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## **Chapter 1**

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#### 1.1 Introduction

I've fixed the bug where by it crashed soon after starting due to being put in the ROOT: directory of your hard disk. You can now safely install the program anywhere. Thanks to the people who took the time to e-mail me, remember all critisizm's are welcome good or bad so long as they are constructive.

The programs had numerous tweeks and several new features have been added it also uses a lot less memory, hope you find the program usefull.

Although there are many other programs that do the same as this program, I felt that they were lacking somewhat (with the exception of GadToolBox which is very good) and wanted to take it little further. Now up to V2.5 I still intend developing it much further as I have many more ideas to try. It was of cause a great way to develope my programming skills and I have enjoyed doing it which in my opinion is a good enough reason on its own!

Ok, so what is GUIToolKit I hear you ask? well if you havn't already guessed its a programming tool, simular to GadToolBox which will assist you in creating the code for graphical user interfaces in Blitz Basic.

## 1.2 Requirements

You will need at least a Workbench V2 Amiga and the third party library ReqTools V1.70b and of course a copy of Blitz Basic2.

#### 1.3 Instalation

Simply copy the whole GUIToolKit directly to where you want it on your hard drive in its own directory. Then copy ReqTools to your Libs: directory.

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#### 1.4 Features

1. Create

Screens

of all available resolutions.

2. Create a

window

 $\,$  of any dimensions to fit on your screen, give it size and close gadgets etc. and assign its

IDCMP~flags.

3. Create all types of

gadgets

ie. Button, Checkbox, Cycle, Integer

String, Number, Text, Listview, Palette, MX, Scroller, Slider and Shape Gadgets, to fit on your window.

4. Draw two types of

borders

around your gadgets to group them

together.

5. Draw

Text.

use different colours and fonts

6.

Load and

save

your project for latter editing.

7.

Generate

the Blitz2 code for the interface you have created.

8. Make

Arexx

scripts to do other functions.

#### 1.5 GUIToolKit V1.5

GUIToolKit

V2.5

By Tony Docker.

This program is FREEWARE

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## 1.6 ToolBar

The horizontal tool-bar now contains the following gadgets  $\hookleftarrow$ 

Edit

~TodoList

Move

Сору

Size

Del

ListGads

Gads~Id

(integer gadget)

AddBorders

Edit

AddText

Edit

## 1.7 TodoList

For the next version -

- 1. Add more arexx commands.
- 2. Generate code in different languages ie. C, asm.
- 3. Extend the config file.

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## 1.8 Menus

Project

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Type

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#### 1.9 New

This will clear the current display and reset to the default values.

### 1.10 Load

Will call a file requester for you to choose a previously saved project with the .gt extension.

#### 1.11 Save

Saves a project in a format to enable it to be reloaded in the future for further editing.

#### 1.12 Save as

Calls a file requester to enable you to choose a path and  $\ensuremath{\hookleftarrow}$  file

to

save

the project to.

## 1.13 About

Displays authors name, version number and arexx port name.

#### 1.14 GenCode

This will generate the Blitz Basic2 code needed to generate the GUI display in your own programs.

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#### **1.15 Prefs**

```
This menu item enables you to change various items concerning the generated~code and also how GUIToolKit looks and works( general ).
```

## 1.16 generated code

Here you can enter the following settings that effect the final code that is generated. This information is saved with the project.

- 1. Screen id
- 2. Window id
- 3. Gadget list id
- 4. Project title.
- 5. Re-number the gadgets Id's in the order they appear in the list each time the code is generated (Default = no).
- 6. Re-sort the gadgets Id's each time the code is generated (Default = yes).
- 7. Use palette in generated code (Default = no).

### 1.17 general

To save how the program looks and other settings select this menu item.

#### 1.18 Quit

Quits the progam of course!

#### 1.19 Palette

From this window you can change the current palette using the sliders etc. Load and save palettes and by selecting "Yes - use palette" in the Prefs/code requester the code for using that palette will be inserted in the "generated code".

## 1.20 Type

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Here you can choose a any screen mode from the requester, interlaced or not interlaced. Specify the width and height, the number of bit-planes, the title for the screen and a choise of

```
Workbench - open the window on the workbench screen.

Custom - set up your own screen for your own use.

Current - open on the currently used screen.

Public - not yet available.
```

#### 1.21 Name

Here you can alter the Windows title.

#### 1.22 Attrib

This controls what system gadgets and properties the window will have. They are  $\ -$ 

- 1. Sizing gadget.
- 2. Drag bar.
- 3. Depth gadget.
- 4. Close gadget.
- 5. Size right.
- 6. Size bottom.
- 7. Backdrop.
- 8. Gimmezerozero.
- 9. Borderless.
- 10. Active.

Just check mark the one's you want.

#### 1.23 IDCMP

This configures what events your window wants to know about. See the Blitz manual or ROM Kernal Libraries book for more details.

You can choose between 3 options -

- 1. Use the default setting, no code is generated.
- 2. Custom settings, depending on what you select or deselect IDCMP flags are added to or tacken awey from the default.
- 3. Use as default, your selection will be set as the default for this and any following windows.

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#### 1.25 Font

## **1.26** Arexx

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GUIToolKit has an arexx port called "GUITLREXX" you can write \leftrightarrow
                    scripts
and execute them directly from this program via the menu item
"Arexx/ExecuteScript". You can also set up 10 menu items to execute
scripts directly with "Arexx/SetUp".
Here is a list of the arexx commands so far, I hope to extend this
in the future -
Gadgets
NoOfGadgets
              returns the value in RESULT
GadgetX
GadgetY
Gadget Type
MoveGadget <Index>, <XOffset>, <YOffset>
SizeGadget <Index>, <AddToWidth>, <AddToHeight>
Borders
              returns the value in RESULT
NoOfBorders
AddBorder <X>, <Y>, <Width>, <Height>
MoveBorder <Index>, <X>, <Y>
Text
LinesOfText
             returns the value in RESULT
AddText <Text>, <X>, <Y>
Misc
Quit
Version
            UpdateDisplay
```

#### 1.27 Gadgets

To add a gadget to your window simply select the type of gadget you want from this menu list. Then press the LMB at the start position of the gadget and holding the LMB down, drag a box out to the final size you want.

Then a window will pop up enabling you to alter various settings of the gadget you have created.

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## 1.28 UpdateDisplay

When your script has finished running you will need to add this command at the end of your script in order to see the result.

## 1.29 Copy

Click on this gadget or press 'C' and then click on any gadget in your window (number and text gadgets cannot normally be selected however you may select them in GUIToolKit be clicking the upper left hand corner of the gadget) a floating outline of that gadget will appear under the mouse pointer, move to the required position and click LMB. the edit requester for that gadget will appear with identical values allready filled in (only the x & y values will be different)

#### 1.30 Edit

Click on this gadget or press 'E' and then click on any gadget in your window (number and text gadgets cannot normally be selected however you may select them in GUIToolKit be clicking the upper left hand corner of the gadget) this will bring up the same requester window as when you created the gadget originaly.

#### 1.31 Move

Click on this gadget or press 'M' and then click on any gadget in your window (number and text gadgets cannot normally be selected however you may select them in GUIToolKit be clicking the upper left hand corner of the gadget) that gadget will be highlighted and if the shift key is held down then you can drag a box around several gadgets . When released a requester window will appear, if you have selected more than one gadget then you have to specify the x & y values to move all the selected gadgets. If you have only selected one gadget then you have the additional option of using the mouse, a 'floating box' will appear under the mouse pointer, simply move to the required position then click LMB.

#### 1.32 Size

Click on this gadget or press 'S' and then click on any gadget in your window (number and text gadgets cannot normally be selected however you may select them in GUIToolKit be clicking the upper left hand corner of the gadget) and hold, a 'rubber band' will appear under the mouse pointer simply stretch to the dessired size then release LMB.

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#### 1.33 Del

Click on this gadget or press 'D' and then click on any gadget in your window (number and text gadgets cannot normally be selected however you may select them in GUIToolKit be clicking the upper left hand corner of the gadget) a comfirmation requester will appear then the gadget will be removed.

#### 1.34 Add

To add borders around groups of gadgets click on this gadget on the tool-bar. Then click LMB once and hold for the starting position and drag out to the dessired size.

#### 1.35 Gads Id

This integer gadget displays the ID of any gadget clicked on in your project window. This is usefull if you need to change the ID's for any reason to fit in with the rest of your program code.

#### 1.36 Edit

Click this gadget and a second toolbar will appear at the bottom of the screen. This will enable you to manipulate the highlighted border in your window. Select the border to work on using the next button.

#### 1.37 Add

You can add text directly onto your window by selecting this button from the 'Tool-bar'.

#### 1.38 Edit

This button will bring up a second window which will enable your to alter, add, move and delete lines of text. Select the line to work on from the list.

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## 1.39 Re-num gads Id

If your click on this gadget all the gadgets in your window will have there ID's re-numbered consecutivly starting at '1'. This is for when you have done a lot of editing/deleting/adding gadgets in a project and simply want the ID's neatly re-aliened in the generated code.

#### 1.40 List

Here you will find a list displaying all the gadgets you  $\ \hookleftarrow \$  have created

so far, which is an exact copy of the lines of code that will be generated not including any "Tags". You can perform a number of operations on them simply select any line and click on the buttons below.

- 1. MoveUp will move the selected line up one line in the list and simularly MoveDown will do the opposite.
- Edit will bring up the corrisponding editor window for that gadget.
- 3. Move will allow you to move the selected gadget.
- 4. Size will allow you to re-size the selected gadget.
- 5. Delete will allow you to delete the selected gadget.
- 6. Sort will attempt to sort the gadgets into ascending order with respect to their Gadget Id's.

7.

ReNumber

will re-number the Gadget  $\operatorname{Id}'s$  starting at 1 being the first in the list.

If you have created any Text or Number gadgets then this is now the only way you can select them for edit/sizing/moving.

## 1.41 Key board short-cuts

Most gadgets/options have keyboard shortcuts indicated by a letter in the gadgets text being underlined ie. Palette Also the "Ok" and "Cancil" buttons are activated by the "Return" and "Escape" keys respectively.

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