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# Chapter 1

## in

### 1.1 main

QuikClik is a program that makes accessing programs just a little bit more simple. Remember those days when you wanted a program but had to fight your way through dozens of directories before you could find it? - Not any more. QuikClik was inspired by the ShortCut system (by Michael Bradley), used by Amiga Computing on their CoverDisks. Although the menu system works well, I was looking for something for those of us with the 'dicky right mouse button blues' but couldn't find anything like it, so QuikClik was born.

QuikClik makes use of the 'button principle' in that all operations are started with the clicking of a button. This will then activate whatever commands are in the script file QC.Setup, loaded upon start-up (please see

Instructions on Use  
). Each button has its own label, which can be upto  
13 characters long, with a maximum of 45 buttons in total.

See Also:

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Conditions/Disclaimer

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Acknowledgements

### 1.2 mv\_disclaimer

QuikClik is shareware. The program may be freely distributed and copied, as long as the following conditions are fulfilled:

- The sales price must not be higher than the cost of an (empty) disk plus a nominal copying fee plus usual shipping costs.
- All parts of the program and the documentation must be complete.
- QuikClik or parts of it must not be sold in combination with or as part of commercial software, without prior consultation with the author.
- The program and documentation must not be changed in any way, EXCEPT for the use of archivers such as LHarc and packers like "Imploder" or "Powerpacker", as long as it is possible to retrieve the original program/data.

I would ask everybody who uses QuikClik (except for one or two test runs), to send a registration fee for the amount of:

£3.00 (payable to Anthony Mahaffey)

to the following address:

Anthony Mahaffey  
Panthorus Software  
7 Humber Street  
Weaste, Salford  
Manchester, M5 2EB  
ENGLAND.

or E-Mail - [as5mcard@scotl.ucsalf.ac.uk](mailto:as5mcard@scotl.ucsalf.ac.uk)

Along with any bug reports, suggestions etc.

I would recommend you send only cash or eurocheques, and not stamps, american bank checks, disks etc.

Those who do send the registration fee will be advised when updates become available.

I do not guarantee the correct functioning of QuikClik on your machine. I hereby explicitly reject any and all responsibility for any instances of the alteration, loss or destruction of data, or any other consequences arising from the use of QuikClik, including, but not limited to, secondary consequences, personal injuries or other kinds of side-effects.

### 1.3 mv\_use

QuikClik is started from the Shell only. When started, the parameters available are:

- -x#### Will position the QuikClik window at whichever x position specified, Eg. -x120. This positioning is NOT case-sensitive, so x or X can be used. Default is 0.
- -y#### As with -x###, specifies the y positioning of the QuikClik window. As before, NOT case-sensitive. Default is 0.

(PLEASE NOTE: QuikClik will attempt to put the window at

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the closest x or y positions if the ones specified are beyond the Workbench screen boundaries.)

- MAX=## In this instance, QuikClik will restrict the window size so that only the specified number of buttons are present. The window's width is increased to include a slider gadget.
- COLOUR New from V2.21 - Will change the background colour of the chosen button. If not activated, colours revert to the default settings.

There is no installation required for QuikClik. In addition to the program file "QuikClik", you do not need any libraries, fonts etc., except for the QC.SetUp file, stored in the ENVARC: directory of your disk (QuikClik will also look in s:, SYS: and the root directory for the setup file if unable to locate).

The script file should generally be set out as per the example below:

```
#DPaint 4
cd dh0:ArtWork
Run <NIL: >NIL: dh0:Progs/DPaint
#PageStream
Run <NIL: >NIL: dh0:Progs/PageStream
```

Button names MUST begin with '#', with the following 13 characters (or however many remain in that line) being used as the button text - PLEASE NOTE: Names should be no longer than 13 characters long as this will generate an error. The following lines can contain any commands you see fit to include, but each MUST use the "Run <NIL: >NIL: ...." command before it to maintain a multitasking environment.

A new addition from v2.21 is the inclusion of colour selection for each button. To initiate, the setup file should be amended as per the following example:

```
%5#Pagestream
```

The '%' sign indicates colour selection & the next character indicates the colour to be used for that button. Colours are used in the hexadecimal notation, going from 0 to F (0 to 15). If the '%' sign is not included before the name, the button colour will revert to the default settings.

NB: You can have an amended QC.SetUp file including the colour selection, but this is only activated when the 'COLOUR' argument is set in the command line.

To include QuikClik on your own disks/HardDisks, I suggest placing the following in your S:StartUp-Sequence or S:User-StartUp file, before the ENDCLI command:

```
Run <NIL: >NIL: QuikClik .....
```

WB1.3 USERS NOTE: QuikClik DOES work on 1.2 & 1.3 machines, but the

graphics will look a little odd. Also, your shell will hang - I can't see how to remove this yet, but look out for later versions which should have it sorted out.

## 1.4 mv\_history

VERSION 0.1 - April, 1993:

The very first version done - sort of a trial run really. No file-handling, everything was part of the ASCII code! (Dull huh?).

VERSION 1.0 - May 12th, 1993:

File-handling implemented - what a challenge! Also included auto window-sizing & error detection (outputs to shell).

VERSION 1.1 - May 14th, 1993:

Pressing the Right Mouse Button when a button was on caused the button to stay on - problem easily solved; just include RMBTRAP in Flags. A few other minor bug fixes.

VERSION 1.2 - May 15th, 1993:

Implemented a menu system for About & Quit. Caused a few probs with RMBTRAP, had to use the SetMenuStrip(), ClearMenuStrip() and ModifyIDCMP() functions to get around it. Also included requesters for these options - gives a nice 'Intuition' feel to it.

VERSION 2.0 - September 30th, 1993:

After lots of hardship, sweat, blood & tears, finally managed to get a working editor - enables the swift amendment/addition/deletion of any commands or buttons.

When QC couldn't locate the QC.SetUp file in the s: directory, would normally grind to a halt - now looks in the current and root directories.

The error routine generally caused problems with all messages going via the Shell window - now opens its own window in the centre of the workbench screen & tells you the problem.

A few more minor bugs removed.

VERSION 2.1 - April 3rd, 1994:

I had thought I wouldn't need to do any more work on this project, but QuikClik didn't like Workbench2+ users very much when a larger font than Topaz/8 was used for the window title bar. No problemo, I just interrogate the Workbench Prefs structure & amend size & position settings accordingly.

VERSION 2.11 - April 9th, 1994:

Many thanks to Martin for pointing out a small bug in the positioning code - sorted out. Also added version information.

VERSION 2.2 - May 7th, 1994:

I was a little annoyed when Martin once again pointed out a few bugs in my code. Needless to say, I locked myself in my room and beat the poor code into submission.

Removed: Editor - you got Ed free, why not use it?

Menu Bar - too much hassle.

Original button handling code.

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Added: Information now shown in title bar when window active.  
Now uses gadgets for buttons, rather than doing it myself.  
On Martins request, total buttons increased (MAX now 45) and  
Slider bar added when MAX=## used - helpful if you only want  
to use a small portion of the screen but with lots of programs  
to use.  
Now also looks in ENVARC: for QC.SetUp file.

VERSION 2.21 - July 30th, 1994:

Minor addition - included new function 'COLOUR' - you can now have  
configurable button colours!

VERSION 2.211 - September 12th, 1994:

Found out that my window location code was severely bug-ridden & have  
removed it for now, until I get a chance to sort it out.

VERSION 2.212 - September 18th, 1994:

Maybe I'm being suspicious, but I get the feeling someone is trying to  
fiddle with my program code & replace the name with their own, so have  
removed this & included a small "hack check" to make sure the details  
are correct.

Whilst doing this, noticed the error routine looked awful & made a few  
modifications.

## 1.5 mv\_ack

My thanks and gratitude MUST go to Martin Cordingley, a friend whose comfort  
and advice were never received during the hard part, and whose character  
assassinations drove me on to complete (finally!) a working version of  
QuikClik. Nice one, Martin!

(By the way, he's also my top Beta-tester!)

My thanks must also go to Steven Borg, whose courage and determination in  
his strive to finish his bezier-wrap program has shown me the true path to  
enlightenment(!).

...last but not least many thanks in advance to all QuikClik users who send  
me the registration fee !

Anthony Mahaffey

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