FIGURE 2.3
The Cursor Blink Rate section in the lower-right corner of Control Panel's Desktop dialog box allows you to change the blinking rate of your cursor.

FIGURE 2.1FIGURE 2.11Editing the SYSTEM.INI to load Solitaire in place of the Task Manager enables you to instantly call up Solitaire from anywhere in Windows by pressing Ctrl+Esc.FIGURE 2.5Change the speed at which a key repeats by adjusting the Repeat Rate scroll bar in Control Panel's Keyboard dialog box; test the new rate in the text box below.FIGURE 2.4Clearing the Fast Printing Direct to Port check box in Control Panel's Printer dialog box prohibits Windows from sending output directly to the printer port.FIGURE 2.6Editing the MenuDropAlignment entry in the WIN.INI file lets you change the side on which drop-down menus align; a setting of 1 makes them align to the right.FIGURE 2.2Turn off WindowsÕ warning beep by clearing the Enable System Sounds check box in the Sound section of Control Panel.FIGURE 2.7Clear the Use Print Manager check box in Control PanelÕs Printers dialog box to turn off Windows print job management.FIGURE 2.8Changing the WIN.INI settings WallpaperOriginX= and WallpaperOriginY= allows you to specify coordinates for your wallpaper; this Windows logo wallpaper is tiled at coordinates of 12 and 12.FIGURE 2.9Clear the Enable TrueType check box in Control PanelÕs Fonts section to disable the use of TrueType fonts.FIGURE 2.10If you do not have a sound board or the Microsoft speaker driver installed on your system, the list boxes in Control PanelÕs Sound section will be unavailable to you.Add an icon for the Windows System Editor to your desktop to gain immediate access to your AUTOEXEC.BAT, CONFIG.SYS, SYSTEM.INI, and WIN.INI.FIGURE 2.12Change the Device Contention settings for a COM port by changing the values in Control PanelÕs 386 Enhanced dialog box.FIGURE 2.13Changing the DOSPromptExitInstruc setting in the SYSTEM.INI file gets rid of this message, which reminds you how to return to Windows from a DOS session.