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Chapter 1

ViewTool_english

1.1 ViewTool

This is the documentation on using ViewTool. What's new ? What is it ? Requirements Installation Usage The ARexx port History What's next ? Bugs

1.2 What is is ?

ViewTool is a viewer for jpeg images (currently) only, designed to run on Phase5's multiprocessor accelerator boards featuring a 68060 and a 604e.

1.3 Requirements

You need a MC68020+, optionally a PowerPC 603+. Currently, images are displayed only on a high/true color cybergraphics workbench screen.

1.4 Installation

Use the installer script. You need at least the installer version 43+. It can be found on http://www.amiga.de/.

If you use the average user procedure you will only have to select a partition or drawer in which a new drawer will be generated. All relevant files will be copied there.

1.5 Usage

Either start it from Shell or by a double click on it's icon. Popup prefs keys : Type in the key combination you like to use to open this window, for example "lshift lalt j" (without the '"'). Popup loader keys : Some as above to open an asl requester where you can select the image(s) to load. Initial drawer : Type in the drawer to be used for the file requester or press the underscored key to pop up a requester where you can choose a drawer. Output window type: "Scale" -- Image will be resized to actual window's dimensions. "Scroll" -- Scroll the image within it's window. "Ask" -- You will be asked what window type used every time. Buttons: "Save" : Saves the preferences to the ViewTool's icon file. if there is none, a default icon will be created. "Use" : Use preferences without saving them. "Cancel": Restore preferences to last "Used"/"Saved". The menu is self-explanatory (I guess).

1.6 The ARexx port

The arexx support is highly experimental so it may work or not. There is only one example so far, but it shouldn't be that hard to understand.

1.7 Bugs

If you find any bugs report them to, but neither send me any binaries unless I ask for them nor just tell me 'it doesn't work'. That's not enough as you can easily figure out. I need your system configuration, library versions, patches you are running, an error description as accurate as possible and which executable caused the error (version, 68k or PPC).

And don't ask, when updates will be available, this programming stuff is only a part time job.

Be sure to have the most recent versions of 'SetPatch' installed. If you use a powerpc board you also need the latest versions of 68060.library and ppc.library to be installed.

This software was primarily written in order to utilize the powerpc processor on Phase5's accelerator boards, that means, it runs in a multiprocessor environment

with a M68060 and a 604e. Support for M68020+ single processor systems is more or less a side effect. If you want to see any additional features beside those mentioned above send me an email. Please note, that I do not plan to add support for shell parameters.

Send the email to markus.adamski@cww.de

1.8 What's new ?

Not much actually.

This release is basically a bugfix for a few things, it also has an easy to use installer script and a little better documentation. So it's only an intermediate update on its way to perfection (well, kind of). ©endnode