

A photograph of a teal-colored plate resting on a wooden surface. On the plate, there is a bundle of cinnamon sticks tied together with a piece of light-colored string, and a small metal spoon filled with ground cinnamon powder. The title 'Cinnamon Writer' is overlaid in a large, white, serif font across the center of the image.

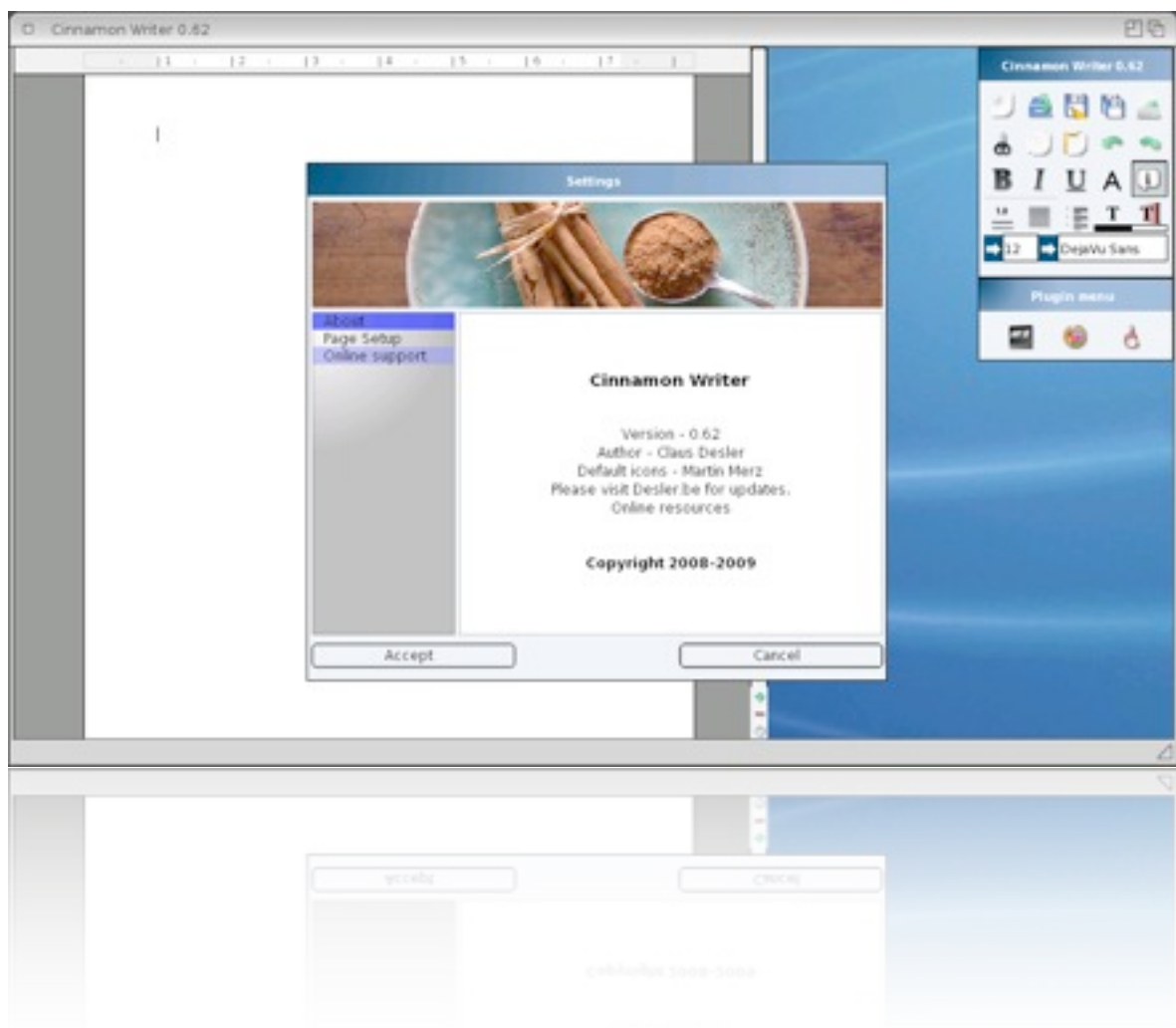
Cinnamon Writer

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Introduction:

Cinnamon Writer is a compact and efficient word processor developed especially with Amiga and Amiga-like systems in mind. Cinnamon writer have all of the basic functionality expected of a modern word processor. This includes changeable layout style, support antialiased truetype fonts, infinite "intelligent" Undo/Redo history, user defined page setup and DOCX compatibility, allowing exchange of documents with all mayor modern word processors including Abiword, Word and OpenOffice.

Cinnamon Writer is actively developed and evolving with its feature list growing larger and more advanced for every version.



Installation:

General installation:

Unpack the archive containing the Cinnamon Writer drawer to its desired location. If you later decide to have Cinnamon Writer at another location, just drag and drop the Cinnamon drawer to the wanted location.

Included with Cinnamon Writer archive is the font type “Fnt_Basicshapes1” and the executable file “Zip”. The files need to be installed in the “Fonts:_truetype drawer” and “C:” folder respectively. The files are not essential for running Cinnamon Writer, but will improve its capabilities.

Overview of functions:

General interface:

As most word processors, Cinnamon writer is divided into a document section and menu section. The document section displays the entered text. The user can maneuver around in the document using either mouse pointer or arrow keys. Text can be entered according to the layout selected.

The main menu allows the user to alter layout style and the paragraph attributes of the text and to change the general settings of the entire document. The user can also load and save the document in variety of formats via the main menu.

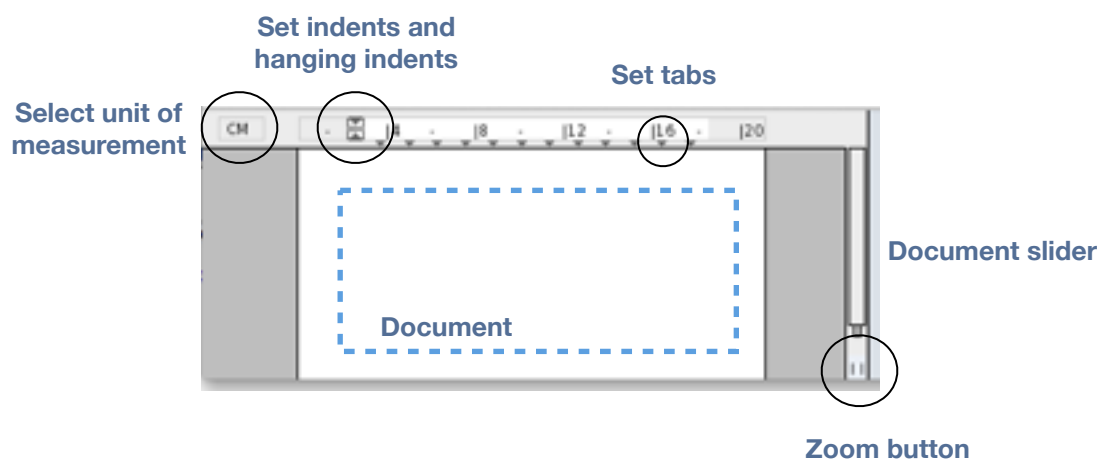
In the following, the different sections will be described in detail:

Document section:

Cinnamon writer is a “What you see is what you get” text editor, meaning that the end product of your work, whether it be a PDF copy or a print of your document will be identical to the document you see onscreen.

You are presented with a blank page when starting Cinnamon writer and your writing is confined to the parameters of the layout of this and following pages. The size, margins and type of page can be changed in “[Settings menu](#)”. See chapter for further details. In the document area, text can be typed. The cursor can be moved using both the mouse and arrow keys. Text can be marked by using the mouse and keeping the left mouse button pressed. The layout of the text typed can be altered using the menus to the left. Text can also be selected and the basic layout can be changed using short cut keys. See chapter for further details.

Navigation around the document can be performed using the slider in the right side of the document. The user can zoom in and out of the document using the zoom button (See figure). The ruler on top of the document can be used for orientation around the document. Measurements can be made in either centimetres or inches selectable by pressing the CM/Inch button (See figure). The ruler is also used for selecting tabs and indents and hanging indents.



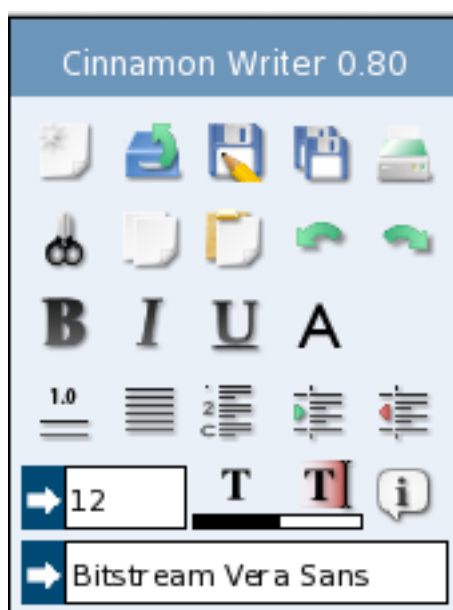
Short cut keys:

CW supports a selection of short cut keys:

Shift + Arrow left / Home	Move to previous word
Shift + Arrow right / End	Move to next word
Shift + Arrow up / Page Up	Go to start of previous paragraph
Shift + Arrow right / Page Down	Go to end of next paragraph
Ctrl + Arrow	Set marking according to arrow direction
Ctrl + Shift + Arrow	Mark larger chunks of text
Amiga + Z	Undo
Amiga + R	Redo
Amiga + C	Copy
Amiga + X	Cut
Amiga + V	Paste
Amiga + B	Bold
Amiga + I	Italics
Amiga + U	Underline
Amiga + N	New document
Amiga + O	Load Document (DOCX format)
Amiga + S	Save document (DOCX format)

Menu section:

The main menu gives the user access to and status of the most often used layout and paragraph settings. The main menu also allows control over import and export of documents



New: Empties the text buffer and the history. CW will remind you to save your work.



Open document: Opens a file requester and allows the import of documents. See “[Supported file formats](#)” for further details. The Open document icon opens up an “[Advanced submenu](#)” with an extended set of features. See relevant chapter for further details



Save document: Opens a file requester and allows the user to save the document in a variety of formats. See “[Supported file formats](#)” for further details. The Save document icon opens up an “[Advanced submenu](#)” with an extended set of features. See relevant chapter for further details



Just save: Saves the latest changes to the open document in the format previously chosen by the user



Print document: Exports the current document in postscript format to printer



Cut: Cuts a marked part of the text and stores it in the clipboard.



Copy: Copies a marked part of the text and stores it in the clipboard.



Paste: Pastes the text from the clipboard at the marked position.



Undo/Redo: Controls the history capabilities of CW. The Undo/Redo history is unlimited.



Bold/italic/underline: Changes the layout of the marked with the wanted attributes.



Font position: Changes the position of the text marked between normal position, superscript or subscript.



Settings: Opens the settings screen. Please see “[Settings menu](#)” for details.



Line height: Changes the line height of selected paragraph(s). Choices are single, 1.5 and double line height



Typographic alignment: Changes the alignment of selected paragraph(s). Choices are left, right, centered and justified alignment.



Bullets: Adds or removes bullets in front of selected paragraph(s). The user can chose between different types. The Bullets icon opens up an “[Advanced submenu](#)” with an extended set of features. See relevant chapter for further details



Bullet indents (forward/reverse): When a bullet has been selected for a paragraph, forward & reverse of bulleting indents can be used to change the levels of the bullets. If no bullets have been chosen for the paragraph, pressing the buttons has no effect.



Text color: Changes the color of the marked text from a palette popup. The current color are displayed in the colorbar of the icon.



Text background color: Changes the background color of the marked text from a palette popup. The current color are displayed in the colorbar of the icon.



Font size: Changes the font size of marked text. Size can be changed by keying in new size or selecting from a pull-down menu



Font: Changes the font of marked text. Fonts can be selected a pull-down menu. **PLEASE NOTICE** - Each font is constituted from different font faces (Normal, italic, bold and a combination of those). If a font face cannot be found, CW will use the default system font face as fall back font, which may make the text look different than expected. This is not a bug.

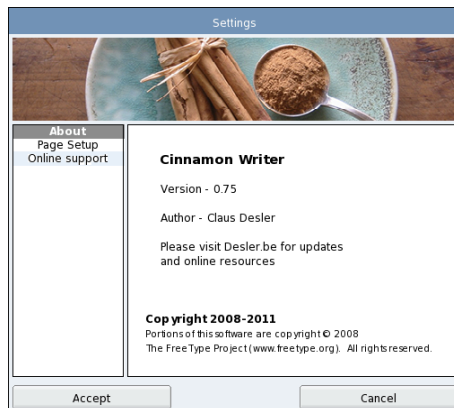
Advanced submenu:

To avoid too many buttons in the main menu, several related buttons have been collected in advanced submenus. Each collection of related buttons are represented by one button in the main menu. Pressing the representative button will open the submenu and reveal the collection which now will be the only selectable buttons in the menu. The submenu will close again, once a button has been pressed or the left mouse-key has been activated outside the area of the submenu. In the latter case nothing will be changed. As of this version of Cinnamon Writer, pressing on “Open document”, “Save document” and “Bullets” icons will open advanced submenus. “Open document” and “Save document” will allow the user to save and load documents in a variety of formats. The “Bullets” submenu allows the user the choice of different bullettypes.

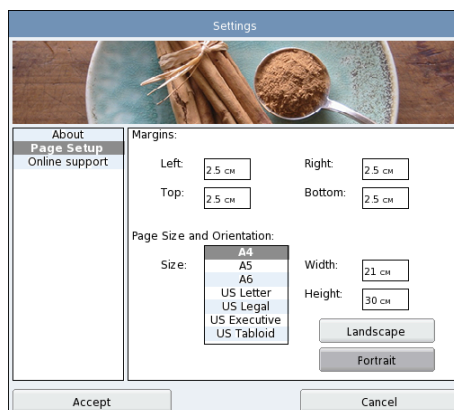


Settings menu:

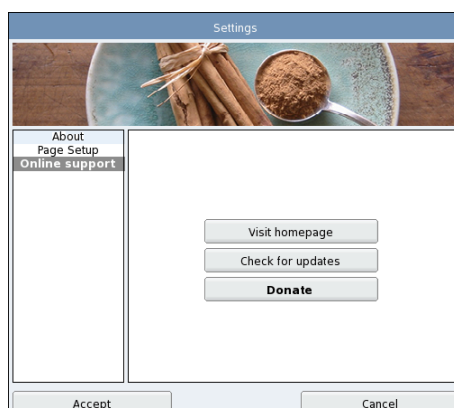
The settings menu is activated by pressing the settings button in the main menu. The settings menu will suspend all other activity of CW until the menu is exited. The settings menu consists of three selectable submenus:



About: Information about the program and copyright notice



Page settings: Margins for the document can be changed here. Document size can be selected from a choice of formats



Online support: Links to different on line services:

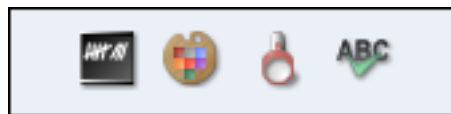
- Visit homepage. Links to Desler.be
- Check for updates. Check if a new version of CW is available
- Donate. Most important button in CW :-)

Settings menu can be exited either by pressing Accept or Cancel button. Accept will change the general layout according to the given settings. Cancel will reset altered settings.

Advanced menu:





Whereas the Main menu of CW gives the user quick control over the most used features like layout of text as well as loading and saving of documents, the advanced menu gives the user access to more advanced functionality that allows a larger set of more complex settings and details.

To avoid screen clutter, a quick select menu is implemented in Cinnamon Writer. This menu menu allows easy navigation between different advanced menus. In current version includes a document statistics menu, a general palette menu, a find & replace menu and spell checker menu.



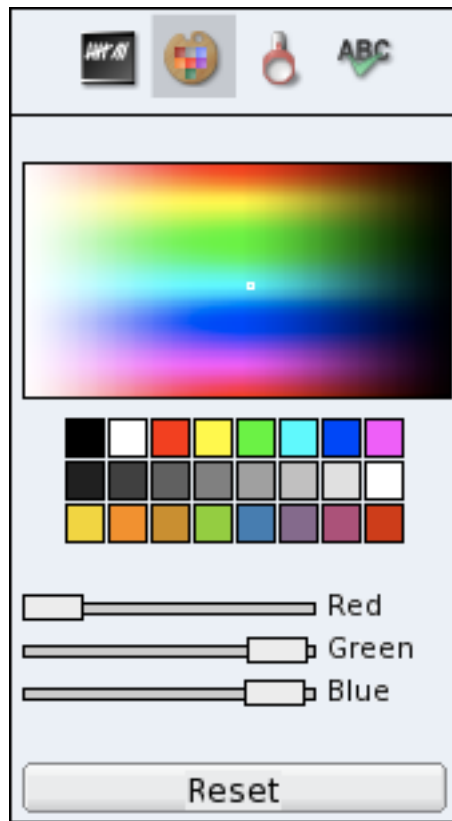
Document statistics menu

Cinnamon writer offers a menu where a user can get an overview of the document being edited in real time. Informations include a word count, a paragraph count and a page count amongst other informations.

   	
<u>Statistics:</u>	
Page	1 / 1
Line	1 / 1
Word	6 / 7
Paragraphs	1
Characters	40
Chars selected	0

General palette menu

Cinnamon Writer offers a palette of 24 palets. In earlier versions of Cinnamon Writer, the palette was directly linked to text color. From version 0.60 and forward, the palette tool changes the global palette. This means that by changing/selecting a color pallet you will no longer change the text directly but rather one of the 24 palets that in turn will be available for the rest of the system.

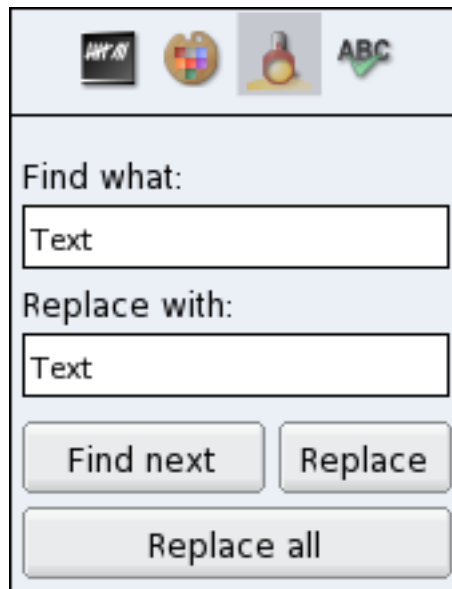


As an example. If you would like to change the background color of a marked text to a color not present in the palette, you should

- A. Open the palette plugin.
- B. Select one palet and change the color either by using the sliders or the rainbow field to the wanted color
- C. Mark the text to be changed
- D. Select the "Text background color" in the main menu and select the edited palet

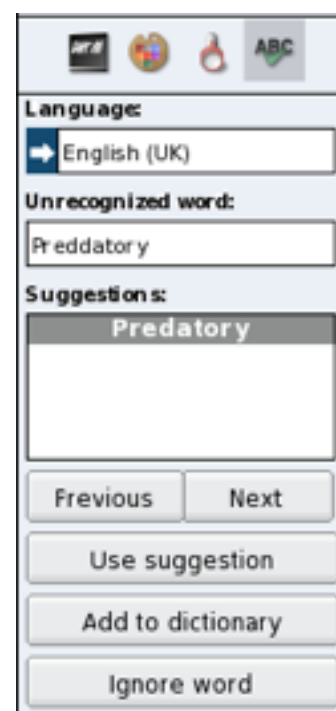
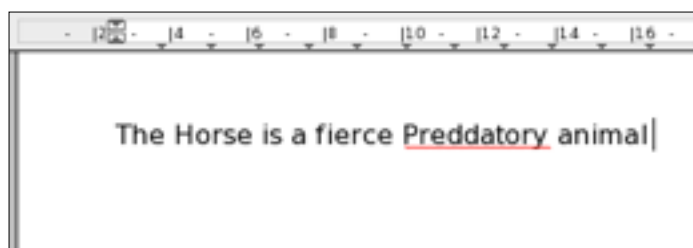
Find and replace menu

This menu allows searching of a specific text string within the current document. Also allows the user to replace the found text string with another or with all found text strings in the document



Spell check menu

Cinnamon offers spell checking on the fly for a range of different languages. When a word is recognized as incorrectly spelled it is possible to see suggestions to replace the misspelled word, change the language of the section, to add the word to the dictionary or ignore the word. Finally it is possible to turn of the spell checking if the feature is not desired for a section or for the entire document.



Changing language for spell checking: A document can be a mix of different languages. To change the dictionary to be used for spell checking a specific part of your document, mark the text and select your dictionary from the **Language:** drop-down menu. In this menu you can also choose “No spell check” if you wish not to have the marked text spell checked. **Remember** to mark entire words when changing dictionary settings.

CW uses the dictionaries installed in the CW Dictionary drawer. If your language is not present in this drawer you can download it from the download section of www.desler.be. Please notice that the collection of dictionaries is a work in progress and not all languages will be supported.

If you cannot find a dictionary file for your chosen language, but have access to a dictionary text file with a comprehensive list of words in your language, please send it to projects@desler.be and I will compile it into a CW dictionary as quickly as possible. Just be aware that the dictionary text file is covered by a license that allows free distribution.

Adding and ignoring words: The dictionaries of CW like the dictionaries of other spell checkers most likely incomplete. If you come across a word which you wish to have added to your dictionary you can simply do so by pressing the “Add word” button. The word will now be saved in a file called “UserDict” in the drawer for the specific language in the “Dictionary” drawer. If you by mistake have added a miss spelled word, you can freely delete the UserDict file and all your additions will be erased.

In other situations you may wish to ignore a word. In this case you can press the “Ignore word” button. Ignored words will be ignored regardless which language context it is in. Furthermore, ignored words are only ignored during this session. When you restart CW, the word will again be shown as incorrectly spelled

Supported file formats:

Cinnamon Writer supports a variety of fileformats including pure text, rich text format and DocX format. Pure text contains no information of layout or paragraph style. Please remember that you lose all of these informations if you chose to save in pure text format. Rich text format (RTF) is a 25 year old cross-platform fileformat. In the current version of CW, RTF file format supports most, but not all, layout and paragraph style. The RTF format was originally the most advanced fileformat supported by CW, however with the introduction of DocX support, RTF support is no longer actively developed, and will be phased out of CW unless users express a wish for this feature to be kept.

DocX support is introduced with version 0.75 of CW. The fileformat supports all of the layout and paragraph styles offered by Cinnamon Writer. The DocX fileformat will allow document exchange between all modern word processors and Cinnamon Writer.

The user should be aware that the different file formats only supports the functionality that Cinnamon Writer offers. If one opens a document that has more features than CW supports, these features will be irreversible lost in any resulting documents edited in CW.

Known problems:

Even though much effort has been put into giving the user the best experience when using Cinnamon Writer, the project is still under development and some parts are still under development and all features are not as supported as wanted. Below are listed known problems with Cinnamon Writer. If you experience problems not described here, your feedback is much appreciated. In these cases you can mail your feedback by using the email: bugs@desler.be

- **Importing/exporting in DocX format:** The DocX format is dependent on a ZIP format packing and unpacking of a series of files. Cinnamon Writer has not yet incorporated this capability but uses a script that uses DOS commands for this purpose. The user might find some issues with this approach or even find that they can produce better scripts. In these cases I would be very interested in suggestions to how to improve importing and exporting.
- **Print and PDF export:** Print and PDF export is still under development and results may vary. The user will notice that even though the print button has been reintegrated into the menu system, there will not be any attempt to contact a printer associated with your amiga. When pressing the PDF export / Print icon, a postscript copy of your current document will be saved in ram:t/. In case of PDF export, Cinnamon Writer will execute a script utilizing Ghostscript to transform the postscript file into a PDF file. When the user have selected the Print option, the corresponding script will be executed. However as I do not have a printer or been able to find any information to how to get Ghostscript to export to an associated printer. If any user have this knowledge, please contact me.
- **Document fonts:** The user will sometimes notice that a document saved in Word will not look identical to the document as shown in CW. Several things can be the cause of that, but one of the major reasons is that your amiga do not have the fonts available that the computer where the document were written has. Please refer to the internet to find the appropriate truetype fonts and install them on your amiga to solve this problem

Online resources:



Downloads:

By accessing www.Desler.be you will get access to several online resources: You can download the latest version of Cinnamon Writer as well as several truetype fonts that can be used within CW. In the near future it will also be possible to download different themes for CW. You do not like the current look? Change it...

Cinnamon projects:

Cinnamon Projects is an attempt to speed up the development of Cinnamon Writer by taking advantage of some of the brilliant coders who would like a break from their own projects or who can reuse some of their previously written code earning a sum of money.

New projects will be announced on the homepage together with a description of the wanted functionality and the amount, which will be paid upon successful completion of the project. Interested coders are encouraged to contact me through the supplied email where after I will evaluate if the coder is serious about the request. Together with the coder, we will work out the exact API of the code and timeframe for the project. If the task, timeframe and amount in question are acceptable for the coder, the project will change status from "Open" to "Under development". At this stage, no new coders are interviewed for the project. Once the project is finished, the funds will be transferred to the coder.

Donations:

Cinnamon Writer is a project under constant development. If you like the project, please consider a donation. The funds collected are necessary for keeping the homepage open and to be able to offer projects under Cinnamon Writer.