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Overview

IdleWild is a screen-saver application.

If you are away from your computer for a period of time and your monitor remains on, there is extra wear on your screen. A stationary image on your screen can "burn itself into" your screen and leave a permanent "shadow." IdleWild solves this problem by putting a moving image on your screen when you are not using it. IdleWild checks to see how long it has been since you typed something or moved the mouse. After a predetermined length of time, it replaces whatever is on your screen with an animated graphic of your choice. When you move the mouse, click any mouse button, or press any key on the keyboard, your original screen returns. (Although you may have to enter a password first.)

When IdleWild changes, or "blanks" your screen, it does not affect the applications you have running. It simply adds a patterned image on top of them.

Note: If the active window is running a DOS application or a Microsoft tutorial, IdleWild will not blank the screen, because it is unable to keep track of the "idle" time in these situations.

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How to Use IdleWild

This section contains information about how to use IdleWild.

To Begin Screen Blanking:

- Screen blanking is automatically active as soon as you run IdleWild. But it won't blank until time has elapsed.

Note: IdleWild must be running in order for the screen to blank. It can be minimized, but it must be active.

To End Screen Blanking:

- From the Options menu, choose Exit.

Note: Choosing Close from the Control menu also ends screen blanking.

To Set the Delay Before Blanking:

- 1 From the Options menu, choose Set Delay.
- 2 Type the number of minutes in the dialog box, and then choose OK.

To Choose a Screen Blanker:

- Click the name of the pattern you want. Remember: some blankers get bored and switch to another blanker after a while. Do not be alarmed if this happens; the other blanker will be chosen for you at random.

To Blank the Screen Immediately:

- From the Options menu, choose Blank Now.
- Or double-click the name of any pattern.
- Or position the pointer in the blank-now corner of the screen.

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Commands

This section contains information about the Options menu commands in IdleWild.

Set Delay

Sets the delay time. If the delay time is four minutes and you are idle for four minutes, the screen goes blank.

Blank Pointer

Stops displaying the mouse pointer, or insertion point, if it remains motionless for longer than ten seconds. A check mark next to the command indicates this feature is active.

Autoload

Loads IdleWild automatically when you run Windows. A check mark next to the command indicates this feature is active.

Module

Lets you set the options for the screen saver you have selected, if that saver has options.

Password

If activated, prompts you for a password (that you have chosen) before restoring your screen.

Hot Corners

Lets you choose the corners that will blank instantly, and those that never blank, if your pointer is positioned in them.

Blank Now

Blanks the screen immediately. **Note:** You can also blank the screen immediately by double-clicking the name of a pattern in the list box.

Exit

Stops IdleWild from blanking your screen.

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