Screen Saver Enhancer

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Overview

This program is an add-on to any Standard Windows Screen Saver.   These are the   screen savers that ship with Windows and reside in the windows directory with the .SCR extension. They are selectable via the Control Panel screen saver option.

One way in which this program is really useful is in determining if your computer is running when the monitor is turned off by watching the LED activity.   I find this useful since we have a WFW network, and everyone turns off their monitors when they leave for the day.

If a screen saver is ill-behaved and does not destroy its main window when exiting, then you will have to close the Enhancer icon on the desktop manually.   This will also give you the option of destroying the distempered screen saver.

Installation

To install the program, copy ENHANCE.SCR and ENHANCE.HLP to your windows directory. Then from the Windows Control Panel, choose the Desktop icon.   In the Desktop configuration, pick the "LED & Sound Enhancer" in the Screen Saver group.

Press the Setup... button to configure the wave file to be played and the pattern that you want to appear on your keyboard LED indicators while the screen saver is activate.   There are some default patterns that come with the product, and you can create your own.   You also pick the video portion of the screen saver at this time, this will be one of the pre-existing windows screen savers.

General Configuration

In the **Play Wave File** group you can select a wave file that will be played whenever the screen saver goes active.   It will also be repeated on the given interval.   If you do not want a wave file to play, then leave the file name empty.   You can use the **Browse** button to quickly search for a .WAV file.   Pressing the **Play** button will play the wave file for verification purposes.

In the **LED Pattern** group you select the LED pattern that you want displayed while the screen saver is active.   This will appear on the Num Lock, Caps Lock, and Scroll Lock indicator lights on your keyboard.   The speed bar is used to control the speed at which the pattern is displayed on the keyboard.   Slow means that there is about a one second time period between changes and fast is about one tenth of a second between changes.   You can use the Edit Pattern button to customize the LED sequencing.

In the **Screen Saver** group you pick the screen saver that you want to control your monitor. Hitting the **Test** button here will only test the screen saver without the LEDs or wave file playing.   You use the **Setup** button in this group to configure the screen saver and/or password.

LED Sequencing

This dialog allows you to change the order in which the keyboard LEDs activate.

You can pick one of the preconfigured patterns from the Combo-Box or enter your own name there.   You next add the steps in the sequence using the Check Boxes, list box, and buttons that appear in the **Pattern** group.   Selecting an item in the list causes the check boxes to update with its pattern.

The **Insert** button will insert the pattern that matches the check boxes **before** the current selection in the list.
The **Append** button always adds the pattern at the end of the list.
The **Delete** button deletes the current selection.
The **Update** button updates the current selection with pattern from the check boxes.

You use the **Add, Change,** and **Remove** buttons to perform operations on the entire list. **Add** and **Change** will save the current pattern to the CONTROL.INI file.   **Remove** deletes the current pattern from the CONTROL.INI file.   If you delete all of the patterns, the defaults will be added back the next time you run the setup.

Choosing **OK** will set the current pattern as the pattern name in the main configuration dialog.   Choosing **Cancel** will close the dialog without updating the main configuration dialog.

Make sure that you use the **Add** or **Change** button to save any changes **before** closing the dialog.