

EasyConvert

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Chapter 1

EasyConvert

1.1 Contents

EasyConvert

EasyConvert and this AmigaGuide is created
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With grateful thanks to the members of the AmigaC mailing list
at onelist.com for all their assistance.

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1.2 What is it?

EasyConvert is a program which offers conversions ↔
between various
measurements.

It is called 'EasyConvert' because I would like to think that it
is easy to use.

The interface is now fully font sensitive - it will use your

own screen font (as used in your Workbench screen titles).

You also have access to the system clipboard.
(With the exception of OS3.5's Editpad which doesn't seem to store its clipboard data where I can look for it).

It is also possible to hide the program in the Tools menu.

To discover why I created EasyConvert click
here

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If you want to run it you'll want to know the
system requirements

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Or jump straight to
usage
for instructions on
how to access the program.

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1.3 System Requirements

Minimum system required (this is untested):

An Amiga, 60Kb RAM, Workbench 2.05

Recommended system:

Amiga1200, 100Kb RAM free, Workbench 3.5

Development system:

Hardware

Amiga1260T in Power Tower, Blizzard 1260 with 16Mb RAM,
6.4Gb hard disk, Philips 109S10 19" monitor,
2Gb JAZ2 drive, Pace 'Solo' 56K Modem.

Software

Workbench 3.9, StormC3.0, Enforcer

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1.4 Legal

This program is Emailware.
In the event that you find this program useful, send me an email.

It is freely distributable and no profit should be made from it.

EasyConvert is provided 'as is' and the author cannot be held responsible for any damage occurred as a result of running this program.
(I would hope that none of my programs cause any damage).

EasyConvert is (C) Copyright DWM Productions ie. Donald W Millican
The EasyConvert code is copyright and its code and/or design cannot be altered or used in full or in part.
The whole program cannot be changed and redistributed without my consent.
This document may be updated for any re-release but the legal section must remain unchanged. The program can be spread anywhere but I request that all the files be kept together including all of this document.

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1.5 How to use the program

Choose which conversion type you would like by ←
clicking the correct
radio button, then choose the conversion itself by clicking on it
in the list. Having done this click either in the box or on the
'Clear' button and then enter the value you want converted.

Choose which conversion you would like by clicking the correct
radio button, then either click in the box or click the 'Clear'
button and then enter the value you want converted.

Choose the number of decimal places from the menus. The range is
0 to 4 places and the program will default to 2.

Click on 'OK' and the answer will appear in the box.

Clicking 'Clear' will clear the box ready for new data.

If you want to copy the number in the box whether it be what
you've just entered or a result of a calculation, then choose
'Copy' from the Edit menu and the number will be copied to
the clipboard. To paste a copied number back into the program
choose 'Paste' from the Edit menu.

If you want to keep the program running but temporarily hide the
window you now can choose Hide from the Project menu. This will
close the window and put the program into the Tools menu.
To re-open the window simply choose the menu item.

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1.6 Why did I create it?

I know that many other people have created programs similar to ↔ mine.

I have never done anything like this before and decided to see if I could.

As you know by now, I succeeded in doing so. I have put in all the conversions I can think of plus several suggested by others. This forced an interface redesign which should allow addition of more conversions easier in the future.

From the comments I have received, EasyConvert seems to be fairly popular and hopefully will continue to be so among the Amiga community.

Long live the Amiga!

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Rutherglen Baptist Homepage: <http://rutherglenbaptist.cjb.net>

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1.8 History

*** Pre-Program History ***

14/06/99 : Version 0.1 : Main window displayed and basic GUI structures ready

15/06/99 : Version 0.2 : Original GUI complete

--- Work halted for creation of CycleDBase ---

20/11/99 : Version 0.3 : Work restarted on the program

21/11/99 : Version 0.4 : New GUI complete
21/11/99 : Version 0.5 : Conversion input/output working
21/11/99 : Version 0.6 : Click on OK when nothing entered & answer = 0 - fixed
21/11/99 : Version 0.8 : More conversion factors added

*** Program History

21/11/99 : Version 1.0 : Initial Release
29/11/99 : Version 1.1 : Added ability to choose number of decimal places
30/11/99 : Version 1.2 : Added more conversions
--- Two more possible interfaces designed and second one adopted ---
31/03/00 : Version 1.3 : Window redesigned
31/03/00 : Version 1.4 : Extra conversions added
25/06/00 : Version 1.5 : More conversions added and new position for window
15/09/00 : Version 1.6 : Program is now font-sensitive
04/10/00 : Version 1.7 : Clipboard support added
17/11/00 : Version 1.8 : Clipboard code bugfixed
02/12/00 : Version 1.9 : Program now hides on the Tools menu
05/12/00 : Version 1.95 : Some bugs fixed
09/12/00 : Version 1.98 : Window now properly refreshed when re-opened
12/12/00 : Version 1.99 : More bugfixing
20/01/01 : Version 2.0 : More conversions added

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1.9 Releases under the DWM Productions label

I have released several programs.
They are as follows:

CycleDBase:

Database primarily for my benefit for recording cycle trips.
Offers loading, saving and extensive search facilities.
On Aminet as util/misc/CycleDBase.lha
Also on website: <http://amigacomputer.cjb.net/programs/cycledbase.html>

Easy Convert:

Converts to and from a number of measurements. Many satisfied users.
Deliberately simplistic interface.
On Aminet as util/conv/EasyConvert.lha
Also on website: <http://amigacomputer.cjb.net/programs/easyconvert.html>

Calculator:

A fully functional calculator.
On Aminet as util/misc/Calculator.lha
Also on website: <http://amigacomputer.cjb.net/programs/calculator.html>

EasyReset:

System reset utility which checks you actually want to reset
before doing so.
On Aminet as util/wb/EasyReset.lha
Also on website: <http://amigacomputer.cjb.net/programs/easyreset.html>

Quotes:

A 'cookie' like program which loads in sayings from a file and randomly puts them together to make weird messages. Has been known to cause system crashes - USE AT YOUR OWN RISK.

On Aminet as util/wb/Quotes.lha

Also on website: <http://amigacomputer.cjb.net/programs/quotes.html>

Vowel Count:

A silly program which counts the number of vowels in an entered string and then displays statistics of its findings and the string (minus vowels).

On Aminet as util/misc/Vowel.lha

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