

Caledos v1.5

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Without its unvaluable (and unpaid) help, this program would never have been known outside Italy (maybe this would have made the world happier).

Installation

To install Caledos evaluation copy is sufficient to unzip the .ZIP file in a directory of your hard disk, and then run the program INSTALL from the DOS prompt, passing the full path of your Windows directory as a parameter.

For example: INSTALL C:\WINDOWS [Enter]

WARNING!

Since the INSTALL program can modify some DLLs being used by other programs, you must run it from the real DOS prompt, not from a DOS window !!!

Here is a list of the contents of the .ZIP file:

bwcc.dll	Borland Custom Controls royalty free DLL
Caledos_.exe	the wallpaper changer
Caledos.hlp	the help file you are reading
Install.exe	installer
ReadMe.txt	introductive notes on the software
Caledos.CPL	Control Panel compatible DLL
file_ID.diz	short description

Disinstallation

In order to disinstall Caledos from your system you have to perform the following steps:

(1)

Run Caledos from Control Panel and deactivate the ON button (this means there must be no check mark)

(2)

Exit from Caledos and then delete the file CALEDOS_.EXE and CALEDOS.INI from the Windows directory.

(3)

If you have no other program using the BWCC.DLL file, delete this file from System subdirectory of the Windows directory. BE VERY CAREFUL: this operation could prejudice the execution of other applicaion. We suggest you should make a copy of BWCC.DLL in another directory, and remove it only after you have tried any Windows program you have.

(4)

Delete the files CALEDOS.CPL and CALEDOS.HLP from the System subdirectory of the Windows directory

What does the program?

Who has never got bored of having always the same wallpaper on Windows desktop?

In fact, any wallpaper, from the simplest ones to the most complex and intricated, with time becomes tiresom. What can we do to avoid this? Just change the wallpaper! Up to this point the thing seems as clear as the water of a creek, but if we think of how can be annoying changing the wallpaper by hand each time, then we could desire a program that automatically does this job.

Since I had not found any such program, I decided I could make it for myself, and thus, matching my needs of small memory occupation, high usage simplicity and a wide range of choices for the time interval between wallpaper changes.

I opted for the greatest interface simplicity by allowing a finite set of choices for the time interval, since I think it's quite uncommon that someone wants the wallpaper changed every 12.7 days (if you are such a person, this is definitely not the program for you).

How to use the program

To configurate Caledos, you must run Windows Control Panel and click twice on the Wallpaper Changer icon.

Once the program starts, it shows a dialog box that allows you to choose which .BMP images are to be displayed, and the time interval between wallpaper changes: to add an image to the list, you must enter the listbox on the left with your mouse pointer, and browse the directory until you find the bitmap file you want; select the file name with a click and then press the ADD button, or double-click the file name: the selected file name will appear in the list box on the right, which contains the names of the images used as wallpaper.

To remove a file name from the list box on the right, you have to select it with a mouse click and then press the REMOVE button.

To remove the whole list of selected images, use the RESET button.

By activating/deactivating the ON button you can enable/disable Caledos; when the program is disabled in this way, it doesn't change the wallpaper, but still retains the list of selected images.

The RANDOM button, if activated, allows Caledos to choose randomly the next wallpaper from the selected images list each time the wallpaper needs to be changed; otherwise the selected bitmaps are used in the order they are listed in.

The INFO ON STARTUP button is for activating/deactivating the information window displayed when Windows is started.

The FORCE IMAGE button allows you to select the next wallpaper to use among those in the right list box. This function can also be accomplished by double-clicking the selected image name on the list box on the right.

The TILE and CENTRE buttons determine the way the wallpaper is displayed. If CENTRE is activated, there will be one copy of the bitmap at the centre of the screen; otherwise, if TILE is activated, the screen is filled with as many copies of the bitmap as it will needs, arranged like tiles.

How does it work

When you install the program, the file CALEDOS_.EXE (the effective wallpaper changer) is copied into the Windows directory. Then, each time Windows starts up, CALEDOS_.EXE reads from the file CALEDOS.INI (also in the Windows directory) the information it needs (wallpapers list, change frequency etc.) in order to determine the appropriate wallpaper, and sets a line Wallpaper=... in the [Desktop] section of the WIN.INI file. CALEDOS.CPL, accessible through the Control Panel, modifies the contents of CALEDOS.INI.

NOTE:

since Caledos modifies WIN.INI when Windows is already running, the change will have no effect until the next Windows startup. This means, for example, that if you configure Caledos to modify the wallpaper every week, the change will become effective from the 2nd time you run Windows in the 7th day.

Caledos has been developed using the Borland C/C++ compiler vers. 3.1. It does not use object oriented programming since it uses extensively the Windows API interface. However, some of the C extension have been used, so the source cannot be compiled with a pure C compiler.

This help file has been developed with the HLPDK Help Engine Develop. Kit v8.0 shareware.

To reduce disk occupation and to simplify my life I decided to choose a small memory model, with 386 code generation (is there anybody still using 286?), and we used the BWCC Borland Custom Control library, whose DLL can be shared with other programs.

That's all, folks!

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