Floppy

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                evaluation version


    Floppy.device is a replacement for trackdisk.device.



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1.2 copyright

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non-business home use, and per machine for companies.

1.3 requirements

Requirements:
Kickstart 3.0, M68020

Tested at these systems:
A1200

1.4 features

                        Features

Trackdisk compatible.
Faster than trackdisk (%27 for dd, %16 for hd).
Format capacity is 1148KB/2MB.
Root dir is at beginning of disk.

1.5 installation

                       Installation

Execute the install script from WorkBench.
If you not selected MultiFileSystem option, double click
the FS0 icon in the Sys:Storage/DosDrivers to mount
the drive or enter the command:

Mount FS0:

                    MultiFileSystem Users

After reboot, you can enter the following commands
to format a disk from floppy.device:

(if disk is already formatted from floppy.device)
Format drive DF0: name x <quick> <noicons>

(safe method to any disk formatting from floppy.device)
Format drive DF0: name x <quick> <noicons> fs=DOS\5

From cli, you should not use

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OFS/FFS/INTL/NOINTL/DIRCACHE/NODIRCACHE
options because MFS will convert the filesystem to DOS\0.

From WorkBench, you must select filesystem DOS\5 and
FFS/DIRCACHE options.
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1.6   hints and tips

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                    Hints And Tips

- Old track formats are not supported.

- 'Avail flush' command removes the device from memory
  if it is closed.

- Do not use hd disks in dd drive.
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1.7   registration

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                      Registration

The price of registered version is US$20. Send the payment
via your bank, then email the following lines:

    Name:
    Address:
    Email address:
    Amiga system (type, boards, etc.):

The bank check must be made payable to:
Name:    Orhan Dagistanli
Address: Alpaslan sk. 2/4 Balcova Izmir TURKIYE

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Internet: prohst03@vm.ege.edu.tr (OR)
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1.8   programing info

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                    Programing Info

- AbortIO() function returns IOERR_NOCMD.
- ETD_XXX, TD_RAWREAD, TD_RAWWRITE commands are not supported.
- DiskChange interrupt works for all devices.
- A private FastFileSystem structure will be patched for
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   removable flag and root dir sector (sector 2).
– A private trackdisk structure will be patched to using
  cylinder 80/81.
– TD_REMOVE command is supported but should not be used.
– You must call TD_GETGEOMETRY whenever disk inserted.
– Do not forget to update before TD_MOTOR-off command.
– TD_FORMAT command additionally updates & clears buffers.
  You must use CMD_READ after them for verifying.
– CMD_UPDATE and CMD_WRITE commands verify the written track.
– Sector checksum & track number will be checked in read op.
– No drive clicks.
– Retry count is one (for read/write/update operations).
– There are two track buffer (lower and upper sides of
  current cylinder).
– Normally track buffers are not affected by disk changes.
  But if density is changed (dd to hd or hd to dd) buffers
  will be cleared.
– FastFileSystem will call CMD_UPDATE and CMD_CLEAR commands
  whenever disk inserted or removed (if it is mounted).
  When removed and buffers were not updated disk-light will
  blink and buffers will be cleared.