

DESKTOP v1.0 - Bitmap Randomizer



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INTRODUCTION

DESKTOP.EXE is a bitmap randomizing program for Windows. It automatically loads when starting windows, and DESKTOP will choose a random bitmap from the user's chosen list of bitmaps. In addition, DESKTOP has the capability of displaying a random bitmap at certain intervals specified by the user. One key advantage with DESKTOP is that the user can associate whether the bitmap is centered or tiled for each bitmap chosen.

FEATURES

- Randomizes the wallpaper when starting Windows if included as a startup file.
- Allows the user to choose bitmaps to randomize. Not all bitmaps are included in the random list unless the user adds them.
- Allows bitmap files to be located in different directories and still be included in the random list.
- Allow different bitmaps to become the wallpaper in up to one minute intervals.
- Every bitmap included in the random has its own attribute whether to be centered or tiled.

USING DESKTOP

INSTALLING...

After copying DESKTOP.EXE onto your hard disk, you can load it from the Program Manager. If the user does not have a previous copy of BWCC.DLL, the user should copy BWCC.DLL to the windows directory (\WINDOWS as default). DESKTOP.EXE does not have to be in a pathed directory. When starting DESKTOP.EXE for the first time, be sure to double click on the DESKTOP icon (Bitmap Randomizer Icon) to do your initial setup. To start DESKTOP.EXE everytime you start Windows, either include DESKTOP.EXE in your STARTUP folder in the Program Manager or add DESKTOP.EXE to the "load=" line of your WIN.INI file.

TO SELECT BITMAP FILES TO RANDOMIZE...

To select bitmap files to randomize, the user must first double click on the DESKTOP icon (Bitmap Randomizer Icon). Once the Chooser dialog appears, the user must change the directory to where his bitmaps are located. Then, select the file to be included in the randomize list. Indicate whether this bitmap will be tiled or centered. Finally, double click on this bitmap name to copy the name into the Randomized list. This bitmap is now included in the randomize process.

TO REMOVE BITMAP FILES FROM THE RANDOMIZED LIST...

To remove a bitmap from the randomized list, the user must select the file on the Randomized list and push the Remove button. This file is now removed from the randomized process.

TO VIEW THE BITMAP ON THE DESKTOP...

Once the bitmap is included in the randomized list, this bitmap can be immediately viewed on the

desktop. The user must double click on this bitmap file in the randomized list box. Then, the chosen bitmap file is immediately displayed on the desktop.

TO CHANGE THE BITMAP'S ATTRIBUTE (CENTER / TILE)...

Once the bitmap is included in the randomized list box, its attribute (centered or tiled) cannot be changed directly. Instead, the user must remove this file from the randomized list and re-add this bitmap with the changed attribute.

TO ALLOW DESKTOP.EXE TO CHANGE BITMAP ON CERTAIN TIME INTERVALS...

DESKTOP.EXE allows the ability of randomly changing bitmaps on certain time intervals. To turn this feature on, the user must select the PERIODIC... menu item in the application's system menu. This will pop up the Periodic Interval Setting dialog. To turn this feature on, check the Periodic Setting checkbox. Then, indicate the number of seconds between wallpaper changes. The largest interval is one minute. Any time interval greater than one minute will be limited to one minute. If this feature is turned off, DESKTOP should terminate itself in approximately one minute.

INCLUDED FILES

DESKTOP.EXE	The application.
DESKTOP.WRI	This file.
BWCC.DLL	Only required if one does not already exist

SHAREWARE

Please support the shareware concept by sending \$15 if you decide to continue using this application after 14 days. Please include your name, address, and check to the following address

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BUGS

Please report any improvement suggestions or bugs to my CompuServe account: 70670,1636. Thank you for trying out DESKTOP.EXE and enjoy the program.
