

The Sleep Hotkey

Background

Sleeper allows you to set a hotkey which will dim the screen, power down Energy Star monitors, and spin down the hard disk immediately. This is useful if you know you won't be working on your Macintosh for some of time.

In addition to supporting Sleeper's internal dimmer, the hotkey will work with After Dark or any other screen saver that supports the SAVC gestalt selector.

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To turn on Sleeper's hotkey, click on the Hotkey tab in the Sleeper control panel, and turn on the Activate sleep with hotkey checkbox. The hotkey is displayed in the box in the Sleeper control panel, as shown above. To change or erase the hotkey, click on the Set Hotkey button. The following dialog box will be displayed:

o set a new hotkey, just type the keys you want to use. To keep your old hotkey setting, click Cancel with the mouse. To run Sleeper with no hotkey at all, click the No Hotkey button.

The Sleep Now Application

An application called Sleep Now is distributed with Sleeper. This application performs the same function as the hotkey: when you launch it, it puts the monitor and disks to sleep.

Sleep Now is useful in situations where you cannot use the hotkey, such as when you want to use AppleScript or a scheduling application to put your Mac to sleep at a particular time. Sleep Now can also be put in the Apple Menu Items folder in your system folder to give you a "Sleep" selection in the menu.

The Sleeper OSAX AppleScript Addition

An AppleScript addition called Sleeper OSAX is distributed with Sleeper. This addition allows you to check whether the disks are asleep and to put them to sleep.

To use the addition, place it in the Scripting Additions folder inside the Extensions folder in your System folder. You can then use the following commands in your AppleScript scripts:

Sleeper is asleep -- returns true if disks are asleep
Sleeper go to sleep -- puts disks to sleep just like Sleeper's hotkey

This AppleScript addition requires that you have Sleeper installed on your Macintosh.