F1db

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1.1 F1db

Welcome to the guide for F1db - database for formula 1.

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home-site of the programme:
http://biotop.umcs.lublin.pl/~kniescio/f1db.htm

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1.2 Introduction

Hello Amiga brother (or maybe sister ;)! I'm happy you decided to take
a look at this soft. You spent your free time now reading this doc but
it's worth finishing...
You would probably want to know what kind of software it is. Well, it's

the first ever (I think so, if I'm wrong – inform me) database for storing
and managing results of formula 1. Yeah, I hear you saying:
"multi-purpose database is enought for this". But does normal database can
display the results of selected driver in all season? F1db can, it can
many other things. Now about the origin of that soft. As you can guess,
I'm F1 fan myself. In my drawers you can find some notebooks with results
from early 90s. I was young and... have no computer :) The idea of
storing them on computer was born with my brand new A600. I've tried
some general-purpose databases but I wasn't too happy with them.
Surmounting many difficulties :) I've created this programme. Have fun!

1.3 Requirements

 F1db needs very little to run. 0.5MB and KC 2.0+ should be OK.
 The programme has been tested on:
 A1200, 2MB
 A1200, 030/42, 10MB
 A1200, 030/50, 18MB

Of course it runs on other configs too :), but on above it has been
intensively tortured it is called beta-testing ;).

1.4 Installation

 After unpacking archive you can use suplied installer. Should it fail,
please contact me!
 You can also install it "by hand". Word "install" is to much here – main
file is an absolut minimum and you can place it whereever you want.

1.5 Localization

 F1db profits by all goods in Amiga's system and it works with
locale.library. It gives you a possibility to use your national language
in the programme. Built-in is English. Here you can read what
language versions of F1db are available and who is responsible for them. All
translations are made by ATO. If your language isn't supported, contact me
and make it by yourself.

1.6 Some word from the author

 First – thanks (alphabetical order :).

 For programmes I've used:
 * Jan van den Baard – author of GadToolsBox, which (version 2.0b)
   helped me to create GUI;
 * Pietro Ghizzoni – author of GUI Extension (version 1.62), which gives
   you a possibility of changing Amos into more system-friendly language;

* Johan Östling – author of Locale Extension (version 0.26), it makes
  Amos working with locale.library;
* Jens Weyer – author of ARC (version 3.1), which helped me in
  creating readme file (yes, you can do it in any text editor, but you can
  store formula results in normal database too :).

For betatestings and ideas:
* Mark Butler (and for English proofreading);
* Rafaî Ziarnik (and for graphic).

For translations:
* Amiga Translators' Organization (ATO)

For additional materials:
* Tomasz Paônikowski – for some of the missing F1 results.

And now thanks and greetings not connected with F1db.
* Artur Olejarczyk – for scanning
* Rafaî Wawrzycki – for PPC help
* Co-student, III year of geography, UMCS Lublin
* All Amiga users

 And now about me (silly photo). Kamil Nieôcioruk, a man who started his
computer education with ZX Spectrum+. My first machine was mighty Commodore
64 (about 1991), than Amiga 600 (1993) and finaly 1200 (1997) which I'm still
working with. If you want to know the config, here it is: A1200 in Gift's
tower, Caviar 1GB, LG 16x, monitor "hi-radiation" Commodore 1084S. I almost
have PPC. Why "almost"? Well, eh, I bought second-hand 603e+ 240, 040/25,
SCSI but something is wrong. I've spent all my money on it and can't
make it working since February...
 I'm not a great programmer and I don't think I'll be able to learn
assembler or something like this, but in my opinion an average programmer
with good knowledge of a subject is better than great one with zero idea
about it.
 I use my Amiga for many things and I'm admin of Polish section of ATO
(translating Amiga programmes for free).
 And what do I do when computer is off? Oh, many things :) I study geography
(cartography), read, listen to music (older than 1990...), use camera and
many more.

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I also invite you to visit my homepage (especially if you're fan of
"The Police" and know Polish):
  biotop.umcs.lublin.pl/~kniescio/.

You can find there (in English) home-site of F1db (add soft.htm after
last "/") – new versions and my other programmes.

1.7 Disclaimer

 It's time for not too nice part of it...

 The programme F1db has been intensively tested to make it maximally
stable and useful, but I take no responsibility for any damages (in
software and/or hardware) caused by using or misusing this software.
You use this programme at your own risk! You have been warned.

 Kamil Nieôcioruk, author F1db
 (who doesn't like to write such things...)

1.8 Copyright and distribution

                    F1db is shareware. Its unregistered version is not fully ←
                        functional – you
cannot save your data. All features of programme are available in register
version with personal keyfile. You can't spread your keyfile! If
I notice breaking this rurle, user will lost all his rights!
 And here are profits you can gain by registering:
·you gets fully functional program;
·you have right to receive new versions for free (but some versions may
require an extra fee);
·you can influence (more then unregistered users) new versions;
·you can be offered special offers concerning my other programmes;
·you support the author :).

 Below is how to register.
1. Read points above and allow yourself to be convinced...
2. Send me an adequate amount of money. It can be 15 DEM (German Marks),
   8 USD (US dollars) or 5 GBP (British pounds).
   As you can see, the fee is very reasonable. If you don't think so – mail
   me!
   Now little sad thing: I've tried all possible to make your life easier,
   but... I do NOT accept any cheques etc – only pure cash :). I know it's
   not to save, but Polish banks...
3. Fill the registration form in.
4. Send the form to
                me
                  a. by e-mail – attention: if your name contains any "non-standard ←
                    "
   (national) characters, form should be attaxhed to mail (sorry
   for that, but my net terminals at university aren't perfect)
 b. by traditional post – you should print the form out and send it to
    me together with fee and disk for keyfile and (perhaps) new version of
    F1db.
And that's all. As soon as I receive registration form and fee, I'll
send you your keyfile.

Now about distribution. You can spread the archive of the programme as
you want, but all the files of the original archive must be in it.

You cannot take any money for distribution (except cost of disk).
You are not allowed to spread a keyfile!
If you want to:
 -place the programme on commercial material, you must inform me;
 -place the programme on cover disk (or cd), you should inform me;
 -review the programme (really?), I would be happy, but please, inform
  me about it.

1.9 Future

 Nothing is perfect, this soft too :), so I do all possible to remove
all noticed bugs. I plan to:
\textdegree{}add a possibility of printing windows;
\textdegree{}change the way of entering GP results (not making you to
enter it in exact order) and add checking of entered values (time and date);
\textdegree{}change (maybe) the way of settings new season;
\textdegree{}add (if I'll be able to :) a possibility of changing
season setups during season.
Of course all your ideas are welcomed!

1.10 Usage

                 Gadgets' graphic is © 2000 by Rafaî Ziarnik, thank you!

 The main window consist of eight gadgets. They are (from top-left):

             Results of drivers

             Constructors championship

             Results of GP

             Entering of GP results

             New season

             Load database

             Save database

             About the programme
             When there are is no data, only New season, Load database and ↩
                 About
the programme is active.
 When season is finished (all GPs' results has been entered) Entering of
GP results is inactive.

1.11   Results of drivers

After clicking the gadget with helmet a new window will be opened
containing drivers and position Drivers championship (last one in that
window).
 When you select a driver, new window will be opened. You'll find there
a name and team of driver and his results in every GP. It can be his
place or abbreviation: DNF (did not finished), DNS (did not started),
DSQ (disqualified) or DNQ (did not qualified).
 When you select Drivers championship, you will be shown standings
(of course :) in separate window. Only scoring drivers will be displayed.

 In case when one driver has been in more than one team (how to enter
this – see
                New season
) he will be displayed twice on the list, but in
standings all will be OK (treated as one).

1.12   Constructors championship

Gadget with car shows standings of constructors. In case when ↩
                team has been
defined twice (more than two drivers, how to enter this – see
                New season
)
it will be treated as one of course.

1.13   Results of GP

 The first gadget with numbers and arrow displays results of selected GP.
Choose GP you want to be shown from the first window and new window will
be opened. You'll see there place and date of GP, best lap and its driver
and all drivers results (not only scoring six, but also DNS, DNF, DSQ
and DNQ).

1.14   Entering of GP results

 The second gadget with numbers and arrow displays new window. First, you are
informed about the number of GP you are about to enter.
 Then you have to enter place and date of GP. This version of F1db does
not check values, so be careful.
 The main part of that section: select the result from right gadget for
driver displayed in left gadget. You can choose a place or one of the
abbreviation: DNS, DNQ, DNF or DSQ. Places you have selected stays on
the list – it should change in next versions.
 Then you have to define the time of best lap (the same note as for date)
and choose its author from list on the right.
 Last gadget is for notes – you can enter here whatever you want or
leave it blank.

 When you finished and all is correct, click "tick", if not - click
gadget with "x" and enter it again.

1.15   New season

 After clicking note of exclamation a new, big window will be opened.
Enter drivers and teams (TAB is for changing fields). Each line is for
one team, so you can enter up to 30 drivers in 15 teams. The programme
is designed to manage with common situation - in-season changes. If one
team has more than two drivers during the season, enter a third one last
and name his team the same as for his two team-mates. Don't worry if he's
started in two teams, all will be counted correctly. Such a situation is
not too comfortable because you have to wait for season's finishing to
enter all - this version does not allow you to change setups during
season.
 On right you can find a gadget with number of GP. Click the appropriate
one. I think range 15-18 should be always enough.

1.16   Load database

 Click the first gadget with disk and arrow and you'll be able to select
file to load. Only drawers and files ended with "f1db" are displayed. If
you choose incorrect file, you'll see a requester with info about it.

1.17   Save database

 After clicking the second gadget with disk and arrow a file-requester
will appear. Enter the name for new database or select the old one. You
don't have to add "f1db" - it will be done automaticly.

1.18   About the programme

 Question mark will open the window with version number, author, translator
and (in registered version) name and number of the user.