

Everyday-Organiser

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Chapter 1

Everyday-Organiser

1.1 Introduction to the Everyday-Organiser.

Everyday Organiser v1.0, by Mathew Wilson.

Everyday Organiser (EO) consists of three separate programs designed to help you manage your personal day-to-day activities. You can store friends addresses while keep up-to-date on events such as birthdays and appointments etc. The organiser system is simple and easy to use. It acts slightly differently to some other systems. Sure it doesn't have all the features of some expert organisers but hey, this is FREE! Take a good look and decide for yourself.

The functioning of the Organiser system is split up into different programs so you may choose which ones to use, and how to use them.

You will need at least MUI v3.1 to operate the main programs (see program documentation).

The programs included with EO are:

Locate.....: Yet another contestant in the wonderful world of Address Management programs ;-). It has a few options that separate it from the rest.

On-Time...: An event scheduler manager.

Alarmist...: A daily alarm management program that can be used on its own but is best used in conjunction with On-Time.

There are four extra utility programs included:

TimePrefs.: MUI replacement for the Workbench Time preferences program.

Talk.....: Replacement for CLI 'Say' command. Has quite a lot more features!

Sam.....: Small & simple yet useful CLI sound datatype player.

Coder.....: Small CLI program to encrypt files.

You may **install** EO by double-clicking on the 'Install_EO' icon (you will need the standard Installer program).

After a year of work (on and off) I have decided, after much thought, to release these set of programs as FreeWare, although I am currently unemployed and have been over the period that these programs were produced. As I am becoming disillusioned with the lack of support for the Amiga, I decided Freeware was the best idea. I'm poor, but what the heck. Although, if someone wants to pay for my MUI update they are quite welcome 8). EO was compiled for MUI 3.1. I am currently registered for MUI 2.3, and with no registration site in Australia it's a bit of an inconvenience.

Freeware means that the software is freely distributable but the copyright remains mine (please see program documentation for further information).

Please take the time to read the AmigaGuides for all the programs and hopefully you'll decide that they are worth using.

The future of these programs depends upon two things. One being whether people actually use EO and the other being whether I stay on the Amiga platform. The OS is aging rapidly, not to mention the hardware! There are very few (if any) professional business applications on the Amiga (okay, you can have a go at my programs too 8). Now if someone would produce a good spreadsheet package with proper chart and WYSIWYG facilities then I might be convinced. Recent efforts like FinalCalc are an indication of where the Amiga is - a long way behind (pitty because I was rather impressed with Softwood). I know the Amiga doesn't have any big software development teams like Microsoft but you can't go on using a computer if it doesn't have the software that you need. Although MUI is a huge bonus for Amiga users, it's not built into the OS and still remains a separate product. Despite what some people say about MUI, I think it's great. Usually people that have a go at it don't know anything about programming. Those that do, usually don't know what OO is 8). Projects like the Be Box, although in its infancy without any real programs, is attracting because of its advances in hardware technology and the OS is designed with OO in mind right from the ground up. Who knows what I'll do. I'm just looking around at the moment...

- Microsoft -> 'Ea quae credis sunt veriora veritate ipsa.'

Have Fun,

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PS. If any artists out there feel like making me some nice icons for EO then feel free to send them to me.

PPS. Just heard MUI 3.2 is out. Haven't seen it, but as usual, EO should work fine.

1.2 Notes On Installation

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The contents of the EverydayOrganiser program drawer will be copied to the location of your choice.

If you wish, the four Extra programs will be copied to different drawer.

Talk, Sam and Coder to C: and TimePrefs to the system prefs drawer.

The docs/guide files for the three major programs into the "Locale:help/english/" drawer. You may access these documents by pressing the "Help" key while the program's interface is opened. The programs don't mind if the AmigaGuides are in the directory the program was run from or the previously mentioned drawer.

You may be asked by the Installer whether you wish Alarmist to be copied into your WBStartup drawer. This is because Alarmist is required to act as a commodity and be present at all times. It doesn't make much sense to put it anywhere else.

A file called "Talk_Defaults" will be copied to your "S:" directory. It is an optional file used by the program 'Talk' located in the "Extras" drawer. Consult the Talk docs to find out more about this file.

After installation you'll probably end up with duplicates of some of the programs. The actual location of all the individual programs is not important, so you may reorganise things to how you like them best. Just remember to read the program docs to find out other relevant files.

If you want to do the installation by hand then just drag the EO sub-drawer onto your HD. Make sure you copy the LIBS: and AREXX: drawers over to the correct places too! Within the Extras drawer you should copy Talk, Sam and Coder to C: and TimePrefs to your Preferences drawer. Then make yourself a coffee and read the docs.