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Chapter 1

MREKO

1.1 MREKO 1.0

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The author's native language is Polish, so please forgive bad spelling, grammar mistakes etc. Or better - correct them.

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1.2 MREKO Copyright

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This documentation is based on CatEdit.guide, which is Copyright © 1993 Rafael D'Halleweyn.

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List of all files in the distribution:

- Install MREKO.info
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- MREKO.guide.info
- MREKO.guide
- Libs (dir)
 - DataTypes (dir)
 - reko.datatype
- Devs.info
- Devs (dir)
 - DataTypes.info
 - DataTypes (dir)
 - REKO Cardset.info
 - REKO Cardset
- Src (dir)
 - classbase.c
 - dispatch.c

1.3 Introduction to MREKO

Introduction

reko.datatype is a DataTypes subclass for loading and viewing Klondike AGA cardsets. Once installed it will let all DataTypes aware programs to recognize and load Klondike AGA cardsets.

There exists another REKO DataType, written by Athur Pijpers. However, it is rather buggy (crashes and hangs my A1200 all the time). Therefore I wrote (from scratch) my own one. It is smaller (2440 vs. 2832 bytes), better (e.g. uses BestModeID to determine most suitable display mode), faster (about 30%) and more stable (everything is checked to ensure no crashes can occur).

1.4 Requirements for MREKO

Requirements

reko.datatype requires AmigaDOS 3.0 or higher (datatypes.library V39+). AGA chipset is recommended, since all known Klondike AGA cardsets use HAM8 mode. Without AGA chipset you will get very distorted pictures.

1.5 Installation of MREKO

Installation

Use supplied Installer script to copy necessary files. Activate class by double-clicking on DEVS:DataTypes/REKO Cardset icon or use AddDataTypes REFRESH from Shell.

1.6 MREKO History

History

Version 1.0 (11.4.95) – initial release.

1.7 To do in MREKO

To do

reko.datatype seem to be complete, but perhaps you have some suggestions?

1.8 reko.datatype

NAME

reko.datatype – DataTypes link DataTypes} subclass for loading and displaying @cardsets.

FUNCTION

reko.datatype will load Klondike AGA version I or II cardsets (it will probably load future versions cardsets too.) It is designed to deal with arbitrary cards sizes.

METHODS

OM_NEW – create new instance of object.

BUGS

Users without AGA chipsets will see very distorted pictures.

NOTES

Cardsets are always displayed in HAM8 mode (I don't know any cardsets requiring other modes.) This could be avoided, if all cardsets had properly encoded display mode. Unfortunately, they don't...

1.9 DataTypes Information

DataTypes

DataTypes is an AmigaDOS subsystem (introduced in AmigaDOS 3.0) for dealing with different types of files found on different machines (PC's, Macs and Amigas). DataTypes can be used for recognizing types of files and interpreting informations in this files. An example of the latter is MultiView, which can show many types of data.

DataTypes divide all files into the following main categories:

- syst (System) - system files;
- text (Text) - textual files;
- docu (Document) - documents (spreadsheet data, text with pictures etc.);
- soun (Sound) - sound samples;
- inst (Instrument) - musical instruments;
- musi (Music) - songs;
- pict (Picture) - graphics;
- anim (Animation) - animations;
- movi (Movie) - animation with sound.

Each category is further divided into subclasses. Each subclass interprets one type of file, converting it to some universal format. reko.datatype is an example of such subclass.

1.10 Klondike AGA

Klondike

Klondike AGA is a great solitaire game. It has great graphics and sound. The game requires AGA chipset.

1.11 About the Author

About the Author

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MCommands - 7 useful AmigaDOS CLI commands
(Aminet://util/cli/MCommands-1.2.lha);
MCEd - 8 great ARexx scripts for CygnusEd users
(Aminet://text/edit/MCEd-1.2.lha);
ClipHandler - easily exchange data between AmigaDOS and applications
(Aminet://util/misc/ClipHandl-1.0.lha).
