

Epistual Instant Messenger

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Epistula is to AmigaOS what GAIM is to Linux and Windows. For people not in the know, GAIM is an instant messenger application which can handle a variety of IM protocols... for example Microsoft MSN, AOL AIM and Yahoo Messenger.

I know JabberWocky can provide a similar service, but that requires extra setting up with Jabber ID's etc. This way, you can log straight onto your favourite protocol, by-passing any need for yet another IM account. One of the main reasons I started to write this client was because I couldn't be bothered with Jabber... I can't be the only one... can I?

Unlike GAIM, Epistula is written in a modular fashion in that each "protocol" is a plugin which can be installed, and updated, seperately from the main application and other plugins.

Epistula is initially only in development for AmigaOS 4, but hopefully in the not-to-distant future, will also be made available for MorphOS, AmigaOS 3.1 and AROS.

People looking for individual 68k instant messengers available now wouldn't be going far wrong looking at JabberWocky, AmiMSN and AmigAIM.

After a period of internal testing by

several members of the AmigaOS 4 beta testing team, and a developer's pre-release shortly after, it seems that a lot of the bugs are now finally squashed within Epistula itself, leaving only the MSN plugin to be fully debugged once codesets.library is finally released this week.

Work is on-going and I'm busy implementing the last couple of functions in the plugins for adding, moving and removing contacts from the contact list. A new "general messages" window is now almost complete and work has begun on the preliminary file transfer interface.

Thanks again to the people who have registered Epistula. Your support is appreciated. Incidentally, you've indirectly helped me buy a new tire for my MG TF-160, stopping me from going further into debt before payday.

The following should be available by 11pm tonight (23.02.2006):

- Epistula 50.11 Released
- MSN Plugin 1.2 Released
- Screenshots Added
- Updated Plugin Development Kit
 - Updated Autodoc
 - Updated Skeleton Plugin
 - Removed protocol_requestchat() function
 - Updated protocol_sendmessage() function
- Catalogs Available
 - Provided as an archive containing both a .ct and .catalog files
 - Added Greek catalog information/download as

- provided by George Sokianos
- Cleaned Links
 - Fixed links to MUI custom classes
 - Updated AmiSSL link with correct URL and authors
 - Moved PDK and Locale links
- New PacMan-esque logo. I had to do it in Xara3D, much rather have done it in Candy Factory 2.

www.thesnakepit.co.uk/epistula/

USB Stack — Poseidon

Author: chrisly@platon42.de
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Type: hard/driver

Version: 3.3 (23-Feb-06)

Requires: Highway/Subway/Algor or a compatible USB card

Introduction

The Poseidon USB Stack is a software solution that unleashes the possibilities of the Universal Serial Bus (USB) and the devices with USB interface, ranging from mice, keyboards, tablets, joysticks, printers, scanners, webcams, digicams, flash card readers, zip drives, floppy disk drives, harddisks, memory sticks, ethernet adapters, scanners and audio adapters to less common things like power supplies, GPS location devices or fingerprint readers. It is intended to be a solution for all systems.

Big news
V3.3

- New CAMD USB MIDI class

driver!

- New Firmware Upgrading class driver!
- HID class improvements.
- Trident GUI layout improved.
- Several bugfixes.
- E3B hardware drivers optimizations and fixes.

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Impressions

How To Impress A Woman

Wine her...

Dine her...

Call her...

Hug her...

Support her...

Hold her...

Surprise her...

Compliment her...

Smile at her...

Listen to her...

Laugh with her...

Cry with her...

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April Calendar

No Meeting — Amiga By-The-Loop Chapter
7:00 pm — Grand Prairie Public Library
901 Conover Drive, Grand Prairie

No Meeting — MCCC Board of Director's Meeting
Approx. 9:15 pm — Location TBD

April 22 — Newsletter Deadline — 7:00 am

Romance her...

Encourage her...

Believe in her...

Pray with her...

Pray for her...

Cuddle with her...

Shop with her...

Give her jewelry...

Buy her flowers...

Hold her hand...

Write love letters to her...

How to impress a man

Show up naked... Bring chicken wings...

Don't block the TV...