

# **AminetGetFTP**

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# Chapter 1

## AminetGetFTP

### 1.1 Welcome

AminetGetFTP 3.0

by Yves Grabowsky

Hi and welcome to AminetGetFTP, I want to tell you a few things, at first, please read the full guide, the most important things are the disclaimer, the usage and the registration. I don't want money from you for this little program, but if you like it, please register. When you register I know then that someone uses this program and you receive some special services.

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## 1.3 Introduction

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AminetGetFTP is a program, that let's you get the Aminet Recent Uploads in the Aminet Recent Mail with AmFTP. You can choose the recent mail by hand or let AminetGetFTP scan our whole folder for recent mails. After that you can select the uploads you want, you click on the start button, AminetGetFTP runs Miami and goes online, and runs AmFTP and gets the files. When the files are on your HD AminetGetFTP goes offline and extracts the received archive to a place of your choice (just if you wish). It is very configureable, very user-friendly and has many features.

## 1.4 Features

Features of AminetGetFTP are:

- TritonGUI
- downloads files very fast
- comfortable Configprogram
- you can select a predefined aminet site or specify a own server address
- easy to use
- no limit how much files you want to get
- you have two lists, in the upper you can select which upload you want, and in the lower are the uploads, that you want, displayed and can be removed everytime.
- you can store files you want to get on disk, collect them and get them all at once at a later time
- PropFonts
- you can use your own fonts
- if you click on "Get the files" and you are not online, AminetGetFTP will run Miami and go online
- progressbar that shows you what AmFTP and AminetGetFTP is currently doing
- simple but powerful
- you can open it on a pubscreen
- if you wish it goes offline automatically after the uploads are on your HD
- you can configure AminetGetFTP to execute a command or script before it goes offline (e.g. when you have a account at Monolith you can dismount your host before AminetGetFTP advices Miami to go offline)
- if you want, AminetGetFTP extracts your received archive to a directory of your choice
- MultiMail, when you have MultiMail enabled, then AminetGetFTP scans on its start your current YAM folder for recent mails and you can then select the recent mail by Next Mail/Last Mail buttons, the date of the recent mail is also displayed, when you disable it then you have to choose one recent mail before you run AminetGetFTP
- I DON'T WANT MONEY FROM YOU FOR THIS! (but if you still want to send me some money, I won't stop you from doing so ;-))

## 1.5 Requirements

You will need:

- Miami
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- YAM
- AmFTP
- RexxMast running
- a subscription to the "Todays recent aminet uploads" or "Weekly recent aminet uploads" list. If you are not already subscribed then send a mail to "listproc@mail.wustl.edu" and in the body "SUBSCRIBE aminet-daily <your emailaddress>" for the daily list or "SUBSCRIBE aminet-weekly <your emailaddress>" for the weekly list. You will then get every day or every week a list with all aminet uploads. Cool, isn't it?
- rexxregtools.library (available on aminet)
- rexxtricks.library (available on aminet)
- tritonrexx.library (included)
- triton.library (available on aminet)
- rexxapp.library (included)

## 1.6 Installation

Copy AminetGetFTP, the config program and the register program wherever you want.

Copy everything from libs/ into your libs: dir and I suggest that you make an entry for AminetGetFTP in the YAM Rexx menu. But when you do so, YAM must not wait until AminetGetFTP is done there is a checkbox that says "Wait until termination" or something like this, this checkbox must not be checked and the checkbox "Open console window" must not be checked too! AminetGetFTP must be called as DOS command and not as rexx script!

## 1.7 Configuration

Run AminetGetFTPConfig.

Explanation of the gui:

Essential:

Aminet site: Choose here the aminet site, from where you want to get the files. Select a site or select "-- Other --". If you select "Other", the "Serveraddress:" field will be enabled.

Serveraddress: When you have selected "Other", you can type in the address of an aminet site.

AmFTP: Type in or select the AmFTP executeable by clicking on the GetFile button.

Save downloads to: Type in or select the directory, where all downloaded uploads are saved to.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Get .readme:** Check this box if you want to receive the readme files of the uploads.

**Iconify AmFTP:** Check this box if you want to iconify AmFTP while AminetGetFTP is working with it.

**Multi mails:** Check this box to enable MultiMail. If you enable it AminetGetFTP will scan your actual YAM folder for recent mails. You can then choose between the several mails in the AminetGetFTP GUI with the Next Mail/Last Mail buttons. You can use then more than one recent mail in AminetGetFTP. The date of the recent mail is then displayed in the "Maildate:" field in the AminetGetFTP GUI.  
If you don't check the Multi Mails checkbox you have to choose the recent mail in YAM before you start AminetGetFTP. You can then use only one recent mail.

**Pubscreen:** Type in here the name of a pubscreen where AminetGetFTP opens its windows on. If this screen does not exists when you run AminetGetFTP it will open its window on the default screen (Workbench screen).

**IMPORTANT:** Never leave this field blank!

**Fonts:**

**Fontname:** Type in the name of the font you want to use in AminetGetFTP.

**Fontsize:** Type in the size of the font you want to use in AminetGetFTP.

**Change fonts:** Opens a font requester. Choose the font you want to use with AminetGetFTP.

**Offline:**

**Execute command before offline:**

When you have checked the checkbox "Go Offline" in the AminetGetFTP window and you check this checkbox, then the field "Command:" will be enabled. Type in the command field a command or script to execute before AminetGetFTP advices Miami to go offline. For example if you have a account at Monolith Internet Services you can type in the command field the command to update or dismount your hostname at Monolith.

**Command:** Type in here the command to execute before AminetGetFTP advices Miami to go offline (see above).

This field is only enabled when you have checked the "Execute command before offline" checkbox.

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Auto extract archive:

Check this checkbox if you want that AminetGetFTP extracts the received uploads (archive) automatically.

Extract to: Type in here the directory where AminetGetFTP should extract the received archive to.

This field is only enabled if the "Auto extract archive" checkbox is checked.

Click on save to save the settings to S:AminetGetFTP.config or on cancel to quit without saving.

## 1.8 Usage

Start YAM.

If you have MultiMail disabled select the recent mail in YAM and start AminetGetFTP.

If you have MultiMail enabled, then select in YAM the folder where you have stored your recent mails and start AminetGetFTP. It will scan your actual folder for recent mails.

The main GUI should open.

Explanation:

**Uploads:** Here are the uploads displayed, click on the uploads you want to get. When you click on a upload, it will be displayed in the "I would like to get:" list.

**I would like to get:** Here are the uploads displayed, that you want to get. Click on an upload to remove it from the list.

**Next Mail:** If you have Multi Mail enabled, then click on this button to load the next recent mail, the uploads in it will be displayed in the Uploads list, and the Maildate field will display the date of the current recent mail. This button will be disabled if you have disabled Multi Mail or if there is no next recent mail.

**Last Mail:** If you have Multi Mail enabled, then click on this button to load the last recent mail, the uploads in it will be displayed in the Uploads list, and the Maildate field will display the date of the current recent mail. This button will be disabled if you have disabled Multi Mail or if there is no last recent mail.

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Maildate: This field will show you the date of the recent mail, when you click on the next/last buttons it will change. It works too with Multi Mail disabled.

Files stored: If you have stored files with the "Store files" button, then this field will show "Yes", otherwise "No".

Go Offline: Check this box if you want that AminetGetFTP goes offline automatically after it has received the uploads.

Store files: This function saves the entries in the "I would like to get" list to YAM:AGetFTP-Stored. This is usefull if you are to busy to get the files now, or you want to collect files and get them all at once.

Get stored: Gets the files that you have stored.

Stored list: Opens a window that shows you all files that you have stored. You can remove stored uploads by clicking on them in the listview. Click on "Save" to save the list again or on "Cancel".  
While this window is opened the main window is locked.

Clear stored: Deletes the stored file.

NOTE: The Get stored/Stored list/Clear stored buttons are disabled as long as you don't have files stored!

Get the files: Starts AmFTP and gets the files.

Cancel: Cancel and quit the program.

After you have clicked on "Get the files" AminetGetFTP checks for Miami. If Miami is not running, it starts Miami and goes online. Then it starts AmFTP and gets the files. A progressbar opens and shows you what AminetGetFTP, or better AmFTP, is currently doing.

If you have checked the Go Offline checkbox AminetGetFTP will go offline when all files are received, if you have selected "Execute command before offline" in the config program AminetGetFTP will execute your selected command before it advices Miami to go offline.

If you selected to automatically extract the archive in the config program, then AminetGetFTP will extract the received archive to the dir that you have (hopfully) selected in the config program.

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## 1.9 Registration

At first, I don't want money from you, I just want to know that someone uses this program. When you are a registered User, I'll mail new versions of AminetGetFTP to you, and I will answer questions faster.

You have the full version, there are no limits for not registered users. (I don't want to lock someone out)

If you like AminetGetFTP, please register.

For easy registering I have written a register program.

Start YAM (for making the registration mail).

Start RegisterAminetGetFTP.

Fill out the fields, explanation down here, and click on "Register me". RegisterAminetGetFTP will write the registration mail in YAM and you just have to send it.

The GUI:

(\* = not required, if you don't want to tell this to me, leave blank)

Name: Your name.

E-Mail: Your email address.

Street: The street, including number, you live in. (\*)

City: The city you live in. (\*)

Country: The country you live in. (\*)

"How do you like it": What do you think about AminetGetFTP.  
Range is from 1 to 6. 1 is fantastic, and  
6 is garbage.

"Register me": Writes the register mail to me.

Cancel: quit.

Thanks for registering!!!

## 1.10 Histroy

V1.0 (16-08-1998)  
-first release

V2.0 (26-08-1998)  
- made it possible to get .readme files  
- status panel added  
- button shortcuts added

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- made it possible to store files on HD
- you can en-/disable iconifying AmFTP
- full control of Miami (going online/offline)
- PropFonts support added
- font requester added
- added more "jump points" for the progressbar
- added status field in the progressbar

### V3.0 (11-10-1998)

- replaced the "go offline" requester with the Go Offline checkbox in the main window
- Multi Mails added
- turned "Stored list" into a selectable list
- old configs are recognized in the config program
- added auto extracting of received archive
- speeded up download (100% faster)
- added Execute-a-command-before-go-offline
- you can now open AminetGetFTP windows on a pubscreen
- removed a bug (anyone noticed this bug?), when you selected some uploads and clicked on "Store files" the field "Files stored" still show "No"
- added a GUI error protection
- AminetGetFTP checks now for YAM before it starts to work on the recent mail
- turned reqtools fontrequester in the config program into a ASL fontrequester (looks better)
- added Tips and Tricks section in the guide
- bug fixed, when the "wishlist" was empty and you click on "Get the files", then AmFTP was startet and the script interrupted by a syntax error

## 1.11 Some notes and tips...

- if you get the error that your font is to big, then choose a smaller font or a bigger screen (open the window on a pubscreen)
  - if you get other gui errors, send me a mail
  - the checkboxes "Wait for termination" and "Open Console window" in YAM must not be checked
  - it's better you don't alter the config file by hand :-)
  - if really nothing happens, send me a mail and I'll send you my rexxreqtools- and rexxtricks.library, because a user had a problem that really nothing happens, I sent him my two libs and it worked, but the libs were the same versions (?)
  - DO THE FOLLOWING ONLY IF I ADVICE YOU TO DO THAT:  
This is only for ADVANCED USERS, kids don't try this at home  
You can enable the DEBUG routine by setting the ENV variable "DEBUG" to "1", warning, if you run AminetGetFTP with DEBUG mode enabled, the program will slow down extremly and prepare for huge con: output!!!
  - Snapshotting the windows:
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This is a real trick and not so easy. I have written a short dos script called "SnapshotWindows." To snapshot the windows do the following:

1. start AminetGetFTP
2. resize the mainwindow and/or the stored-list window
3. quit AminetGetFTP
4. execute the "SnapshotWindows" script, open a shell, go to the AminetGetFTP dir and type in "SnapshotWindows"
  
5. reboot and try if it has worked

## 1.12 Thanks to...

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- Jon Peterson for his suggestion to find a way to speed up download
- my registered users
- and YOU for using AminetGetFTP!

## 1.13 Other projects

My Other Projects are:

SeekHTTP:

SeekHTTP is a program that searches in files for URLs. You can choose between writing the URLs to a file, write to standart outfile or load them into your browser. Currently supported browsers are iBrowse, AWeb and Voyager. A CLI interface is also available. Available languages are German, English and Portuguese. The file, where the URLs are written in, is in HTML format.

Features:

- Triton GUI
  - very fast
  - comfortable config program
  - as much inputfiles as you can (multiselect, when selecting inputfiles)
  - outfile is in HTML format
  - loads your browser automatically and loads the outfile in it (if you wish)
  - supported browser are iBrowse, AWeb and Voyager
  - CLI interface
  - a standart outfile, you can select an outfile or use the standart outfile as outfile
  - if the outfile already exists, the URLs are appended to this file
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- support scripts for some programs to use SeekHTTP with them
- available languages are English, German and Portuguese
- easy to use, the GUI is self explaining
- you can choose a pubscreen to open the windows on
- IT'S FREE!!! I don't want money!

Available: Aminet, util/rexx

Current Version (at this time): 3.1

#### AminetFTPMail:

A sisterprogram of AminetGetFTP. It has the same gui, does the same things, the only differents are that it doesn't get files with amftp, it writes ftp-mails to aminet sites that support ftp mail. The uploads that you want to get are then mailed to you.

#### Features:

- TritonGUI
- comfortable Configprogram
- you can select a predefined FTP-Mail site or specify a own ftp-mail address
- you can choose the max. mailsize
- easy to use
- no limit how much files you want to get (the only exception is the size of your email account ;-))
- you have two lists, in the upper you can select which upload you want, and in the lower are the uploads, that you want, displayed and can be removed everytime.
- simple but powerful
- the only thing you have to do is selecting which files you want, and sending the mail :-)
- you can select one recent mail or let AminetFTPMail scan the whole folder for recent mails, you can then get files from more than one recent mail
- PropFonts
- you can use your own fonts
- you have a status panel that shows you the most important things
- you can choose between getting the .readme files or not
- I DON'T WANT MONEY FROM YOU FOR THIS! (but if you still want to send me some money, I won't stop you from doing so ;-))

Available: Aminet, comm/mail

Current Version (at this time): 2.0a

#### CheckDownloads:

CheckDownloads is a useful tool, that checks your aminet downloads with VirusZ. You can be sure, that you don't have viriies on your computer.

Available: Aminet, util/rexx

Current Version: 1.0

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