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## 1.2 Identify-E.guide/Introduction

The identify.library has a rather long history.

It all began when I got mad about all the System info programs only showing the expansion boards as a number. So I wrote expname.library, which may already be known to you.

Later, expname could also identify the system's parameters (even if it was wrong sometimes ;) ). I still have new ideas for this library. The only trouble is that the name does not fit any more.

Well, now you have the second generation of the expname.library, called identify.library. It has been completely rewritten and expanded. The conceptional flaws of the expname.library has been removed, and a lot of newbies have been added.

The library has currently these features:

- \* Converting manufacturer and product id into manufacturer name, product name, and product class.
- \* Converting the cryptical Amiga Guru codes into readable descriptions.
- \* Analyzing the system's configuration (system type, processor, memory, graphics and so on...).

Even if the library appears to be quite ready -- it is still far away!

I need your help! Please send manufacturer and product names and IDs, your system's configuration, suggestions, bug reports and so on; simply all you want to see implemented in the library.

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## 1.4 Identify-E.guide/Address

My Address \*\*\*\*\*\*

Please send all kind of bug-reports, board descriptions, missing graphic OS, keyfiles, flames and so on to one of the following e-mail addresses:

### INTERNET

I'm reachable trough Internet via these E-Mail addresses:

rkoerber@tfh.dssd.sub.org
shred@eratosth.dssd.sub.org
a2h4ko@bg.bib.de (until September 1996 only)

You can also visit my home page (until September 1996 only). There you'll find the latest version of all my software.

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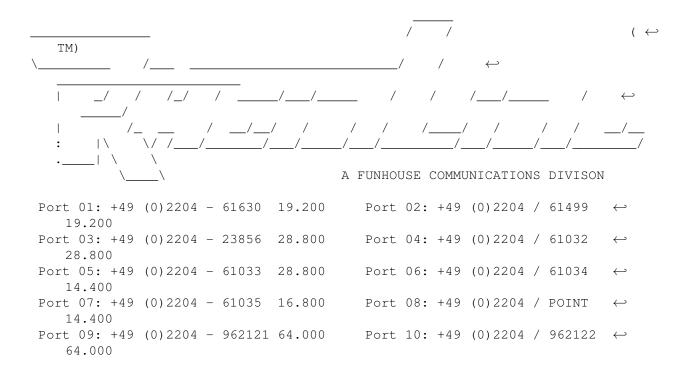
You can send me a snail mail letter, too. My address is:

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Please enclose a "1 DM" stamp if you live in Germany and want to get a reply.

#### SUPPORT-MAILBOX

You can download the latest version from my support BBS:



## 1.5 Identify-E.guide/ListExp

ListExp

ListExp is a small tool that was already included in the expname.library package.

It describes the hardware components of the system. At first, it will write some hardware parameters (like CPU, Memory). After that, all expansion boards will be listed up (hopefully by name).

By the option FULL, all currently used commodities are listed up, too. The output is then useable for bug reports and similar.

A further option allows to get the manufacturer name, product name and class from manufacturer  ${\tt ID}$  and  ${\tt product}$   ${\tt ID}$ . Use the options MANUFID and PRODID to do so.

#### Example:

- > ListExp MANUFID=514 PRODID=9
- -- ListExp V3.0 -- by Richard Koerber

Manufacturer: Commodore West Chester

Product: A2060

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Class: ArcNet

If some entries in the expansion list begin with a # instead of a name, you should send a copy of the ListExp output and the description of the missing board (manufacturer name, product name, product class) to me. :-)

It is also not possible to check out all combinations of Amiga expansions. If your hardware is not properly recognized, please write me.

Please note: Some manufacturers, especially GVP and Phase 5, assigned the same ID to different boards. identify.library is prepared and tries to differ these boards, anyhow it can't in any case decide right.

## 1.6 Identify-E.guide/Guru

Guru

Guru translates the cryptical alert code into a human-readable form.

The only parameter is the alert code (all eight digits without any symbols before or behind). An example:

> guru 81000005
-- Guru V1.0 -- by Richard Koerber

Type: Deadend
Subsystem: exec.library
General: General fault

Specified: Corrupt memory list detected in FreeMem

Please understand the result like that:

Type

What kind of alert is it? It may be a deadend alert, or a recovery alert.

Subsystem

Which system caused the alert?

General

To what general class does this alert belong? In this case, it is a general fault which must be specified later.

Specified

What was the cause? This example shows that the memory list has been corrupted by a bad-written program.

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## 1.7 Identify-E.guide/Bugs

Identify is written on a Amiga 4000/o3o/882/MMU, Kick 3.0, 14 MB RAM, FastLane 1GB HD, MaestroPro, Toccata, BSC MultiFaceII, CyberVision 4MB.

THESE BUGS ARE CURRENTLY KNOWN:

- \* Phase 5 and GVP have sometimes assigned one ID to two or more boards. In this case, identify.library may return a name that does not fit to the hardware.
- \* Currently, an 68030 will only be recognized with MMU.
- \* I couldn't test the Amiga analysis completely, because of missing Amiga. If your Amiga model is not properly recognized, please send me a copy of your ListExp output.

## 1.8 Identify-E.guide/History

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- \* Bases on the expname.library, but completely rewritten.
- \* Now convert alert codes, too.
- \* Wrote GURU.

# 1.9 Identify-E.guide/Credits

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