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This program is meant to be configured as picture viewer in directory tools like DirOpus or DosControl. It shows the doubleclicked picture in a borderless window on the specified custom screen. The remarkable about this program is that it reads the whole directory the picture is in and you can then choose other pictures out of this directory from a menu or by pressing the cursor keys.

PicShow can also be used as a simple slide show program. It can display pictures either in sort order or randomly. When run on its own screen there are also some nice blend effects.

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Please use the supplied Installer script to install PicShow.

The files in detail:

PicShow	main program for generic 68000 processors
PicShow.040	main program for 68040 or better
PicShow.wos	main program for PowerPC, WarpOS
PicShow.elf	main program for PowerPC, PowerUP
PicShow.keys	keyboard mapping for PicShow
PicShowNav.iff	skin picture for PicShow's navigation panel
SlideShow.info	project icon that calls PicShow as a slide show
PicShowTem	program to create a template skin picture
JoinPictures	program to connect several iff pictures to one wide picture.
PicShow_xx.guide	This manual (xx = language)
catalogs	contains ready-to-use translations for PicShow
translations	contains source files to create other catalogs
Install	Installer script to install PicShow

### Manual Installation

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1. Copy the PicShow executable somewhere where your directory tool can find it. A good place is the C or the Utilities directory.
2. Copy the catalogs directory either into Locale: or into the same directory as the PicShow executable.

Use the picshow.cd file to create your own translation. If you do not need to create another translation, delete it.

Note: new catalog files must have version 2. PicShow insists on exactly

this version number !

3. If you want to redefine the function keys, you need to create a file called PicShow.keys in one of the following directories:

- S:
- ENV: or ENVARC:
- the directory the PicShow program is in
- the directory PicShow is started from (e.g. where the pictures live)

You can take the provided file as an Example.

See the section about  
key bindings  
to learn about the contents of the file.

4. Copy the skin file PicShowNav.iff to the same directory as the PicShow program. If you choose another location, you must  
configure PicShow  
to  
find it. Otherwise the  
navigation panel  
will not be usable.

5. The PicShowTem and JoinPictures programs are only needed, if you want to create your own skins for the navigation panel. Copy them to where your utilities live.

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Call PicShow as a Shell program with the following parameters. At the

bottom of the page  
is a step-by-step example how to configure a picture

file type in DirectoryOpus Magellan.

FILE	The picture to show first. You can specify a directory here. In this case the directory is read first and then the topmost picture is shown.
PUBSCREEN/K	The pubscreen where to open the window. Default is the default pubscreen (usually Workbench).
P=PATTERN/K	Only picture files that match this name pattern are shown in the list.
FLASH/S	Flashes the screen (displays beep) after the directory read is complete.
DONTCHECK/S	Files are not checked if they are pictures before they are inserted into the list. This does speed up the directory read a lot, but files that are no pictures are shown in the list, too. You should use the PATTERN parameter to avoid this.
DELAY/N/K	Enable slide show: every n/10 seconds the next picture is shown (DELAY=20 means every 2 seconds a new picture).
SCREEN/S	Open a new screen for PicShow
BG=BACKGROUND/K	Background color for the new screen. Format is six hexadecimal numbers: rrggbb rr = amount of red color (00 - ff) gg = amount of green color (00 - ff) bb = amount of blue color (00 - ff) Default is 000000 (black).
PORT/K	Name of the Arexx port. Default is PICSHOW.
MODEID/N	Decimal ID of screen mode. Default is same as Workbench.
DEPTH/N	Depth to use for custom screen. Default is same as Workbench.
SCRMODE/K	Enter the desired screen dimensions in the form WIDTHxHEIGHTxDEPTH Example: 640x480x8 PicShow uses the BestModeID function to find a screen mode with these dimensions.
QUIET/S	Disabled error requesters when picture cannot be loaded
CLOSEWB/S	Attempt to close Workbench when screen is open
REQ/S	Force PicShow to open a file requester. FILE is taken as preset file name.
KEYS/K	Name of a file that contains key bindings



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NOINFO/S	Disable the info bubble. It can be opened by a key anyway.
SCALE/S	Enable scaling. Pictures will be scaled up or down to fit the screen size.
DOWN/S	Scale only down (do not enlarge small pictures).
FILL/S	Scale up picture to totaly fill the screen. This maybe useful to check whether a picture (or part of) is usable as a backdrop.
INTERPOL/S	Scale pictures using interpolation. Needs much more time than without.
CACHE/N/K	Number of pictures that are to be cached. Default is 5.
BLEND/K	Enable/Disable blend effects. Choose one of the following:  NONE       disable blending (this is the default) RANDOM      randomly use one of all blend effects RANDOM1     randomly use one of UP to LEFTUP2 RANDOM2     randomly use DIFFUSE or DIFFUSE2  UP DOWN LEFT RIGHT RIGHTDOWN RIGHTUP LEFTDOWN LEFTUP RIGHTDOWN2 RIGHTUP2 LEFTDOWN2 LEFTUP2  DIFFUSE DIFFUSE2
BLENDTIME/K/N	The time used for blending in 1/10th seconds.
NOPOINTER/S	Disable the mouse pointer.
SHUFFLE/S	Show pictures in random order. Does only affect slide show (Delay > 0)
NAV=NAVIGATION/S	Open the navigation panel. See the section about the navigation panel for more details.
NAVSKIN/K	Skin for navigation panel. Default is PROGDIR:PicShowNav.iff. See the section about the navigation panel for more details.
NAVBUTTONS/K	Sequence of buttons on the navigation panel.

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See the section about the navigation panel for more details.

ANIMATE/S	Animate picture is there are multiple images in the file
CLOSEGAD/S	Disable the double click to close PicShow and add a close gadget to the upper left edge of the PicShow window.
QUITOLD/S	Makes PicShow more usable in web browsers. Usually when PicShow is called a second time, it sends its parameters to the first copy and quits. But web browsers delete the temporary file after the viewer quits, so when the first PicShow tries to load the picture, it has already been deleted. With this option the second copy of PicShow tells the first one to quit and shows the picture itself.
STICKYPOPUP/S	Tell PicShow to keep the popup menu open till the mouse button is pressed a second time (like with MagicMenu).

If PicShow is started from the Workbench all of the above can be entered as tooltypes, either in the program icon or in the picture icon that is activated first. Tooltypes in the picture icon override those in the program icon. Picture icons can be activated by shift-click or by specifying PicShow as default tool.

There is one additional option that can only be activated as ToolType:

KEY=<key binding> Rebind one key. May be specified multiple times for different keys. Read the section about key bindings for an explanation of <key binding>.

Example: KEY=X=QUIT enable the key X to quit PicShow

Creating a picture file type in DirOpus Magellan

Just follow these steps:

- choose menu Settings / File Types
- click on Add
- enter Name: picture
- enter ID: pict
- enter Pri: 0
- click on Add
- choose Match DT Group
- enter pict
- click on Use
- choose Double-click
- click on Edit
- click on Add

- choose AmigaDOS
- enter c:PicShow {f} pubscreen {Qs} pattern ~(#?.info)
- switch on Run asynchronously
- click on Use
- click on Use
- click on Save

Instead of c:PicShow you must enter the path to where you installed PicShow. Behind the program name you can configure all settings as described

above

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For more information please read the DOpus manual !

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This section describes the commands that can be accessed via the keyboard.

All commands can also be called from the pull down menu. Move the mouse pointer to the top edge of the screen and press the right mouse button to activate the menu.

If the PicShow windows is opened on the Workbench or on a public screen, you can grip the window on the lower right corner and pull it larger or smaller.

NOTE: these are the default keys. Read the section about key bindings to learn how to change them.

- o Quit PicShow

- double click into the window or
  - press the ESC key or
  - press Q
  - o Show the next picture
    - press the cursor down key or
    - press the cursor right key or
  - o Show the previous picture
    - press the cursor up key or
    - press the cursor left key or
    - press backspace (the <- key above return)
  - o Show a random picture
    - press space bar or
    - press return
  - o Show the previous picture in the cache (retrace)
    - press R
  - o Show the next picture in the cache (undo retrace)
    - press T
  - o Start/stop animation if there are multiple pictures in one file
    - press A
  - o Show some infos about the current picture
    - keep the mouse pointer inside the window and don't move it for some time (can be disabled by an option)
  - o If the picture is too large to fit into the screen
    - grab the picture with the left mouse button and move it around.
  - o Move the picture around by keyboard
    - press the cursor keys on the numeric keypad  
(8 = up, 2 = down, 4 = left, 6 = right)
  - o Choose a picture from the list
    - press the right mouse button and hold it down. The list can scroll up and down if there are more files than fit into one page. Just move the mouse pointer over the arrow(s).
  - o Read a new directory
    - Press F1
  - o Swap display from Workbench to PicShow's own screen and back
    - Press F10
  - o Invert the background color of PicShow's own screen (e.g. from black to white and vice versa)
    - Press F9
  - o Pause / continue slide show
    - Press P
  - o Save the picture as displayed on screen:
    - Press S
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- o Save a hardcopy of the screen:
  - Press D

Note: this command works different in window and screen mode:  
in window mode the part of the picture that is shown on the screen is saved. In screen mode a hardcopy of the entire screen is saved (the part of the picture that fits on screen plus frames).

- o Open/close the navigation panel
  - Press F5
- o Show a list of all key commands
  - Press Help

In the example file PicShow.keys the following additional keys are defined:

- o Copy the displayed picture into RAM:
  - Press C

The file name is "pic<number>\_<width>x<height>x<depth>.<type>".  
Example: pic0001\_640x480x8.ilbm  
This is only an example. Read the section about  
key bindings  
for a  
description on how to configure your own shell commands.

- o Open the picture list
    - press M
  - o Enable/disable the info bubble
    - press I
  - o Select a new public screen to open PicShow on
    - press F8
  - o Choose a new background color for PicShow's screen
    - press B
  - o Hide/Show the mouse pointer
    - press O
  - o Choose a new screen mode for PicShow's screen
    - press M
  - o Enable/Disable random order for slide show
    - press H
  - o Enable/Disable screen flash after directory read has finished
    - press F
  - o Zoom in
    - press +
    - press + on the numeric keypad
  - o Zoom out
    - press -
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- press - on the numeric keypad
- o Show normal size
  - press 0
- o Show next picture in multi-image file
  - press L
- o Show previous picture in multi-image file
  - press K
- o Mirror the picture on the X axis
  - press X
- o Mirror the picture on the Y axis
  - press Y
- o Rotate the picture 90\textdegree{} to the right ↔
  - press E
- o Rotate the picture 90\textdegree{} to the left ↔
  - press W
- o Open the color manipulation window
  - press V

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The name of the ARexx port is PICSHOW. It can be changed by the parameter (or tooltype) PORT. The following commands can be sent to the Arexx port:

FILE <path>                    Show the named picture and read the new directory.

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QUIT	Exit PicShow.
NEXT	Show next picture.
PREV	Show previous picture.
RANDOM	Show random picture
FORWARD	Show next picture in cache.
BACK	Show previous picture in cache (retrace).
MENU	Open the picture list.
SCREEN	Toggle screen / Workbench.
SCREEN <ON OFF>	Open or close the screen as desired.
PUBSCREEN <name>	Set the pubscreen name to a new value.
PUBSCREEN	Open pubscreen requester
REQ	Open the file requester.
FLASH <ON OFF>	Enable/Disable beep as desired.
DONTCHECK <ON OFF>	Disable/Enable file checking as desired.
CHECK <ON OFF>	Enable/Disable file checking as desired.
CHECK	Toggle check mode
DELAY <n>	Set the delay time to a new value. 0 = OFF.
DELAY	Open a requester to let the user choose a delay time
BACKGROUND <color>	Set the background color to a new value.
BACKGROUND	Open color requester
PATTERN <pattern>	Choose a new file name pattern. Must be set before FILE or REQ.
INVERTBG	Invert background color of PicShow screen.
DEPTH <depth>	Change current screen depth (if screen is open)
MODEID <id>	Change current screen mode id (if screen is open) Id is a decimal mode id inquired for example with GetModeID (included in the Visage archive on Aminet)
SCRMODE	Open screenmode requester
SCRMODE <w>x<h>x<d>	Set screen dimensions. PicShow uses BestModeID to find a matching screen mode.

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SETDEPTH <depth>	Set screen depth for next open
SETMODEID <id>	Set screen mode id for next open Id is a decimal mode id inquired for example with GetModeID (included in the Visage archive on Aminet)
SETSCRMODE <w>x<h>x<d>	Like SCRMODE but do not change immediately
CHANGE	Reopen screen and apply the above changes.
QUIET <ON OFF>	Dis-/Enables error requesters.
QUIET	Toggle quiet mode
CLOSEWB <ON OFF>	Set CLOSEWB flag as desired.
CLOSEWB	Close WB if it is open and vice versa
KEYS <filename>	Load a new key bindings file
KEY <key binding>	Rebind one key.
KEYS	Open file requester for key bindings file
INFO	Show the info bubble
INFO <ON OFF>	Enable or disable the automatic info bubble
NOINFO	Disable the automatic info bubble
SCALE <ON OFF DOWN FILL>	Enable or disable scaling. See parameter description for an explanation of DOWN and FILL.
INTERPOL <ON OFF>	Enable or disable interpolation.
CACHE <n>	Set cache size
CACHE	Let the user choose a new cache size
FLUSH	Free all pictures in the cache
BLEND <name>	Enable/disable blending. See parameter description for possible names.
BLEND	Open a requester to let the user choose a blend type
BLENDTIME <n>	Set blend time.
POINTER <ON OFF>	Enable/disable mouse pointer.
POINTER	Toggle pointer mode
STOP	Pause / continue slide show

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STOP ON	Pause slide show	
STOP OFF	Continue slide show	
SAVE	Save picture	
HARDCOPY	Save hardcopy	
SHUFFLE <ON OFF>	Enable/disable random order in slide show	
SHUFFLE	Toggle shuffle mode	
PREFS	Unused	
NAV	Open/close navigation window	
NAV <ON OFF>	Explicitly open/close navigation window	
NAVSKIN <filename>	Load new skin for navigation window	
NAVBUTTONS <buttons>	Arrange buttons in navigation window	
HELP	Show key bindings	
ZOOMIN	Zoom in	
ZOOMOUT	Zoom out	
ZOOMNORM	Show the picturew in normal size	
ZOOMFACTOR	Set zoom factor in % (100 is normal)	
ZOOM	Short for ZOOMFACTOR	
NEXTMULTI	Show next picture in multi-image file	
PREVMULTI	Show previous picture in multi-image file	
ABOUT	Show informations about PicShow	
ANIMATE	Start/Stop animation	
ROTATEL	Rotate picture left 90\textdegree{} ←	
ROTATER	Rotate picture right 90\textdegree{} ←	
FLIPX	Mirror picture horizontaly	
FLIPY	Mirror picture vertically	
COLORS	Open color manipulation window	
CLOSEGAD	Enables/Disables the close gadget. While the close gadget is active, a double click does not quit	

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	PicShow.	
DELETE	Delete the current picture. A requester asks the user if he really wants to delete the file.	
DELQUIET	Delete the current picture. The file will be deleted immediately, without a requester.	
SCROLLLEFT	Scroll the picture to the left (like if the user grabbed it with the mouse)	
SCROLLRIGHT	Scroll the picture to the right (like if the user grabbed it with the mouse)	
SCROLLUP	Scroll the picture up (like if the user grabbed it with the mouse)	
SCROLLDOWN	Scroll the picture down (like if the user grabbed it with the mouse)	
SCROLL <LEFT RIGHT UP DOWN>	Scroll the picture to the specified direction	
STICKYPOPUP	Change the popup menu setting from sticky to volatile and vice versa.	

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Key bindings are read from the files

S:PicShow.keys  
 env:PicShow.keys  
 PROGDIR:PicShow.keys  
 CURRENTDIR:PicShow.keys

the file specified by the KEYS function

if they exist. Each file can contain any number of keys, one per line.

Whenever I talk about a <key-binding> in this guide, the following format is meant:

<key>=<command>

Space characters before and after the "=" are ignored.

<key> can be any key description that also a commodity would accept as a hot key, except qualifiers like shift, alt and ctrl.

Examples:

a, b, c, 1, 2, 3,	Normal keys
numpad 1, numpad 2, enter	Keys on the numeric key pad
f1, f2, f10, help	Function keys
return, del, backspace	Special keys
up, down, left, right	Cursor keys

<command> is what the key should do. Valid commands are:

QUIT	Exit PicShow.
NEXT	Show next picture.
PREV	Show previous picture.
RANDOM	Show random picture.
FORWARD	Show next picture in cache.
BACK	Show previous picture in cache.
MENU	Open the picture list.
SCREEN	Toggle screen / Workbench.
REQ	Open the file requester.
INFO	Open the info bubble.
INVERTBG	Invert background color of PicShow screen.
STOP	Pause / continue slide show
SAVE	Save picture
HARDCOPY	Save hardcopy
SHELL <command line>	Execute the command line as a shell command.
NOP	Unbind this key.
NAV	Open / close the navigation panel
BG	Open color requester for background color.
SCRMODE	Open screen mode requester for PicShow's screen.
POINTER	Hide/Show mouse pointer.
SHUFFLE	Enable/Disable random order for slide show.
FLASH	Enable/Disable screen flash after directory read.
CHECK	Enable/Disable file type checking.
QUIET	Enable/Disable error messages.
CLOSEWB	Close/Open Workbench screen.
KEYS	Open file requestor for new key definition file.
PUBSCR	Choose new public screen.
SCALE	Cycle scale types (off / always / down / fill)
INTERPOL	Enable/Disable interpolation
PREFS	Unused
BLEND	Choose blend type
BLENDTIME	Choose blend time
DELAY	Choose delay time

HELP	Show help window with key bindings	
ZOOMIN	Zoom in	
ZOOMOUT	Zoom out	
ZOOMNORM	Show the picture in normal size	
NEXTMULTI	Next picture in multi-image file	
PREVMULTI	Previous picture in multi-image file	
ANIMATE	Start/stop animation	
FLUSH	Free all pictures in the cache	
CACHE	Set new cache size	
ABOUT	Show informations about PicShow	
ROTATER	Rotate picture right 90\textdegree{} ←	
ROTATEL	Rotate picture left 90\textdegree{} ←	
FLIPX	Mirror picture horizontally	
FLIPY	Mirror picture vertically	
COLORS	Change colors	
CLOSEGAD	Enable close gadget and disable double click	
DELETE	Delete the current picture, with safety requester	
DELQUIET	Delete the current picture immediately	
SAVEPREFS	Save default settings	
SCROLLLEFT	Scroll picture to the left	
SCROLLRIGHT	Scroll picture to the right	
SCROLLUP	Scroll picture up	
SCROLLDOWN	Scroll picture down	
STICKYPOPUP	Make popup menu sticky or volatile	

In the command line of the SHELL command the following placeholders can be used to include information about the current picture:

%p	Path	
%f	File name	
%n	Number (starting with 1 at the top of the list)	
%w	Width	
%h	Height	
%d	Depth	
%t	Type	
%q	ARexx port name	
%r	public screen name	

The placeholders can contain any modifiers that a C format string accepts (for example %04n for a 4 digit number to the left padded with 0's),

Please look into the file PicShow.keys for examples.

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The navigation panel allows the user to navigate PicShow with the mouse. All functions available as key strokes are also available on the navigation panel. The panel is fully configurable.

The navigation panel is activated by the NAV parameter or tooltype or by pressing the F5 key.

Possible functions

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The following PicShow functions can be integrated in the navigation panel. Descriptions on arrangement and skins follow. You can use either the number, the short or the long form to specify a function.

No.	Short	Command	Description
1	MO	MOVE	Move the navigation panel
2	NO	NOP	Empty key with no function
3	QU	QUIT	Exit picshow
4	CL	CLOSE	Close the navigation panel
5	RE	REQ	Open file requester
6	PF	PREFS	Edit preferences
7	ME	MENU	Open picture list
8	SC	SCREEN	Switch screen
9	IV	INVERTBG	Change background color
10	SA	SAVE	Save scaled picture
11	HA	HARDCOPY	Save hardcopy
12	PV	PREV	Show previous picture
13	NE	NEXT	Show next picture
14	BA	BACK	Browse cache backward
15	FO	FORWARD	Browse cache forward
16	RA	RANDOM	Show random picture
17	ST	STOP	Start/stop slide show
18	IF	INFO	Open/disable info bubble
19	BG	BACKGROUND	Set background color of custom screen
20	PT	POINTER	Blank/show mouse pointer
21	MD	SCRMODE	Change mode id for custom screen
22	SH	SHUFFLE	Enable/disable random order in slide show
23	FL	FLASH	Switch on/off flashing after dir read
24	CH	CHECK	Switch on/off file type check
25	QE	QUIET	Switch on/off error messages
26	WB	CLOSEWB	Open/close Workbench screen

27	KE	KEYS	Read key bindings from file
28	PU	PUBSCR	Choose name of public screen
29	SL	SCALE	Set scale type / enable scaling
30	IN	INTERPOL	Enable/disable interpolation
31	BL	BLEND	Choose blend type
32	HE	HELP	Show help window
33	ZI	ZOOMIN	Zoom in
34	ZO	ZOOMOUT	Zoom out
35	ZN	ZOOMNORM	Show the picture in normal size
36	BT	BLENDTIME	Choose blend time
37	DE	DELAY	Choose delay time
38	NM	NEXTMULTI	Next picture in multi-image file
39	PM	PREVMULTI	Previous picture in multi-image file
40	FU	FLUSH	Free all pictures in the cache
41	CA	CACHE	Set new cache size
42	AB	ABOUT	Show informations about PicShow
43	AN	ANIMATE	Start/stop animation
44	RL	ROTATEL	Rotate picture left 90\textdegree{} ← 
45	RR	ROTATER	Rotate picture right 90\textdegree{} ← 
46	FX	FLIPX	Mirror picture horizontaly
47	FY	FLIPY	Mirror picture vertically
48	CO	COLORS	Change colors
49	DL	DELETE	Delete the current picture with safety question
50	DQ	DELQUIET	Delete the current picture immediately
51	LU	SCROLLUP	Scroll the picture up
52	LD	SCROLLDOWN	Scroll the picture down
53	LL	SCROLLLEFT	Scroll the picture left
54	LR	SCROLLRIGHT	Scroll the picture right
55	SP	SAVEPREFS	Save the current settings as default
56	SM	STICKYPOPOP	Make the popup menu sticky / volatile
57	CL	CLOSEGAD	Enable close gadget and disable double click
80	U1	USER1	User definable command
81	U2	USER2	User definable command
82	U3	USER3	User definable command
83	U4	USER4	User definable command
84	U5	USER5	User definable command
85	U6	USER6	User definable command
86	U7	USER7	User definable command
87	U8	USER8	User definable command
88	U9	USER9	User definable command
89	U0	USER10	User definable command

The Prefs and User commands do not yet have a function.

#### How to arrange the buttons

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The button arrangement of the navigation panel can be changed by the NAVBUTTONS parameter or tootype. After the keyword follows a list of functions in the order of appearance. Functions are separated by comma. Space characters are not allowed.

The order is from left to right, alternating the top and bottom button.

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The MOVE operator must not be used in the arrangement ! It is added automatically on the left and right of the panel.

The default arrangement is CL,QU,BA,PV,FO,NE,ST,RA,RE,PF,ME,IF,SC,IV,SA,HA.

How to create new skins

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The default skin is PicShowNav.iff in the same directory as PicShow. You can specify a different file name or location using the NAVSKIN parameter or tooltype.

A skin consists of one picture file containing all buttons and their pressed pendants. The picture starts on the left with the drag bar symbol and its pressed image. Then the buttons follow, the original on the top and the pressed image below.

In the default skin the width of the drag bar is 5 pixels and each button is 25 x 25 dots. Each element has a one pixel frame around it. Note that the frame is used by both adjacent buttons.

If you want to vary the button size, you must keep the proportions. Use the supplied program

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PicShowTem
to create a template.
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If you want to change the order of buttons in the skin or if you want to omit some unused buttons, you must create an Icon for the picture file containing the tooltype BUTTONS. The BUTTONS argument works just like the

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NAVBUTTONS
parameter of PicShow with the only exception that this time the
string must start with the MOVE command.
```

The default skin order is: MO,NO,QU,CL,RE,PF,ME,SC,IV,SA,HA,PV,NE,BA,FO,RA,RA,ST,ST,IF,IF,U1,U2,U3,U4,U5,U6,U7,U8,U9,U0,NO

If not all buttons fit into one tooltype line, add another BUTTONS tooltype. All BUTTONS tooltypes will be concatenated.

There are four buttons that change their function when pressed: STOP (start/pause slide show), INFO (show/disable info bubble), RANDOM (enable/disable random order) and SCREEN (open/close custom screen). In the skin picture the alternate function must follow immediately after the original. In the BUTTONS line the alternate button must get the same function as the original one.

Note that the RANDOM button does not yet toggle.

Attention: the toggling function of the SCREEN button was added later. For compatibility reasons the second screen image does not appear in the default skin order that is built into PicShow. In order to use the toggling screen button you must supply an icon with the BUTTONS= tooltype for the skin picture.

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The PicShowTem program  
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The program can be started from Workbench or from the Shell. If called without parameters it opens a GUI window. It needs the width and height of one button and the number of buttons. It then saves a template picture to the given file name. Currently it does not create an icon for the file.

The JoinPictures program  
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Some programs (e.g. PPaint) have problems working with pictures that are wider than 1008 pixels. So I have written this programs that joins several pictures to one expanded one.

It can only be called from the Shell. Syntax is:

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JoinPictures <part1> <part2> ... as <big_picture> [nocompress]
```

All pictures must be in IFF ILBM format.

Parameters:  
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FILE/M/A            Enter the file names of the several parts here.

TO=AS/A            Enter the name of the destination picture here.

NOC=NOCOMPRESS/S    Save the destination bitmap uncompressed.

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## Future Ideas / ToDo

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- configuration editor
- use multitasking instead of multithreading to speed up responsiveness.
- preload pictures for more speed (needs multitasking)
- function to print pictures
- show thumbnails (and print catalog)
- editor for the navigation panel
- download picture file if the specified path is an URL
- loose collection of tips and hints how to do this and that with PicShow

## Known bugs:

- Scaling does only work well on >8bit screens. On <=8bit screens, pictures are first dithered and than scaled; looks ugly.
  - The palette of the displayed picture is corrupted when loading next picture and cache size is 1.
  - blendtime is exceeded on slow machines.
  - color settings are reverted when picture is rescaled or rotated or mirrored.
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