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LogoZip self-extracting archives are a convenient way to install replacement startup / shutdown logo screens. Simply run the LogoZip archive and your new screens will be installed in seconds. Best of all, your original Windows logo screens will be saved in backup files which can be restored by RE-running the LogoZip extractor.

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What are startup/shutdown screens?

Windows '95/'98 displays several familiar screens at the beginning and ending of each Windows session:

Startup Logo Screen

At the start of each Windows session, the operating system will briefly display a picture of the Windows logo against a blue sky; an animated band of color will also be seen moving at the bottom of the screen. The bitmap file for the startup screen can be found at:

<boothost dir>\LOGO.SYS.*

Shutdown 'Wait' Logo Screen

Likewise at the end of each computer session, Windows will again display two status screens. The first screen asks the user to wait a moment while Windows deletes any temporary files it has created. The bitmap file for the 'wait' screen can be found at:

<windows dir>\LOGOW.SYS.

Shutdown 'Safe' Logo Screen

When Windows has finished its shutdown tasks, the operating system will display a message that it is now safe to turn off the machine. The bitmap file for the 'safe' screen can be found at:

<windows dir>\LOGOS.SYS.

**Windows'98 users:* On certain Win'98 installations the LOGO.SYS file may be entirely absent. Alternate file names include IOS.SYS and STRTLOGO.OEM etc. LogoZip can handle these conditions without generating an error message.

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How does LogoZip work?

The LogoZip self-extracting archive contains your theme's replacement logo screens. When run, the program will first make backup files of your original startup / shutdown logo screen bitmaps.

The program then self-extracts and installs the replacement files. These extracted files are bitmaps of your theme's logo artwork.

To restore your original Windows logo screens, LogoZip reverses all file operations: the three replacement files are deleted and the backup files are renamed their original names. This allows for quick restoration of your screens by simply RE-running the program.

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Can I use other logo screen managers?

Some logo screen managers require you to specify the path of each individual logo file.

As a convenience, you can extract your theme's logo files by simply renaming the LogoZip archive program as `Extract.exe`. Running the program with this new name will extract your files into the current working directory.

File extraction is also useful if you need to manually install your replacement logo screens because of an [error message](#).

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ERROR : WINDOWS '95/'98 NEEDED.

Startup/shutdown screens are only available on the Windows '95/'98 operating system. You will get this message if you try to run the LogoZip extractor on a Windows-NT computer. You may also get this message if your system registry entry for 'BootHost' is corrupted or missing.

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ERROR : WINDOWS FILE(S) NOT FOUND.

LogoZip needs to find all of your Windows logo files*. You will get this error message if any of these are missing:

Startup Screen* = <boothost dir>\LOGO.SYS

Shutdown 'Wait' = <windows dir>\LOGOW.SYS

Shutdown 'Safe' = <windows dir>\LOGOS.SYS

Please make sure these files haven't been moved or deleted. You can restore these files by re-installing Windows.

*Windows'98 users: The startup screen file (LOGO.SYS) is optional on some Win'98 setups. If you get this error message, please make sure you have both shutdown screen files.

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ERROR : BACKUP FILE(S) NOT FOUND.

LogoZip can restore your original Windows screens only if it has found all of its backup files* of your original Windows bitmaps. You will get this error message if any of these are missing:

Startup Screen* = <boothost dir>\LOGO.SYS.BAK
Shutdown 'Wait' = <windows dir>\LOGOW.SYS.BAK
Shutdown 'Safe' = <windows dir>\LOGOS.SYS.BAK

Please make sure these files haven't been moved or deleted. You can restore your original files by re-installing Windows.

*Windows'98 users: The startup screen file (LOGO.SYS) is optional on some Win'98 setups. If you get this error message, please make sure you have all of your shutdown screen files.

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ERROR : WINDOWS FILE(S) NOT FOUND.
ERROR : BACKUP FILE(S) NOT FOUND.

LogoZip needs to find all of your Windows and backup logo files*. You will get this error message if any of these are missing:

Windows Files:

Startup Screen* = <boothost dir>\LOGO.SYS
Shutdown 'Wait' = <windows dir>\LOGOW.SYS
Shutdown 'Safe' = <windows dir>\LOGOS.SYS

Backup Files:

Startup Screen* = <boothost dir>\LOGO.SYS.BAK
Shutdown 'Wait' = <windows dir>\LOGOW.SYS.BAK
Shutdown 'Safe' = <windows dir>\LOGOS.SYS.BAK

Please make sure these files haven't been moved or deleted. You can restore your original files by re-installing Windows.

*Windows'98 users: The startup screen file (LOGO.SYS) is optional on some Win'98 setups. If you get this error message, please make sure you have all of your shutdown screen files.

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LogoZip self-extractor is freeware and is distributed with this desktop theme without charge.

Additionally, this software is distributed "as is" without any explicit or implicit warranties. The end-user assumes responsibility for any unforeseen consequences resulting from the use of this program. Neither the software developer nor the desktop theme author can be held liable for damages. Use of this software signifies agreement to these terms.

Portions of this program utilize the binary-swap compression algorithm, used by permission.

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Startup Screen = <boothost dir>\LOGO.SYS
Shutdown 'Wait' = <windows dir>\LOGOW.SYS
Shutdown 'Safe' = <windows dir>\LOGOS.SYS

For an explanation of <boothost dir> and <windows dir>, see the 'startup/shutdown screens' overview section.

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For an explanation of <boothost dir> and <windows dir>, see the 'startup/shutdown screens' overview section.

Windows Logo Files → Backup Files

Startup Screen:

<boothost dir>\LOGO.SYS

→ <boothost dir>\LOGO.SYS.BAK

Shutdown 'Wait' Screen:

<windows dir>\LOGOW.SYS

→ <windows dir>\LOGOW.SYS.BAK

Shutdown 'Safe' Screen:

<windows dir>\LOGOS.SYS

→ <windows dir>\LOGOS.SYS.BAK

For an explanation of <boothost dir> and <windows dir>, see the 'startup/shutdown screens' overview section.

LOGOZIP ARCHIVE

LogoZip Self-Extractor ----> Replacement Files

----> <boothost dir>\LOGO.SYS
----> <windows dir>\LOGOW.SYS
----> <windows dir>\LOGOS.SYS

For an explanation of <boothost dir> and <windows dir>, see the 'startup/shutdown screens' overview section.

Freeware: *n.* (contr. *free* + *software*) Any computer software given for no monetary compensation or payment.

<boothost dir> is the boot host directory location containing your computer's boot-up routine. This is the place on the hard drive where your computer first reads when it starts up. The <boothost dir> is always a non-compressed drive letter followed by a colon.

If your boot-up drive is NOT compressed, the <boothost dir> is that drive's designated letter followed by a colon (for example, usually C: on most computers).

If your boot-up drive is compressed, the <boothost dir> is the drive's host letter followed by a colon (for example, usually H: as defaulted by DriveSpace; please see the DriveSpace control panel for the host letter)

<windows dir> is the standard Windows directory location that contains your WIN.COM kernel file (for example, usually C:\WINDOWS on most computers).

