

CaBoom

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Chapter 1

CaBoom

1.1 CaBoom version 1.5

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CaBoom 1.5
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Windows 'explode' when opened or closed!
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Introduction : What is it?
Installation : Setup
Usage       : How?
Distribution : Read it!
Other Progs : ditto!
Thanks     : Ta Billy
History    : Development history
Contact    : How to contact me
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1.2 Introduction

CaBoom 'explodes' windows when you open and close them. When a window is opened trails start at the mouse pointer and arc round to the position and dimensions of the window. When you close a window the trail start at the window and grow smaller towards the mouse pointer.

Since version 1.4 there are several different "animations" for windows explosions, which can be cycled or selected randomly.

1.3 Installation

Simply drag CaBoom into your WBStartup drawer...

1.4 Usage

CaBoom supports a number of tooltypes:

SPEED: this sets the speed that the window explodes/implodes. 0 is the fastest. The argument is actually the time in microseconds between each frame of the explosion. Default 1000.

LINE: this sets the line pattern. The argument is specified as a decimal number, but it is best worked out using a 16 bit binary number and then converting that to decimal. For example if you want the explosion lines to be dotted (ie 1010101010101010 in binary) then you would set this tooltype to 43690. Default 65535 (ie full line)

NOBACKDROPS: if this option is specified then backdrop windows will not be exploded. Best to try it... Default unspecified (ie False)

NUMBER: this selects which number of animation frames (how many lines) keep visible in each time interval. Default 5.

METHOD: this selects the method (animation style) in which windows will be exploded/imploded. Currently this value may vary in the range 0..5. Default 0.

STEPS: this selects how many frames will the animation last. Default 40.

MAXPEN: this selects which will be the maximum colour above which the animations will be drawn. Defaults to 255, but if you set it to lower values the animations will be drawn in less bitplanes, so giving it an extra speed (ie with MAXPEN=1 it will only draw in one bitplane, with MAXPEN=127 it will draw into seven of them). I prefer setting it to 1, getting full speed, except for graphic cards, for which it should be set to 255 (anyway try what works better for you).

CYCLE: if specified will make CaBoom to switch the animation in each explosion/implosion, one each time in turn.

RANDOM: if specified will make CaBoom to select randomly an animation for each explosion/implosion.

NOBORDERLESS: like NOBACKDROPS, but for excluding borderless windows. It's useful if you're using a program like MagicMenu (version 2 or up) which opens and closes a lot of borderless windows (also for MUI's help bubbles).

These can also be specified if you launch CaBoom from a Shell:

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SPEED/K/N, LINE/K/N, NOBACKDROPS/S, CX_PRIORITY/K/N, NUMBER/K/N,  
METHOD/K/N, STEPS/K/N, MAXPEN/K/N, CYCLE/S, RANDOM/S, BORDERLESS/S
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To quit CaBoom you can send it a CTRL-C break, run it again and select quit or select quit from commodities exchange.

1.5 Disclaimer, Distrubution and Copyright

Note

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What follows was written by Lee Kindness, the original author of CaBoom. I, Juan J. García de Soria got permission from him to continue his work from version 1.4. I have not changed what follows because I agree with it in full. So consider that it is still correct.

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I hereby reject any liability or responsibility for these or any other consequences from the use of CaBoom whatsoever. This includes, but is not limited to, damage to your equipment, to your data, personal injuries, financial loss or any other kinds of side effects. Although CaBoom has been tested thoroughly on several different machines, I cannot rule out the possibility that CaBoom

1. is somehow incompatible to your equipment
2. has bugs that show up on your equipment
3. does not do what it is supposed to do on your equipment
4. does not work with future versions of AmigaDOS.

It is your responsibility to take any precautions necessary to protect yourself from these or any other effects. I explicitly reject any liability or responsibility from the consequences of you using CaBoom

Distribution

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1.6 Thanks...

Thanks to...

Lee Kindness: For starting CaBoom and giving me permission to continue it.

All those that keep Amiga Spirit alive.

Original (Lee Kindness) Thanks to...

Bruno Costa: CaBoom is based on the source of Explode. Explode was written in 1991 and does not work with 2.0 and higher methods of opening windows. Explode also contained many bugs... :(

Iain Sherrit: My Fido BOSS

Jen Allen : The perfect ami user... :)

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1.8 History

1.2 : 16.07.95

- Added NOBACKDROPS option again... I lost the source to version 1.1 due to a HD error :(This version is actually smaller than the previous! Thank god for the Junction 9 BBS!!!!

1.4 : 01.12.96

- Project taken over by me, Juan J. García de Soria Lucena.
- Added NUMBER, METHOD, STEPS, MAXPEN, CYCLE and RANDOM options.
- Now there are 6 different animations.

1.5 : 18.12.96

- Added NOBORDERLESS option. A lot of people complaint about CaBoom going unusable with MagicMenu.
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