SwazBlanker/Headlines

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1.2   What it actually does...

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  This blanker writes random phrases to the display.
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        Save - save and use the current settings.
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          Use – use the current settings.

         Test – test the blanker under the current settings

       Cancel – cancel all changes.


  Phrase Files – this is a list showing the selected phrase files. You
                 may use the arrow keys to move up/down the list, the
                 space key may be used to toggle the checkbox. A tick
                 in the checkbox indicates that the phrase file can be
                 chosen as a data file for generating phrases.
                 Also you may double click or press return to
                edit
                the
                 currently hilighted data file.
                 Default: All available phrase files selected.

   Phrase Path – path to where the phrase files are located.
                 Default: Data/Headlines.

          Font – the font used to render the text.
                 Default: Helvetica 18 point.

        Change – this sets the number of phrases to be generated before
                 a new phrase file will be chosen. Setting this to Never
                 means that the phrase file will remain the same during the
                 blank.
                 Default: 50.

   Copper List – if checked then a copper list will be used to change the
                 color of the text. This may not be available for some screen
                 modes and the gadget will be ghosted to indicate this. In the  ←
                    case
                 that the screen mode does not support copper lists or you do not
                 want to use a copper then the text will have the color cycled.
                 Default: Yes.

  Display Mode – the screen mode to use. If the preferred screen cannot
                 be opened then the default screen mode will be tried, if
                 this fails then the minimum screen mode required for this
                 blanker will be tried, if that fails then the blanker will
                 quit and let SwazBlanker choose an alternative blank
                 method.
                 Default: Hi–Resoloution Laced, 4 Colors.


 If you wish to design your own phrase data files for Headlines please
 read
                 Data File Format
                 for details.
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1.4 Editor...

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1.5 Data file format...

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The data file for quotes is a text file of the following format:

  ---- start of file ----
  \* PHRASE FILE
  \* Breif description
  \*

  %<CLASS 1>
  Class1 String 1
  Class1 String 2
  Class1 String 3

  %<CLASS 2>
  Class2 String 1
  Class2 String 2
  Class2 String 3

  %<CLASS 3>

  %MAIN
  Main String 1
  Main String 2

  %%
  ---- end of file ----
"%%"      - file terminator
"%<CLASS> - defines a new class, this is followed by a series of
            strings that make up that class, they may reference
            other classes by using \CLASS. When \CLASS is found
            a random string from that class is chosen and will
            evaluated.
"%MAIN"   - defines the main class strings. These are used as the
            base to generate the phrases. See %<CLASS> for further
            details.
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1.6 Bug fixes and updates...

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'1.1' o Was locking when building the text to render onto the display.

'1.0' o When a certain number of phrases have been generated a new data
      file may be chosen.

1.7 index

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