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Chapter 1

ZipTools

1.1 ZipTools Documentation

ZipTools Version 2.0

by D.N.A released on September 2nd, 1996.

Leider gibt es zur Zeit keine deutsche Dokumentation für ZipTools. Wir bitten um Verständnis.

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1.2 ZipTools Documentation: Introduction

ZipTools V2.00 introduction

What ZipTools stands for? Well, it is program to control your ZIP 100 drive from IOMEGA. It can protect and unprotect your zip disks. If you don't know your ZIP drive is capable of protecting disks in different formats:

- write protection (can't write to disk)
- write protection with password (can't write to disk and to unprotect you have to know the password)
- read & write protection with password (can't neither read or write to disk and to unprotect password is required)
- unprotect (cancel protection with or without password)
- temporarily unprotect (cancel protection with or without password; after reinserting the disk protection is installed again)

Note that if you forget the password you CANNOT UNDONE PROTECTION. Only way to cancel protection is to lowlevel format it with ERASE option and thus LOSE ALL DATA ON DISK!!!

1.3 System and Hardware requirements

Software and hardware requirements.

You need OS 2.0 or better, ZIP 100 drive (SCSI version) from IOMEGA and any amiga equipped with SCSI port.

1.4 Copyright and distribution

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1.5 Installation

Installation

Simply click on install icon. ZipTools will be copied to sys:utilities directory and one font to fonts:.

Drawer ZipTools_CZ contains czech version of ZipTools. Use Install script in this drawer if you want to install czech version.

1.6 Usage

Usage

ZipTools V2.0 can be used both from CLI and workbench. From CLI (or SHELL) simply type all parameters you need after the program name. From workbench double click ZipTools icon. Before you can start ZipTools from workbench you have to specify 2 tooltypes in tooltypes window (opens when you select Information... item from workbench menu. These tooltypes are:

DEVICE=<scsi.device>
UNIT=<ZIP's ID number>

Scsi.device stands for the name of software device which controls your SCSI controller. Almost every hardware manufacturer uses its own scsi.device (if you own turboboard Blizzard III or IV, the name is 1230scsi.device). See SCSI controller manual for name of the scsi.device.

ZIP's ID number is identification number of the hardware connected to scsi controller. For ZIP drive it can be only 5 or 6 (see back of your ZIP drive).

Possible parameters for CLI/SHELL use are:

DEVICE <name of scsi device> Name must be given! This can be for example 1230scsi.device if you own Blizzard SCSI kit.

ID <number> ID means number of unit you want to address. Valid range is from 0-7 (up to 7 hardware units can be connected to your scsi port). ID must be also entered. ZIP drive can use only ID 5 or 6.

INFO INFO causes ZipTools to read state of protection of your ZIP disk: protected / unprotected / temporarily unprotected / password used...

WPROTECT [PASSWORD name] WPROTECT sets write protection. If you specify password, you have to remember it. It is needed for unprotection. RWPROTECT <PASSWORD name> RWPROTECT sets read & write protection. Password is always needed. UNPROTECT [PASSWORD name] UNPROTECT cancels protection. If this is protection with password you have to specify it. TUNPROTECT [PASSWORD name] TUNPROTECT cancels temporarily protection. When you remove the disk from drive and then reinsert it again it will get protected again. Also password is needed if you want to undo protection with password. EJECT EJECT simply throws out disk in drive. SHUTDOWN SHUTDOWN turns off motor of your ZIP drive. Thus you will prolong life of your disk and even save elecricity. When you access the it will be turned disk on automatically. ZIP drives also have automatic sleep time mode which spins down motor after approximately 15 minutes. PREVENT PREVENT locks eject mechanism so you are not able to eject the disk (neither manually nor with ZipTools). To unlock it you have to use option ALLOW. ALLOW ALLOW unlocks eject mechanism of you ZIP drive so you will be able to eject disk either manually or with ZipTools ERASE ERASE option is the only way how cancel password protection if you have forgotten the password. It will erase whole disk. Remember that erasing whole disk will DESTROY ALL DATA ON DISK !!! Use this feature with extreme caution! ? ? just shows info about usage.

Note: SHUTDOWN cancels PREVENT. If you want to stop motor and retain

eject locking (PREVENT) run ZipTools two times. First with PREVENT and then with EJECT (disk won't be ejected).

1.7 Problems

Reporting problems

There are no currently known problems. If you encounter any please refer them to address

supplied.

1.8 Contacting authors

Contacting D.N.A

If you have some hints what should be done (new functions, design eg. GUI) etc. feel free to contact us at this address:

D.N.A Husova 55 Ivanovice 68323 Czechia

Also if you find it necessary you may call us at 0042-507-93128. You should speak english, german or czech if you want us to understand.

1.9 History

History

Original version 1.0 released on April 15th, 1996.

Version 2.0 released on September 2nd, 1996 Added ERASE function.

1.10 Mountlist for ZIP

Mountlist für ZIP Laufwerk ist auf Amiga sehr zu empfehlen. Amiga kann Laufwerk nicht erkennen falls keine Diskette während Bootzeit in Laufwerk eingelegt ist.

1.11 Password

Password

Don't you know the password on the write-protected original ziptools disk you received together with your ZIP drive? Well you don't have to know it. Starting with version 2.0 of ZipTools you can cancel the password by simply erasing whole disk but you will also lost all ziptools program contained there (this disk contains programs only for Macintosh or PC computers). If you want to keep them simply try unprotect disk with the following password :

APlaceForYourStuff

APlaceForMyStuff

But there is no guarantee it will work on all ziptool disks from IOMEGA.

1.12 Kredite

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