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Chapter 1

ADBIN

1.1 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Main Index

AMIGADOS FOR BEGINNERS

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MAIN INDEX

YOU MUST READ ME FIRST!!

About The Indices

Getting HELP

Using AmigaDOS For Beginners

Part 1 Contents in sequence

Part 2 Commands Alphabetically

Part 3 Topics Alphabetically

Part 4 Script File By Name

Part 5 Glossary of Terms

To Select a menu item simple click once on the highlighted area with the left mouse button

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1.2 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Main Index - About The Indices

HOW TO USE THIS MENU

Selecting one of the highlighted areas (Parts 1 to 5) will take you into one of 5 other menus. Each of these menus can access exactly the same articles but each in a different manner.

Use the 5 parts for these purposes:-

Part 1 - Contents in sequence

- For reading articles in their proper order.
This is the order that will be most helpful for beginners.

Part 2 - Commands Alphabetically

- As a handy quick reference to a particular command by name.

Part 3 - Topics Alphabetically

- As a handy quick reference to a particular topic by name.

Part 4 - Script File By Name

- For finding a particular script file.

Part 5 - Glossary of Terms

- To find out what a particular term means.

[Click here for more help.](#)

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1.3 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Index Part-1

AMIGADOS FOR BEGINNERS

INDEX PART 1 - CONTENTS IN ORDER IN WHICH THEY SHOULD BE READ

- 01.INTRODUCTION
 - 02.AMIGADOS & SHELL/CLI
 - 03.FILES DIRECTORIES PATHS
 - 04.USING THE SHELL & CLI
 - 05.COMMANDS & KEYWORDS
 - 06.NEWCLI-ENDCLI
 - 07.CD
 - 08.DIR
 - 09.RUN
 - 10.MAKEDIR

 - 11.RENAME & RELABEL
 - 12.TYPE
 - 13.LIST
 - 14.SORT
 - 15.COPY
 - 16.FORMAT
 - 17.INSTALL
 - 18.PATH
 - 19.DEVICES
 - 20.ASSIGN
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21.ECHO
22.PATTERN MATCHING
23.PROTECT
24.RESIDENT
25.SCRIPT FILES
26.IF ELSE ENDIF
27.ASK
28.SKIP & LAB
29.FAILAT & RETURN CODE
30.QUIT

31.WAIT
32.WINDOW SPECIFICATIONS
33.ICONX
34.ALIAS
35.ALIAS OR SCRIPT
36.WHICH
37.WHY
38.FAULT
39.EXECUTE_&_DOT
40.ENVIRONMENTAL VARIABLES

41.EVAL
42.STATUS
43.BREAK
44.CLOCK COMMANDS
45.PROMPT
46.DELETE
47.JOIN
48.MOUNT
49.AVAIL
50.ADDBUFFERS

51.BINDDRIVERS
52.SETPATCH
53.LOADWB
54.VERSION
55.INFO
56.SEARCH
57.DISKCOPY
58.DISKDOCTOR
59.LOCK
60.STACK

61.FILENOTE
62.CHANGETASKPRI
63.FORMAT & TEMPLATE
64.BASIC BOOTABLE DISKS
65.MISC STARTUP COMMANDS
66.REQUESTER_COMMANDS
67.MISC COMMANDS OTHER

68. Reserved For Expansion
69. Reserved For Expansion
70. Reserved For Expansion
71.STARTUP-SEQUENCE FILES
72.SHELL-STARTUP FILES
73.PCD SCRIPT
74.SPAT SCRIPT
75.DPAT SCRIPT
76.MOVE SCRIPT

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1.4 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Reserved

AMIGADOS FOR BEGINNERS

This item number is reserved for future expansion

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1.5 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Index Part-2

AMIGADOS FOR BEGINNERS

INDEX PART 2 - COMMAND NAME ALPHABETICAL LISTING

Version numbers shown next to the commands relate to the AmigaDOS versions in which the command is available.

You should note that the full range of options for a particular command may not be available in all versions. In many cases, earlier AmigaDOS versions of a command do not have some of the options available in later versions.

ADDBUFFERS	- All Versions
ADDDATATYPES	- V3.0 Onwards
ALIAS	- V1.3 Onwards
ALIAS OR SCRIPT	- V1.3 Onwards
ASK	- V1.3 Onwards
ASSIGN	- All Versions
AVAIL	- V1.3 Onwards
BINDDRIVERS	- All Versions
.BRA	- All Versions
BREAK	- All Versions

CD	- All Versions
CHANGETASKPRI	- All Versions
CONCLIP	- V2.0 Onwards
COPY	- All Versions
CPU	- V2.0 Onwards
DATE	- All Versions
DELETE	- All Versions
DIR	- All Versions
DISKCHANGE	- V1.2 Onwards
DISKCOPY	- All Versions
DISKDOCTOR	- V2.0 & Earlier
.DOT	- All Versions
DOT COMMANDS	- All Versions
ECHO	- All Versions
ELSE	- All Versions
ENDCLI	- All Versions
ENDIF	- All Versions
ENDSHELL	- V2.0 Onwards
EVAL	- V1.3 Onwards
EXECUTE	- All Versions
FAILAT	- All Versions
FAULT	- All Versions
FILENOTE	- All Versions
FORMAT	- All Versions
GET	- V2.0 Onwards
GETENV	- V1.3 Onwards
ICONX	- V1.3 Onwards
IF	- All Versions
INFO	- All Versions
INSTALL	- All Versions
IPREFS	- V2.0 Onwards
JOIN	- All Versions
.KET	- All Versions
.KEY	- All Versions
LAB	- All Versions
LIST	- All Versions
LOADRESOURCE	- V3.1 Onwards
LOADWB	- All Versions
LOCK	- V1.3 Onwards
MAGTAPE	- V2.0 Onwards
MAKEDIR	- All Versions
MAKELINK	- V2.0 Onwards
MOUNT	- All Versions
NEWCLI	- All Versions
NEWSHELL	- V1.3 Onwards
PATH	- V1.2 Onwards

PROMPT	- All Versions
PROTECT	- All Versions
QUIT	- All Versions
RELABEL	- All Versions
REMRAD	- V1.3 Onwards
RENAME	- All Versions
REQUESTCHOICE	- V3.0 Onwards
REQUESTFILE	- V3.0 Onwards
RESIDENT	- V1.3 Onwards
RUN	- All Versions
SEARCH	- All Versions
SET	- V2.0 Onwards
SETCLOCK	- V1.2 Onwards
SETDATE	- V1.2 Onwards
SETENV	- V1.3 Onwards
SETFONT	- V2.0 Onwards
SETKEYBOARD	- V2.1 Onwards
SEMAP	- V2.0 & Earlier
SETPATCH	- V1.3 Onwards
SKIP	- All Versions
SORT	- All Versions
STACK	- All Versions
STATUS	- All Versions
TYPE	- All Versions
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UNSET	- V2.0 Onwards
UNSETENV	- V2.0 Onwards
VERSION	- V1.2 Onwards ?
WAIT	- All Versions
WHICH	- V1.3 Onwards
WHY	- All Versions

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1.6 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Index Part-3

AMIGADOS FOR BEGINNERS

INDEX PART 3 - INDEX BY TOPIC NAME

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For the above symbols see Symbols Used In AmigaDOS

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ADB Set - About
ADB Set - ADB: Assignment
ADB Set - Amigaguide (AG) or Multiview (MV)
ADB Set - Article Design
ADB Set - Author & Error Reports
ADB Set - Contents Of
ADB Set - Copyright Notice
ADB Set - Cross Referencing
ADB Set - DEMO Version - Using
ADB Set - Disclaimer
ADB Set - Distribution Of
ADB Set - Example Scripts
ADB Set - Glossary
ADB Set - Registration Of

ADB Set - Spelling Note
ADB Set - The AG/MV Window & A Shell/CLI
ADB Set - Update Information
ADB Set - WB1.x Version
ADB Set - Where To Start
ADB Set - Window Size & Line Lengths
ADB Set - Writing Your Own Example Scripts

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Aborting Command Output

Alias or Script Files  
Aliases - Removing in V1.3  
Aliases - Removing in V2.0 Onwards  
Aliases - Setting Up  
Aliases - What Are?

AmigaDOS (Glossary Item)  
AmigaDOS Versions - About  
AmigaDOS - What is

ARexx (Glossary Item)  
Arguments (Glossary Item)  
Articles - Concept Of - Introduction  
ASCII (Glossary Item)  
ASCII Codes (Glossary Item)  
Assignments  
Attention Flags  
AVAILable Memory

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Binary Numbers (Glossary Item)
Binding Drivers
Blank Line - Getting in Shell/CLI
Bootable Disks - Basic
Boot Block (Glossary Item)
Boot Blocks & Booting
Booting (Glossary Item)
BREAKing (Stopping) a Script
Buffers - Adding
Buffers - Cache - What Are?
Bytes (Glossary Item)

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Calculations on variables  
Cache Buffers - Adding  
Cache Buffers - What Are?  
CHANGE TASK PRIority  
Changing Directories  
CHIP Memory (Glossary Item)  
  
CLI And Shell (Glossary Item)  
CLI - Closing CLI Window (Introduction)  
CLI - Closing CLI Window With ENDCLI  
CLI - Editing Command Line in V1.3 & Earlier  
CLI - Editing Command Line in V2.0 & Later  
CLI - Opening Shell/CLI Window (Introduction)

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- CLI - Opening Shell/CLI Window With NEWCLI
- CLI - Prompt in Shell/CLI Window
- CLI - Stack - What Is?
- CLI - Stack - Changing Size
- CLI - Starting New From a Script
- CLI - Using
- CLI - What is
- CLI - Window Specification For New CLI

Clock Commands

- Clock - Real Time
- Clock - System Software

Closing Shell/CLI Window (Introduction)

Closing Shell/CLI Window With ENDCLI/ENDSHELL

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Command Definition

- Command Enclosing One In Another
- Command Keywords (Glossary Item)
- Command Formats & Templates (Introduction)
- Command Formats & Templates (Detailed)
- Command Line Blank - Getting
- Command Line Editing in CLI - V1.3 & Earlier
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- Command Lines - History
- Command Lines - Moving In
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- Command Options
- Command Output - Aborting
- Command Output - Pausing
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- Command Template - Getting

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- Commands - Explanation of
- Commands - Internal & Disk Based
- Commands - Locating With WHICH
- Commands - Resident
- Commands - Where Located
- Commands - WHY Fail

Comments (FileNotes) (Glossary Item)

Comments (Filenotes)

- Comments Within Scripts Using ; (Semi Colon)
- Comments Within Scripts Using . (Full Stop)

Conditional Statements

- Consoles - Making Copy & Paste Available
- Console Handlers
- Contents Of ADB Set - Introduction
- Contiguous Memory
- Copy & Paste in Consoles - Making Available
- Copy & Paste in Shell
- Copying Disks With COPY

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Copying Disks With DISKCOPY  
COPYing Files & Directories  
CPU - Getting Info About & Checking For  
Current Directories - Concept  
Current Directories - Changing & Checking

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DataTypes - Adding
Date/Time Stamp in File - Changing
DATE/Time - Setting
DATE/Time - Setting From a File
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Disks - Installing
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DOSDrivers
DOT Commands with Execute
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Editing Command Line in Shell V1.3 & Later  
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Env: device

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Files - DELETEing
Files - Display With TYPE
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Files - Renaming
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Files - Searching For A File Name
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Formats & Templates (Introduction)
Formats & Templates (Detailed)
Formatting Disks

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Hard Drive Locking
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Icon Start For Script Files  
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Introduction

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Opening Shell/CLI Window With NEWCLI/NEWSHELL  
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Options in Commands

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Path Concept (Path Command)
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RAD: Device - Mounting
RAD: Device - Removing
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Redirect Command Output/Input
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Redirection of Echo Output
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Scripts - Comments in  
Scripts - Creating  
Scripts - EXECUTEing  
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Scripts - Operating  
Scripts - Pausing with ASK  
Scripts - Pausing with WAIT  
Scripts - Quitting From  
Scripts - S bit  
Scripts - Skipping Parts Of  
Scripts - Starting From Icon  
Scripts - Using Examples  
Scripts - What Are?

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Scripts - Where to put  
Scripts - Window Specifications

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Searching (Search Command)  
Searching A Directory For a String  
Searching A File For a String  
Searching For A File Name

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Shell - Closing Shell Window With ENDSHELL  
Shell - Editing Command Line in V1.3 & Later  
Shell - Opening Shell/CLI Window  
Shell - Prompt in Shell/CLI Window  
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Shell - Stack - Changing Size  
Shell - Starting New From a Script  
Shell - Startup Files  
Shell - Using  
Shell - What is  
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Skipping Parts of Script  
SLOW Memory (Glossary Item)  
SORTing File Content  
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STACK - What Is?  
STACK - Changing Size

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STATUS Of Process  
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Templates & Formats (Introduction)
Templates & Formats (Detailed)
Template - Getting

Text Display in Window
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Variables (Environmental) - Evaluations on  
Variables (Environmental) - Local & Global  
Variables (Environmental) - Special Local  
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Workbench - Path Recognised By  
Workbench - Path Recognised By - Changing  
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1.7 AmigaDOS For Beginners - Index Part-4

AMIGADOS FOR BEGINNERS

INDEX PART 4 - EXAMPLE SCRIPTS BY NAME

The following list of scripts is NOT a full list of all the example scripts that I have included in "AmigaDOS For Beginners" as most of them would be of little practical use.

What this list covers is those scripts that I feel might be of some practical use to you. Please feel free to use them as you see fit and adapt

them to any purpose.

Alarm Clock
CPM (Command Pattern Match)
DPAT
Font Changing
LIST SORT
MOVE
Number Converter (Dec To Hex, Oct or Char)
PCD
REQUESTCHOICE Example
REQUESTFILE Example
SCD (switch CD) 1
SCD (switch CD) 2
SPAT
WHICH DISK

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