

AppTrash

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Chapter 1

AppTrash

1.1 AppTrash Documentation

AppTrash 3.7

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The AppTrash Settings-window

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1.2 Copyrights & Distribution

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1.3 Requirements

 Requirements

AppTrash was compiled with SAS/C-compiler v6.5 on an Amiga 500 Kickstart V37.175, Workbench V38.35 with 4MB memory + 80MB harddisk. Hopefully it'll work on any Amiga as long as it has Kickstart 37++, but if it doesn't, please

let me know

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These are the requierements:

- Kickstart V37++
- A drawer named SYS:Trashcan if you are going to delete safely.
- reqtools.library v38 or higher. ReqTools is Copyright (c) Nico François.

1.4 Introduction

Introduction

AppTrash is a replacement for the old Trashcan. You might wonder why you should use AppTrash instead of the old Trashcan.

I'll give you some reasons:

- AppTrash can delete files immediately (instead of storing them in the Trashcan where they take up precious space).
- AppTrash does a true "move", when safe-deleting from one volume to another. Trashcan copied the file(s) if they where on different volumes than the Trashcan-drawer.
- AppTrash can format disks. Choose your own favorite diskformatter, as long as it's possible to control it from CLI.
- AppTrash recognises Trashcan-icons. It's then up to you to decide whether you want to remove the trashcan-drawer, or just empty it.
- AppTrash can also warn you before doing anything. This will prevent you from deleting the wrong files. Just cancel the operation when the requester pops up.
- AppTrash can remove protected files.
- All settings can easily be changed from a window.

1.5 Setting Up AppTrash

Installation

Starting AppTrash
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AppTrash can be started from either CLI or Workbench.

From Workbench...: Double-click on the AppTrash-icon.

From CLI.....: run >NIL: AppTrash <return>

Since AppTrash doesn't detach from the CLI, you'll have to use run if you want to continue to use this CLI-process.

If you want to start AppTrash by default at boot-time, you can put the AppTrash icon in the WBStartup-drawer or add the above mentioned commandline to the user-startup.

When AppTrash has started, an appicon will appear on the Workbench-window. By dropping icons on this appicon, you'll delete the file or drawer. If it is a disk, you can format it. Doubleclicking on the appicon will open

the settings-window.

As you might know, it's possible to see all files, whether or not they have an icon. When you delete one of these files, the icon will still be present even though the file doesn't exist. I haven't found out yet, how to notify the Workbench of the deletion. To get rid of this icon you should update the Workbench. This is done by selecting Update in the leftmost menu on the Workbench.

If you drop a drawer on AppTrash, that doesn't have an icon, the settings-window will open. This is not a bug but a result of the argument handling by Workbench.

Files that does have an icon will, after deletion, dissappear from the drawer-window.

Settings
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The behaviour of AppTrash can either be set at startup via the tooltips or the CLI, or from the
Settings-window
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These are the available tooltips and argument parameters:

- ICON - Name of the icon to use for the AppIcon. The name may be with or without the '.info' extension. If not provided, the AppTrash icon will be used. If no icon is found, the default tool-icon will be used.
 - TITLE - Name for the appicon. Default is AppTrash.
 - CMD - Command string to execute when diskicons are dropped on AppTrash. See
Format Command
for info about
format on string.
 - IGNORE - Should AppTrash delete protected files.
Possible values are:
 YES - delete always
 NO - don't delete
 ASK - ask first, a requester will pop up
 - XPOS - X-position of appicon.
 - YPOS - Y-position of appicon.
 - WARNFILE - Warn before deleting a file.
 - WARNDIR - Warn before deleting a directory.
 - SAFE - Move files to SYS:Trashcan, instead of deleting them. The original file is of course deleted but can be brought back from the SYS:Trashcan drawer.
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WARNVOL - Warn before formatting a disk.

FOLLOWMOUSE - Make all AppTrash-requesters appear at the mousepointer. The pointer will be over the negotiating (rightmost) gadget if possible. Default is center in visable area.

If you put AppTrash in the WBStartup drawer you will also want to add the DONOTWAIT tooltype.

If no iconposition is given, Workbench will place the icon at a free space. Remember not to put the icon too close to another one. If you do, Workbench will move it automaticly to a free space.

All the above mentioned switches can be reached from the Settings-window where you from now on (v3.0) can save the settings to the icon. ↔ To open the Settings-window, double-click on the AppTrash-appicon.

1.6 The AppTrash Settings-window

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[ ] _____ [ ] By double-clicking on
| AppTrash 3.7 (17.04.94) | the appicon, a window
| © Copyright 1994 Johan Stenarson | will appear. In this
| This program is FreeWare | window you can set the
| | | behaviour and look of
| - Confirm ----- | AppTrash.
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| Directory |
| Follow Mouse |
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| Format command |
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When it says 'Yes', all protected files will, unconditionally, be deleted. In other words, the protection is ignored.

If it says 'No', all protected files will be left. In other words, no protected file will be deleted.

If it says 'Ask', a requester will appear when a protected file is found. You can from this requester select to delete the file or leave it. This requester will always popup if 'Ask' is set, even if you have selected 'All' in a previous requester.

Keyboard equivalent: 'p' or 'P'

1.9 Confirm File

Confirm before deleting files

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When this setting is on (a checkmark in the gadget), AppTrash will warn you before deleting any files. A requester with four choices will popup. These choices are:

- Yes - OK to delete file.
- All - OK to delete all files you dropped on AppTrash.
- None - No files will be deleted.
- No - Do not delete this file.

Keyboard equivalent: 'f' or 'F'

NOTE! The 'All' and 'None' buttons also acts on disks and directories.

See Also

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Attention
for more information about when the warnings appear.

1.10 Confirm Disk

Confirm before formatting disks

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When this setting is on (a checkmark in the gadget), AppTrash will warn you before formatting any disks. A requester with four choices will popup. These choices are:

- Yes - OK to delete file.
- All - OK to delete all files you dropped on AppTrash.

None - No disks will be deleted.
No - Do not delete this file.

Keyboard equivalent: 'i' or 'I'

NOTE! The 'All' and 'None' buttons also acts on directories and files.

See Also
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Format command
for information about commandstring.

1.11 Store Files

Store Files
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When this setting is on (a checkmark in the gadget), AppTrash will move the files you want to delete, to the SYS:Trashcan drawer. This makes it possible to 'undelete' the files. This is how the old Trashcan works, only AppTrash moves correctly between different volumes (the old Trashcan made a copy in the Trashcan).

Keyboard equivalent: 'r' or 'R'

1.12 Format Command

Format Command
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In this gadget you enter the commandstring AppTrash will execute every-time a diskicon is dropped on AppTrash. The commandstring can be used to execute any kind of DOS command, but I guess most of you will use it to execute a disk-formatter.

NOTE! The command you execute must be executable from DOS and must not require any input.

The commandstring should look as it does normaly, accept for two things. These are the diskname and the volumename (DF0:, DH1: etc.).

Since the icon may represent any volume (eg. DF0: or PC1:), the volumename must be described as a common name.

Instead of typing the volumename, you now enter '%d'. AppTrash will replace this with the icons true volumename, before executing the string.

Since you might want different names on the disks you format, I've made it possible to enter the new name into a stringrequester. To use this string-requester you enter '%n' at the position where the name should have been.

When AppTrash finds '%n', it will open the requester, where you may enter a new diskname.

If you want a defaultname in the string-requester, add this name directly after the '%n'. If this string contains spaces, it must be entered within apostrophes (').

NOTE! Do NOT use quotationmarks (").

In case you always use the same name on empty disks (eg. Empty), you may omit the %n and enter the name as you would've done normally.

Here's an example, in case you didn't understand.

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SYS:System/Format DRIVE %d NAME %n'Empty Disk' FFS NOICONS
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The following will happen when you drop the DF0:-icon on AppTrash.

If

Confirm Disk

is set, a warning requester will pop-up, else a string-requester appears. In this requester, the name 'Empty Disk' is found. You may now either accept this name or change it. If no changes are made, AppTrash will execute the following command.

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SYS:System/Format DRIVE DF0: NAME "Empty Disk" FFS NOICONS
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If you have mounted a MS-DOS unit and drop this icon on AppTrash, the unit will be MS-DOS formatted.

Keyboard equivalent: 'm' or 'M'

1.13 Icon

Icon

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In this gadget, you enter the name of the icon you want to use. The name may include the '.info' extension, but excluding it will also work.

If no iconname is entered, AppTrash will use its own file-icon as an AppIcon.

If the entered icon or the AppTrash-icon isn't found, the default icon for Tools will be used.

Keyboard equivalent: 'o' or 'O'

1.14 Title

Title

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In this gadget, you enter the title of the appicon. The title must not contain more than 40 characters (I don't think this is a problem, 'cause who wants a title all over the Workbench).

If no name is entered, the name 'AppTrash' will be used.

Keyboard equivalent: 't' or 'T'

1.15 Follow Mouse

Follow Mouse

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When this setting is on (a checkmark in the gadget), AppTrash will open all requester at the same position as the pointer. If possible the negotiating (rightmost) gadget will be positioned under the pointer.

If this option is off (default), the requesters will appear at the center of the visible area.

Keyboard equivalent: 'l' or 'L'

1.16 Icon Pos

Icon Pos

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When this gadget is pressed, a window by the size of the icon will be opened. Move this window to the location you want the icon at.

If a position is specified at startup or the position has been changed since the start, the window will appear at the icon-position (unless the icon has been moved without letting AppTrash know).

If the icon won't move to the specified position, it might be because it's too close to another icon. Try to move it a bit further apart.

If you drag the appicon directly to a new position, AppTrash will not know of this movement. This is because there is no way (that I know of) to tell the position of an icon (if someone out there knows a way, please let me know). Therefore always use the 'Icon Pos'-window to move the icon around if you intend to save the iconposition as a default position.

If no position has been set or changed, the window will appear at location 50;50 (absolute coordinates).

Clicking on this gadget a second time will bring the window to the frontmost position.

Keyboard equivalent: 'n' or 'N'

1.17 Use

Use

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When this gadget is pressed, the window will close and the new settings will be set. Icon-position and name will be updated.

Keyboard equivalent: 'u' or 'U'

See Also

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Save

1.18 Save

Save

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This will like the
Use
-gadget set the new settings but it will also
save the settings to the icon. The next time AppTrash is started, these
settings will be set.

This gadget was named 'Default' in earlier versions.

Keyboard equivalent: 's' or 'S'

See Also

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Use

1.19 Cancel

Cancel
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This gadget will close the window and leave the settings unchanged.

Another way to cancel the changes is to close the window with the close-gadget in the windows top-left corner.

Keyboard equivalent: 'c' or 'C'

1.20 Quit

Quit
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This will open a requester asking you if you really want to quit AppTrash. If you select 'Yes' then the appicon will be removed and AppTrash will exit. Changes made will not be stored.

Keyboard equivalent: 'q' or 'Q'

1.21 Attention

Shit happens and that's a fact, but here's a few things that you might want to know which can prevent it from happening.

AppTrash will delete any sub-directory, when deleting a directory but will NOT warn you before deleting the sub-directory no matter what the WARNDIR setting is. Nor will it warn you before deleting files in the directory or sub-directory no matter what the WARNFILE setting is. In other words, WARNDIR acts only on the directory you drop on the AppIcon, not its sub-directories and WARNFILE acts only on the file dropped on the AppIcon, NOT on files in a directory or its sub-directories.

By clicking 'All' in the requesters, the files left to delete, will be deleted unconditionally. Only protected files will open requesters if Ignore is set to 'Ask'.

The 'All' gadget acts on files, directories and disks.

The 'None' gadget has the opposit effect as 'All'. No files (but the ones you've already deleted) will be deleted.

The 'None' gadget acts on files, directories and disks.

If you are one of those who have very deep sub-directories, you might need to add stack-memory or you may get problems. The normal stacksize (4096 bytes) should be enough for the average user, but if you get problems while deleting a deep directory, adding stack memory might help. The routine has been rewritten so this is not a very big problem anymore.

If the appicon wont move to a position you've set, it might be because it's too close to another icon. Try moving them a bit further apart.

1.22 AppTrash Version Notes

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AppTrash Version Notes
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Version	Changes
1.0	First released version.
1.1	You can now place the appicon where ever you want (on the workbench window :-), via XPOS and YPOS parameter/tooltype. If no parameter is given, Workbench will find a suitable place.
1.2	If an iconname was given, AppTrash sometimes (most of the time, in fact :-(refused to start. Forgott to free memory when closing the controlwindow with the closegadget.
1.3	The previous versions required fastmem, this has been fixed so it now accepts any kind of memory. Forgott to free some memory (again...).
2.0	AppTrash now recognises disks and Trashcan. Disk may be formatted (depending on what the string is set to). Trashcan drawers will be emptied OR removed.
2.1	Added warnings when file or directory can't be deleted. Removed a harmless bug.
3.0	Save-settings made possible. Only for those who start AppTrash from the Workbench. You may now change the name and icon-image of the appicon from the controllwindow. Positioning of the icon is made via a window. You can restore to startup-values. Requesters can now be located at center of screen or at the pointer. 'Ok' and 'Remove' has been renamed to 'Use' and 'Quit'. Files appearing on the same volume as the trashcan-drawer is now renamed instead of buffer moved. This makes the operation faster.
3.1	Major bug. I guess everyone noticed this bug, since no files were deleted. Ain't it amazing what one (1) single byte can cause if you don't initialize it?
3.2	The code has been rewritten (twice as a matter of fact) to gain speed and functionality. Size has been a low priority but I did manage to make it smaller. Protected files may be deleted. If a file or a directory can't be deleted, a requester will pop

up, showing the error message.
 Clicking on 'Icon Pos' several times would open more windows but only the last one would close. Now the window will pop to the front if you click several times.
 Added an 'All' gadget to the warnings, that will confirm all files/directories you're about to delete.
 Adding '.info' to the iconname would crash the computer. This is now filtered out.
 'Default' has been renamed to 'Save'.
 The look is different (to the better I hope).
 Key equivalents has been changed for some functions.

- 3.3 AppTrash can now format non-dos disks. This makes it possible to format a MS-DOS disk as an AmigaDOS disk. Just drop DF0:???? on AppTrash. Unformatted disk should work too.
 Cancel didn't cancel settings on title, iconname and position. This has been fixed.
 The keyboard equivalents didn't work as they should. This has been fixed.
 Rewrote some of the code to make it smaller.
- 3.4 Added the 'None' option to the warning-requesters, making it possible to cancel all deletions/formats.
 If some of the strings got longer than the buffer, they would overwrite each other. This has been fixed.
- 3.5 I guess I was a bit too eager to make AppTrash smaller. I forgot to initialize some pointers.
- 3.6 If user changed to an icon that didn't exist, AppTrash would cause a guru.
 If workbench was a backdrop window, the icon position couldn't be changed.
 For some reason one line of sourcecode disappeared. This caused a guru if AppTrash was started from Workbench.
- 3.7 It is now possible to change screenmode while AppTrash is running.
 Removed some invisible and harmless bugs.

1.23 Comming To An Apptrash Near You

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Coming To An AppTrash Near You
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The following functions might be added:

- Making the window an appwindow. The icon you drop on the window, will be the one used by AppTrash
- Store the settings in an environment-variable, making it possible for CLI-users to store the changed settings.
- Localized AppTrash? Perhaps, if I get to know how it works.

KNOWN BUGS:

There seems to be a problem to format disks under OS3.1 (though it's only one person who has reported it).

Do you know of a function you want to see in AppTrash? Don't hesitate to

contact me

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1.24 Credits

Thank You...

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AC/DC	For "Back In Black" and "For Those About To Rock".
Dio	For "Holy Diver".
Riot	For "Rock City".
Stephen King	For his books.

Words of Wisdom

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"If everything seems to be going well, you obviously don't know what the hell is going on"

-- Murphy

1.25 Send bugreports to...

In case you discover any bugs in the program or this AmigaGuide document, please let me know.

Please make the bug-description as well documented as possible. This will make it easier for me to locate the bug. Let me know what kind of system you use and what programs you run in the background. Also try to make the bug reappear under the same conditions, it might have been something else that caused the problem (like coffee in the keyboard, if this is the case, don't bother to make the bug reappear).

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