

RetinaTitlePic

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- For owners of a Retina 24bit-Gfx board, there is more and more software coming up on Aminet making use of the sophisticated gfx power of this board. With its stable WB emulation the Retina board integrates nearly flawlessly into everyday work at your favourite computer.
 - Now wouldn't it be nice to be greeted with a title picture the first time you switch on the machine every day? The tools are all there - they were included in the Retina v1.4 software package - it's just a question of how to do it.
 - Here is my solution: it is all a matter of shell batch files - no AREXX, no further programming. Quick but not dirty.
- » Installation: (you are supposed to know the inner workings of the system startup - anyway, if you installed a Retina board, you should know at least as much that you can do this installation without problems.)

0) Backup your 'S:startup-sequence' and 'S:user-startup' files.

1) Apply to the original files 'S:startup-sequence' and 'S:user-startup' the changes that you can see from the '#?.fragment' files in this distribution.

While doing so, adjust the paths to the picture file and the commands to your personal system setup.

2) Create an empty directory 'ENVARC:Custom'

3) Create a directory 'S:Batch' and copy the supplied directory 's/batch' there.

Include 'S:Batch' in your path. (in 'S:user-startup')

4) Copy the supplied files from directory 's' to 'S:'

- Having completed this, your setup is ready to be tested. Behaviour from now on should be as follows:

+ When turning on your Amiga, system boots without showing anything on the monitor in the beginning.

If ALock is installed: after login, a motto of the day is displayed; just press return. The 'S:motd' file will now be deleted.

+ A blank WB screen shows. The workbench is loaded from S:user-startup.

+ Then, it happens: 'RetinaDisplay' shows a title picture (the supplied one was created from a two colour picture distributed on Aminet a while ago - sorry for not mentioning the original artist - I don't know who it is, as I only have the picture, not the complete distribution archive. Anyway, I changed it a little to make it look a BIT more colourful, i.e. push it from 2¹ to 2²⁴ colours.)

+ The picture is shown for some seconds, while WB loading of WBStartup files continues in the background. Then, when WB has finished - whoops, the picture is gone. Try out the delay time here to suit your configuration.

- + When you warm reboot the machine or switch it off and on again, neither ALock's 'S:motd' file will be shown nor the title picture. (The flag files 'ColdBoot' respectively 'CoolBoot' were created in 'ENVARC:Custom' at last boot-time.)
- + To reset this to first-time bootup behaviour, start the script 'S:Batch/Shutdown.' from a shell. It deletes the flag files and restores 'S:motd' (this file may be edited by you, as long as it hasn't more lines than the one supplied. Don't forget to copy the modified 'motd' to 'motd.bak' or your changes will be lost during the next boot procedure!)
- » You should ALWAYS run 'S:Batch/Shutdown.' before powering down your Amiga. In this way, the file S:LogFile will contain (in pairs of two lines each) the date and time of your work at the computer (first line: start, second line: end work). See the example 'S/LogFile' supplied in the archive.

You see, no magic. Nevertheless, results are nice. (If the pic is nice...)

- Now, good luck with the installation.

The author would like to hear from you if you like/dislike this neat little enhancement to WB operation under 'RetinaEmu'.

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