

ZipTool

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Chapter 1

ZipTool

1.1 Welcome to ZipTool

ZipTool ↔

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Version 1.2
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1.2 Introduction

Introduction -----

It is always the same: Only a minority of hardware producers provide support software for the Amiga. - This is really very, very annoying!

One of the producers that do not belong to this minority is Iomega.

Their Zip drive is shipped with drivers and lots of additional support software for both PC and Macintosh systems. But as always, support for Amiga misses. They do not even mention that their Zip drive also works very well on Amiga.

If you just want to use your Zip drive as a hard disk extension, you don't need any additional software, as the installation of the Zip drive is really nothing special. (On other systems, this feature is called "Plug and play", but for the experienced Amiga user this is the most natural thing in the world.)

But have you ever tried to make a Zip disk write protected? --- It is possible, but only with special software.

ZipTool is a small command line driven utility that allows you to access this feature.

1.3 Disclaimer

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1.5 Requirements

Requirements -----

To use ZipTool you need

- an Amiga computer with OS 2.0 or higher and an SCSI interface
- an Iomega Zip drive (SCSI version)

1.6 Installation

Installation -----

Just copy ZipTool into your C: drawer.

1.7 Using ZipTool

Usage -----

ZipTool DEVICE/A, INFO/S, WLOCK/S, RWLOCK/S, UNLOCK/S, TUNLOCK/S,
PASSWORD/K, EJECT/S

DEVICE The device name of your Zip drive. (e.g. "Zip:")

INFO Print information about the current state of the Zip disk.
 This will be one of the following:

- Unprotected.
- Temporary unprotected.
- Write protected.
- Write protected with password.
- Read/Write protected.

WLOCK Write protect the current Zip disk. If PASSWORD is
 specified, then the disk will be protected using the
 password.

RWLOCK Read- and write protect the current Zip disk. This option
 requires the PASSWORD option.

UNLOCK Unlock the current Zip disk.

TUNLOCK Temporary unlock the current Zip disk. It is only unlocked
 for the current session. Ejecting- and re-inserting it
 will lock it again.

PASSWORD The password to lock or unlock the Zip disk.

EJECT The disk in the Zip drive is ejected.

1.8 The Author

The Author -----

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So it shall be written - so it shall be done.

1.9 History

History -----

Version 1.2 (21.04.96)

- gvpscsi.device (and maybe also others) had problems with strange scsi sense lengths

Version 1.1 (20.02.96)

- should now also work with scsi devices that don't support fast memory
- added 'EJECT' switch (as proposed by Stian Olsen!)

Version 1.0 (12.02.96)

- initial release

1.10 To Do

To Do -----

- Graphical User Interface

...I promise that I won't do something like that!

- Well, since the first release of ZipTool, I have changed my mind a little bit so if you think that there should be a GUI, don't hesitate to tell me...

- Support for other Iomega products

Since I don't have any other products, I won't be able to do that. But feel free to send me your latest hardware so I can check it...
