ScreenCraze

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Setting up the Screen Saver (Control Panel)

Click on the ScreenCraze icon at the bottom of your screen.

Select Screen Saver Setup from the menu that appears.

The Screen Saver Setup window will appear.

Ensure the On check box is checked.

In the *Delay* edit box, type the amount of time, in seconds, you wish your computer to be idle before the screen saver starts.

Click on the Hot Spot drop down list.

This will allow you to select a point on your screen that will act as a *Hot Spot*. When *ScreenCraze* is running, you will be able to move the cursor to that spot and have the screen saver begin immediately.

Click on the *Hot Key* edit box.

Type in the key you want to use as your *Hot Key*. (For example, *CTRLW* key holding down the *CTRL* key while you press the W key).

This will allow you to invoke the screen saver at any time by simply typing this key. It is wise to choose a key that is not normally used in your Windows applications. A *Ctrl* key modifier is highly recommended when choosing your *Hot Key*.

Click on the Cold Spot drop down list.

This will allow you to select a point on your screen that will act as a cold spot. When you move your cursor to this position the screen saver will not start, even after the delay period. This is useful if you are making a presentation and do not want the screen saver to start while you are discussing something on your screen.

Moving the cursor away from the Cold Spot reinvokes normal screen saver functions.

The *Monitor Usage of* box gives you the option of not letting the screen saver engage if there is any activity with your *Com* port, or if your *CPU load* is heavy. If the first option are checked, the screen saver will not work if there is any activity with the *Com* port.

The *CPU Load* gives you the option of specifying how heavy the load must be to disengage the screen saver. If you select low the screen saver will run only when there is a low amount of CPU activity. If you select high, the screen saver will run even when there is a large amount of CPU activity. *Med* is the recommended setting. This will ensure that your normal applications are given CPU time when needed.

Passwords

When a password is set, *Windows* will not run without first verifying your password. Your password will also need to be verified when returning from the screen saver. This increases the security of your system, allowing you to leave your desk knowing your information is safe.

Click on Password... in the Screen Saver Setup window.

A Password Setup window will appear.

In the *New Password* edit box, type the password you wish to use. The password can be up to 20 characters long, using az in upper or lower case, 09, and *Space*.

For your security, a series of asterisks will appear instead of the characters you type.

Type your password again in the Confirm New Password edit box.

Make sure the Enable Password Protection check box is checked if you want the password protection turned on.

Click on OK.

If you want to change your password or change the *Enable Password Protection* check box, you will be asked to type your current password before you are allowed access to the *Password Setup* window.

Forgotten Passwords

If you have forgotten your password, you must delete the ScreenCraze programs and reinstall them. To do this:

Go to a DOS prompt. If you are using Windows you can simply exit. If you cannot get past a *Password* dialog box then you must reboot your computer. Press the Ctrl+Alt+Del keys or power your computer off then on again. If you are running Windows from the AUTOEXEC.BAT file, you must press Ctrl+Break before WIN.COM is executed.

Change to your *ScreenCraze* main directory by typing "CD \SCRNCRZ" at the DOS prompt.

Delete all *ScreenCraze* programs by typing "DEL SC*.EXE" at the DOS prompt.

Start Windows by typing "WIN" at the DOS prompt.

Windows will display an *Application Execution Error* message stating that it could not find the *ScreenCraze* file. Select the message's *OK* button to continue.

Reinstall *ScreenCraze* using the *ScreenCraze Setup* program as described in the manual. *Setup* may indicate that your *ScreenCraze* directory already exists and will ask if you wish to overwrite it; you should answer *Yes*. When you are asked to indicate which components you wish to install, select only the *ScreenCraze Editor*. Any movies, actors, or backgrounds that you have created and saved within the *ScreenCraze* directory will not be deleted or overwritten.

Once you have completed the setup procedure, the password that you had previously setup will no longer be in effect. If you desire password protection you must define a new password.

Selecting a Movie

To select the movie you wish the screen saver to play you can click in the *Movie Name* edit box and type the disk, directory, file name and extension of the movie you want.

Optionally, you can click on the *Browse* button and the *Open Movie* dialog box will appear, listing the movies available. The movies supplied with *ScreenCraze* are located in the SCRNCRZ\MOVIES directory.

Select a movie from the list.

Click on Open.

This returns you to the ScreenSaver Setup window.

When *Display Background* is selected, the screen saver will display the movie's background. When not selected, the screen saver will ignore the movie's background and display a black background instead.

Since the primary purpose of the screen saver is to help prevent a static image from being burned into your monitor, a static background image is not recommended. The default is to ignore a movie's background. Some movies included with *ScreenCraze* do have static backgrounds. If you plan to use movies with the background displayed, we recommend that you use these movies as animated wallpaper.

Click on Preview.

This allows you to view the movie you have selected.

Click the mouse button or press any key to return to the Screen Saver Setup window.

When you have made all of your selections click on OK. This will save your settings.

Running ScreenCraze with DOS Programs

If you are running a DOS program from Windows, *ScreenCraze* will not activate as long as the DOS program has the input focus. This applies to any DOS program that is being used in a DOS window (available in Windows 386 enhanced mode only) or in full screen mode.

Setting up the Animated Wallpaper

Click on the *ScreenCraze* icon at the bottom of your screen.

Select Anim Wallpaper Setup from the menu that appears.

The Animated Wallpaper Setup window will appear.

Ensure the On check box is checked if you wish to have an Animated Wallpaper.

Click the check box beside *Minimal CPU usage* if you wish to minimize the amount of CPU time used by the wallpaper. This will slow your movies down but minimizes the impact on normal applications.

Selecting a movie

To select the movie you wish to play as an animated wallpaper, click in the *Movie Name* edit box and type the disk, directory, file name and extension of the movie you want.

Optionally, you can click on the *Browse* button and a dialog box will appear listing the movies available. The movies supplied with *ScreenCraze* are located in SCRNCRZ\MOVIES directory.

Select a movie from the list.

Click on Open.

This returns you to the Animated Wallpaper Setup window.

Click on Preview.

This allows you to view the movie you have selected.

Click the mouse button or press any key to return to the setup window.

When you have made all of your selections, click on OK. Your settings will be saved.

Shutting Down ScreenCraze

At some point you may want to shut down *ScreenCraze* entirely to eliminate all CPU and memory usage. To do this: Click on the *ScreenCraze* icon at the bottom of your screen. Select *Close* from the menu that appears. *ScreenCraze* will reload the next time you start Windows.

Setting Up ScreenCraze as a Windows Screen Saver

You can include *ScreenCraze 1.1* as an option with the *Windows* screen savers that are included with *Windows 3.1*, and *Windows 3.0* with the Multimedia extensions. These screen savers are accessed through the *Control Panel*'s *Desktop* icon. When you run *ScreenCraze* from the *Control Panel*, some of ScreenCraze's functionality is not available. For example, you cannot set any of the monitor usage parameters, a hot or cold spot, or a hot key.

To include ScreenCraze as a Windows screen saver:

1. Run *sc2win.exe* (located in the *ScreenCraze* directory) from the *File Manager*, or using the *File/Run* in the *Program Manager*.

The ScreenCraze to Windows Screen Saver dialog box appears.

2. Select *Setup ScreenCraze as a Windows screen Saver*, and click on *Go!*. Then select *ScreenCraze* as the *Windows* screen saver from the *Windows Control Panel*

ScreenCraze can now be accessed as a screen saver option through the Control Panel's Desktop icon.

To remove *ScreenCraze* from the *Windows* screen savers, simply run *sc2win.exe* again, select *Remove ScreenCraze from built in Windows screen savers*, and click on *GO*!.

NOTE: You cannot run a *ScreenCraze* animated wallpaper while *ScreenCraze* is the screen saver selected through the *Control Panel Desktop* icon. However, you can run the wallpaper when any other Windows screen saver is being used.

Play screen saver sounds

If your screen saver is a movie that contains sound, enabling the *Play Sounds* checkbox will cause the sounds to play when the screen saver is active. If this checkbox is not selected, all sounds will be ignored.