

YAA

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Chapter 1

YAA

1.1 YAA - documentation

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YAA (Yet Another Addressbook/database) Version 1.1
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1.2 Introduction

YAA is a simple (yet affective) database for addresses, telephone numbers, email addresses etc. I programmed it because I just wanted a small program to sit in the background, that was run by hotkeys, and so that if I needed a telephone number quickly it would allow me to do that. I hope other people may find it useful.

YAA was formally known as AddressSearch, it remains pretty much the same however the most important change is the file format. Use the supplied 'YAAconvert' to convert your existing AddressSearch files to YAA.

There are three executables in this archive, YAA, YAAsearch and YAAdisksearch.

- YAA is the main program. It is able to search and add/edit the data.
- YAAsearch is not able to add or edit data, just load files and search.
- YAAdiskseach is even simpler, it will not load the address file into memory, instead it will search direct from disk saving memory.

Features of YAA:

- YAA is a commodity: it waits in the background and pops up when its hotkey is pressed
- Does not require MUI.
- All buttons have a hotkey attached to them for easy operation without the mouse
- Uses Reqtools.library for requesters and file requesters
- Supports database file encryption using a password
- Uses

ToolTypes

- Runs either on the Workbench screen or on any other custom screen using the ↔

SCREEN

tooltype.

- Easy installation
 - Auto capitalisation.
- Records don't need to be loaded into memory, they can be searched straight from disk!
- You can choose your own font
- A smaller executable for if you just want to search and not edit.

1.3 Requirements

SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

- Workbench 3.0 or higher
- Reqtools.library for the requesters

1.4 Registering

REGISTERING

YAA is giftware/emailware; that means, if you use YAA you can register to remove the startup requester.

Registering is FREE although being giftware it would make me very very happy to receive a surprise (money, gifts & PPC cards etc). If you can't afford to do that or think that YAA is not worth it then you can email me and I will send you a keyfile.

If you don't have email then you can send me a DISK and a STAMPED ADDRESSED envelope. Address is elsewhere in this guide.

1.5 Copyright

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I don't see why you wouldn't get it though.

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1.6 Installation

There is no commodore installer script included because installing YAA is easy. (see below) ←

MANUAL INSTALLATION

- Copy the YAA executeable to an appropriate place. (also the Amigaguide document of you like).
- Copy your keyfile to L:

It does no need any extra files, apart from libraries. (See Requirements)

If you are upgrading from AddressSearch then you should use the supplied YAAconvert program to convert from the old fileformat to the new.

1.7 How

HOW TO USE

There are three executeables included in this archive.

One is called YAA, this is the main program and you can search and edit records with this program.

The second is called YAAsearch, this is a search only program. You cannot edit records with this program. This was written to use less memory.

The last is YAAdisksearch, this is will not load the records into memory, but instead each time you search for an entry it will do so direct from disk.

1. Start YAA by clicking on the icon.
YAA can be run from CLI, but the tooltypes will not be used.
2. If the CX_POPUP tooltype is set to YES or it is run from CLI then the GUI will appear, else the hotkey can can pressed. (See CX_POPKEY tooltype).

Clicking on the close gadget will hide the program.

ADDING A RECORD

1. All adding and editing is done with the 'Update' window, so click on 'Update'.
2. Enter the details into the relevant string gadgets (Press 'New' to start with a fresh set of gadgets).
3. When ready to add the record click on 'Add'.
If you decide that you don't want to add the record then click 'Quit', 'New' or whatever you want to do.

EDITING A RECORD

1. Either use 'Find', 'Jump', or 'Next'/'Previous to display the record to edit.
2. Edit the strings as you like.
3. Click on 'Update' to update the record.
If you decide not to update the changes then don't click on 'Update'.

ERASING A RECORD

1. Either use 'Find', 'Jump', or 'Next'/'Previous to display the record to erase.
2. Click on 'Erase' to erase the record.

CLEARING ALL RECORDS FROM MEMORY

1. In the main window click Load
2. In the ReqTools requester click Cancel
3. You will be asked if you want to remove all records. Click OK

MAIN WINDOW GADGETS

Find

A reqtools requester will appear in the centre of the screen.
You type some text (a string), the program will search through all the records until one contains that string in any field.
Remember that the option Case Sensitive will affect the search.
When the program finds a record it will display the information and you have a choice of Searching again or cancelling the search.
You can also type "*" in the reqtools requester and this will mean that each record will be shown in turn.

Update

This will bring up a window with several string gadgets and buttons.
Update window gadgets

Save

This will save all the records into a file.
If Encryption is set in the preferences/tooltypes then a password will be prompted for. You will need to enter this twice.
The password must be 10 characters or less.

Load

This will load a file of records.
If the file is encrypted then you will need to enter the password.

Prefs

Another window will appear.
Currently you can only save these options using
ToolTypes

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Prefs window gadgets

Quit

This will quit the program.

UPDATE WINDOW GADGETS

Add

This will take the text from the string gadgets and create a record.

Update

This will take the text from the string gadgets and overwrite the current record.

You will be prompted with the name of the old record to be overwritten.

Erase

This will delete the current record.

You will be prompted with the name of the current record to be deleted.

New

This will clear all the string gadgets.

Note: This does not delete the record unless you click on Update

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When the program finds a record it will display the information and you have a choice of Searching again or Editing the record, which will change the gadgets to the chosen record.

Next

This will change the current record and the gadgets to the next record.

Previous

This will change the current record and the gadgets to the previous record.

Jump

This will bring a reqtools requester.

You need to enter a value, the program will then jump straight to that record.

Quit

This will take you back to the main window.

1.8 Prefs

PREFS WINDOW GADGETS

Case Sense

Will mean that when you search the case of each letter is used.

Save encrypted

Will mean that your files are saved with a password and this password will be needed to read it.

If you encrypt a file and forget the password I can help you. (See Author information).

You do not need to have this checked to load encrypted files.

The password must be 8 characters or less.

Duplicate checking

Means that if you add a record that has either the same Name or Company name then it will ask you if you still want to add it.

I suggest you leave this on.

Create .bak

Will rename the file to be overwritten as <filename>.bak if you choose to save over an existing file.

Capitalise first char

If you want the first letter of each word automatically converted to uppercase check this option.

1.9 ToolTypes

TOOLTYPES

CXPOPUP=YES|NO

If set to yes then the main window will appear.

CXPOPKEY=popkey

This is the keys to press in order to make the program appear when hidden.

MAXRECORDS=number (not available in YAAdisksearch)

To save memory or gain access to unlimited records you can specify here the maximum number of records that you can create/load etc.

If you you are not able to create a new record or load an existing file because there are too many records then increase this.

Default is 200 (records).

SCREEN=screename

This is the name of the screen to open on.

WINPOSX=number

The window will appear number pixels from the left of the screen.

WINPOSY=number

The window will appear number pixels from the top of the screen.

WINWIDTH=number

This program contains a fairly basic font sensitive GUI, however when it comes to making sure all the text fits on nicely from the start of a sentence to the end you can increase the width with this tooltype.

Default is 254 (pixels)

FONTNAME=name.font

Instead of using the default workbench font you can specify here your own choice of font. For example 'FONTNAME=Helvetica.font'.

FONTSIZE=number

This tooltype sets the fontsize of FONTNAME to load and use. For example 'FONTSIZE=11'.

FILEPATH=path

This is the default path for loading/saving files.

LOADFILE=filename

This will attempt to load the specified file.
Remember to include the path as part of the filename.

CASESENSE=ON|OFF

This turns case sense on or off.

ENCRYPTION=ON|OFF (not available in YAAsearch and YAAdisksearch)

This turns encryption on or off.

DUPLICHECK=ON|OFF (not available in YAAsearch and YAAdisksearch)

This turns Duplicate checking on or off. (See
Prefs window gadgets
)

CREATEBAK=YES|NO (not available in YAAsearch and YAAdisksearch)

This will either create a .bak file when you choose to overwrite an existing file.

CAPITALISE=YES|NO (not available in YAAsearch and YAAdisksearch)

If you don't want the first character of every word capitalised automatically then set CAPITALISE to NO.

1.10 History

THE HISTORY OF YAA

- version 1.0 (03-11-96) - Initial public release
- version 1.0a - Registered user update
 - Fixed gadgetlist attachment bug
- version 1.0b - Internal update.
- version 1.1 (19-03-98) - Second public release
 - Optimisations, most code rewritten
 - Devised new save format, much smaller and quicker
 - Added user definable font
 - Nearly font sensitive GUI
 - Fixed 'Jump' button
 - A password of 8 chars would cause a crash - fixed
 - Added tooltypes: MAXRECORDS, FONTNAME, FONTSIZE, WINWIDTH, CAPITALISE.
 - Tidied up windows and buttons

1.11 The Future

THE FUTURE OF YAA

- MUI?
- Create your own record field structure?
- File converters to import other programs address files?

1.12 Author

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FORGOTTEN PASSWORD?

If you have forgotten a password, then you can send the datafile to me and I will re-encrypt it and send you a new password.

If you send it by snail mail then make sure you have included a stamped, addressed envelope.

I am willing to receive them by email, although try to compress them with lzx or lha.
