

Instruction

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Chapter 1

Instruction

1.1 EasyExecutor manual - main menu



RDBArc

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User's Manual

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1.2 Copyrights and distribution

This program is subordinated to Standard~Amiga~FD~Software~Copyright~Note.

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

For more information you should read AFD-COPYRIGHT (version 1 or newer).

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

1.3 Introduction

First of all, let me wish you a merry, merry Christmas (←
yep, it's
today!) and a happy New Year! :)

RDBArc in a simpliest way lets you write a
Rigid Disk Block
of your
Hard Drive to any file on diskette. This file can be rewritten to Hard Drive
after a eg. attack of some virus (they very often attack
RDB
, because it's
most important place on HD). It's very important to do such archives of
RDB
,
because damage of it is very dangerous and almost always damages all the
data on HD. Then you need to reinstall and reformat HD by HDToolBox!
Beware!

RDBArc has a very nice GUI and also can display some information
about loaded RDB. It prevents you eg. by the loading of some wrong file. I
think RDBArc is very useful for some Amigants that are not even average.
It's simple to use and makes all work automaticly.

Plaese read this
WARNING

1.4 Instructions

Program runs both from CLI or Workbench. From CLI you can ←
use
following arguments:

AUTOREADRDB=AR/S

If you'll set this switch on RDBArc, after loading, will automaticly read the

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RDB
  on your Hard Drive. It's not really useful, because the
  Read RDB
  gadget makes the same work.
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SCSI/K/N

It's very important argument if you have more than one SCSI drive. Using this you tell the program, from witch SCSI unit it will read/write

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RDB
  .
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Default it's set to ZERO.

CHECKRDBPOS=CRDB/S

This switch should not be normally used, but in some situations it may be very important to set it. On most HDs the RDB block starts from hardware block 0. But if you have RDB on other block (up to 16) you MUST set this switch on. With this, program will automaticly search for position of RDB on HD, and then save RDB.

When running from Workbench, you can set these tooltypes:

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AUTOREADRDB=YES|NO
CHECKRDBPOSITION=YES|NO
SCSI=<numer urzâdzenia>
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They work identical to CLI arguments.

After running, program will display window with some buttons and one big listview gadget. This biggest gadget contains some useful information about currently loaded in buffer RDB. This information you can scroll up/down with two cursors.

Gadgets are:

Read RDB

Loads the

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RDB
  from HD to the buffer. Listview automaticly lists all the
  information from RDB.
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Write RDB

Writes RDB in buffer to your HD. Please, be careful, and first read this very important

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WARNING
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Load File

Now you can load any RDB file to buffer. Note, that if file doesn't exist,

the buffer will be cleared. If file doesn't contain any RDB, requester will be shown, and buffer will be cleared eighter.

Write File

Here you can write buffer to any file. Just choose a filename by the ASL requester.

About

Surprise!

1.5 System requirements

Program needs ASL.library to work and any SCSI device with your Amiga (eg. AT-BUS Hard Drive). It should work on Kickstart 2.0+ but was tested only on Kickstart 3.0! No memory expansion required.

RDBArc was written in Amiga E 3.1i. Source code is about 22kb long and binary has about 16Kb. It was tested on this machine:

Amiga 1200, KS3.0, HDD Conner 1030MB 1.30, M-Tec 030/38 turbo, 8MB Fast RAM.

Also Enoforcer was used for tests.

1.6 Future

In this (very fast - made in 3 days) version some bugs may appear, wich I would like to remove. You can be sure that program writes/reads RDB without problems (If it doesn't, why my HD is still OK? ;) In comparison with ReadRDB by Gerard Cornu, RDBArc has a lot of good sides and... looks better :)

I'd like to localize this program in 100%. Now listview isn't localized.

1.7 History of the program

version 0.9	21.12.1996	o First public version.
version 1.0	22.12.1996	o Added localization of gadgets and requesters o Added Shortcuts to gadgets o Added English documentation
version 1.0a	24.12.1996	o Removed bug, which caused that program didn't remove a memory used with loading any RDB from file. o Several small bug fixes in the code
version 1.0c	17.02.1997	o Now GUI is font-sensitive

- o Better localisation
- o Better error-handling
- o Small Enforcer hit removed

1.8 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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1.9 Other informations

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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! (also thanx ScoTT for EE guide, witch I rewritten for RDBArc ;)

1.10 Rigid Disk Block

Rigid Disk Block is a most, most, MOST :) important place on the Hard Drive, witch tells your Amiga, where, how big etc. are your partitions. Also, it contains some information about your HD (cylinders, physical size etc.). You should always have a copy (archive) of RDB on your any disk (floppy...). If some program destroys RDB, all data fly to NIL:!!! Only the RDB backup lets you restore evrything.

1.11 WARNING

You should be very careful when using this program. Remember, that wrong use of it can be very dangerous! Be sure that you know what you are doing. If you know how to use it, may be sure that everything will be allwright. BTW: Plaese read this doc before starting the backups.