

Dimming Settings

When and how much Eclipse dims the screen

To set the Dimming Settings, open the Preferences dialog box by bringing Eclipse to the foreground and choosing “Preferences...” from the File menu.

At the top center of the Preferences dialog box is a pop-up menu labeled “Options.” Choose “Dimming Settings” from this menu. You will see the following:

The Dimming Settings interface consists of two sliders for “Time until dimming” and “Screen brightness,” and a mini-screen with two squares. These squares are the “Dim now” and “Don’t dim” corner settings.

The mini-screen in the dialog box shows what Eclipse displays when it dims the screen. It can show a small version of your desktop, a small clock, or a graphic. This is dependent on what is set in the Display Settings (see next chapter).

The “Don’t dim” and “Dim now” corners are designated by the indicated squares. When you place your mouse in one of these corners of your real monitor, Eclipse will either dim immediately or never dim, depending upon how you designated the corner. You can change the settings by dragging the squares to any corner of the mini-screen.

The “Time until dimming” slider control (see below) allows you to set the amount of idle time that Eclipse waits before it dims the screen. Idle time is when your Macintosh does not detect any activity from the user (mouse movement, keys depressed, etc.). When your machine sits idle for the set amount of time, and the mouse is not in the “Don’t dim” corner, Eclipse dims the screen. You can set the “Time until dimming” anywhere between one minute and one hour.

The “Screen brightness” slider control (see below) allows you to control how much Eclipse should dim the screen. This option allows you to fade the screen from 100 percent brightness (no dimming) to 0 percent brightness (black), or any level in between.

Please note: If you have Eclipse set to fade your screen to 0 percent brightness, and also have it set to display a graphic, the graphic will be faded to 0 percent, and will not be visible. The same is true for the clock setting. For more information on Eclipse’s display capabilities, see Display

Settings chapter.