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Chapter 1

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1.1 No title

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1.2 BerzBerch?

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BERZBENCH (Some Wonderful Patterns and Icons for Workbench ↔
  AGA)
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I often desired colorful patterns for my Wb, but I never found anything I liked. I have often seen fine icon collections, but never some patterns that I could really like.

Well... I drew inspiration to the 'Art Déco' Style and BerzBench 1.0 was the result. I was very proud of it. BerzBench had given to my Workbench a very cool old-style look. But, after some weeks, I noted that the drawer and disk icons installed on my WB (I had a mix of some icon collections) were very dicordant with the patterns of BerzBench.

So I decided the create some new icons that could harmonize with the BerzBench patterns. The result was very good, but... I had a lot of troubles for saving the 16 colors palette in my 3.0 prefs. I found some fine programs that could save the whole 16+16 colors palette, but... every time I changed the screen depth or the screen resolution the result was ugly.

(If you know about a program that can harmlessly save your 32 colors palette in the WB 3.0 prefs and keep it for EVERY resolution, please tell

me
!!!).

So I had decided to not diffuse the new BerzBench. But one day I downloaded

NewIcons

by Nicola Salmoria. I was greatly impressed by this new ←
revolutionary

system , so I changed the old icons of BerzBench in NewIcons. Now the drawer-icons of BerzBench (and the patterns) look good with every screen resolution with at least 64 colors (if you have the patches of NewIcons installed, of course!)

All the Patterns of BerzBench have been heavily influenced by the marbles and the decorations in the Thermae Lorenzo BERZieri (Salsomaggiore Terme --- Parma --- Italy. If you rode in that part of Italy, please give a look at it!)... so the name BerzBench.

1.3 why should I

Why should I install BerzBench?

Well, I think the BerzBench patterns are the best patterns for Workbench I have ever seen.

The basic idea is to give a fancy look to the external aspect of WB (patterns and disk-drawer icons), while inside it you are free to use the icon collection you prefer (like MWB or NewIcons).

This has a cost: the Workbench with 64 colors (and a pair of BerzBench patterns installed) becomes a bit slower than usual.

You have to choose: maybe you prefer an unusual- fanciful- exotic look for your WB, maybe you prefer a low-colors high-speed WB without any gadget, without any (sigh!) BerzBench.

But first give a look at the two examples in this archive...

1.4 Requirements

You need:

For the patterns:

--- Workbench with at least 64 colors (up to 16 millions... I tested BerzBench with a 24 bit screen Cybergfx and everything worked fine)

For the drawer-(disk)-icons:

--- NewIcons currently installed (you can find it on Aminet: pub/amiga/util/wb/newicons.lha)

--- A program for installing icons in NewIcons format, like Iconinstaller by Tom Ekstrom. (Aminet: pub/amiga/util/wb/iconinstaller.lha)

1.5 Install and use

INSTALLATION (for the patterns) Simply drag the drawer ↔
BerzBench in any
directory of your HD, maybe Workbench: Prefs/Presets.

USAGE (for the patterns)

1 --- Set the number of colors of your Workbench Screen to 64 (or more).

2--- Run the program WBPpattern (you should find it in your Workbench partition, in the Prefs drawer. Click on Type:'Pattern' so to change it in 'Picture' then on 'Select Picture'. Find the BerzBench drawer and choose any image. Then press 'Test' ... and you can admire the result. Now you should click on Placement 'Workbench': the name 'Windows' (ehmmm... ugly name...) should appear. Do the same... so you can have a new image for the windows, too.

All the possible pattern combinations between Workbench and Windows are more than 350, but the really cool ones should be around twenty, in my opinion... They should be enough for you, anyway.

INSTALLATION and USAGE (for the disk-drawer icons)

Start the program

Iconinstaller

. Replace the icon drawers of your Workbench with the icons of BerzBench. This should require only a few minutes.

Let you experiment a bit: try the best colors/readability combination between

the patterns and the icons.

Remember the basic idea of BerzBench: to replace the external look of the Workbench (patterns and disk-drawer icons) with a fancy 1910s- 1920s fashion, while inside you can maintain any icon collection.

ATTENTION: I assume that you have the
NewIcons
patch installed and currently
running. Without it you will never be able to see BerzBench icons!!!

1.6 What's new

What has changed since BerzBench 1.0:

- Added 3 icons in Art Deco style for Disks and drawers (NewIcons standard)
- Added a new-small pattern to every family of patterns
- Removed the biggest (and generally ugly) pattern from every family of patterns
- Removed 1 family of patterns
- Remapped all patterns to 8 colors
- Added this doc Amigaguide
- Changed to MailWare

1.7 NewIcons

NewIcons is a new system patch that makes icons look good on any Workbench, without taking care about the palette.

The icons created with this new system contain color information, so they are remapped to the current Workbench screen colors, and will look good on a screen with any palette (if there is a reasonable number of colors, and if the patch is in use).

You can find NewIcons on Aminet.

The NewIcons standard is developed by Nicola Salmoria.

Price: Freeware

1.8 Iconinstaller

Iconinstaller is a tool developer by Tom Ekstrom to aid in icon management. Both standard icons and NewIcons are supported. It is very easy to use with simple dragging and dropping, or alternatively using standard ASL file

requesters. Whole drawers of icons can be installed with a single command (that is very good for installing the drawer-icons of BerzBench on whole directories of your old Workbench...)

You can find Iconinstaller on Aminet: pub/amiga/util/wb/IconInstaller.lha

Price: Freeware.

1.9 Cost

BerzBench is MAILWARE. So, if you currently use it you should send me for payment ONLY an e-mail (or snail mail) message (or letter, or postcard, or donation...)

(ehmmm... if you sent me via UUencode a registered copy of some Shareware you have written yourself I would appreciate it a lot...)

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