

Instruction

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1.2 Copyrights and distribution

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This program is FreeWare, which is specifird in item ~4a~.

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GUI was created by GadToolsBox V2.0b which is (c) Copyright 1991-1993 Jaba Development

1.3 Introduction

Please, read
node about links

first if you don't know what is it all

about :) Now, if you know what link is I can tell you, that FileLinker is a program for nice creating such links on the disks. You can do this much simpler then using CLI command MakeLink. File Linker opens a small window and let's you choose file and link very easy, with requester or appicon.

But FileLinker has some disadvantages eighter :(First and last it cannot create soft-link (all links are hard-links). It's not my fault, but DOS's which cannot yet make any soft-link. MakeLink() function always returns NIL :(I don't know how soft-links are made with CLI command MakeLink, but after disassembling you can see, that options for MakeLink() function is always set to HARD. I'll try to fix this problem i future realises.

If you are intrested in links and problems with using it, just read

this chapter

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1.4 What hte heck is that?

Links are very useful on our operating system (but they ↵
also are on

other system, link OS/2, Unix etc.). With links you can easily have one file in many other places, without free space problem. Every link takes just one block (512 bytes) and it doesn't matter is file big or very short. BTW: You can make links to directories too!

But there's one restriction. Links can be made only on one device! It's of course not possible to make link from DH0: to DH1: etc. If you want to read some notes and warnings about links, read

this chapter

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1.5 Problems and restrictions

When making links you must be prepared for some problems and restrictions. You should be very careful with deleting, copying, changing files and directories. I think there are few most important notes about it:

1. Remember with files are links and with are original. If you operate with links you can be sure that everything will be OK. But if you delete the original file, all links will be deleted. More, because of bug (?) in AmigaDOS there can appear some checksum errors, while reading directory. Then you must delete all that "trashlinks" by hand, and then all problems should disappear.
2. Links to directories can be very dangerous! Always remember, that deleting files from linked directory is the same, as deleting files from original! I don't know how to delete unused dir-link from disk so far. But I think it's possible...
3. Little note: You cannot set the comment for link. It's a pity, 'cause it could be very useful :(Unfortunately, every comment will be automatically "meved" to original file :(

1.6 Instructions

Program opens small, standard window on the Workbench. The most

important gadgets, are string gadgets, where you can type in names for file and link to be created. If you think names are OK, just click on the "Make Link" gadget and link automatically will be created. But please, read the doc

about links
first!

If you'd like to choose files easier you can use program's appicon. If you'll drag ther any icon, the name of this file will be automatically sended to File gadget. If you'll grad two icons at once, name of the second file will be sended to Link gadget. If it's still problem for you, you can simply choose file from standard ASL filerequester. Just click on the one of th S gadgets, that are placed at the right side of the window. You can use shortcuts: <Shift+f>=select file, <Shift+l>=select link.

There's of course some shortcuts for other gadgets. <Shift+m>=Make Link, <s>=Sleep, <f>=type in file, <l>=type in link. That's all about keys.

One note about sleep option. To "wake up" program simply click twice at it's appicon or drag any icon there. Program's window will open at the moment. If you want to quit - click on the close window gadget or press <Esc> key. Ok, now you can work with File Linker without any problems (i

hope :)

1.7 System requirements

Program runs on every Amiga with KS2.0+. It was tested on:

A1200, KS3.0, Blizzard III turbo, 10MB RAM, HDD Conner 1GB

It was made in Amiga E 3.1i. Source code is 21kb long and binary is about 11kb long. No non-standard libraries are needed, but ASL (which is a part of the standard disk-OS).

1.8 Future

I just want to fix all bugs and add soft-links. I hope you'll help me! :)

1.9 History of the program

version 1.0 01.01.1997 o First public realise

1.10 BlaBla? What's that?

BlaBla is a Polish biggest system programmers group. We make the system friendly programs. We guarantee that our programs will run on almost every machine (Amiga of course), including future ones. All our programs are running in multitasking, and all of them are PD, Freeware, or Shareware.

Our organisation has a few members (we "absorb" only good programmers), an own e-mail address and own BBS. Our newest productions you can find in our PD library called "Polware". Our texts, articles you can also find in our disk-mag "Izviestia" (sorry, in Polish!).

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"Blabla" are for sure very good. We made many productions, we help many young programmers, we write articles to Polish edition of Amiga Magazine, we try to do all, for our beloved computer - Amiga!

1.11 Other innformations

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This guys are my friends. Thanks for a help!

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PS: I'm very sorry for my poor English!
