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RecoverRDB

Version 1.0

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User's Manual

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1.2 Copyrights and distribution

 This program is subordinated to Standard~Amiga~FD-Software~Copyright~Note.

This program is MailWare, which is specified in item ~4b~.

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1.3 Introduction

This program lets you find positions of partitions on the ↩
hard disk. I've
wrote this program after a certain badly written program have deleted a few
blocks on my HD with all data describing where partitions were situated. So this
program may be your last hope to recover all your's precious data. This program
is not universal and won't be working with all kinds of partitions (eg. PFS or
similiar).

What is RDB ?

1.4 Instructions

Here is what this program needs from you to start working:

DEVICENAME – name of device that handles your HD (eg. scsi.device)
UNIT – unit number of your HD (usually it is 0, but it's not a rule)
STARTCYL=SC – a start cylinder – from this cylinder program will start
exploring HD, this option is not necessary
ENDCYL=EC – an end cylinder – option not necessary, if you don't pass this
option then program will scan entire HD
PROGRESS – well, progress indicator, not much to say about it...

When the program will find a partition then it will print out both start and end
cylinder of the partition. When entire HD will be explored, informations which
were printed out you must enter to HDToolBox's string gadgets (in partitioning
window after enabling Advanced Options) End Cyl and Start Cyl. When you have
entered all data then you must save this to disk (use "Save Changes to Drive"
button in main window). You should not be worried about requesters with
information that all your data will be deleted, it won't happen, believe me ;)

After this computer will reboot and then should normally boot up.

This program will not work correctly neither when you have non DOS partitions
(eg. Professional File System or similiar) nor when there are gaps between
partitions.

1.5 System requirements

This program requires Kickstart 2.04 and HD.

THIS PROGRAM WILL NOT WRITE ON HD SO DON'T WORRY !!!

Program was compiled with SAS C 6.56 compiler and tested on
Amiga 1200/030MMU/40MHz/10MB/833MB HD

1.6 Future

    I know that this program is not what you may expect from an Amiga
system, it haven't a window and gadgets but in my opinion it is quite
useful. If I'll get enough requests then I'll improve this program to be more
user friendly.

1.7 History of the program

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 version 1.0      27.06.1997      o First public version.
 version 1.1      27.07.1997      o Improved precision of scanning,
                                    now chances that partitions
                                    that were found are not
                                    real partitions are much smaller
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1.8 BlaBla? What's that?

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1.9   Other informations

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1.10   Rigid Disk Block

        Rigid Disk Block is a most, most, MOST :) important place on the
Hard Drive, which tells your Amiga, where, how big etc. are your partitions.
Also, it contains some information about your HD (cylinders, physical size
etc.). You should always have a copy (archive) of RDB on your any disk
(floppy...). If some program destroys RDB, you can't access to your data
Only the RDB backup or RecoverRDB lets you to restore everything.