ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus*
Windows Screen Saver On/Off Switch
Version 1.30
for Microsoft Windows 3.1+
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ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus* lets you enable or disable your Windows screen saver with a single mouse-click to a small button on your desktop. It also lets you start your screen saver immediately, and to set the screen saver delay in one second (rather than one minute) increments. Finally, it provides methods for you to restart your Windows session, to safely close Windows and reboot your machine, or to exit to DOS without the pesky "This will end your Windows session" OK/Cancel query.

How To Use The Switch:

Run the program using Windows' Program Manager or File Manager. The small **ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus*** Button will appear in the lower right corner of your screen.

A green dot means that the Windows screen saver is enabled and will start after a period of inactivity. A red dot means that the screen saver is disabled and will not start.

Click the **ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus*** Button with the left mouse-button to switch between enabled and disabled modes.

Activating The Menu:

Activate the menu by clicking the **ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus*** Button with the right mouse-button. The menu contains the following options:

Run screen saver: Starts the screen saver immediately.

Screen saver settings: Allows you to enable or disable the screen saver, set its delay in seconds (Windows' Control Panel only allows 1 minute increments), and to make these settings permanent (by saving them to WIN.INI).

Button position: Allows you to place the **ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus*** Button in one of six screen positions (one of the four corners, top center or bottom center). Also offers "Arrow move" to allow you to position the Button anywhere: click "Arrow move" (the cursor becomes a four-way arrow), press an arrow key, then reposition the Button using the mouse and/or the arrow keys. Press Enter or click the left mouse-button to establish the Button's position (works the same as a regular window's Move command).

Always On Top: Toggles whether the **ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus*** Button always appears above all other windows. If this item is checked, the **ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus*** Button will appear above all other windows.

Help: Provides information on how to use **ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus***.

About: Displays version and shareware registration information for **ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus***.

Windows Utilities: Allows you to restart your Windows session, to exit Windows and return to DOS, or to exit Windows and reboot your computer. [See "Why **ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus***" below for some reasons for doing this.]

Exit: Removes the Button from the screen, and restores the most recent permanent screen saver settings.

Notes:

ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus* will have no effect with screen savers not installed into Windows Control Panel / Desktop.

No screen saver will activate if **ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus*** enables screen saving but Windows' Control Panel has no screen saver specified (i.e., Screen Saver Name = "(None)".)

For more information about Windows screen savers, consult your Windows documentation.

System Requirements:

Microsoft Windows version 3.1 or higher.

Why ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus*?

Sometimes you want your screen saver enabled, sometimes you don't. Some programs (including certain tape backup applications) may not run correctly if the screen saver activates. The unobtrusive **ScrnSaveSwitch***Plus* Button allows you to switch back and forth with a minimum of trouble.

I like my screen saver to have a short delay and password protection for security. Not, however, while I'm working. I wanted a simple button to enable/disable the screen saver rather than to have to go into Control Panel/Desktop.

The "Windows Utilities" (Restart Windows, Exit Windows, Reboot machine) are helpful because **many** programs never release the resources they acquire and the only way to make those resources available again is to quit Windows and then restart it. Sometimes a whole reboot is required to restore a system to "normal"! These methods make that reinitialization safe, simple, fast and keyboard-free. (By the way, they also let you bypass the "This will end your Windows session" OK/Cancel query.)

What do you think? What else would you like to see? Contact me at the USMail or CompuServe addresses under "Technical Support".

Shareware Information:

ScrnSaveSwitch*Plus* is a Shareware program. You are free to use and evaluate it for up to 30 days. If you find it useful and wish to continue using it after 30 days, you must make a registration payment of $10.00 to the author. You may do so either by:

    *   Registering on CompuServe using the Shareware Registration Database (GO SWREG; registration ID 4158).

OR

    *   Remitting $10.00 cash or check by mail to:

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Please indicate the version of **ScrnSaveSwitch***Plus* you are using.

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