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# Chapter 1

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### 1.1 DosK

DosK V1.0 Release 1.0

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Amiga Dos Enhanser

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### 1.2 Distribution

This enhanced version of Amiga Dos is giftware. It can be distributed freely if the following conditions are met:

1. It is kept fully intact

2. It is not altered in any way
3. No remuneration of any kind is received for it without my written consent except by Fred Fish's nominal fee for his disks or CDs

## 1.3 System Requirements

What is Needed to Run DosK

1. You must be using Workbench 3.0 or above
2. You need a Bootable Hard Drive.

## 1.4 usage

HOW TO USE DosK

Nothing could be simpler. Type the usual Amiga Dos command but add a 'K' at the end and you will be in DosK. The exception to this is a DosK Command that has no Amiga Dos equivalent.

E.G. To use the directory command type DirK

An example of a unique DosK Command is VidK, it has no Amiga Dos equivalent

DosK HELP is also very easy to access, there are 2 ways to get to it:

1. Type the DosK Command and add a '?' at the end

E.G. DirK?

2. Type HelpK and a file requester appears with a listing of all command help and pick the one you want.

E.G. HelpK

Simple enough ?

REMEMBER NOT ALL AMIGA DOS COMMANDS HAVE BEEN ENHANCED BUT ALMOST ALL OF THE MOST COMMONLY USED ONES HAVE BEEN.

## 1.5 PD PROGRAMS

UNIQUE DosK COMMANDS

I have and will be creating dos commands using the best of the Public Domain Sys:C type programs and enhancing them to Create a DosK Command. An example of this is VidK which uses the PAL and NTSC PD Programs that change your screen mode. The DosK Command VidK changes your screen mode between PAL

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and NTSC by the press of a button. When you use the installer you will be given the option of installing the PD programs to your WorkBench C directory where they MUST be in order for the DosK Command to operate.

## 1.6 HD SPACE NEEDED

HARD DRIVE SPACE REQUIRED TO RUN DosK V1.0 Rel 1.0

The DosK Commands use approximately 48,000 bytes of space

The Dosk Help files take up approximately 230,000 bytes of space

Trade Off to save storage space:

You can save approximately 156,000 bytes by NOT installing the Dosk Help ICONS.

ADVANTAGE - THE SPACE YOU SAVE

DISADVANTAGE - YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCESS THE INDIVIDUAL HELP FOR DosK THROUGH THE WORKBENCH BY OPENING THE DRAWER CALLED KHELP AND CLICKING ON THE ICON, BUT EVERYTHING ELSE WILL STILL WORK THE SAME WHEN USING DOS.

## 1.7 Copyright Information

## 1.8 heck

Q What the heck is DosK Anyway ?

A DosK is an enhancement to the Amiga Dos system. It does not replace Amiga Dos but rather improves it. While Amiga Dos has improved over the years it still uses the same interface. This interface is the typed line that scrolls past the screen and requires a great knowledge of the options available with each Amiga Dos Command. DosK allows you to use Amiga Dos commands without typing, in most cases, and very little in others. DosK will never scroll past the screen since it supplies a scroll bar which will allow you to scroll back up and see what slid past you. Now you can also print any text screen without having to use a dump program and it is done by using one of the menus that are now at the top of your screen along with bookmarks and many other goodies.

More good news:

DosK has its own commands that will increase the usefulness of Amiga Dos.

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## 1.9 How to install

### HOW TO INSTALL DosK

1. OPEN THE TAB ON THE DISK CONTAINING DosK
2. INSERT THE DISK IN DRIVE DF0:
3. CLICK ON THE INSTALL ICON
4. AFTER INSTALLATION COMPLETE RESET THE COMPUTER BEFORE USE

Please Note - a copy of your original User-Startup file will be saved in the drawer ORIGINAL\_US. This wasn't necessary but I thought you might like to save it.

## 1.10 DosK Commands Volumn 1.0 Release 1.0

KCOMM	AMIGA DOS	DESCRIPTION
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AvailK	- AVAIL	shows avail memory
AddbuffersK	- ADDBUFFERS	add and subtract device buffers
BlankerK	- BLANKER	screen blanker
BreakK	- BREAK	halts running Dos Commands
CdK	- CD	redirection
CmdK	- CMD	intercepts parallel port and sends data to file
ConclipK	- CONCLIP	reads clipboard and can close it
CopyK	- COPY	copies files and directories
DirK	- DIR LIST	shows directories and listings
DeleteK	- DELETE	deletes files and directories
DiskCopyK	- DISKCOPY	copies a disk
FilenoteK	- FILENOTE	comments files and directories
FormatK	- FORMAT	formats a disk
HelpK	- No Amiga Dos Equivlent.	Brings up Dosk Help Commands
InfoK	- INFO	shows much information
InstallK	- INSTALL	installs and checks bootblocks
JoinK	- JOIN	joins files together as one
LockK	- LOCK	lock devices to avoid writing, reading etc.
MakedirK	- MAKEDIR	creates directories
PrtK	- PRINT	prints to printer or files
ProtectK	- PROTECT	protects and unprotects individual files
ReadK	- NO EQUILAVENT	brings up Multiview, AmigaGuide and More
RenameK	- RENAME	renames files and directories
ResidentK	- RESIDENT	shows and manipulates Resident Commands
RunK	- RUN	runs programs etc.
SearchK	- SEARCH	search for strings or files
SortK	- SORT	sorts to a new file
TypeK	- TYPE	types file to new file in Hex or Ascii Char.
VerK	- VERSION	reads version of libraries etc.
VidK	- NTSC & PAL	toggles screen mode between Ntsc and Pal (REQUIRES THE PUBLIC DOMAIN PROGRAMS PAL & NTSC)

## 1.11 Things to know

Things you should know:

MANY OF THE 'K COMMANDS' USE ENVIROMENTAL VARIABLES. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU NEVER REQUEST A GADGET TO CARRY OUT A FUNCTION AFTER YOU HAVE PRESSED CANCEL ON A FILE REQUESTER BECAUSE THE LAST FUNCTION OR FILE IDENTIFIED WILL STILL BE REPRESENTED BY THE VARIABLE, HENCE YOU MAY, FOR EXAMPLE, CREATE A FILE WHERE YOU DIDN'T WANT ONE ETC.

WHEN USING A FILE REQUESTOR(S) MAKE SURE THE DESIRED INFORMATION APPEARS ON THE LINES OF THE REQUESTOR(S) BEFORE SAVING. IF THERE IS SOMETHING TO BE TYPED IN MAKE SURE YOU DO IT.

ONE DosK Command uses Sound. To fully ulitize this command you should set the Workbench Prefs/Sound to Flash and Bell or Sampled Sound.

Future commands will, no doubt, use more sound so I suggest you set the sound as specified above.

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PLEASE NOTE - I am only explaining the few commands that are a little unusual since all commands have their own help.

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AliasK:

BreakK:

BreakK ONLY WORKS ON DOS COMMANDS AND ITS OPERATION IS THE SAME AS THE BREAK COMMAND. IT DOESN'T WORK IN ALL INSTANCES SINCE THE BREAK COMMAND DOESN'T.

CmdK:

THE OPTIONS ON CmdK DO NOT SEEM TO DO MUCH. I HAVEN'T TRIED THEM ON ANY BIG TEXT FILES, MAYBE THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE ?

ConclipK:

Conclip can be turned off by click the button but this doesn't clear the clipboard of any clips.

InstallK:

THIS COMMAND ONLY USES THE FAST FILE SYSTEM SINCE IT HAS BEEN A STANDARD SINCE WORKBENCH V1.3. IF YOU WANT TO INSTALL OLDER DISKS FROM PRE WORKBENCH V1.3 USE THE REGULAR DOS COMMAND INSTALL.

SearchK:

I PUT A LOT OF INTERMEDIATE REQUESTORS IN THIS ONE TO LET YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND AT DIFFERENT STAGES IN THE CHOICE MODES, IF TOO MANY PLEASE DROP ME A LINE AND I WILL REMOVE SOME.

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## 1.12 WHERE AM I

You can leave me a message on any of the following:

PORTAL - Kenneth McCormick

AMUG BBS - Kenneth McCormick

SAFE HARBOR BBS - Kenneth J. McCormick

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