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Selecting / deselecting screen savers

For randomization to take place you have to select the savers that you wish to randomize. A saver is selected if it has a checkmark on the left side of it in the screen saver list.

You can toggle randomizing of a screen saver on / off in the three following ways:

- Highlight an item in the saver list and choose the **Saver on / Saver off** button.
- Press Ctrl and click on an item in the saver list.
- Right mouse-click on an item in the saver list and choose **On** or **Off** from the popup menu.



Configuring screen savers

Configuring involves changing a screen saver's appearance on the screen. Not all screen savers support configuring. Nothing will happen if you try to configure a saver not supporting configuring.

You can configure a screen saver in the three following ways:

- Highlight an item in the saver list and choose the **Configure...** button.
- Double-click the saver (in the saver list) that you want to configure.
- Right mouse-click on an item in the saver list and choose **Configure...** from the popup menu.



Testing screen savers

When you have configured a screen saver you may wish to test how it appears on the screen.

You can test a screen saver in the two following ways:

- Highlight an item in the saver list and choose the **Test** button.
- Right mouse-click on an item in the saver list and choose **Test** from the popup menu.



Adjusting volume

Using the **Volume** scrollbar lets you alter the sound volume for savers that supports sound (Wave and / or MIDI). To raise or lower the volume, drag the scrollbar thumb to the right or left, respectively.

NOTE: The **Volume** scrollbar is only enabled if you have a soundcard driver (and a soundcard) installed that supports volume adjusting.



Saving preferences

To save the changes you have made (savers on / off, password, duration time, volume and wake up options) choose the **OK** button. Choose the **Cancel** button if you do not wish to save the changes.

If you are in the Randomizer window choosing the **OK** or **Cancel** buttons will also exit Randomizer. In any other case you will return to the Randomizer window.



What is Randomizer?

Randomizer is a Windows screen saver that lets you randomize all or some of your screen saver modules (SCRs). The following is a description of Randomizer's main features:

Screen saver cycling: By using the duration time feature you are able to cycle your savers in a randomized manner. The duration time spans from five seconds to one hour. After the duration time has passed a new saver will start. You can choose not to cycle your savers.

Volume support: Enables you to maintain a separate sound volume for screen saving, apart from the default sound volume in Windows. The sound volume spans from completely off to the highest volume available.

Wake up options: By using this feature you can disable the screen from waking up when you use your mouse or your keyboard. You can also choose to wake up the screen only on typing a password. This disables the screen from waking up in any other way. The password is global for all savers.

Moreover you get the possibility of configuring and testing your modules in one place. But most important: You can use all of your screen saver modules (but not at the same time). :-)

Randomizer was written in Microsoft Visual Basic 3.0 and this helpfile was compiled with Microsoft Help Compiler 3.1.

Enjoy!



The Randomizer window

Below follows a description of all the elements in the Randomizer window:

Installed savers list

This is where all the savers are listed. Items with a checkmark are selected for randomization.

Saver on / Saver off button

Toggles the highlighted saver on / off for randomization.

Configure... button

Configures the highlighted saver.

Test button

Tests the highlighted saver.

OK button

Saves all changes and exits.

Cancel button

Cancel all changes and exits.

Help button

Invokes this helpfile.

About button

Shows program version number and copyright information.

Password... button

Sets the global password.

Options... button

Sets different parameters for Randomizer.

Icon

Shows the icon of the highlighted saver.

Selected

This is the number of savers that are selected for randomization.

Total

This is the number of savers that are installed on your system.

▪ The Options window

Below follows a description of all the elements in the Options window:

Mouse move checkbox

Enables / disables waking up the screen on moving the mouse.

Mouse button checkbox

Enables / disables waking up the screen on using the mouse buttons.

Key press checkbox

Enables / disables waking up the screen on using the keyboard.

Dialog box / alert checkbox

Enables / disables waking up the screen when a dialog box pops up in the background.

Password checkbox

Enables / disables waking up the screen on typing the global password.

Duration scrollbar

Changes the duration time of the screen savers.

Volume scrollbar

Adjusts the sound volume for screen savers that use Wave and / or MIDI.

OK button

Saves the new settings.

Cancel button

Discards the new settings.

Help button

Invokes this helpfile.

▪ The Password window

Below follows a description of all the elements in the Password window:

Old password textbox

Type your old password here.

New password textbox

Type your new password here.

Verify new textbox

Verify your new password here.

Carriage return checkbox

User must type password + Enter to wake up the screen.

Case sensitive checkbox

User must type password in the right uppercase / lowercase characters to wake up the screen.

OK button

Saves the new password and new settings.

Cancel button

Discards the new password and new settings.

Help button

Invokes this helpfile.

Freeware note

Randomizer is FREEWARE, which means that you do not have to pay for it. It also means that you can distribute it to how many people you want and to whoever you want, whenever you want. :-)

You can use and distribute Randomizer free, as long as the following files are not changed and you distribute all files together: SSRANDOM.SCR, SSRANDOM.HLP, SSRAND.DLL, MSAFINX.DLL, README.TXT, THREED.VBX and GTLIST.VBX.

The program is distributed as is. I assume no liability for any damages resulting from its use.

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▪ **Changing duration time**




Using the **Duration** scrollbar lets you cycle your modules in a randomized manner. To raise or lower the duration time of screen savers, drag the scrollbar thumb to the right or left, respectively.

After the duration time has passed, a new screen saver will start.

Cycling will not happen in test mode.

NOTE: Disable all password settings in all of your savers before choosing to cycle your savers. Screen saver cycling will only work with the global password setting.

Revision history

- 1.0
 - Initial release.
- 1.1
 - Added duration scrollbar which will let the user cycle his / her screen saver modules.
- 1.2
 - Two serious bugs have been fixed.
 - Added MIDI volume support.
 - Added wake up / password options.
 - The duration support now functions better (better timing).
 - Reviewed / refreshed the source code after receiving updated custom listbox (GTLIST.VBX).
 - Removed IdleWild support (seems like nobody uses it anyway).
 - This helpfile is much better.
- 1.25
 - Revised the user interface.
 -  Fixed a bug with the saver list popup menu.
 -  Fixed a bug with the cycling support.
- 1.26
 -  Correction of a few small bugs, finetuning.



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Keyboard shortcuts (Randomizer window)

Press this key

To do this

Alt+A

Toggle the highlighted screen saver on / off for randomization.

Alt+B

Get program and copyright information.

Alt+C

Cancel all changes and exit.

Alt+H or F1

Display this help system.

Alt+N

Configure the highlighted saver.

Alt+O

Save all changes and exit.

Alt+P

Set parameters for Randomizer.

Alt+S

Activate the **Installed savers** list.

Alt+T

Test the highlighted saver.

Alt+W

Set the global password.

Tab or Shift+Tab

Jump between the elements in the Randomizer window.

Arrow keys

Move the scrollbar thumbs, move within the saver list or move within the command button group.

Enter

Choose a focused command button or do what **Alt+N** does (if the saver list has the focus).

Space

Choose a focused command button or do what **Alt+A** does (if the saver list has the focus).



Keyboard shortcuts (Options window)

| Press this key | To do this |
|-------------------------|--|
| Alt+C | Discard the new settings. |
| Alt+D | Activate the Duration scrollbar. |
| Alt+H or F1 | Display this help system. |
| Alt+I | Enable / disable waking up the screen when a dialog box pops up in the background. |
| Alt+M | Enable / disable waking up the screen on mouse movement. |
| Alt+O | Save the new settings. |
| Alt+P | Enable / disable waking up the screen on using the keyboard. |
| Alt+R | Enables / disables waking up the screen on typing the global password. |
| Alt+U | Enable / disable waking up the screen on using mouse buttons. |
| Alt+V | Activate the Volume scrollbar. |
| Tab or Shift+Tab | Jump between the elements in the Options window. |
| Arrow keys | Move within the command button group or the checkbox group. |
| Enter | Choose a focused command button. |
| Space | Choose a focused command button or check / uncheck a focused checkbox. |



The saver list popup menu

This menu is displayed when you right mouse-click an item in the saver list. The following menu items are available:

On / off

Toggles the highlighted saver on / off for randomization.

Configure...

Configures the highlighted saver.

Test

Tests the highlighted saver.



Setting wake up options

By checking / unchecking the **Wake up on ...** checkboxes, you can enable / disable the screen from restoring when you use the mouse buttons, move the mouse, use the keyboard or when a dialog box pops up in the background.

You can choose to restore the screen on typing a password. This will disable waking up in any other way. You specify the password by pressing the **Password...** button in the Randomizer window. If you have not specified the password and the **Password** checkbox is checked you will have to press Enter to restore the screen.

NOTE: Disable all password settings in all of your savers before checking the **Password** checkbox.



Setting password

Pressing the **Password...** button puts Randomizer in password mode. To set a new password you will have to type it twice, the first time to specify it and the second time to verify it. If you already have a password you will have to type the old password before you can set the new password.

You can also choose to force the user to type the password + Enter to wake up the screen and / or force the user to type the password in the right uppercase / lowercase characters. To do this check the **Carriage return** and **Case sensitive** checkboxes respectively.

Press the **OK** button to save the new password and new settings or **Cancel** to discard them.

NOTE: Disable all password settings in all of your savers before checking the **Password** checkbox in the Options window.



Savers that will not work correctly with Randomizer

A few screen savers modules will not work properly with Randomizer. The modules that will not work correctly are modules that starts other screen saver applications.

The ones that I know of are:



After Dark.



Intermission.



Keyboard shortcuts (Password window)

Press this key

To do this

Alt+A

Toggle Enter after password on / off.

Alt+C

Cancel new password and new settings.

Alt+H or F1

Display this help system.

Alt+L

Activate the **Old password** textbox.

Alt+N

Activate the **New password** textbox.

Alt+O

Save new password and new settings.

Alt+S

Toggle case sensitive password on / off.

Alt+V

Activate the **Verify new** textbox.

Tab or Shift+Tab

Jump between the elements in the Password window.

Arrow keys

Move within the command button group or the checkbox group.

Enter

Choose a focused command button.

Space

Choose a focused command button or check / uncheck a focused checkbox.



Configuring the Randomizer engine

To configure the Randomizer engine choose the **Options...** button in the Randomizer window. The following options are available:



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Press the **OK** button to save the new settings or **Cancel** to discard them.



Keyboard shortcuts

The following topics describe what keyboard shortcuts you can use in the three different windows.



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Windows and elements

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