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1.2 MyMan | Overview

MyMan is an easy to configure and easy to use tool for finding documentation for your programs. It is so configurable, that you can even use it for showing pictures, starting your editor for '*.c' files, running AmigaGuide/MultiView for your '*.guide' files etc. The shower/reader is selected, by matching either the extension or some "magic"-bytes within the document, with the help of WhatIs.library, ©S.R. & P.C. It searches for the documents in the path, that you deside (no assigns to a specified directory etc.). It also matches documentnames with wildcards, and it lets you pick the extensions that you want to use.

1.3 MyMan | Distribution

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This program is MailWare. If you like it, you must mail the author telling him so. Please use either email addresses, or optionally write a postcard. See

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1.4 MyMan | Requirements

This program requires OS2.04 or higher. It also needs for the WhatIs.library to be resident in the libs: drawer. WhatIs.library is included in this package in it's (hopefully) original form (archived with lha). It also needs a directory in the env: directory called 'Manual', which is used for configuration files (The configuration should then later be copied to the 'ENVARC:Manual' directory by the user!)

1.5 MyMan | Installation & SetUp

Since I'm no wizard in programming Commodore's installer tool (yet), the installation is left for you to do by hand - and there should be nothing to it!

Here is what you should do:

1. Copy "MyMan" to a directory in your shell path, 'c:' wouldn't be a bad place at all :-).

2. Make a directory in ENV: called 'Manual', by typing

```
makedir ENV:Manual
```

3. Unpack the file 'Manual.lha' in this archive by typing

```
lha e Manual.lha ENV:Manual/
```

   this will place the sample environment for MyMan, and will place the following files in ENV:Manual:

path

Gives a description of where to look for your textfiles - you should not include the path for your guide files, if it's already pressent in 'ENV:AmigaGuide/path'

This file currently holds:

```
docs: docs:#?/
```

Note that each path is seperated by a space. Also note that the path can include wildcards - eg. it's very flexible.

ext

Description of the extions which to accept.

This file currently holds:

```
(|.doc|.man|.readme|.guide)
```

eg. it accepts no extension, the .doc, .man,.readme and .guide extension actually it could be empty as well - or the file don't need to be there at all! Note: The extension could hold wildcards as well!

Then MyMan has to know what readers to use. It uses the environment-variable of the name, that WhatIs library returns, eg. a textfile returns the type 'text' and a guide file returns - guess what - the type 'guide'.

So the 'text' type needs an environment variable of the name text and could look something like this:

```
utilities:most %s
```

The '%s' is the place where MyMan puts in the filename - without it, the reader wouldn't know what to do!

and guide could look like this:

```
utilities:AmigaGuide %s
```

If MyMan runs into some unknown type, it will let you know, and all you have to do is create a new file in ENV:Manual by the name, of that file-type, it's that simple!

1.6 MyMan | Usage

When MyMan is installed (See Installation and Setup
"Installation"}) it is very easy
to use! If you want to find the document "KCommodity.man" in your document path, you would simply type:

```
MyMan KCommodity
```

and MyMan will search for the document, and start the apropriate displayer for this document. For the more lazy guys (and we are a few - are we not?) you could type:

```
    MyMan KCom#?
```

this would probably also find "KCommodity.man", if there was no other match. But if it matches "KCommodity.guide" first, this will be shown instead, since MyMan always displays the first match, and stops it search for more matches. Here the switches for MyMan comes into place.

This is the "official" template for MyMan:

```
Usage: myman [-opt] <file.1> [file.2 ...]

Options:  k,l: List all documents that match <file.[1..n]>
          g  : Match only Guide Files
          t  : Match only Text Files
          a  : Read all matches for <file.[1..n]> (Might start 20 readers,
                                                   if 20 matches are found!)
          s  : Show what environment variables you have set in ENV:Manual/
          h,?: Show this help
```

A more deep explanation for each option follows:

k,l
This one lists all matches to a file (or filepattern). If you want to know, if a text document has a guide counterpart, you could write:

```
    MyMan -l KCommodity
```

and if there was a text file and a guide file for "KCommodity", the output would be:

```
Matching documents for keyword [KCommodity]:
============================================
guides:KCommodity.Guide                 (Guide)
docs:KCommodity.Man                     (Doc)
```

so as you can see, the matches, their path and the type of the document will be presented to you in a nice listing. This listing can then be used for eg. seeing if you have duplicate manuals hanging around. It also shows what match MyMan would pop up, if no switches were used, eg. the first.

t and g

If using these switches, you can select, if you do not want to use textfiles at all, or the other way around.

In the above example, a '-t' switch would force MyMan to show the second selection, instead of the first, since it would not show guide files.

a
This one is probably not very usefull, but I included it anyway. It simply starts a reader/displayer for each match. In the above example, it would start a text viewer for "docs:KCommodity.Man" and a guideviewer for

"guides:KCommodity.Guide"

s, h and ?
Needs no further explanation.

1.7 MyMan | History

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1.8 MyMan | About SA Development

We're two university students (Anders Hybertz and Søren Berg Hansen) who like to program - oftent together. We both studdy computer science and electronics at the University of Odense, Denmark.

The program is MailWare, this means, that if you use the program on a regular basis, you must send the author an email or a postcard telling him so. Also if you just took a peek at the program, and didn't like it, please tell us why! Also bugreports should be send to either one of us.

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We hope you like the program.....

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