

Irritator

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Irritator

1.1 Irritator - Contents

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1.2 Irritator - Introduction

Introduction

Welcome to the Irritator. This program is designed to irritate. Irritate the computer user. It does this by performing various actions at random intervals while the program is active. The program can belch at you (!) and click mouse buttons, it can even draw lines on your screens.

If you have someone in your house who ALWAYS uses your computer without your permission, one solution would be a password protection program. Another solution would be the Irritator. Scare them off completely. They will be confused and dumbfounded when icons start dragging themselves, the screen flashes, belches are heard, and even User Error requesters pop up.

If you find the Irritator useful, tell me, please!

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1.3 Irritator - Legal Stuff

Legal Stuff

Now if there's anything that's irritating, it's gotta be the law. But we all have to abide by it, so here's my declarations of copyright and stuff.

Firstly, because of the potentially destructive nature of the CLI commands system, you should only download Irritator from a reputable site. My site and Aminet are good ones, although someone may upload a modified archive to Aminet with destructive commands present. That will NEVER happen on my site, unless someone hacks my password ;)

This program is provided to the user "AS IS" and the author cannot be held

responsible for any personal injury, damage to property or loss of property which may occur from using this program. This also includes loss of files stored on their computer system. Of course, it's perfectly safe. The only real thing that can happen is that the unsuspecting user starts tearing his/her hair out in disbelief at the computer's "mind".

Irritator is Mailware, which means that you are actively encouraged to distribute it as far and as wide as you can, but if you use it, you are obliged to send me an e-mail, so I know who is using it ;) In this mail, please include your country, and your system setup. You will then be automatically sent updates to Irritator, if you wish to of course. If you do not wish to receive updates automatically, then please say so in your mail!

Irritator is ©1999 Gareth Griffiths. All Rights Reserved. Do not disassemble the program, alter any of the programs files (except Irritator.txts and Irritator.cmds, you are allowed to alter those) or the distribution archive itself.

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1.4 Irritator - System Requirements

System Requirements

To use Irritator, you need AT LEAST the following system setup:

- An Amiga (well, duh ;)
- Workbench 2.04 or above.
- 1Mb Chip RAM or more.
- A hard drive is not required, but recommended.

To get the full benefit from its features, you will also need a mouse. But since most Amiga's are shipped with those anyway, you probably have one ;)

The program has been tested on the following setups:

A1200, 68030/40Mhz. FPU, MMU, 18Mb RAM, WB3.0, 770Mb HDD, 8x CDROM.

A1200T, 68060/50Mhz. FPU, MMU, 18Mb RAM, WB3.0, HDD, 2x CDROM.

A1200T, 68060/50MHZ. FPU, MMU, 18Mb RAM, WB3.5, 4.3Gb HDD, 52x CDROM.

It also (reportedly) works with UAE. Version numbers unknown.

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1.5 Irritator - Installation

Installation

Installing Irritator is devastatingly simple. There are two ways, auto and manual. To install Irritator automatically, just double click on the Install on your Workbench screen. To install it manually, simply follow these steps:

1. Copy Irritator and Irritator.info to anywhere you like.
2. Copy IrritatorPrefs and it's icon to C:
3. Copy the documentation over to wherever you like.
4. Make a directory called Irritator in ENVARC:
5. Copy Irritator.txts and Irritator.cmds to ENVARC:Irritator/
6. Reboot your machine, and then run Irritator in the normal way.

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1.6 Irritator - Usage

Usage

Again, this is devastatingly simple. Just double-click on it's icon! Alternatively you can run it from the CLI, but it has no benefit. The program will then create itself as a commodity. To check this, load up Exchange (normally held in SYS:Tools/Commodities and check the list)

If Irritator cannot create a commodity for some reason, you will be informed and the program will close itself.

After you get Irritator running successfully, just leave it and sit back to watch the poor computer user suffer at the hands of the Amiga ;)

If for some reason you want to stop the program or quit, just load up Exchange again and select Irritator from the list. Now click on Remove to kill the program completely, or toggle it on/off by clicking Active/Inactive in the Exchange window.

To activate the Prefs program, simply click on Show Interface in the Exchange window (or you could just run it from C:). Unfortunately, they are not integrated in any way (yet) so you have to close down the prefs program manually, and then restart Irritator to activate the new settings.

For a description of the various actions, click [here](#)

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1.7 Irritator - Editing the texts.

Editing the Texts

To alter the actions which are displayed in the System Error! requesters, simply load ENVARC:Irritator/Irritator.txts into a text editor. Now just edit or append to this file. The only limit on the number of actions is the amount of memory you have to store the array in!

Seperate each entry with a carriage return (just press RETURN at the end of each entry ;) and you won't have any problems.

-NEW IN V1.03- You can now edit the commands typed automatically in to the CLI window when its opened. The same procedure as above applies, but the file is called ENVARC:Irritator/Irritator.cmds this time around.

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1.8 Irritator - The Future

The Future

The future of Irritator hangs in the balance. It all depends on whether I (or you, the users) can think of anything else irritating enough to be put in ;)

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1.9 Irritator - Known Bugs

Known Bugs

There are no KNOWN bugs as yet. But a product can never be 100% bug free, just ask Micro\$oft ;)

If you discover a bug in Irritator, then PLEASE report it. Send an e-mail detailing your system setup, which version of Irritator you are using, and as detailed a description of the bug as you can manage, i.e. what it's effect is on the program, how you found the bug, what you have to do to discover the bug etc. Send bug-reports to:

mail@gazchap.btinternet.co.uk

Put the program name in the Subject header, i.e. Irritator for this program. I will then endeavour to stamp out the bug.

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1.10 Irritator - History

History

V1.1 - 26/08/99

- ~FOURTH Aminet release!
- Actions added: None.
- Features added: The Preferences program.

Notes: Again, none. However, I am definitely updating Irritator more than I thought! 4 updates in as many days!

V1.03 - 25/08/99

- THIRD Aminet release!!
- Actions added: Auto-text typer
- Features added: New file storage, now stored in ENVARC:Irritator. Configurable commands for CLI window.

Notes: None really. But I'm updating Irritator more than I thought I would. Anyone come up with some new ideas?

V1.02 - 24/08/99

- Second Aminet release.
- Actions added: File requester

Notes: I forgot to include the file requester in v1.0. Doh!

V1.0 - 23/08/99

- First Aminet release.
- Actions added: All of 'em ;)

Notes: Did have some betas, but can't be arsed to tell you about 'em.

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1.11 Irritator - Credits

Credits

Irritator was programmed in Blitz Basic 2 by
Gareth Griffiths
. It took
about a day to write ;) and suffered no real setbacks.

Thanks to Toby Zuijdveld and Rob Hutchinson for ideas on what to implement.

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1.12 Irritator - The Author

The Author

Gareth Griffiths is a 16 year old lad from Shrewsbury, in the UK. He programs his Amiga for most of his spare time, in between playing on his PSX and doing chores ;)

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1.13 Irritator - The Actions

The Actions

There are 13 different actions in Irritator so far, here is a description of them all.

- Click LMB - Just clicks the left mouse button once.
- Click RMB - As above, but for the right mouse button.
- D-Click LMB - Double clicks the left mouse button.
- D-Click RMB - Double clicks the right mouse button ;).
- Hold LMB - Holds down the left mouse button for a random time. Devastating in paint packages!
- Hold RMB - Holds down the right mouse button for a random time. Even more devastating in paint packages!
- Flash Screen - Flashes the current screen (uses DisplayBeep_).
- Requester - Puts up a User Error requester, using a text from the Irritator.txts file.
- Belch - Makes the Amiga belch at you ;).
- Lines - Draws a random line on the current screen.
- Open CLI - Opens a new Shell window, and types in a command taken from the Irritator.cmds file.
- FileReq - Opens an ASL file requester (see Note 1).
- TextType - Types a command into the current window (if it accepts typing, like a Shell does) Also uses Irritator.cmds to get its commands.

Note 1: The file requester is stubborn ;). If you click Cancel, it insists

you select a file. If you select a file, it insists that it doesn't exist and goes away. ;)

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