

# **DosWedge**

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# Chapter 1

## DosWedge

### 1.1 DosWedge (07.02.95)

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## 1.2 disclaimer

DosWedge/Disclaimer

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I hereby reject any liability or responsibility for these or any other consequences from the use of DosWedge whatsoever. This includes, but is not limited to, damage to your equipment, to your data, personal injuries, financial loss or any other kinds of side effects.

Although DosWedge has been tested thoroughly on several different machines, I cannot rule out the possibility that DosWedge:

- o is somehow incompatible to your equipment
- o has bugs that show up on your equipment
- o does not do what it is supposed to do on your equipment

It is your responsibility to take any precautions necessary to protect yourself from these or any other effects. I explicitly reject any liability or responsibility from the consequences of you using DosWedge.

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## 1.3 Distribution information...

DosWedge/Distribution

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DosWedge is FREeware. The program may be freely distributed and copied, as long as the following conditions are fulfilled:

- o The sales price must not be higher than the cost of an (empty) disk plus a nominal copying fee plus costs for shipping. The total price must not be higher than 5 US\$.
- o All parts of the program and the documentation must be complete. The distribution of single parts or incomplete subsets of the original distribution is NOT ALLOWED.
- o DosWedge or parts of it may not be sold in combination with or as part of commercial software.
- o Program and documentation may not be changed in any way.
- o Permission has been given for distribution through Aminet and Fred Fish.

Please contact the

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Author  
for further information.

## 1.4 Contacting the author...

DosWedge/Author  
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World Wide Web:         <http://iconz.co.nz/~msd/swaz.html>

## 1.5 Whats needed to run DosWedge

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The following are required for DosWedge to run:

- o Kickstart V37 or higher
- o                         matrix.library  
                          version 23.2103 or higher
- o                         MultiuserFileSystem  
                          version 1.5 or higher

## 1.6 MultiUserFileSystem

DosWedge/MultiUserFileSystem  
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You've got an Amiga with Kickstart 2.04 or higher and several people are regularly fooling around with it ... Last week your sister

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deleted your 20MB JPEG collection by mistake and you don't want this to happen again ...

Well, here's the answer: MultiUser!

MultiUser allows you to create a \*IX-like environment where several users live together in harmony, unable to delete each others files, unable to read those private love-letters of other users ... And this even if several users are working on the machine at the same time (on a terminal hooked up to the serial port) ...

You are the sole user of your computer? Well, make sure it stays that way by installing MultiUser! People without a valid login ID and password won't be able to access files you have made private with MultiUser. If you make all files private (not readable for others), the only useful thing they could do, is boot from a floppy ...

And ... you do not have to reformat your hard drive!

## 1.7 Matrix Library

DosWedge/matrix.library

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- o Yet another library to put in your LIBS: drawer.
- o Matrix.library provides general purpose routines which are commonly used through out my programs. Some of the key features are the GUI, preferences, and IFF routines.
- o The name "matrix" came from "The Matrix" - The computer system used by the TimeLords (Re: Dr Who).
- o Please contact me if you'd like programming documentation.

## 1.8 introduction

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## 1.9 installation

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Double click on the "install" icon.

DosWedge will be installed in the SYS:WBStartup or SYS:Startup drawer.

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## 1.10 How to use DosWedge

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When DosWedge is enabled several functions in dos.library are patched to give AmigaDOS a more Unix like structure. Filenames and paths will have the following changes applied to them:

- .       The current directory.  
Eg. "./filename" -> "filename"  
      "dir./filename" -> "dir/filename"
- ..       The parent directory.  
Eg. "../filename" -> "/filename"  
      "dir../filename" -> "filename"
- ~       Home directory. This is will be expanded in one of three ways in the following order:
  - o If the environment variable HOME is set then this will be used.
  - o If the assign HOME: is valid this will be used.
  - o Failing the above two methods and provided that  
       MultiuserFileSystem  
       is installed it will be expanded out  
       to the users home directory.
- ~name   This is the home directory of the specified user. You require  
       MultiuserFileSystem  
       to use this feature.
- /dev     This can be evaluated to dev: if you set SLASHDEV to YES in the  
       ToolTypes  
       .
- \$name    This is expanded to the environment variable name.

DosWedge has a few configuration options through  
 ToolTypes  
 so you  
 may wish to configure these to your needs.

Also with pattern matching filenames \* is mapped to #? so you can do things like "copy \* ram:filename". This will not copy files under normal AmigaDOS - it copies from StdIo. But running DosWedge it will copy all the files into the specified direcorey.

Eg: "copy \* ram:dirname".

## 1.11 Tool Types

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DosWedge accepts the following tool types:

### CX\_POPKEY

The hotkey to open the DosWedge interface. Currently there is no interface so this has no effect.  
Default = None.

### CX\_POPUP

Display the DosWedge interface when it is run? Currently there is no interface so this has no effect.  
Default = No.

### CX\_PRI

Priority in the commodities queue.  
Default = 0.

### WILDSTAR

Enable \* wildcard pattern matching?  
Default = Yes.

### SLASHDEV

Evaluate "/dev" as "dev:".  
Eg. "/dev/filename" -> "dev:filename".  
Default = No.

## 1.12 List of contributors

DosWedge/Contributors  
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Daryl Jay  
Mike Latinovich

## 1.13 history

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`2.2' o Aminet release

`2.1' o Bug fixed which would evaluate "~/ " to "~/..".  
o Fixed problem with null termination of "/dev/".  
o Previous versions incorrectly reported requirement of V37 even under V37.

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- '2.0' o Rewritten in C
  - o Added environment variable parseing
  - o Better home directory dropback if \$HOME or HOME: not valid will try MultiUser.
  - o Aminet release.
- '1.1' o Added patches for MatchNext().
- '1.0' o Initial aminet release.

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