



for WindowsNT or Windows95 with *MS-Plus!*

Alien97



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Introduction

Hello, welcome to Alien97...

This is a copy of a freeware desktop theme package for WindowsNT or Windows95 with *MS-Plus!* The theme commemorates the 1979 movie **ALIEN**, a truly superb example of the sci-fi horror film genre. (You can read the text file "[Alien97 Short Essays](#)" if you're literately inclined).

Please take a minute to review the system requirements and super-easy installation.

I hope you enjoy this theme as much as I did making it...

Sincerely,

Tony Varnas

② System Requirements

- WindowsNT or Windows95 32-bit OS
 - Microsoft *MS-Plus!* add-on enhancement (please note: Alien97 uses a TrueType font, "OCR-A-Extended", which is native to *MS-Plus!*)
 - Video card capable of at least "Hi-color resolution". A 256-color card is also acceptable though not optimal. Please don't try using this theme with only 16 colors.
 - Sound card with at least 16-bit audio wave resolution and ADPCM & CCITT A/μ-law compression capabilities.
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③ Installation

a. Installing With MS-Plus!

Installing your desktop theme is easy. Just run the *Alien97 Setup.exe* program and your theme files will be automatically extracted into the standard *MS-Plus!* themes folder:

□ C:\Program Files\Plus!\Themes\

A complete list of all the Alien97 component files is found in the enclosed "[Inventory.txt](#)" file. Afterwards, go into the *MS-Plus!* *Desktop Themes* icon in your system's control panel and choose the "**Alien97 (high color)**" theme.

Voila! You're done!

b. Adding the Screen Saver

Alien97 comes with a special edition of Matthias Huebner's "StarFlight" animated screen saver. To install StarFlight, go into the Alien97 installation folder and run the batch file labeled "[Alien97 Screen Saver Install](#)". This batch file will copy the necessary files into the proper Windows folders. Then go into your system's control panel and click on the *Display* icon; under the "Screen Saver" tab, choose the "StarFlight Alien97 Edition" option.

As an added convenience, you can easily remove the screen saver from your Windows folder by RE-running the "[Alien97 Screen Saver Install](#)" batch file.

For more information on troubleshooting the screen saver, read the "[Alien97 Troubleshooting.txt](#)" text file. You can also reach Mr. Huebner at his WWW home page at:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/MatthiasHuebner/sf.htm>

c. Converting Your Logo Screens

Alien97 comes with three *optional* logo screens to replace the standard Windows95 start/end screens. Just go into the Alien97 installation folder and run the batch labeled "[Alien97 Logo Install](#)". Your Alien97 logo files should be installed within seconds!

You won't lose your original screen bitmaps either -- they'll be saved in backup files. Best of all, if you RE-run the "[Alien97 Logo Install](#)", your original splash screens will be quickly restored. Now that's what I call convenience!

For more information about installing your new logo screens, read the "[Alien97 Troubleshooting.txt](#)" text file.

4 Removal

As stated above, both the screen saver and logo screens can be removed by RE-running their respective installation batch files.

To totally remove Alien97 from your machine, simply go into the installation folder and delete all the component files; this shouldn't be difficult since all the files begin with the label "*Alien97*".

5 Credits

Many of the elements (*ie.* sounds, cursors, icons, *etc.*) of Alien97 were modified from existing sources found publicly on the World-Wide Web.

I believe in giving credit where credit is due. I've borrowed from the works of many people to make Alien97 a reality. Below is a list of citations; if I've left anyone out, you have my apologies...

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And thank YOU (the reader) for checking out Alien97...!

Have fun and enjoy...

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