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Chapter 1

Mouseki

1.1 Mouseki User Manual

***** Mouseki (c) 1994 Gothsoft Developments * * by James W Savage ***** The dull bit... What it is... Why? How do I do it? Limitations... System Requirements... Bugs... And now, the greets... Shareware? Gothsoft Developments...

1.2 The dull bit...

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1.3 whatitis

Mouseki is an on-screen keyboard replacer. It lets you type using the mouse without the amiga knowing you're not using the keyboard.

1.4 Why?

Two reasons really.

There are those of us who can't use a keyboard for some reason or other, Mouseki opens up a whole new world of keyboard driven software such as languages, word processors and of course, Infocom adventure.

Of course, you may be perfectly able to use your keyboard but find the amiga isn't (this effect can be achieved by pouring red wine onto the keys while powered up!). In this situation Mouseki means you can still use the system while your keyboard is repaired (or you suck it clean).

1.5 How do I do it?

It is dead easy. All you do is follow these steps...

- 1) Double click on the icon.
- 2) Click on the window or screen you want to type into.
- 3) Type.
- To quit, press CT, AMI and 'x' in sequence, or choose Quit from the Config menu.

Mouseki's titlebar will tell you what qualifier keys are active.

Mouseki also has a small 'macro' facility. Commonly used text sequences can be assigned to a menu.

These sequences can easily be created using a text editor. A template for the menu file is as follows :-

MTITLE Name Of Menu MITEM Text To Be Typed 1 MITEM Text To Be Typed 2 MITEM Text To Be Typed 3 MITEM Text To Be Typed 4 There can be upto 10 MTITLEs in each file, with upto 6 MITEMs following it.

The text defined after each keyword will be shown in the menu strip exactly as it appears in the menu file. Similarly, the text will be typed into the current window exactly as it appears in the menu, regardless of qualifier keys.

New menus can be loaded by choosing the Load item from the Config menu. The default menu is found in S:Mouseki.menu.

That's it.

1.6 Limitations...

Some (not all) windows with multiple text gadgets on will not accept input from Mouseki into these gadgets. Others will accept partial input but not hotkeys. These limitations are caused by the coding of the application, not Mouseki.

I have designed a fix which might work with some applications. Once implemented this will be released as a new version, and sent to registered users.

1.7 System Requirements...

It was written on a 3.0 A4000/40 with 2 meg chip, 8 meg fast and a GVP ioExtender, and a 3.0 A1200 with 2 meg chip, 4 meg fast and 68030 accelerator. It should run on any 2.0 machine, below that I don't know and I'm not dismembering my Lorraine to find out!

1.8 Bugs...

If Mouseki is used to control Acid Software's wonderful Blitz Basic II v1.7, compiling code can cause a total system reboot. Try quitting Mouseki before compilation. I am looking into this. Similarly, a system lockup has also been caused whilst using TED. Again, I am checking on this.

1.9 And now, the greets...

A big hellooooo and many thanks go out to the following people :

Rob Newman The rest of Gothsoft Developments : Roy Startup Sarah Marshall Simon Rachael The Gothsoft Developments support team: Tara Greaves Jon Greaves Kevin Wright Ian Davidson The Gothsoft Developments beta testers:

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Centronics BBS

Special greets to Acid Software, for making it happen.

Extra special greets to Jan Williams, for being the blue care-bear.

Extra Extra Extra SPECIAL greets to Hilda Jean Marshall *hug* *kiss*

1.10 Shareware?

If you use this and like it please send me a registration fee of £10 (10 pounds sterling). In return I will send you the latest version, as well as any other utilities I've written.

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Centronics is run by Jon Greaves, with the help of Tara Greaves, Kevin Wright, Roy Startup, Johnathan Taylor and James Savage.

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1.13 Rob Newman

Hiya! I assisted James during the early development of this fine program. :)

I'm currently developing an EMSI mailer for points so if you have any features you'd like to see, or would just like to chat about Blitz Basic contact me at one of the addresses below.

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