

# **AminetFileRequester**

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## Chapter 1

# AminetFileRequester

### 1.1 Welcome

AminetFileRequester 1.1B  
- SHAREWARE -

Welcome to AminetFileRequester! Please consider registering to support me and the AMIGA!  
Homepage: <http://members.tripod.com/~rexxmaster/>

Contents:

DISCLAIMER  
READ THIS!

Introduction  
What is it?

Features  
Why AminetFileRequester?

Requierevements  
What do you need?

Installation  
Very simple...

Usage  
You should read this...

Registration  
How do I register?

Limitations  
Demo restrictions

Mailing list  
The support list

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Custom scripts  
How to make your own mailer scripts

History  
A look back

Future  
What will come?

Thanks to  
I'd like to thank...

Author  
Who am I?

NOTE: Everything that is marked with "(\*)" is not available  
in the demo version.

## 1.2 Disclaimer

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AMINETFILEREQUESTER IS SHAREWARE! REGISTER TO GET YOUR  
PERSONAL KEYFILE AND UNLOCK ALL FEATURES.  
THE AMINETFILEREQUESTER PACKAGE, INCLUDING MAIN PROGRAM,  
SUPPLIED REXX SCRIPTS, GUIDE AND ALL OTHER PARTS ARE PROVIDED  
"AS-IS"! THIS MEANS THAT YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CHANGE ANY  
PARTS OF THE PACKAGE WITHOUT MY WRITTEN PERMISSION!  
REDISTRIBUTING THE AMINETFILEREQUESTER PACKAGE ON AMINET CDS  
OR SIMILAR AND POSTING THE PACKAGE ON BULLETIN BOARD SYSTEMS (BBS)  
IS ALLOWED IF THE ARCHIVE IS NOT CHANGED! USING AMINETFILEREQUESTER  
FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES (SELLING, ETC.) WITHOUT MY WRITTEN  
PERMISSION IS NOT ALLOWED!

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TO REDISTRIBUTE OR CHANGE THEIR KEYFILE. I AM ABLE TO TRACE EVERY  
KEYFILE BACK TO ITS OWNER!  
THE KEYFILE WILL STOP WORKING IF CHANGED!

I AM NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE THAT IS CAUSED BY AMINETFILEREQUESTER!  
YOU USE IT AT YOUR OWN RISK!

BY USING AMINETFILEREQUESTER YOU ACCEPT THE TERMS ABOVE.

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## 1.3 Introduction

AminetFileRequester is a Aminet recent mail and Aminet search tool. It was mainly designed, because I'm a very lazy person and wanted a program that downloads, checks and unpacks Aminet files automatically. But I didn't find one that fit my needs, so I wrote AminetFileRequester.

## 1.4 Features

The features of AminetFileRequester are:

- comfortable and easy to use MUI gui
- mailer independent through the use of rexx scripts (script for YAM is included, MD-II is planned)
- you can download files directly without the use of 3rd party programs
- you can request recent files via ftp-mail (supported is sending the request mail while you're online or exporting it to your mailer)
- auto offline function
- virus check of received files through xvs.library
- auto extraction of received files
- powerful searching functions:
  - search for files in recent mails or on Aminet
- detects Message-of-the-Day in recent mails
- you can view readme files of uploads without getting the uploads
- very configurable
- fast and cheap
- and many many more things you have to find out yourself.... :-)

## 1.5 Requirements

You'll need:

- MUI
- a Miami compatible TCP/IP stack
- an email program (scripts for YAM included)
- 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?
- xvs.library (for virus check)
- LhA for auto extraction

## 1.6 Installation

Unpack the archive to a place of your choice on your hard drive.

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## 1.7 Usage

Double click on AminetFileRequester to run it.

Explanation of the:

Menu

Main window

Settings window

Receive window

Aminet search window

Recent mail search window

## 1.8 Menu

The  
main window  
menu:

Project:

Request by mail:

Request selected files by ftp mail and send request online.

Download now:

Connects to your preferred Aminet site, downloads the selected files and saves them to disk.

Export to mailer:

Requests selected uploads by ftp mail and exports the request ↔ message to your mailer.

Register:

Click on this menu point to register AminetFileRequester. For more ↔ info about registering see Registration

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About:

Displays some informations about AminetFileRequester.

Quit:

Quits AminetFileRequester.

Options:

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**Scan folder:**

Scans your current mailer folder for recent mails.  
(make sure your mailer is running and the right folder is selected)

**Aminet search:**

Opens the  
Aminet search window  
.

**Recent mail search:**

Opens the  
Recent mail search window  
.

**Display MotD:**

Displays the Message-of-the-Day of the actual recent mail  
(only enabled if the current recent mail has a Message-of-the-Day)

**Display readme:**

Downloads and displays the readme file of the selected upload.  
(only possible if you are online)

**Settings:****Auto offline: (\*)**

Check this menu point to enable AminetFileRequesters auto offline facility. After downloading files, AminetFileRequester will go ← offline automatically. So enable this option, choose some files, click on  
  
Download now  
, lay back and enjoy life. AminetFileRequester will do the rest. :-)

**Settings:**

Opens the settings window (see  
Settings window  
).

**MUI Settings:**

Opens the MUI settings window (see MUI guide).

**The**

receive window  
menu:

**Transfer:****Abort transfer:**

Aborts current transfer.

**Auto offline:**

See "Auto offline" above. This menu point was implemented to be able to deactivate the Auto offline function during transfer. Of course you can activate the Auto offline function with this menu point, too. :-)

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## 1.9 Main window

GUI elements:

Lists:

Mail from list:

All found recent mails are displayed by date in this list.  
Double click on an entry to load the recent mail into ↔  
AminetFileRequester.

Uploads list:

Recent mail uploads or search results are displayed in this list.  
Double click on an entry to add it to the request list.

Request list:

Files you want to request/download are displayed in this list.  
Double click on an entry to remove it from the list.

Status line:

Server, FTPMail, Mailsize:

Should be self explaining. :-)

Auto offline: (\*)

Check this checkmark to enable AminetFileRequesters auto offline  
facility. After downloading files, AminetFileRequester will go ↔  
offline  
automatically. So enable this option, choose some files, click on

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**Display readme:**

Downloads and displays the readme file of the selected upload.  
(only possible if you are online)

**Clear list:**

Clears the uploads list.

**Download now:**

Connects to your preferred Aminet site, downloads the selected uploads and saves them to disk.

**Request by ftp mail:**

Request selected uploads by ftp mail and send the mail online.

**Export to mailer:**

Requests selected uploads by ftp mail and exports the request mail to your mailer.

**Quit:**

Quits AminetFileRequester.

## 1.10 Settings window

**Network page:****Server address:**

Type in the address of your favourite Aminet site. (ex. "de.aminet.net ↔  
" for Aminet Paderborn/Germany)

**SMTP server:**

Type in the address of your smtp server. If you don't know the address ↔  
, ask your ISP.

**Modem speed:**

Select the speed of your connection.

**ADT results:**

Sets the maximum number of entries returned by an Aminet search.

**FTPMail page:****Your eMail address:**

Type in your eMail address.

**FTPMail address:**

Type in the address of your preferred ftp-mail service. (ex. " ↔  
ftpmail@ftp.sunet.se")

**Max. Mailsize:**

Many ftp-mail services require to split an upload into parts, select ↔  
with this  
cycle how big a part can be (maxmimal).

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## Options page:

## Auto extract archives: (\*)

Check this checkmark to enable the auto extract feature.

If you download uploads and have this option enabled, the upload is extracted

to a place of your choice. (see "Extract to" below)

## Get .readme's:

Check this checkmark to download/request the readme files of uploads.

## Check archives: (\*)

Check this checkmark to enable the virus check feature.

Every downloaded upload is checked for a virus and if a virus is found, a message is displayed.

NOTE: Make sure you have installed xvs.library correctly.

WARNING: If a virus is found, only a message is displayed,

AminetFileRequester

does not make any changes on archives or files. You have to remove

the virus with a virus killer!

## Delete request mail:

Afaik only YAM has the feature to delete a mail automatically after sending.

Check this checkmark to delete the ftpmail request message after sending.

(only applies if you export the request message to your mailer!)

## Close main window during transfer:

Check this to automatically close the main window during transfers.

## Scan folder at startup: (\*)

Check this to automatically scan your actual mailer folder for recent mails

at startup. You don't have to click on "Scan folder" anymore.

## Paths/Scripts page:

## Save dir:

In this dir all downloaded files are stored.

## Extract to:

Received archives are extracted to this dir. (only if Auto Extract is enabled)

## Offline script:

Select a rexx script that makes your tcp stack hanging up the line.

An example for Miami is included in the rexx/ dir.

(default: rexx/MiamiOffline.rexx)

NOTE: Always set the full path!

## Mailer script:

This script is used for exporting a request mail to your mailer.

An example for YAM is included in the rexx/ dir.

(default: rexx/ExportYAM.rexx)

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NOTE: Always set the full path!

Folder scan script:

This script is used for scanning your mailer folders for recent mails.  
An example for YAM is included in the rexx/ dir.

(default: rexx/ScanFolderYAM.rexx)

NOTE: Always set the full path!

Save:

Save settings.

Use:

Use settings.

Cancel:

Reload old settings and forget changes.

## 1.11 Receive window

Status bar:

Some status info is displayed in this gauge.

Filename:

Name of the file that is currently transfered.

Directory:

Directory in which the file is.

Size:

Filesize.

CPS:

CPS means chars-per-second transfered, it indicates the speed of transfer. A high cps-rate indicates fast connections (e.g. 3000cps), a low one indicates the opposite (e.g. 989cps).

Remaining time:

Time remaining until the current file is completely transfered.

Abort transfer:

Abort current transfer.

## 1.12 Aminet search window

Perform a file search on Aminet.

Type in the search string (do not use wildcards) and click on "Find file".

A window will pop up informing you about the status of the transfer.

Search results are displayed in the

uploads list

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## 1.13 recentw

Perform a file search in recent mails. Type in the string to search for (use standard AmigaDos patterns) and click on "Find" to start searching. A window will pop up informing you about the search progress.

## 1.14 Registration

AminetFileRequester is Shareware, please consider registering! The shareware fee is \$8/10DM (or the corresponding value in other currencies). Unregistered copies of AminetFileRequester have some

limitations

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To register simply click on "Register" in the Project menu. Then fill in all fields, select your preferred registration site (Germany for Europe, Asia, and the rest of the world and Northern America for USA, Canada, Mexico and South America) and select your preferred method of payment. You can send cash or traveler cheques.

NOTE FOR GERMAN USERS: Innerhalb Deutschland können Sie auch mit Banküberweisung zahlen!

In the list above the buttons are some informations displayed depending on the method of payment and registration site you selected. For example the shareware fee, the address of the registration site and some notes. NOTE FOR GERMAN USERS: Meine Bankverbindung wird hier angezeigt.

If you selected paying with cash, click on "Print form" to print the registration form. Send the printed form together with the shareware fee to:

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or

Jon B. Peterson  
P.O. Box 62472  
San Angelo, TX 76906-2472  
USA

(German registration site)

(Northern American registration site)

NOTE FOR GERMAN USERS: Falls Sie per Überweisung zahlen, senden Sie das Registrierungsformular per eMail an mich und überweisen Sie die Sharewaregebühr auf mein Konto.

You will receive your personal keyfile for AminetFileRequester within one week via email!

Thanx to everyone who registers!

## 1.15 Limitations

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Demo limitations:

- you cannot request/download more than 2 uploads
- an annoying requester
- auto offline feature disabled
- auto extract feature disabled
- virus check feature disabled
- auto scan folder at startup disabled

Register

to get rid all limitations and to support me and the AMIGA!

## 1.16 Mailing list

I've set up a mailing list for easy support. If you have questions, suggestions or you simply need help, please don't hesitate to post them to the mailing list.

To subscribe send a blank message to [aminetfilereq-subscribe@egroups.com](mailto:aminetfilereq-subscribe@egroups.com).  
The address of the list is [aminetfilereq@egroups.com](mailto:aminetfilereq@egroups.com).

## 1.17 Custom scripts

AminetFileRequester is mailer independent through the use of rexx scripts. You can write your own scripts for going offline, exporting a mail to the mailer and scanning the mailer folders. I'll now tell you some restrictions:

First, all scripts have to be ARexx scripts (NO DOS SCRIPTS!).  
Then, here some special rules for the scripts:

The offline script is responsible for shutting down all applications that are running and require you to be online (e.g. STRICQ) and the offline script has to hang up the line, NOT shutting down the tcp stack!

The export mails script has some args, so you have to add a line like  
"parse arg tempfile ftpaddress email delmail"  
in your script. Tempfile is the name of a file, where the body of the mail is stored, ftpaddress is the recipient address, email is the sender address and delmail is a boolean value, if it is TRUE, the request mail shall be deleted after sending (special feature of YAM only afaik).

The folder scanning script takes two args, so add a line like:  
"parse arg datesfile namesfile"  
to your script. Datesfile is the name of a tempfile, where your script should store the dates of the recent mails (every date on its own line) and namesfile is the name of a file, where your script should store the filenames of the recent mails. (every filename on its own line)  
Your script is responsible for finding the recent mails and it is NOT allowed to have any output or error messages. If something goes wrong, simply do a exit(20).

This may sound difficult, but take a look at the example scripts in the rexx/ dir.

## 1.18 History

13-11-1999

- first release

19-02-2000

- added cps counter
- added remaining time indicator
- appicon is a copy of AminetFileRequester's icon
- added a "going offline" window if Auto offline is enabled
- added option to close main window during transfer
- added option to scan for recent mails at startup
- added recent mail search facility
- added Aminet search facility
- added Age colum to uploads/request lists
- fixed a bug (tempfiles from virus check weren't deleted, this leded to ↔ memory problems)
- added "Display readme" function
- added MotD detection
- extended menu
- new keyfile encryption
- many internal changes and improvements

## 1.19 Future

Currently planned is:

- localization
- event sounds
- internal changes

Post your ideas to the  
mailing list  
!

## 1.20 Thanks to

I'd like to thank:

- ProDev for managing my website
  - Jon Peterson for everything he did and will do for me!
  - Haage&Partner for StormDSK
  - Amiga for OS3.5
  - Marcel Beck for YAM
  - Stefan Stuntz for MUI
  - all registered AminetFTPMail and AminetGetFTP users
  - and YOU for using AminetFileRequester!
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See ya!

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