

AOZ Studio Beta - Bug #704

Amiga manifest tag is no longer working on a new application created via Computers button.

03/27/2021 01:11 PM - Brian Flanagan

Status: Rejected	Start date: 03/27/2021
Priority: Normal	Due date:
Assignee: Baptiste Bideaux	% Done: 0%
Category:	Estimated time: 0:00 hour
Target version:	
Affected version: 1.0.0 (B6a)	

Description

If I open a NEW application via the "Computers" button, I used to be able to switch to the Amiga manifest using:

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#manifest: "amiga"
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In the version 1.0.0 (B6a), this tag is now ignored.
The AOZ palette, timers, etc. are used regardless of the #manifest: "amiga" tag.

I can fix this by manually deleting the manifest from the program folder.
The change should be automatic when the tag is changed.

Also, I want to be able to create programs which can switch the manifest on-the-fly.
This will not be possible without automatic switching.

History

#1 - 03/31/2021 02:11 PM - Francois Lionet

- Assignee set to Baptiste Bideaux

#2 - 04/02/2021 08:01 AM - Baptiste Bideaux

- Status changed from New to Rejected

The manifest is the default (and priority) place to set up your AOZ application.

If I want to create an "amiga" program, I create it for that from the "New Application" panel and choose "Amiga". This way, I have the right parameters.

So for me there is no problem, you just have to use the right kind of project from the beginning.

#3 - 04/14/2021 01:30 PM - Brian Flanagan

- File *Change_Template_Any_Time.png* added

Baptiste: I understand that for **you** it is not a problem, but think about it from a beginner's viewpoint, and from a UX perspective.

Beginner: Many people will see "Computers" and think: Yes, I want a Computer program (vs smart phone or web site), so they click "Computer". (The Amiga is a computer, so the *type* of computer may not even occur to them.) Then, when they decide to add the **#manifest: "amiga"** tag, they'll be confused when AOZ does *not* use the Amiga configuration, even though **they told it explicitly** to do so.

UX: The eyes normally tend to focus on the **upper left** portion of the display.

The upper left (and therefore the most prominent) selection on the **New** dialog box is "**Computers**". They may not even look beyond that selection if it applies (which it does).

NOTE: The New dialog box even **explicitly states** that you will be able to change the template at any time!

For **future** versions of AOZ, IMO, we **should** allow the users to change the template at any time, (as well as on-the-fly), so a single program could optimize itself for multiple *configurations* either automatically or programmatically. Think about it. This would be a **great** way to set up **user preferences** for an AOZ application - by using a programmatically selectable manifest! (We could set display resolutions, columns, etc.)

Of course, they should also be able to "tweak" the settings in custom manifests. This would be a practical application of the *manifest editor*, a tool which Francois had previously suggested creating.

Files

