Updates to the Book Using Amiga UNIX for Version 2.0

Getting help from the man pages

This document describes changes to the book Using Amiga UNIX. These changes are required because of software modifications between Amiga UNIX versions 1.1 and 2.0.

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Man page directory names are no longer preceeded by 'g'.

Nroff source for some man pages can be found in the subdirectories of /usr/man. Most man pages are preformatted. Formatted man pages are stored in the subdirectories of /usr/catman.

If man finds more than one man page for a single request, it will present a selection menu. Choose man pages to be viewed by number.

Checking the files in /usr/man or /usr/catman is not a good way to find a man page. Instead, use the man command itself. If a man page exists in /usr/man, /usr/catman, or a cross reference to it exists in /usr/man/whatis, the man command will find it for you.

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Printing

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Serial ports are not enabled with lines in /etc/inittab in Amiga UNIX 2.0. Instead, the pmadm command is used to enable or disable serial ports. Be sure to disable logins for the serial port before trying to connect a printer to it.

Use the command:

pmadm -d -p serial -s ser

to disable logins on the serial port.

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The print service is able to automatically determine which filters need to be invoked for print jobs. It is not necessary to specify filters such as "tpscript" or "dpost" when printing postscript files. Instead, use the **troff** -T and lp -T options to specify the content type.

For example, to print a troff file on a postscript printer, use the command:

troff -Tpost file | lp -Ttroff

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Floppy disks can now be easily formatted with the format command. See the format(1A) man page for details.

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Virtual screens are no longer configured in /etc/inittab. Instead, the file /etc/screendefs is used to define the resolution, color, font, and other properties of virtual screens.

Screens should be enabled and disabled with the **pmadm** command. To turn on the screen /dev/term/con9, you would type:

pmadm -e -p screens -s con9

The command to turn off this screen would be:

pmadm -d -p screens -s con9

Screen properties are changed by editing entries in the file /etc/screendefs. Changes will not take effect until you log out of the changed screen.

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The second example should read:

file list | cpio -ocv -O rawdevice

where *rawdevice* is a character special device such as /dev/rdsk/fd0 or /dev/rmt/4.

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