

LogoZip Self-Extractor

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LogoZip is a convenient way to install startup/shutdown logo screens. Simply run the LogoZip self-extractor archive and your new screens will be installed in seconds. Best of all, your original Windows logo screens will be saved in backup files which can be restored by re-running the LogoZip archive.

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What are startup/shutdown screens?

Windows '95/98 displays several familiar screens at the beginning and ending of each Windows session. These startup/shutdown bitmaps are also known as 'logo' screens:

Startup Logo Screen

At the start of each Windows session, the operating system will briefly display a picture of the Windows logo against a blue sky; an animated band of color will also be seen moving at the bottom of the screen.

Shutdown 'Wait' Logo Screen

At the end of each computer session, Windows will display two status screens. The first screen asks you to wait a moment while Windows deletes any temporary files it has created.

Shutdown 'Safe' Logo Screen

When Windows has finished its shutdown tasks, the operating system will display a message screen telling you that it's safe to turn off your computer.

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Where are logo files stored?

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Where are logo files stored?

Windows stores its logo screen bitmaps as 'system' files (with a '.sys' extension). These files may be hidden from view in your Windows Explorer. To make them visible, go into 'View' option in your Explorer menu; under the 'Folder Options...' command choose to 'Show all files'.

Startup Logo Screen

The bitmap file for the startup screen can be found at:

<boothost dir>Logo.sys*

Shutdown 'Wait' Logo Screen

The bitmap file for the 'wait' screen can be found at:

<windows dir>Logow.sys

Shutdown 'Safe' Logo Screen

The bitmap file for the 'safe' screen can be found at:

<windows dir>Logos.sys

*On some Windows installations the 'Logo.sys' file may be entirely absent. Alternate file names include 'los.sys' and 'Strtlogo.oem' etc. LogoZip can handle these conditions without generating an error message.

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How does the self-extractor work?

The LogoZip self-extractor archive contains your theme's replacement logo screens. When run, the archive will first make backup files of your original startup/shutdown logo screen bitmaps.

The archive then self-extracts and installs the replacement files. These extracted files are bitmaps of your theme's logo artwork.

To restore your original Windows logo screens, LogoZip reverses all file operations: the three replacement files are deleted and the backup files are renamed their original names. This allows for quick restoration of your screens by simply re-running the program.

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Can I use other logo screen managers?

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Can I use other logo screen managers?

Most logo screen managers require you to specify the path of each replacement logo file. As a convenience you can extract your theme's logo files by renaming the self-extractor archive as:

Extract.exe

Running the self-extractor with this new name will extract your replacement files into the current working directory.

Please note: Your extracted screens are 'system' files and may be hidden from view in your Windows Explorer. To make these files visible, go into 'View' option in your Explorer menu; under the 'Folder Options...' command choose to 'Show all files'.

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How can I get LogoZip?

You can make your own self-extracting archives with the **LogoZip Archiving Utility**. The program is FREE and can be downloaded from:

http://members.xoom.com/v2software/LogoZip_Setup.exe

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ERROR : WINDOWS '95/'98 NEEDED.

Startup/shutdown screens are only available on the Windows '95/'98 operating system. You will get this message if you try to run the LogoZip extractor on a Windows NT computer. You may also get this message if your system registry entry for 'BootHost' is corrupted or missing.

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ERROR : WINDOWS FILE(S) NOT FOUND.

LogoZip needs to find all of your Windows logo files*. You will get this error message if any of these are missing:

Startup Screen = <boothost dir>Logo.sys*

Shutdown 'Wait' = <windows dir>Logow.sys

Shutdown 'Safe' = <windows dir>Logos.sys

Please make sure these files haven't been moved or deleted. You can restore these files by re-installing Windows.

Logo screens are 'system' files and may be hidden from view in your Windows Explorer. To make these files visible, go into 'View' option in your Explorer menu; under the 'Folder Options...' command choose to 'Show all files'.

*The startup screen file (Logo.sys) is optional on some Windows setups. If you get this error message, please make sure you have both shutdown screen files.

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ERROR : BACKUP FILE(S) NOT FOUND.

LogoZip can restore your original Windows screens only if it has found all of its backup files* of your original Windows bitmaps. You will get this error message if any of these are missing:

Startup Screen = <boothost dir>Logo.sys.bak*

Shutdown 'Wait' = <windows dir>Logow.sys.bak

Shutdown 'Safe' = <windows dir>Logos.sys.bak

Please make sure these files haven't been moved or deleted. You can restore these files by re-installing Windows.

*Since the startup screen file (Logo.sys) is optional on some Windows setups, the startup backup file (Logo.sys.bak) may be missing. If you get this error message, please make sure you have both shutdown backup files.

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ERROR : WINDOWS FILE(S) NOT FOUND.
ERROR : BACKUP FILE(S) NOT FOUND.

LogoZip needs to find all of your Windows and backup logo files*. You will get this error message if any of these are missing:

Windows Files:

Startup Screen = <boothost dir>Logo.sys*
Shutdown 'Wait' = <windows dir>Logow.sys
Shutdown 'Safe' = <windows dir>Logos.sys

Backup Files:

Startup Screen = <boothost dir>Logo.sys.bak*
Shutdown 'Wait' = <windows dir>Logow.sys.bak
Shutdown 'Safe' = <windows dir>Logos.sys.bak

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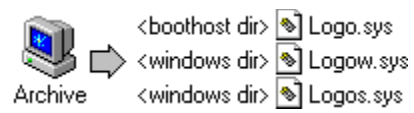
<boothost dir> is the boot host directory location containing your computer's boot-up routine. This is the place on the hard drive where your computer first reads when it starts up. The <boothost dir> is always a non-compressed drive letter.

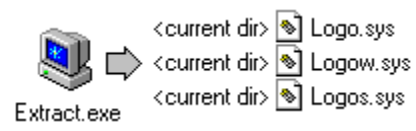
If your boot-up drive is NOT compressed, the <boothost dir> is that drive's designated letter (for example, usually **C:** on most computers).

If your boot-up drive is compressed, the <boothost dir> is that drive's host letter (for example, usually **H:** as defaulted by DriveSpace; please see the DriveSpace control panel for the host letter).

<windows dir> is the standard Windows directory location that contains the 'win.com' kernel file (for example: usually **C:\Windows** on most computers).

<boothost dir>  Logo.sys  Logo.sys_bak
<windows dir>  Logow.sys   Logow.sys_bak
<windows dir>  Logos.sys  Logos.sys_bak





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