously.

Alternatively, the various numeric keypad keys (A600 excluded) - Home, End, Pg Up, Pg Dn, the arrows - can be used to move around a topic.

Note that the six buttons at the top of the screen can be activated from the keyboard by pressing the key underlined on the gadget. For example, to select "Retrace", press the R key; to select "Browse >", press the ">" key.

* For a more detailed "reference manual" of Amiga Guide (prepared by Commodore themselves), click the Browse > button.

* To remove this help window, click the close button on the far upper left.

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1.3 AmigaGuide® Help: Buttons

Contents - Display the Table of Contents document for the current database.

Index - Display the index document for the current database.

Help - Display the help document for the current database. If the database doesn't have a Help document of its own, then the global Help database will be used instead.

Retrace - Go back to the previous node.

Browse - Step through the documents in sequential order, in the order they appear in the database.

1.4 AmigaGuide® Help: Menus

Project

Print - Print the current document to the current print device.

Close Window - Close the active document window.

Quit - Close all windows for the current database, and exit.

Edit

Mark - Start marking a block of text for copying to the clipboard.

Copy - Copy the current document to the clipboard.

Select All - Select all the lines of the current document.

Clear Selected - Unselect all the lines of the current document.

Print Selected - Print the selected lines to the current print device.

Navigation

Find Document... - Locate a document.

Find Text... - Locate all occurrences of text within the current document.

Find Next - Show the Find Text document.

Set Bookmark - Save the current location to the bookmark file.
Go To Bookmark - Go to the location indicated by the bookmark file.

1.5 help_keystrokes

TAB - Cycle forward through the buttons.

Shift-TAB - Cycle backwards through the buttons.

HELP - Display this document in its own window.

ESC - Close the active AmigaGuide® window.

Backspace - Scroll backwards a page.

RETURN - Activate the default button (the highlighted one).

Shift-RETURN - Activate the default button (the highlighted one).
If it is a document, then load it in a new window.

SPACE - Scroll forwards a page.

> - Go to the end of the current document.

< - Go to the beginning of the current document.

1.6 help_arrows

Up - Scroll up through the document.

Down - Scroll down through the document.

Shift-Up - Go up a page in the document.

Shift-Down - Go down a page in the document.

Alt-Up - Go to the beginning of the document.

Alt-Down - Go to the end of the document.

Left - Scroll left through the document.

Right - Scroll right through the document.

Shift-Left - Scroll left one window-full through the document.

Shift-Right - Scroll right one window-full through the document.

Alt-Left - Go to the extreme left of the document.

Alt-Right - Go to the extreme right of the document.

1.7 help_function

F9 - Activate Next Window.

F10 - Cycle active AmigaGuide® window front to back.

1.8 AmigaGuide® Help: Mouse

Select - Over a node, will activate the node.

Shift-Select - Over a node, will activate the node. If it is a document, then load the document in a new window.

1.9 AmigaGuide® Help: Environment Variables

Use the DOS command, SetEnv to set any of the following variables.

AmigaGuide/Path

This variable contains the list of path names that AmigaGuide® should search through when it attempts to open a database.

For example:

```
SetEnv AmigaGuide/Path "Workbench:Autodocs Workbench:Includes"
```

AmigaGuide/Pens

Gives you control over the colors that AmigaGuide® uses to render the text and link points with.

```
SetEnv AmigaGuide/Pens <abcdefgh>
```

where:

- a = Background pen
- b = Button text pen
- c = Button background pen
- d = Highlighted button text pen
- e = Highlighted button background pen
- f = Outline pen
- g = Highlight outline pen
- h = Text on background pen

For example:

```
SetEnv AmigaGuide/Pens 21213001  
SetEnv AmigaGuide/Text BOLD
```

will give a very sharp look.

AmigaGuide/Text

Enables you to determine what the link points look like.

```
SetEnv AmigaGuide/Text <style>
```

where style can be one of the following:

```
BUTTON  
HIGHLIGHT  
UNDERLINE  
BOLD  
ITALIC
```