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Chapter 1

SimpleFind_English

1.1 SimpleFind Documentation

SimpeFind 1.1 Amigaguide

Note that the authors native language is german, so please forgive bad spelling, grammar mistakes and so on (I know that there are many). Or better - correct them and contact me.

Attention! This guide is designed for the version 40 of the amigaguide.datatype which is supplied with AmigaOS 3.1. Under other versions this guide may look very terrible.

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1.2 Copyright and disclamer

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1.3 Introduction

Introdution

SimpleFind is a Search-Tool for your Amiga. It scans a selected directory for a entered name pattern and shows them. You can copy, delete, rename or view this files.

Features - allows searching by name (AmigaOS namepatterns), size, date - Indexfiles for faster searching - allows to copy, delete, view and rename - easy to use GadTools-GUI - and much more

I know that there are some good tools there, but the some of them use MUI and other have no GUI. I want to have one which have an easy to use GUI, which don't need MUI. (but this means not that I'm gerneraly against MUI. It is very powerful and helps developers by createing there software, for example without MUI some good WWW-Browser wouldn't exists).

An other reason was that I want to test my programing knowledge (this is my first 'real' program I wrote)

1.4 Requirements

Requirements

SimpleFind needs at least Kickstart 3.0. It should work with a MC68000 processor but this is not recommended.

1.5 Installation of SimpleFind

How to install SimpleFind

Currently there is no installer script. To install SimpleFind simply copy the whole drawer where you want.

1.6 Usage

Usage

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1.7 ToolTypes

Tool Types

Currently there is only one ToolType

PREFSFILE

Here you can specify the path and the name of prefs file which is created when you select SaveSettings in the menu

(Default PROGDIR:SimpleFind.prefs)

1.8 Menu

Menu Project Indexfiles Settings About... ? Create Indexfile... Case sensitive? C _____ Update Indexfile... Exact? E Quit Q _____ _____ Show size? H Available Indexfiles... Show date? D _____ Sort List? Delete Indexfile... Use Indexfiles ? _____ Select Viewer... V Select IndexDir... _____ Save Settings S The 'Project' Menu About ? Shows information about the Author (hey, that's me). Quit Q Quits the program. The 'Indexfiles' Menu Create Indexfile... Here you can create a new IndexFile for an specified

directory. When this indexfile already exists a requester is shown where you an select between create, update or cancel. Update Indexfile... This brings up a requester where you can select the indexfile which should be updated. Available Indexfiles... Here you can see the available Indexfiles. Delete Indexfile... This brings up a requester where you can select the indexfile which should be deleted. The 'Settings' Menu Case sensitive? C If this option is checked, SimpleFind takes care of the case of the filenames. Exact? E If it is checked, SimpleFind looks for whole words. Show size? H If this option is checked, SimpleFind shows the size of the visible files Show date? D If this option is checked, SimpleFile will show date of the files. Sort List? This will sort the results alphabetically. Use Indexfiles? Only if this option in checked SimpleFind will use Indexfiles, if available. Select Viewer... V This opens a window where you an specify your prefered viewer. %s is replaced by the selected file name, otherwise the name is added at the end of the line. Select IndexDir... This will open an asl requester where you can specify the directory for the indexfiles (Default to PROGDIR: Indexfiles) Save Settings S Save the settings you have made.

1.9 Main Window

Main Window

The Main window is the window where you specify the criteries of a searching process. You will find followed gadgets or gadgetgroups in this window.

Search Path

Path where SimpleFind start its search. You can enter this path by keyboard or by clicking the button («) right to the string gadget which brings up a filerequester.

Pattern

Standard AmigaOS Pattern.

Min Size(kb)

When the Checkbox is checked you can specify the minimum size in kbytes (1024 bytes)

Max Size(kb)

When this option is checked you can specify the maximum size in kbytes (1024 bytes).

Within the last d Here you can specify how many days/month ago (maximal) a file should have been created/changed. Start Search...

This will start the scanning process. The results are shown in the Result Window

1.10 Result Window

Result Window

Here you see a listview which shows the found files. Simply select a file by clicking on its name. When you enter a new name in the string gadget the file will be renamed to this name. You will find following other gadgets here.

Show...

When you click this button the actual selected file will be shown via MultiView.

Copy...

Here you can copy the seleted file. It brings up a requester where you an select a destination.

Delete...

This will delete the selected file from disk, after you have agreed it in a requester.

1.11 Future

Future

I plan to add following features:

- work with Kickstart 2.0 if wanted - some GUI improvements - more buttons - a better guide (also an german version) and fewer mistakes - maybe an installer script - any other suggentions if I think they are good (for example I will not add a racing game or a function plotter ;-))

1.12 History

History

And now the very long history of SimpleFind:

Version 1.0 (06.04.97) - first Aminet release

Version 1.1 (21.04.97) - Oops, SimpleFind frees its memory twice. This is fixed now (I hope) - Now can use Indexfiles to speed up searching

1.13 How can you reach me ?

There can be many bugs because this is the second version of SimpleFind and also my first programm for Amiga. If you find some bugs (also in this guide) or have suggestions to improve SimpleFind, you should contact me.

If you want, you could send me a really good Icon for SimpleFind. (I know my one is ugly but I'm a doc, aeh program(m)er not an artist...)

Also feel free to send me harddisks, gfxcards, disks, CDs or money ;-)

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I have an homepage in the WWW, too. It is currently in german only and in a very early state. But you will find the latest version of SimpleFind and also other projects for Amiga there.

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