

LazyView

The ideal screensaver for BackSpace

by Felix Rauch (felix@nice.ch)

Why is it ideal?

First of all, let me mention that LazyView is at least ideal for me, it might be completely useless for you. Its features are:

- It doesn't move lots of lines, icons, images or pixels of any other kind over the screen, which means it keeps its hands off the CPU for most of the time.
- Nevertheless it displays something useful on a nearly completely blank screen. This is ideal for the monitor (a screensaver should **not** turn a monitor completely black as far as I know).
- The thing I personally like the most: LazyView displays the current date and time in large friendly letters on the screen, so everytime I enter my room I know exactly what time it is (this means in most cases: too late). The time's position is changed from time to time to prevent burn-ins.

How to install?

The place to install it is usually one of the following:

~/Library/BackSpaceViews

/LocalLibrary/BackSpaceViews

You may copy the directory LazyView.BackModule there by hand or you may use ProjectBuilder to compile the sources and install LazyView with the target 'install'. The third possibility is to compile it in a shell with the command `make install INSTALLDIR=<your preferred installdir>`

For example:

`make install INSTALLDIR=$HOME/Library/BackSpaceViews`

Is it legal?

Sure it is. Just remember that this code comes with no warranty of any kind. You may freely distribute the source code and the resulting binary.

What else?

Note that this module is far from perfect. Don't use the source code as an example of how to programm such things. If you do improvements on the code, then please send me the changes.

Thanks for betatesting, ideas, tips go to: Christian Limpach, Brad Wright, Jason Bright, Darcy Brockbank, Ray Spalding.

Enjoy it and be nice to each other!

Felix Rauch

felix@nice.ch (NeXTmail welcome, but not too large please!)

10. Dec. 1994