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# **Chapter 1**

# HDOffGUI\_34

## 1.1 HDOffGUI\_34.guide

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(1) this applies also to the file\_id.diz file!

### 1.3 HDOffGUI 34.guide/Overview

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# Overview \*\*\*\*\*

HDOffGUI is a graphical user interface to HDOff 1.37 or newer. HDOff 1.37 is a hard disk power/noise saver for hard disks connected to the internal A600/A1200/A4000 IDE host. HDOffGUI is written by Gideon Zenz.

HDOffGUI uses triton 1.4 by Stefan Zeiger.

HDOffGUI features:

- \* Installs itself as Commodity, can be controlled by commodity exchange
- \* Configuration via tool types and environmental variables
- $\star$  Can start HDOff asynchronously if it is not already active when HDOffGUI is started
- \* Documentation in .DVI and AmigaGuide format (the master document is written in Texinfo format and thus can easily be converted to these formats.)

### 1.4 HDOffGUI\_34.guide/Requirements

# Requirements \*\*\*\*\*\*

In order to be able to use HDOffGUI, you need:

- \* Amiga 600HD/1200HD/4000(T) with at least one IDE hard drive connected to the internal IDE host
- \* Kickstart/AmigaOS 2.04
- \* Triton 1.4 by Stefan Zeiger (minimal version(1) is included)
- \* HDOff 1.37 by Gideon Zenz (\*not\* included!)

You can obtain HDOff 1.37 from either:

- \* Aminet: 'disk/misc/HDOff\_1.37.lha'
- \* http://ernie.mi.uni-koeln.de/~gzenz/hdoff.html

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(1) full version can be obtained from Aminet:
'util/libs/tril4usr.lha', a copy is on Aminet 8

### 1.5 HDOffGUI 34.guide/Installation

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#### Installation

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There is no Installer script. You do not really need one either, installation is quite easy from Workbench. To install HDOffGUI, follow these steps:

- 1. If you have PGP and MD5SUM: Check distribution integrity.
  - \* Add my PGP key to your key ring by typing 'PGP -ka HDOffGUI\_34.guide'
  - \* Check the signature of 'MD5.ASC' by typing 'PGP MD5.ASC'
  - $\star$  Check the files by typing 'MD5SUM -vc MD5'
- 2. Install HDOff.
- 3. Install Triton. Double-click on the Triton drawer icon, then double-click the Install icon
- 4. Drag the HDOffGUI icon anywhere you want, maybe the WBStartup drawer of your boot partition if you want HDOffGUI to be activated on start-up of your computer. HDOffGUI will automatically start HDOff if it is not active, which means HDOff must reside in C: in order to be found.
- 5. Configure HDOffGUI. See Using , for details.

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Configuring and Using HDOffGUI

Starting HDOffGUI

HDOffGUI can be started both from WorkBench and from Shell. The way it reads its configuration depends on the way it is started, though.

 $\tt HDOffGUI$  cannot be started twice. The first copy will pop up its window as soon as you started the second one. The second one leaves immediately.

Starting from Workbench

Double-click the HDOffGUI icon or put HDOffGUI along with its icon in the WBStartup drawer of your boot partition. The configuration is read from tool types.

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## Starting from Shell

You can just type 'HDOffGUI' and add tool types as command line arguments. Preferably, you would type 'RUN <>NIL: HDOffGUI', eventually followed by tool types as options on the same line. The tool type options set in the icon are ignored, they must be specified on the command line.

Although the compiler(1) that I have used allows generation of self-detaching programs (these do not require writing RUN before their names), I have chosen NOT to do so, but instead I recommend starting HDOffGUI from WorkBench(2). You could place this line in your 's:user-startup' if you wanted. If you do so, you should not place HDOffGUI in WBStartup, as it would pop up its window.

# Configuring

HDOffGUI can be fully configured via \*tool types.\* In addition, the delay time before shutting down the drives can be configured by an \*environmental variable\* \*UNLESS\* any of TIMEMASTER and TIMESLAVE are set. See HDOFFGUIPREFS for details.

Nota bene: The tool types are \*only\* taken into regard if HDOffGUI is started from WorkBench! You need to specify the tool types as arguments if you start HDOffGUI from Shell.

To set Tooltypes, click on the icon and choose 'Information...' from the 'Icons' menu. You can "comment out" tool types you want to be ignored by enclosing them in parentheses, '(' and ')', example: '(TIMESLAVE=10)'.

You must set at least the SINGLE variable. See below for details.

## Configuration via tool types

Attention: the quote marks 'around this' are not to be included in any option.

- CX\_POPKEY specifies the hotkey that pops up the window if it's hidden. Defaults to 'CONTROL LALT H'.
- CX\_POPUP specifies if you want the window shown 'yes' or hidden 'no' when HDOffGUI is started. Default: yes (shown).
- CX\_PRIORITY specifies in which order to start commodities. Valid values are -128 to 127, higher priority commodities are started earlier.
- STOPDRIVES specifies the hotkey to stop both drives at once(3). Defaults to 'CONTROL RALT H'.
- STOPMASTER is basically the same as STOPDRIVES, except that it stops the master drive only (unit 0).

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- STOPSLAVE is basically the same as STOPDRIVES, except that it stops the slave drive only (unit 1). This is \*ignored\* if SINGLE is set to 'yes'.
- SINGLE specifies if you have one or two drives(4). Set to 'yes' if you have one drive, set to 'no' for two drives. See

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further information on this.

- TIMEMASTER specifies the time(5) in minutes that the master drive must be unused before it is switched to "standby" mode(6), set to 0 if you do not want the master drive to be shut down at all. If this tool type is specified, the environmental variable is \*completely ignored.\*
- TIMESLAVE is basically the same as TIMEMASTER, but applies to the slave drive. Ignored if SINGLE is 'yes'.

TIMEMASTER and TIMESLAVE are only implemented, because Gideon demanded them. I prefer HDOFFGUI\_PREFS as the time can be saved to this variable, but not to TIMEMASTER and TIMESLAVE.

Configuring via environmental variable

Nota bene: The environmental variable is ignored if TIMEMASTER or TIMESLAVE is specified. It is also ignored if HDOff is already running when HDOffGUI is started.

The environmental variable is called HDOFFGUI\_PREFS and must contain two positive, integer numbers, separated by white space, they and have the same meaning as TIMEMASTER and TIMESLAVE (in that order).

Example: saying 'SETENV HDOFFGUI\_PREFS 45 60' before starting HDOff and HDOffGUI would spin down the master drive after 45 minutes being unused, the slave drive after 60 minutes.

The time preferences are saved temporarily(7) -- in ENV: -- when you quit the GUI, you can save them permanently using 'Save preferences' from the 'Project' menu.

Using the GUI

The GUI window can be (un)zipped by pressing DELETE or by pressing the ZIP gadget (second right in the title bar).

The GUI window can be hidden by Commodoties Exchange, selecting 'Hide window' from the 'Project' menu, by pressing 'RCOMMAND H'. It can be made appear again by Commodities Exchange or by the CX\_POPKEY, if specified.

The standby buttons set the corresponding drive to standby mode immediately. They will spin up again automatically if accessed, even if  $\rm HDOff$  is no longer active(8). The key you can press to take the same

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action is underlined.

The Time set sliders allow you to change the time the drives need to be unused before they are shut down. A count down is displayed in the 'Time left' column. The key you can press to take the same action is the underlined letter from the 'Drive' column. If the time is set to zero, HDOff will not shut down the drive at all unless you press the Standby button (or its corresponding key).

The other buttons are self-explanatory as are the menu options not explained here. See HDOFFGUI\_PREFS, for more detailed information on the 'Save preferences' menu item.

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- (1) SAS/C 6.56
- (2) Starting a GUI from Shell is somewhat contradictory anyway.
- (3) There is actually a short delay between shutting down the master and the slave drive, this is normal
- (4) you can of course set this wrong and see what happens. But do not complain HDOffGUI does not react on Standby or does not show GUI elements for your slave drive :-)
- (5) IBM says that one spin down/spin up cycle is approximately equivalent to 7 hours of use.
  - (6) The drive will automatically spin up again if accessed
  - (7) to the next reboot
- (8) General comment: This is different from SCSI drives which can not automatically spin up again themselves.

## 1.7 HDOffGUI\_34.guide/Bugs

HDOffGUI has been developped and tested on an Amiga 4000 with CyberStorm 68060/50, 24 MB FastRAM, OS 3.0, Conner CFA340A, Western Digital Caviar AC31200F,

GCC 2.7.2(1), SAS/C 6.56, GoldEd 3.1, 4.0, 4.1 PRO, Triton 1.4, Triton 2.0 beta, CyberGuard, MungWall, TexInfo 3.6, PasTeX 1.4.

If you encounter any bugs or misspellings in this document, please contact the author, See  $$\operatorname{\mathtt{Author}}$$ 

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#### Known Bugs

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\* If used together with HDOff 1.36 or earlier versions, these may crash. Use HDOff 1.37 instead.

Restrictions

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Slave recognition

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Slave recognition is not yet implemented in HDOff, thus you must configure your drive configuration yourself, see SINGLE. I think this is alright as it needs to be done only upon installation and if you added or removed your slave IDE drive.

Disabling

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There is no way to determine if a drive is in standby or running mode if HDOff is disabled for that drive. Thus, the standby button is always available so you can spin down the drive manually at any time.

Incompatibilites

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\* If HDEnv is installed, it can cause a drive to spin up again if you quit the GUI or hide it. This is caused by the triton GUI system which saves some parameters when closing a window. I recommend that you use HappyENV instead which is also available from Aminet.

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(1) untested the last weeks

### 1.8 HDOffGUI 34.guide/Author

Author

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If you want to contact the author, be it that you want to send money (cash (only bills), eurocheques and German "Verrechnungsschecks" accepted), bug reports, inquiries, enhancement requests, whatsoever(1), here is the address:

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Do not expect replies unless you provide me with a self-addressed,

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Before you send bug reports, make sure you have read and understood this document entirely. It may cover certain aspects you have missed so far and solve your problem, thus eliminating the need to contact the author.

If you send bug reports, do state program and triton version, maybe include Segtracker, TNT or Enforcer information, your hardware configuration, what tools, patches and hacks you are using.

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(1) do not send mail bombs :-)

## 1.9 HDOffGUI\_34.guide/Credits

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Credit where Credit is due.
*Ralph Babel*
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*Simon Ferber*
    He knows why if I say "here's your pizza"
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    Anubis
*Ralf 'Snoopy' Imhäuser*
    Tribal BBS, support
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