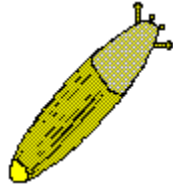


# Slugger : A Screen Saver for Windows



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## Introduction

I wanted to learn how to program in Microsoft Visual Basic. What better way to learn a programming language than to write a program? And I wanted a screen saver that did a couple things that I haven't found in any other FREE screen saver, for instance:

- ❖ The ability to have a bitmap of my choosing as the background when the screen saver starts instead of what is on my screen at the time. I may have a document that I don't want read by someone passing by.
- ❖ The ability to start the screen saver with the press of a hotkey or by clicking on an icon. This would allow me to start the screen saver and cover a sensitive document while I left to do something else.

I'm from the Seattle, WA area so you can probably figure out where I came up with the idea to have a slug slowly cover the screen with a slime trail. Far be it from me to suggest that you digitize a copy of your boss or mother-in-law to use as a background, but you can use just about any BMP picture as the background. If you don't use a full screen size bitmap, the picture will be in the upper left corner. You can create a background using Microsoft Paintbrush or use a screen capture program to take a snapshot of your screen.

Either way, picking a suitable backdrop for the slug to slime is half the fun.

## Installing SLUGGER

When you run the Setup program, Slugger and its supporting files are automatically copied to your windows directory. The files that are placed in your Windows directory are:

- ❖ SLUGGER.SCR - This is the Screen Saver Program that is run when you select it through the desktop option.
- ❖ SLUGGER.EXE - This is actually SLUGGER.SCR but with a .EXE extension. This is the program that is executed when you run SLUGGER with a hotkey or click on the SLUGGER icon.
- ❖ SLUGGER.HLP - The Help File to use when configuring SLUGGER.
- ❖ SLUGGER.INI - The File that holds SLUGGER's settings.
- ❖ SSAVE.DLL and VBZCURSOR.DLL - A file that provides password protection and Custom Cursors. Thanks to:

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❖ README.WRI - This Document.

Next, a program group will be created with a SLUGGER icon and a README icon. The SLUGGER icon is there so that you can execute SLUGGER at any time (without having to wait for the timeout that starts the screen saver automatically). Click on the README icon to read this message.

### **How to Use Slugger**

Configure SLUGGER - Click on the Windows Control Panel Icon and then click on the Desktop Icon. Under Screen Saver, press the Name arrow and double click on SLUGGER. Next, click on the Setup option and configure Slugger to your liking. Press [F1] at any time while in the setup screen to get help on a topic, or click the [Help] control to get the full general help on setting up Slugger.

As explained above, you can click on the SLUGGER icon to start SLUGGER, or wait for the time specified in the Screen Saver section of Desktop without activity to have SLUGGER start automatically.

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### **If You Use This Program**

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With a little encouragement, I might add some features, such as:

❖ A choice of more and of different slugs maybe of different sizes.

- ❖ Sound effects. Maybe someone would like to send me a sample of what a slug would sound like if a slug made any sound or when a slug dies.
- ❖ Enhanced graphics. The graphics are a little clunky. If any graphic expert would care to give me a few tips, please let me know; I'll describe the problems I'm having.