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1.1   Wirenet Dashboard

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The Wirenet Dashboard is designed to provide a friendly interface to your
internet connection. It consists of a number of buttons to start various
functions, some of these buttons have cycle gadgets alongside them to
select options for the function. All of the buttons have keyboard
shortcuts, indicated by the underlined letters.

The buttons are:

~Wirenet~Dashboard~

~Connect~

~Disconnect~

~Get~

~World~Wide~Web~

~File~Transfer~

~Browse~News~

~Read~Mail~&~News~

~Exit~

~Quit~

~Configuration~

~What's~New~
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1.2   About

About Dashboard

This brings up some program information with an option for online help.

1.3   Connect

Connect

Dials into U-Net and puts you online. It has five options, selected from
the cycle gadget:

    Open   Go online and send any outstanding news or mail

    Mail   As Open, plus fetches any mail in your mailbox

    News   As Mail, but also gets all new News

    AutoMail   As Mail and then automatically disconnects

    AutoNews   As News and then automatically disconnects

1.4   Disconnect

Disconnect

Breaks your connection. After taking you offline, it processes any mail and
news you may have received, ready to be viewed in Thor. It has two options

    Now   Breaks the connection immediately

    Wait   Waits until all sending/receiving of news/mail has finished
             before disconnecting

1.5   Get

Get

Fetches mail and/or news. The options are

    Mail   Fetches new mail

    News   Fetches new news

    All   Fetches new mail and news

1.6   World Wide Web

World Wide Web

This starts up the AWeb browser.

For documentation on AWeb, just start it up and press the help key.

1.7   File Transfer

File Transfer

This starts the AmiFTP program. Full documentation is in AmiFTP.guide. This
is in the doc drawer of the Internet drawer, on the drive you selected for
installation.

1.8   Browse News

Browse News

This starts the ConnectThor program, to browse news just click on the
Browse button.

You can then look through newsgroups online, downloading the headers and
selecting which articles you want to fetch. This is of course much slower
than automatically getting news, so it is probably best if you only use it
in those newsgroups that contain large binary postings.

1.9   Read Mail & News

Read Mail & News

Starts the Thor news and mail program.

You can then read your mail and news offline, without worrying about your
phone bill. Any replies or postings you write will automatically be sent
next time you connect.

For more information read the docs in the Thor drawer, or press the Help
key when Thor is active.

1.10   Configuration

User Configurable Settings

The dashboard software is much more configurable now, both in terms of the
actions carried out from the Dashboard window, and the basic connection

parameters.

User Buttons

The two buttons labelled A and B are for your own use.

The first button executes the commands in Internet/db/User-Function.A (or
B), see the enclosed file for details.

The text of the button is defined in Internet/db/User-Button.A (or B), once
again see the enclosed files. The hotkey is defined by preceding that
letter by a '_'. Make sure you use do not a letter that is used elsewhere.

Automatic Actions

In the Internet/db drawer, you will find a number of files called User-...
These can contain lists of commands to be executed at various point of the
connection process.

IMPORTANT: since the script waits for each command to finish before going
onto the next or exiting and allowing Dashboard to continue, you must
precede some commands with Run >NIL: This only applies when you do not wish
the connection process to stop and wait for those commands.

The files are

    User-Startnet   Run when Dashboard starts
    User-PreConnect   Run when you press connect
    User-PostConnect   Run when connection is made
    User-PreDisconnect   Run immediately before disconnecting
    User-PostDisconnect   Run after disconnecting
    User-Stopnet   Run when Dashboard quits

Connection Parameters

These are now controlled by environment variables in ENV:Wirenet. most of
the time you shouldn't need to bother with these, but sometimes you may
need to change one or two of them. Remember that changes made in ENV: are
lost when rebooting, this is useful for trying new options without messing
with your permanent configuration. To make changes permanent, copy the
changes from ENV: to ENVARC:

If you are not sure of the meaning of these options, then you should really
leave them set as they are.

If you wish to experiment with using Miami instead of AmiTCP, then setenv
Wirenet/UseMiami to any value. If the variable exists, Dashboard will use
Miami, otherwise it will default to AmiTCP.

1.11 Exit

        Exit

This ends the dashboard program.

If you are online at the time, your internet connection won't be affected.

1.12 Quit

        Quit

This shuts down AmiTCP and then exits.

AmiTCP is the main interface between your Amiga and the Internet and is
automatically started when you start Dashboard.

Slecting Quit while online will break your connection and stop some
programs. You shouldn't do this, instead Disconnect normally and then
select Quit, otherwise you risk losing any information being transferred at
the time.

1.13 Author

        About Dashboard

Dashboard, and its accompanying scripts, were written by Neil Bothwick.

Dashboard was specifically created as a front end for Wirenet subscribers
to access the Internet. Please send any comments or suggestions for
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