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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 AmyGate 1.0

AmyGate v1.0

The easiest way to Aminet

by Pietro Ghizzoni

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**Thanks** My contacts

### 1.2 Introduction

Introduction

Amiga is still alive mainly for one reason: Aminet!!

Aminet is the largest, most important and well known collection of freely distributable Amiga software. Up to 10.000 users access the Aminet archives daily and countless programmers publish their masterpieces via Aminet.

And today AmyGate makes browsing thru Aminet easier and easier!!

It supports:

- Most recent uploads

- Last seven days' upload
- Aminet charts
- Search of a file
- Rating programs
- Upload (not working yet)
- Aminet Mailing-list

And all this in the most user-friendly way you can imagine!

All files are sorted automatically in the "tree form" of the Aminet archive.

## 1.3 Distribution

Distribution

This program is FREEWARE: you can distribute, copy and do anything you like with it without paying anything, as long as you don't sell it or make money on it.

Anyway I'd like to receive a postcard from you if you like and use AmyGate.

AmyGate is not Public Domain: it is Copyright by Pietro Ghizzoni and any modification to the code or to the original archive is explicitly prohibited.

Use it at your own risk!

Although AmyGate has been extensively tested, there could be nasty bugs lying around. You cannot hold the author responsible for any kind of damage that AmyGate may cause.

## 1.4 Requirements

Requirements

Actually not much...

- Amiga (of course)
- Internet connection (of course... again!)
- easylife.library (included in the archive with AmyGate)

That's it!

## 1.5 Installation

Installation

An installation tool is not provided in the archive with AmyGate for a very simple reason: you don't need it to install because it's very easy!

Copy the easylife.library in your LIBS: drawer and then copy the whole AmyGate directory wherever you want. You're ready!

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## 1.6 Usage

### Usage

When you run AmyGate a window with 9 gadgets pops up. You can read the meaning of each gadget on the window border simply moving the mouse pointer on it. You can also activate each gadget pressing F1 - F9 keys.

### About...

It shows a requester with informations about AmyGate.

### Recent Uploads

This is the most important and powerful feature of AmyGate. A window pops up and you can browse thru the newest Aminet files, already sorted in a tree format. You can use the mouse or the keyboard.

- arrow up/down: change directory
- arrow left/right: change file
- enter or left button: download selected archive

If you press the right button over the listview a pop-up menu appers:

- Download file: download the selected file
- View Readme: download and show the readme file
- Rate program: rate the selected program, adding automatically the name with the full path in the rate window. See below to know more about the rate window.
- Bookmark: add the selected file in the bookmark window. See below about the bookmark window.

You can abort a download at any time selecting it with the mouse and pressing the Abort button. If you had already started downloading a file, a requester will pop up, giving you the chance to Resume the old download.

If you press the Update button, AmyGate download the list of the uploads since your last call, and updates the list of files in the listviews. If there is not any new file, AmyGate will keep on showing the old list of files.

The Hide button hides the download status window. You can restore it pressing the key "h".

### Last Seven Days' Uploads

It works exactly like the recent Uploads, but it shows all the archives uploaded to Aminet in the last seven days.

### Upload a file

This is still ghosted and is going to be added in the next version.

### Charts

AmyGate downloads from Aminet the list of the most downloaded files and

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shows them in a separate window. In this way you can see which are the most common, popular and successful programs on Aminet. If AmyGate cannot download the latest list, it shows the last one in the cache.

#### Search a file

A little window pops up, where you can enter a string to search. You can enter here whatever string you want to search and then press the little icon with the magnifying lens. A window like those used for Recent Uploads and Last Seven Days' Upload pops up, with all the files containing the searched string in the name of the archive or in the first line of the reame file.

You can stop the search at any time pressing the icon with the hand.

#### Bookmarks

A window pops up with all the bookmarked files. If you press the right mouse button a pop-up window appears with all the available options: you can download the selected file, view its reame file, rate it or remove from the bookmark list. The list of bookmarked file is saved when you quit AmyGate.

#### Rate a program

A little window pops up with a string where you must insert the name (with full path i.e: comm/net/AmyGate.lha) of the program you want to rate and a number where you insert the rate (from 1 to 10). Click on the first button to rate the selected program.

#### Preferences

See the [preference](#) page.

#### Menus

The Mailing list menu has 4 items to subscribe and unsubscribe the weekly or the daily Aminet mailing list. You have just to select the action you want to do and AmyGate will perform it for you.

## 1.7 Preferences

### Preferences

#### Toolbar Icons

You can choose between 3 different sets of icons: MagicWb, GlowIcon1 and GlowIcon2. You can do it clicking the right mouse button over the preference icon in the main window: a pop up menu will appear with these three options.

#### Program Settings

Your Name: your real name... quite easy so far!

E-mail: your email address... of course!

Mail server: your SMTP server, the same you use to send your emails.

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Proxy & Port: if you want to use a proxy server, here we go. If you leave it blank, proxy won't be used. You can also enable/disable the proxy server using the check gadget placed between the address of the server and the port number.

Aminet Server: choose the closest server to you... or the fastest!

Viewer: this is used to display .readme files. You must insert the full path of it (for instance SYS:Utilities/Multiview). The ? button will make a requester pop up to choose the viewer.

Download: enter the directory where you want to download all your files.

As above, the ? button will make a requester pop up to choose it.

Aminet Log: leave it blank the first time and AmyGate will fill it for you. Anyway if you have already a log, you have to insert it here. For instance, if you already access Aminet with a URL like: <http://de.aminet.net/aminetbin/recent?42764> you have to insert 42764. If you change the Aminet server, you have to use another log: anyway AmyGate will keep in cache the old one if you decide to switch back to the previous server.

That's it... quite easy, isn't it?

## 1.8 Bugs

Bugs

As far as I know AmyGate is bug-free, but you know... coders like to leave a bug or two in every program to see who's the fastest user to find them!

So if you find any bug, please report it to [me](#) !

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## 1.10 History

History

V1.0 (25-Apr-2000) First Public Release

## 1.11 Future

Future

- Upload to Aminet with built-in readme file creator
- The possibility to download a file via e-mail
- .... any good idea!

## 1.12 Thanks

Thanks

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