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Chapter 1

WhatIs

1.1 WhatIs: Contents

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1.2 WhatIs history

History:

V1.04: Optimized again a bit, a less fatal resident bug fixed (the ReturnCode was still local). WhatIs is now only 504 Bytes "long".

V1.03: You may quote filenames now.

WhatIs now shows all packed files highlighted instead of only highlighting decrunch.library supported file types.

WB startup code fixed.

WhatIs stays 512 bytes in size (it gets difficult to keep this.. :^)

V1.02 is 4 bytes smaller now (512 bytes only). This brings you the big advantage of having an additional extralarge amount of 512 bytes free harddisk space :^) ---

V1.01 shows crunched files highlighted.

1.3 Using WhatIs

Sorry for the name, there are several tools already existing with the same name, but WhatIs just matches best. :^)

WhatIs is a little tool for identifying files using the FileID.library.

For further information please read the library documentations.

Usage:

WhatIs is a very small tool, made for CLI usage. It's text outputs are shrunk to one single line, so you may prefer to assign it to a DirOpus gadget. Therefore, WhatIs can be made resident for higher script execution speeds. Just add the following command to your user-startup (if you like!):

```
Resident WhatIs PURE ADD
```

Then, you may call WhatIs like this:

```
WhatIs <filename>
```

Example:

```
WhatIs DH0:Sound/Modules/unknown
```

If the file is packed, the description string is highlighted.

Please note that checking several files from a CLI script (DirOpus) is not done very fast, even when FileID.library identifies files extremely quick.

Lots of important system functions slow down the execution of such scripts, like allocating/freeing several memory locations etc.

1.4 WhatIs: requirements

WhatIs requires FileID.library stored in the libs: drawer. No further system requirements, also no further requirements using FileID.library. Both run on every Amiga. If you want to use the libraries locale function, you just have to install Workbench 2.1+ and the right FileID locale catalog.

Note: if you discover that WhatIs's PURE bit isn't set (e.g. if you extracted the archive without using LHA's "-a" option) you may set the PURE bit yourself without any risks. In CLI, just type:

```
Protect WhatIs P ADD
```

or use your favourite DOS manager to do the job.

1.5 dummy