<u>What's new?</u>

For version 1.1:

Nothing really.

Some users may not have been able to use WinDim because they do not have a copy of BWCC.DLL, something we forgot to include in original release. We apologize profusely for this oversight, and a copy of BWCC.DLL is included with this copy of WinDim.

To install BWCC.DLL, simply copy it to your Windows system directory. So, if you have Windows installed at 'C:\WIN31', you would copy BWCC.DLL to 'C:\WIN31\SYSTEM'. That's it. You should now be able to use WinDim!

Again, we apologize for this oversight.

For version 1.2:

In previous versions, when WinDim became active, it would obscure what was going on in other applications. When activated, WinDim would open a fullscreen window which had no controls, and no background, so Windows would put a copy of the current screen image into the window as it's background. Things may still be going on in other applications, but the [dimmed] screen would only show a frozen image of what the screen looked like just before WinDim dimmed it. The original manual for WinDim spoke of this [unwanted] feature, and of how we were looking for a way around it. Well, we found it.

Starting with version 1.2, when WinDim dims the screen (assuming you have not selected completely blank), you will be able to see output from any other application currently running. It will be dimmed, but at least you will see that things are still happening. This is particularly useful if you have selected a brighter dimming factor, say 1/2 or 1/3, where you can still see most all of the screen clearly.

An example may help explain. Say you have Procomm+ for Windows running, downloading a large file, and you have WinDim set to dim the screen to 1/2. Once WinDim becomes active and dims the screen, you will still be able to see the status of your download. In previous versions of WinDim, you would not be able to see this. The screen would be a frozen image of what it was right before WinDim was activated, and you would have to press a key or move the mouse in order to see how your download is going. No more... Note that in order to do this, we had to design a special DLL specifically for WinDim. It is called WINDIMHK.DLL, and instructions on where to install it are in the WINDIM.WRI manual.

In addition to that enhancement, we have also made the configuration dialog a little prettier (not much), as well as

changed WinDim so that it saves its configuration in CONTROL.INI instead of WIN.INI. It is standard for screen savers (and any control panel application) to save its setup to CONTROL.INI, which is why we changed it. Once you have installed the new version, you may use any text editor (like notepad) and delete the "ScreenSaver.WinDim" section in your WIN.INI file, or you may leave it, it will affect nothing.