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Chapter 1

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1.1 ADPro_TAM

A HELP GUIDE FOR THE ADPro_TAM 1.0

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Please feel free to contact me about your thoughts concerning this program, problems, bugs... presents :) This is just a small gift (freeware) to the people who use the Amiga.

More will come.

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ADPro_TAM v1.0

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is carried by the user. If you don't agree to this license, you must
not use it and delete all associated files immediately.

1.2 install

The Installation of ADPro_TAM is very simple.
you can put it anywhere you want. But for easier accessability, you
should put it in your "ADPro_TAM-II:Storage/animations" directory or in
your ADPro directory.

You do need another program called "ViewT".
It was made by Phil Dietz. It is used to make the tooltypes for the
transfer anim. This program should be put in your "c:" directory for
my program to work.

ViewT can be found at aminet, but I have included it with my program.

1.3 intro

An Introduction to ADPro_TAM:

ADPro_TAM v1.0 is an easy way to make your transfer anim for
AWeb. So instead of manually using a paint or graphics effects
program to make the file image for the transfer anim, you can use
ADPro and ADPro_TAM to do all the tedious stuff. This program will
also make the icon with the correct tool-types.

First off, you need AdPro. ADPro_TAM uses AdPro to composite
the images you made for the anim.

Secondly, you need a couple of images.

The ADPro_TAM 1.0 was tested on a A4000 '040 warped with
AdPro 2.5 and on Workbench 3.0 . I have not tested this program on any
other machine at this time or other software stated. But it should run
with a lesser AdPro program 8|.

1.4 explan

After Adpro is running, my program will open up a requester for you to
select an image file. My program will then get the statistics from this
image file so it can make the transfer anim based on this image and its
sequence of images.

The next requester will be the save requester. The made transfer anim

will be saved out as a RAW image file. You should save it out as such because the an icon will be made with the needed tooltypes. And if you do not save the image, you will not get the icon made for you.

You can always resave the image out at a lesser depth later, after you get the icon made.

1.5 icon

The TransferAnim Icon:

When you save the image, the transfer anim is saved with an icon with the appropriate tooltypes. All these tooltypes are based on the first loaded image file. And the needed tooltypes are:

SIZE=width,height

This defines the width and height of each animation frame, in pixels. DEFAULT is the size of the loaded image.

FIRST=left,top

Defines the top left corner of the first animation frame. DEFAULT is "0,0"

FRAMES=number

This is the total number of frames in the animation. DEFAULT is the total number of frames in the loaded image sequence.

DELTA=delta_x,delta_y

This is the frame shift amount. DEFAULT is the x (width) of the loaded image and "0"

REST=left,top

Defines the top left corner of the rest image, that is displayed if no transfer is going on. This tooltype is optional. If you don't specify it, the animation gadget will be empty at rest. DEFAULT is "0,0"; the first frame of the transfer anim.

Adjust the tooltypes if needed, otherwise the tooltypes and the transfer-anim are in working order as is. See the AWeb's documentation for more information concerning transfer-anim's.

1.6 warn

Warning:

Do not run this rexx script from ADPro's function keys or from an executed script command. It seems not to be able to run and will sometimes cause crashes. SO, just run it from the icon :)

Further more,

Be careful in the size of the images that will be made into the transfer anim. If you had 20 images at a resolution 100 width (x) by 100 height (y), you will end up with a transfer anim the size of:
2,000x by 100y

And if the image file is set at a high bit, say 8 bit, you could end up with a image file that is extremely large. It would eat up a lot of RAM and disk space. And high bit planes are not needed in small images anyway.

You shouldn't use image files much larger than 50x by 50y resolutions. And you don't need a lot of images (frames) to get the right effect for your anim. Usually 15 to 30 frames is plenty.

Live and let learn.

1.7 future

The future....

The Unknown