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Chapter 1

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1.1 StartupControl V1.1 Guide

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author

in order to honour his work if you use

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StartupControl_V1.1
StartupControl.doc
StartupControl.doc.info
StartupControl.guide
StartupControl.guide.info

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1.4 Introduction

INTRODUCTION:

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENTATION CAREFULLY BEFORE USING STARTUPCONTROL FOR THE~FIRST TIME TO UNDERSTAND~WHAT THE PROGRAM DOES AND WHY!

StartupControl is an utility that simply gives you some more contol over the~boot sequence of your~dream-machine. Its usual place is on the top of the~startup-sequence. From there, StartupControl will~ allow you to disable execution of User-Startup and/or all files in your WBStartup- directory. If you~have~OS2.1 or higher you can also disable installed monitordrivers to get a~pure PAL-system that doesn't~damage a connected TV-set, which only works with 15kHz modes. To complete the variety of functions you can open a~ Shell window or even directly execute a scriptfile or run an executable from

StartupControl via Asl- or ReqTools filerequester

The idea for StartupControl came from Lars Eilebrechts "ShadowStart 1.2" which offers similar "disable"~ functions, but leaves out Script-, Exe- and PAL-options. So I decided to write StartupControl and that's what you got on your screen right now. You surely will find some similarities to ShadowStart in this program but why inventing the wheel twice? I like the way ShadowStart does it's job and so I arranged StartupControl in same way. When activating StartupControl it opens a requester where you can choose the way things will go.

1.5 Requirements

REQUIREMENTS:

- Any Amiga with installed OS2.04 (V37) or higher
- installed AmigaDos commands: execute, run, newshell
- reqtools.library, if you want to use ReqTools-Filerequester
- Workbench 2.1 or better for using PAL-Option

1.6 Installation

INSTALLATION:

- as StartupControl is a simple command I recommend to copy it to your "C:" directory, but of course you can place it wherever you want.
- Grab your favourite editor and load your "S:Startup-sequence". Now insert the following line after the SetPatch-command:


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"<path>StartupControl_V1.1".
```
- As I remember - that's all...

I decided to add a commandline option to use this wonderful ReqTools-Filerequester when selecting files. So, if you want to use it, just write:

```
Assign ENV: ENVARC:
<path>Startupcontrol_V1.1 -r
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or start "RTPatch" in front of StartupControl...
(RTPatch contains to the ReqTools-Package by Nico François and
can be found in Aminet or almost any other PD-Collection)
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The "Assign" has to be done, because reqtools.library ties to load its preferences file from ENV:. If you don't assign ENV:, reqtools.library will use its defaults

and popup a lousy requester, telling you, that ENV wasn't found. It should be assigned to ENVARC:, because StartupControl runs very early in startup process when your contents of ENVARC: isn't copied to RAM:ENV yet.

1.7 Usage

USAGE:

When StartupControl is installed correctly, it is easy to use. Simply hold down~ left or right ALT key~or press the left mousebutton after a reset or after~switching on your machine and StartupControl will~open a nice requester~offering a variety of functions. Simply select one of these buttons:

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WB+User    -> disables both, WBStartup and User-Startup
WB         -> only disables WBStartup
User       -> only disables User-Startup
Shell      -> opens a shell window, startup-sequence is paused until
             you send a BREAK to StartupControl by typing "break 1"
             in your shell-window.
Script     -> opens a filerequester to execute a scriptfile and
             returns to the StartupControl-Menu when script has
             finished
Exe        -> opens a filerequester to run an executable file in
             background and returns to the StartupControl-Menu.
PAL only   -> disables an installed monitordriver to force PAL-mode
             only available with Workbench 2.1+
Cancel     -> leave StartupControl, startup-sequence is continued
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WHAT DOES STARTUPCONTROL DO TO DISABLE FILES OR DIRECTORIES?

StartupControl~renames the "WBStartup"~directory, "S:User-startup" file or "Devs:Monitors"~ directory to prevent them from being executed ("name" is renamed to "#name").~After changing names files stay renamed until next reset. To get~ back their~original names after disabling them, you can rename them yourself or run~ StartupControl again. If you boot your machine without activating StartupControl all files and~directories are automatically~ set to their original names. So if you wont~disable something, there will be no change.

When opening a shell window the Startup-sequence is paused. To continue executing startup-sequence,~send a "break" command to StartupControl. If~StartupControl was started directly after SetPatch, it~normaly has process~ number 1. Typing "Break 1" in your shell-window will quit StartupControl and execution of~ startup-sequence will be continued. Don't forget to close~the shell window to allow workbench to~reset its screen to its needs.

When using the SCRIPT or EXE option, the program returns to the menu, after

execution of a selected file to give you the possibility to do further changes like opening a shell. This can be very useful, if you want to run large, memory-hungry applications like games and demos. So, you can setup a small environment via scriptfile and then watch your favourite amiga-demos from a shell-window.

RESTRICTIONS: When pressing the ALT key too early during a reset, StartupControl maybe don't realizes that the key was pressed.
This can happen, because the hardware keybuffer is cleared during reset, so the keycode is already lost before StartupControl is executed.

1.8 History

HISTORY:

V1.1

- EXE-Option added
- after SCRIPT- and EXE-Option, StartupControl returns to its menu to allow further selections
- there are no longer two versions for OS2.0 and OS2.1+ (two in one!)
- ReqTools Support and commandline-option added
- StartupControl sets CurrentDir to ProgDir to help programs to find their stuff
- minor code changes

V1.0

- first public release

1.9 Author

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