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Chapter 1

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1.1 Welcome to Eko, the environmentally friendly CLI command

Hi

Introduction What's this all about

Author Who 'dunnit

Requirements It needs....

Usage Durrr, the on button?

Bugs No, not that cheap TV proggy

Giftware Give me all your money

History Just like everything else, Eko

has a history

I am a man who walks alone

1.2 Who, how, why, where, when?

First of all I'm going to try to keep this AmigaGuide as short as I can, because long AmigaGuides are boring to read, and I have a tendency to ramble on in these things.

Eko is primarily a text viewing command. This is a small program (only about 6k in total) which is a must for all CLI users, and anyone wanting command to help make up a disk (i.e. colour backgrounds, align text, make text bold etc.) . It makes using the CLI just a little bit more joyful. Eko can

:

- * Align text to the left, right or even centrally
 - * change various colours in the CLI
 - * format strings using bold, italic, and underlining
 - * Display a file as HEX
 - * Scroll all the text in the CLI up or down
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* Clear the text in the CLI

* Make the **DisplayBeep**

* Display strings with a delay between the printing of each character

This program was written totally with Amiga E (I didn't use any Assembly blocks, 'cos I don't know how to) , over quite a long time (I kind of wrote it, left it, improved it, left it, re-wrote it, lost it. etc.) , and was written primarily for my own personal use (hence I kept leaving it to go back to it later) .

Shoot to gain or kill to maim but we don't need a reason

Maiden" }

1.3 I am Einstein

I am but a mere student, aged 16 and just about to go on to college to study Computing, Physics, and Mathematics at A - level, and RSA typing to fill up my time there. I like to listen to music (specifically Iron Maiden, Metallica and Sacred Spirit, as if your hadn't guessed, I like bands like Sepultura Korn etc. but just not as much) , I also like to go bowling (ten pin) , to cycle, to swim, to go out and have a good time, to watch Bottom, Beavis and Butthead, any film by Quentin Tarantino, and obviously I like to program on my favourite computer, the Amiga.

My heroes are undoubtedly Einstein, Beavis and Butthead, Richard Richard and Edward Elizabeth Hitler, Quentin Tarantino (the coolest man on earth?), and anyone who was ever cool.

I can't stand "Bon Jovi" or anyone like that, who make their way into the rock charts, when the only people who like him also like pop music, which by the way I hate (pop music that is).

There goes the siren the sign of the air raid

Maiden" }

1.4 It needs 10 gigs of free RAM

In actual fact all this needs is just a 2.04 (or greater) machine, anything less and my beautiful program will refuse to run. I strongly recommend that you use it with a hard drive (as I do for all programs) , that is just 'cos having a hard drive is so effing marvellous.

I have a constant fear that someone's always near

Maiden" }

1.5 Just smack a few keys and hope for the very best

If you can understand the Amiga DOS templates, then you can easily work out how to use this program, just type Eko ? for an Amiga DOS template. The simplest thing you can do is to type Eko <filename>. If you can't understand Amiga DOS templates, then you probably won't want to use this program.

It won't take you long to find out about everything, if you just mess about a bit.

Oh, you can stop it doing what ever it's doing by pressing Ctrl and C (it will eventually stop trust me).

Rape of the mind is a social disorder
background}

1.6 The little green things that crawl around flashing little lights

I don't think there are any, and it works fine in every aspect for me, but if you do find any it's tough, so ha ha.

The only slight bug is that in order to use the centre / right features, you must have the currently used CLI's window active. This is because I look at intuition base to see what the active window is. This isn't too much of a problem, 'cos if you're using this for presentation purposes (i.e. in disk magazines or something), then you can find out the width of your console window, and specify it in the WIDTH parameter.

There's a hole in the sky for the angels to kiss
Maiden" }

1.7 Your money or your life

The one thing that I can't stand more than just about anything else is when authors cripple there software in some way (like annoying requester or timeouts or "removed save feature") , although it gets 'em money it plays hell with my head, and I don't know anyone who actually registers for these things. Most of the time they're either a load of crap, not worth the asked registration fee or thrown away as soon as they're seen, based on the fact that people can't use crippled programs. I know that the size of the program means that I would be far too cheeky to ask for money, so what I am going to do is just issue a plea to all software producers:

Included an arexx port if your program is large (i.e. over 32k)

Keep the size of the program down to be as small as possible (

I've only got a small hard drive)

Try to make the program modular if it's gonna be large (I've only got a 2 MB Amiga)

Include the source code (I was struggling with Amiga E, and everything I had to learn from only half explained what I wanted to know)

Be cool, and treat others with the respect we all deserve

Remember this: Don't think you're not important,

You are everyman.

Can I play with madness?

1.8 A brief history of time

So, you say this is version 4 of Eko, but I haven't even heard of this utility 'til now, what's happened to versions 1, 2, and 3?

Well, versions 1 and 2 were never actually complete programs, they had several bugs, and most of the time were uncompiled pieces of text flying around my room.

Version 1: This version did very little, all it could do was print a document and change colours around a bit.

Version 2: This version did a bit more, adding the centre / right features

Version 3: This version incorporated the HEX option

Version 4: All bugs are removed and some simple features were added (like BEEP and CLS etc.)

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1.9 Possibly the best band in the world

I strongly recommend you get Maiden's tunes into your brain

Bring your daughter to the slaughter

1.10 ¿Qué?

If you want to make the display beep without using the CLI, I suggest you use this program. This is another program I wrote, I wrote it 'cos there wasn't one already around, this is better to use if you don't intend on beeping the display from somewhere other than a CLI (i.e. ToolsDaemon) . I have included it with this package.

2 minutes to midnight

1.11 impossible

How the hell did you get here?
