Starter

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1.1 Starter

Starter $VER 1.1 (4.12.1996)

   "For those who never read any documentation:
    Starter displays a bootpicture and a fuel-gauge
    depending on how far the bootprogress has gone"

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1.2 Motivation

    Motivation:
    Everytime i switched on my Amiga,i was very bored of
    the Black screen which showed up every time.And
    Even a bootpicture bored me after some time.

    But a thing i liked was the power-up message of
    the MacOS (System coming up...) and the nice percentage
    gauge...
    But now there's starter: directly after the poweron a
    costum picture will be displayed,with a bargraph in it.
    And after every command executed of the new starter-sequence

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   the bargraph gets slowly filled.
   The screen only closes after you issued a break-command
   to the starter-task.This can be done by the supplied
   program or a simple "break `status command starter`".

   Starter is very system-friendly,it will do no patching at
   all (e.g. on ^NextScreen or OpenScreen()).This has only
   one disadvantage: The Workbench pops up in front of the
   starter screen...

    Preview  (Only with Multiview)


    DISCLAIMER:
    No garanties for anything.Use at your own risk.
    "It works on my machine".
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1.3 Installation

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   1.Doubleclick the Installericon.
  What's the special system-configuration?
 Install it,if you have maximum overscan-settings.

   2.Start a texteditor and edit 's:startup-sequence'
     Comment out all commands between 'setpatch' and 'endcli'.
     (Even loadwb and iprefs) by inserting a ';' as the first character
     of the line.Append the command 'c:starter' directly
     before the 'endcli'-command.(the 'c:' is important!)
     Patches like Sysihack or Urouhack should be started
     BEFORE the starter-program itself.

   3.Now edit the file 's:starter-sequence'
     Remove all commands that are already in the 'startup-sequence'.
     'Iprefs' and 'Loadwb' should be the last commands here.

   THAT'S ALL!

   If you want,you can draw a new 's:starter.iff'.But then you
   have to change the settings in 's:starter.prefs' to new values.
   Have a look at the Configuration-topic.

   Examples for  startup-sequence
       or  starter-sequence
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1.4 Contact

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 /    \/  \/_  _/\    f0uNder oF -=# dAR< z0N3 BB5 #=-
/_/_/_/_/_/\/_/\\/    e-MAil: fema0012@FH-Karlsruhe.de
\_\_\_\_\_\/\_\/       www.FH-Karlsruhe.de/~fema0012/ (->PGP-Key)

 greetings to tak,erwin,siggi,axel,Sir Pac,Jim,All PrimiTiveArts Members
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   fuck off sven mattmüller (flame him at fido 2:241/7508)
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1.5 Known Bugs

Note on v1.1: You no longer need the "close_starter"-program.

Bugs known: None.

This program should run on any computer and is mungwall-proof.
It works under CyberGraphics (Tested).

But i dont really know,if it displays AGA-pictures correctly...
Let me know,if you tested it...

Any IF/ELSE/ENDIF command in 's:starter-sequence' will not work,
but THERE ARE NORMALLY NO IFs NECCESARY IN THE STARTUP-SEQUENCE.

In AT's startup-sequence there are some lines that check for the
existence of any monitor-driver.Hey,all AGA-Users have at last
one driver installed,and ECS-Users with flickerfixers can remove
the lines without any problem.

----Technical:
    First of all "s:starter.iff" is begin loaded and displayed.
    Then Starter reads line by line out of 's:starter-sequence'
    and executes them via System().Then it terminates.
    Nothing Magical.But Cool.

1.6 Configuration

 The filename of the picture is "s:starter.iff".

 The 7 lines of the file "s:starter.prefs" have the following meaning:

 1st/2nd Line: Top/Left coordinates of the bargraph to draw
 3rd/4th Line: Inner Width/Height of the bargraph to draw
 5th   Line: Colour of topleft bargraph-border
 6th   Line: Colour of bottomright bargraph-border
 7th   Line: Colour of bargraph-filling

 Hint: The width should be multiples or divisors of 100.

 (This time no preferences program.If you can fiddle with your
  startup-sequence,you can also change 7 numbers in a textfile.)

1.7 Special system-configuration

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The special "system-configuration":
After each reboot the amiga first reads the file
'devs:system-configuration' (remainder of kick 1.3) and sets
colours,pointer and overscan after it.
These settings are later replaced with those of Iprefs.

This can be useful for us:
1.You dont see anything,because the colours are all set to black.
2.Your picture doenst jump,if iprefs set the overscan-settings
  (because the overscan-settings are the same).

If you just want to save your overscan-settings as a
system-configuration,use the program "fixprefs.lha"
(available on AmiNet).
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