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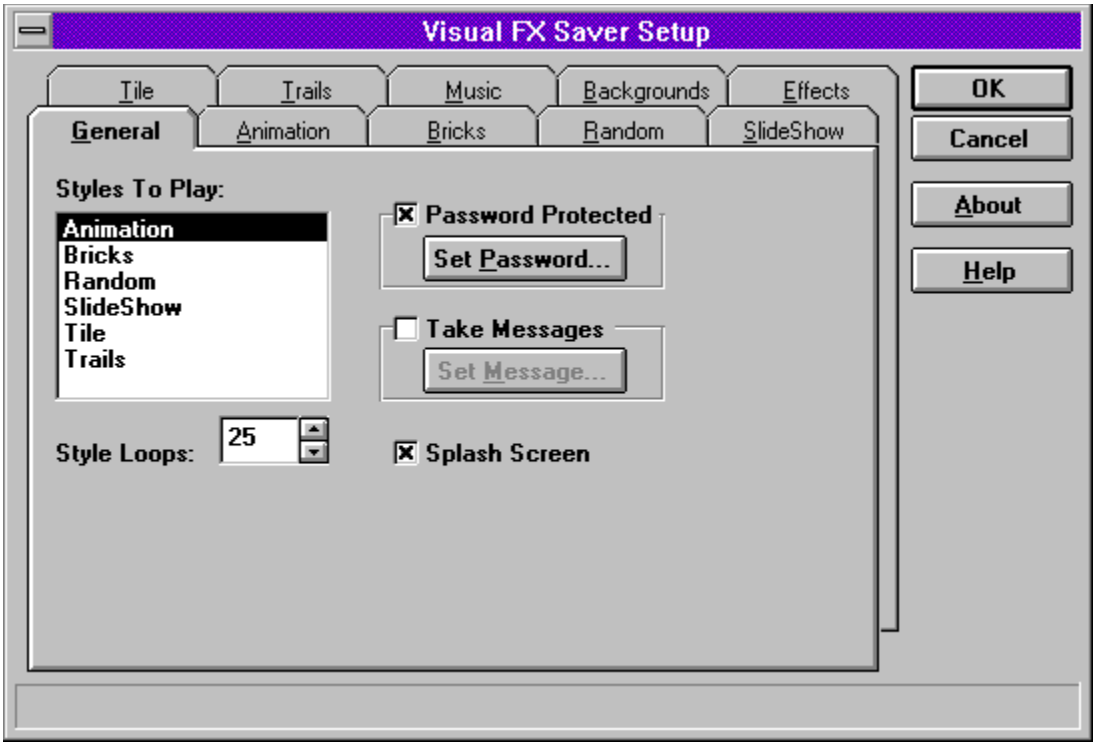
Introduction

Welcome to the Visual FX Screen Saver

Click on the screen elements below to learn more on how to use the Visual FX Screen Saver Setup.



The General tab allows you to select which Styles To Play, Style Loops, Password Protection, Take Messages, and Splash Screen.

Click on the list of Styles To Play to select which Styles will be chosen from for your screen saving session.
For example: if you chose Bricks and Random, the first time the screen saver runs it will use the Bricks style. Then the screen saver will use the Random style.
For every Style you select you must set its settings.

Click on the up or down arrows in the Style Loops number box to set the number of times each style will play.

Check the Password Protected check box to password protect your screen saving session. You must Set Password.

Check the Take Messages check box to show a message taker screen when your screen saving session is interrupted. Use the 'Set Message' button to set the greeting.

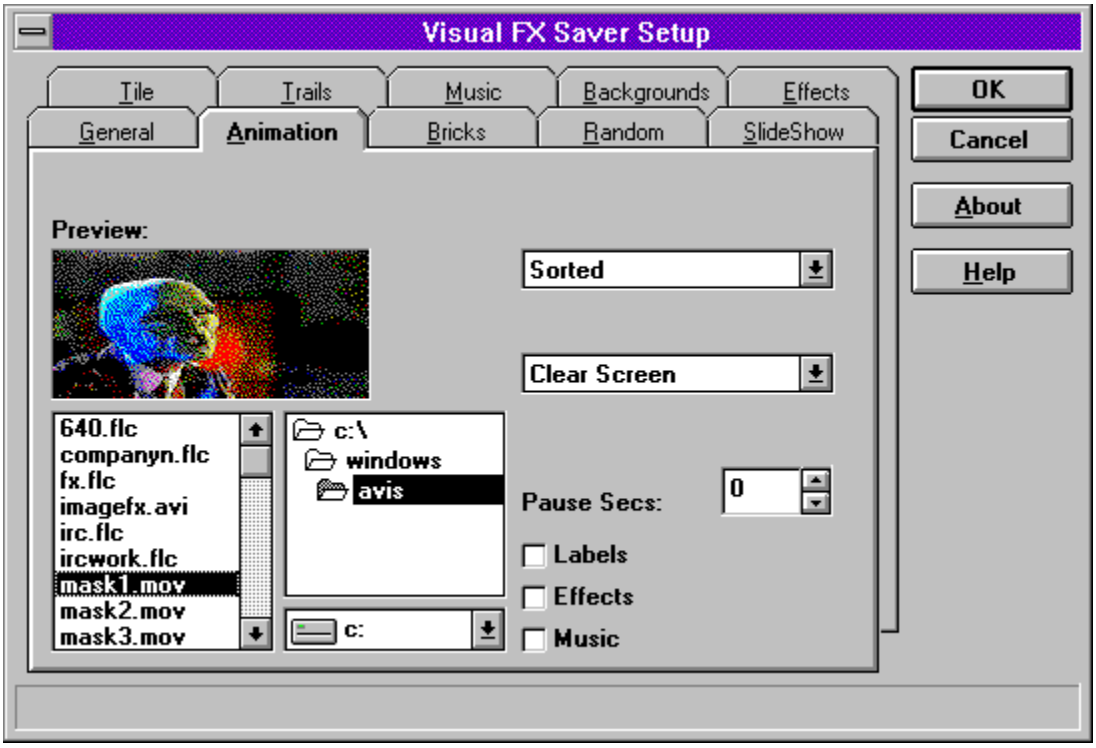
Check the Splash Screen check box to show the Splash Screen before the start of every screen save session.

Saver Styles

Animation
Bricks
Random
SlideShow
Tile
Trails

Animation

Click on the screen elements below to learn more on how to use the Animation dialog.



The Preview area will attempt to display the selected animation file in a small window. Flc files will not be compressed into the window. You must click on a file to set this option.

The 'Single/Random/Sorted' dropdown box lets you decide how to play your selected animation. 'Single' will play the selected file. 'Random' and 'Sorted' will play all the animations in the selected directory. If you choose a 'Flc' file the animations played will be 'Flc', 'Fli', and 'Aas'. If you choose an 'Avi' or 'Mov' file the animations played will be 'Avi' and 'Mov'.

Warning: you must provide your own runtimes to play 'Avi' and 'Mov' files.
The Video For Windows runtime is available in the Microsoft Multimedia Forum on Compuserve and the Quicktime runtime is available in the Apple QuickTime Forum.

The Capture Screen/Clear Screen/Show Backgrounds dropdown box lets you decide what your animation is displayed on.

The Pause Secs area will let you set how long a delay before the next Animation is shown.

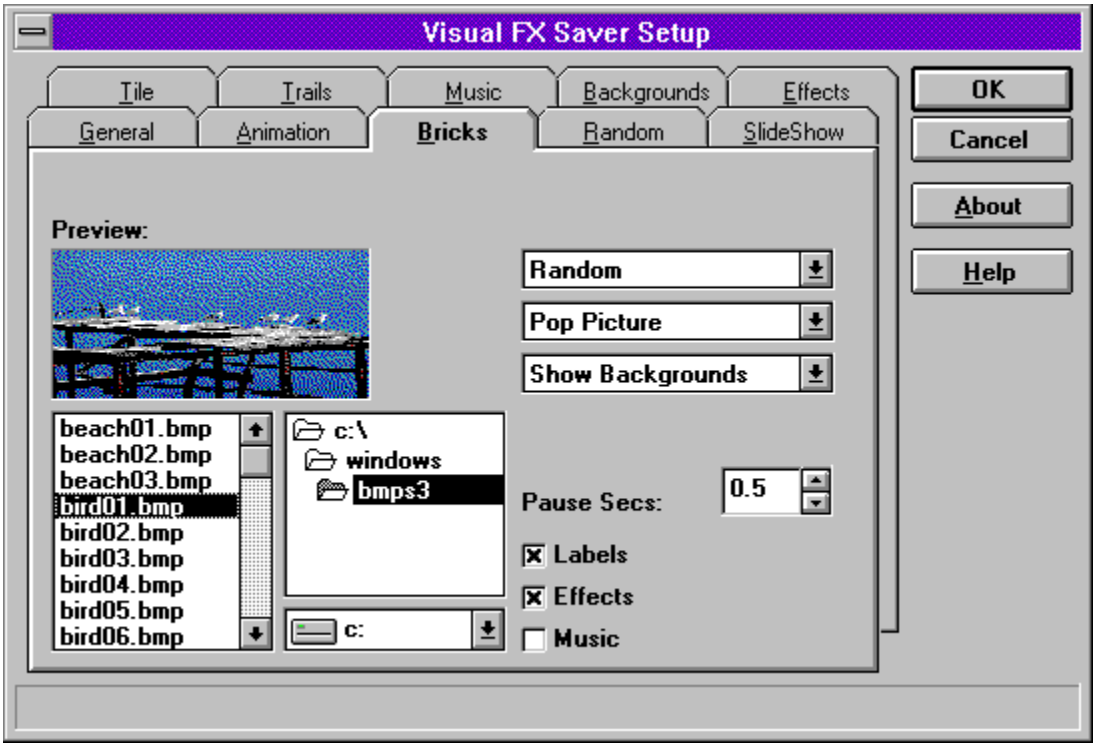
The Labels check box will let you show the name of the animation at the bottom of the screen.

The Effects check box will let you show a transition before the beginning of the playing of your animation. This option is only available for 'Avi' and 'Mov' files.

The Music check box will let you enable or disable music playing during your animation playing. Not recommended for animations that contain sound.

Bricks

Click on the screen elements below to learn more on how to use the Bricks dialog.



This style displays bmp, gif, pcx, tga, tif, wmf, eps, jpg, cmp, cal, img, mac, msp, pcd, pct, ras, wpg files.

Bricks starts from the bottom of the screen and tiles images towards the top.

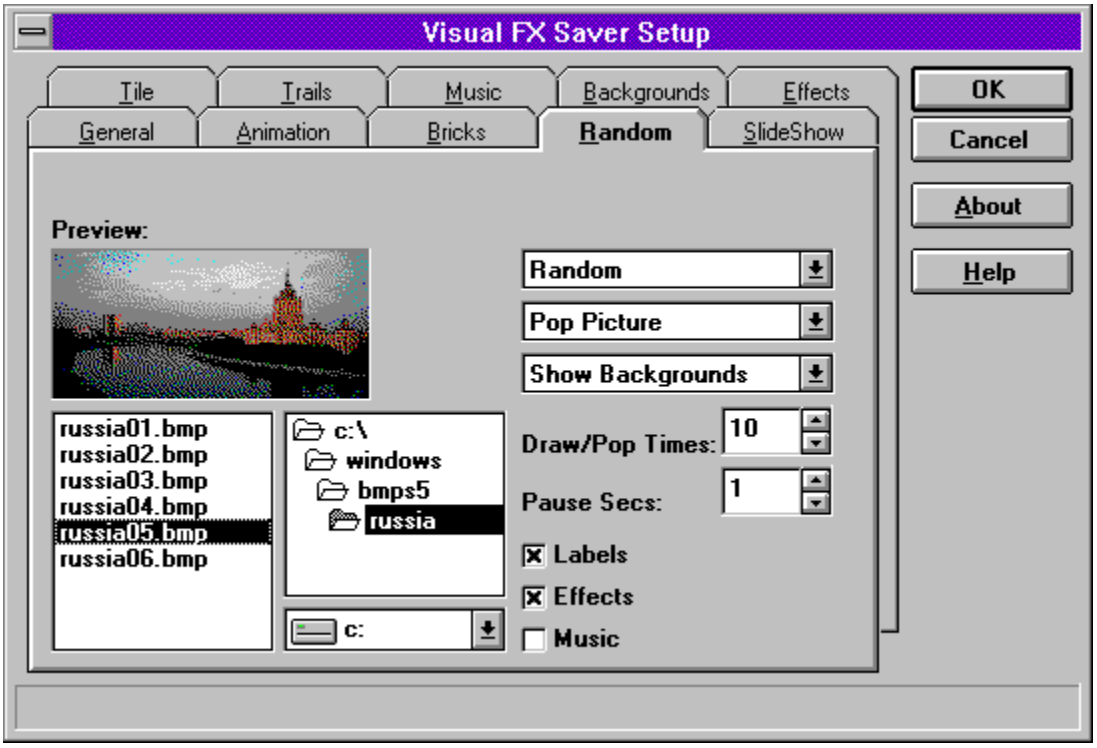
The Preview area will attempt to display the selected image file in a small window. You must click on a file to set this option.

The Draw Picture/Pop Picture dropdown box lets you choose the manner in which the image is drawn on the screen.

The Draw/Pop Times area lets you set how many times the image is drawn.

Random

Click on the screen elements below to learn more on how to use the Random dialog.



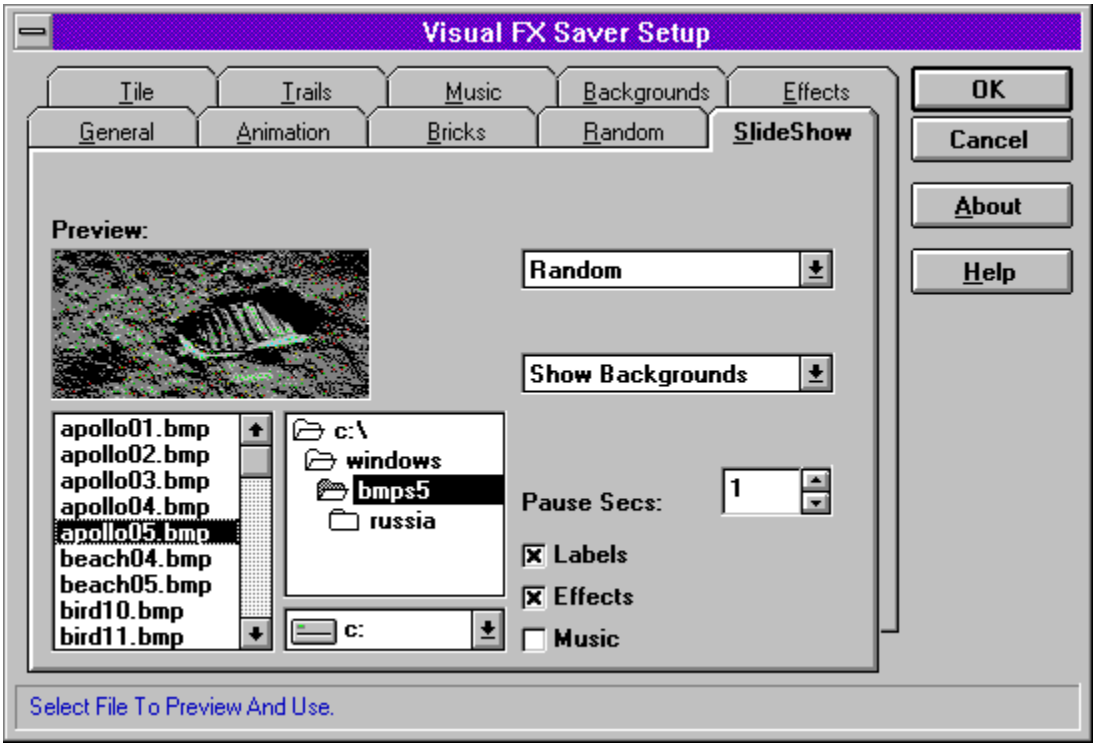
The Random style will take a selection of bmp, gif, pcx, tga, tif, wmf, eps, jpg, cmp, cal, img, mac, msp, pcd, pct, ras, wpg files and display them multiple times randomly on the screen.

The 'Draw Picture/Pop Picture' dropdown box lets you choose the manner in which the image is drawn on the screen.

The 'Draw/Pop Times' area lets you set how many times the image is drawn.

Slide Show

Click on the screen elements below to learn more on how to use the Slide Show dialog.



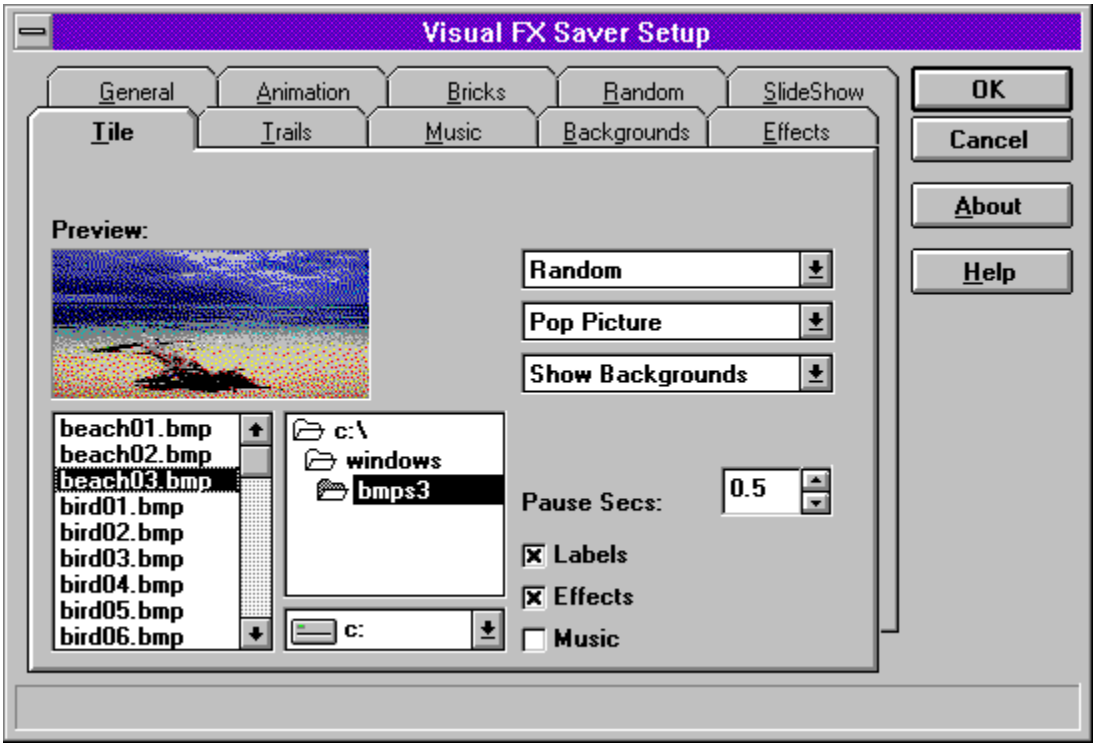
The SlideShow style will take a selection of bmp, gif, pcx, tga, tif, wmf, eps, jpg, cmp, cal, img, mac, msp, pcd, pct, ras, wpg files and display them in the center of the screen.

The 'Draw Picture/Pop Picture' dropdown box lets you choose the manner in which the image is drawn on the screen.

The 'Draw/Pop Times' area lets you set how many times the image is drawn.

Tile

Click on the screen elements below to learn more on how to use the Tile dialog.



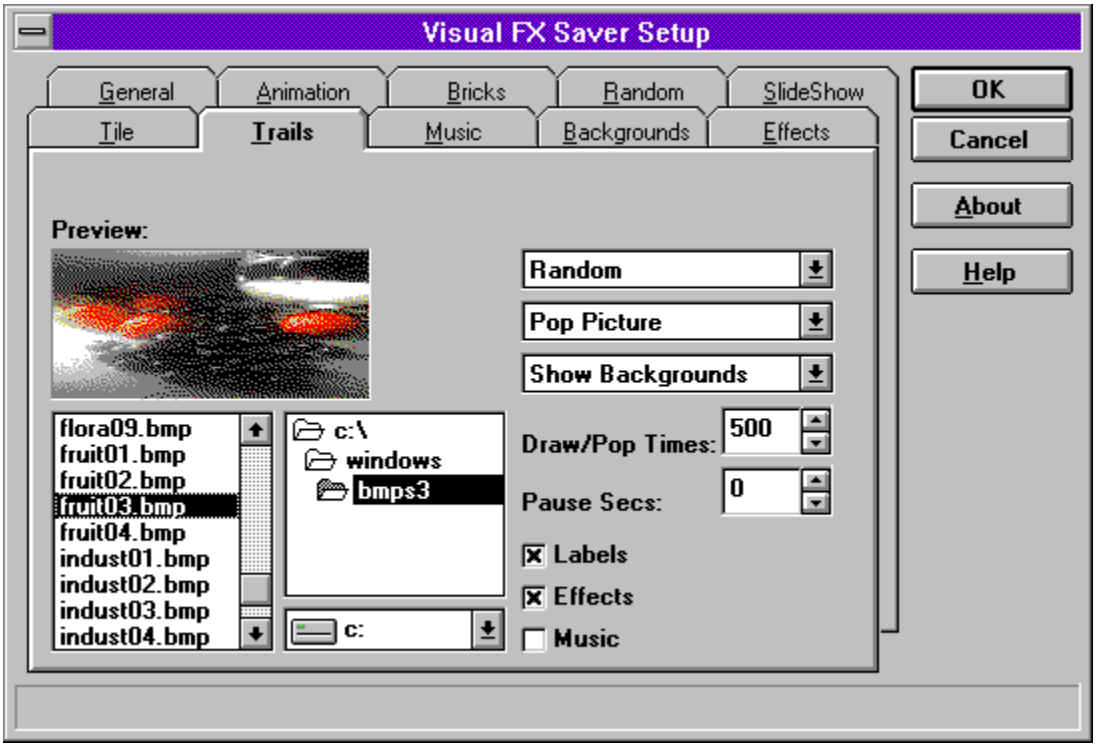
The Tile style will take a selection of bmp, gif, pcx, tga, tif, wmf, eps, jpg, cmp, cal, img, mac, msp, pcd, pct, ras, wpg files and display them multiple times starting at the top of the screen and ending at the bottom.

The 'Draw Picture/Pop Picture' dropdown box lets you choose the manner in which the image is drawn on the screen.

The 'Draw/Pop Times' area lets you set how many times the image is drawn.

Trails

Click on the screen elements below to learn more on how to use the Trails dialog.



The Trails style will take a selection of bmp, gif, pcx, tga, tif, wmf, eps, jpg, cmp, cal, img, mac, msp, pcd, pct, ras, wpg files and display them multiple times starting at the top corner of the screen and run in diagonals bouncing around the screen.

The 'Draw Picture/Pop Picture' dropdown box lets you choose the manner in which the image is drawn on the screen.

The 'Draw/Pop Times' area lets you set how many times the image is drawn.

Common Questions

Why does the background look all funny when I display an image on top of it?

Answer:

Palette Shifts! If you're using a 256 color display then there is no way to display two 256 color images at the same time without one of them taking on the colors of another. Suggestion: High Color boards are now selling for $100!

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Name:
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Company:
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Address1:
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Address2:
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City: State: Zip:
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Country:
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Single-User Registration

Single user $20.00

Amount enclosed .....

Make checks payable to: Tim Hitchings

Send completed form with payment to

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Huntington, NY 11743

Where did you here about Visual FX Saver?

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PsL
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CompuServe: 73637,66

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Click on the About button to view Copyright information.
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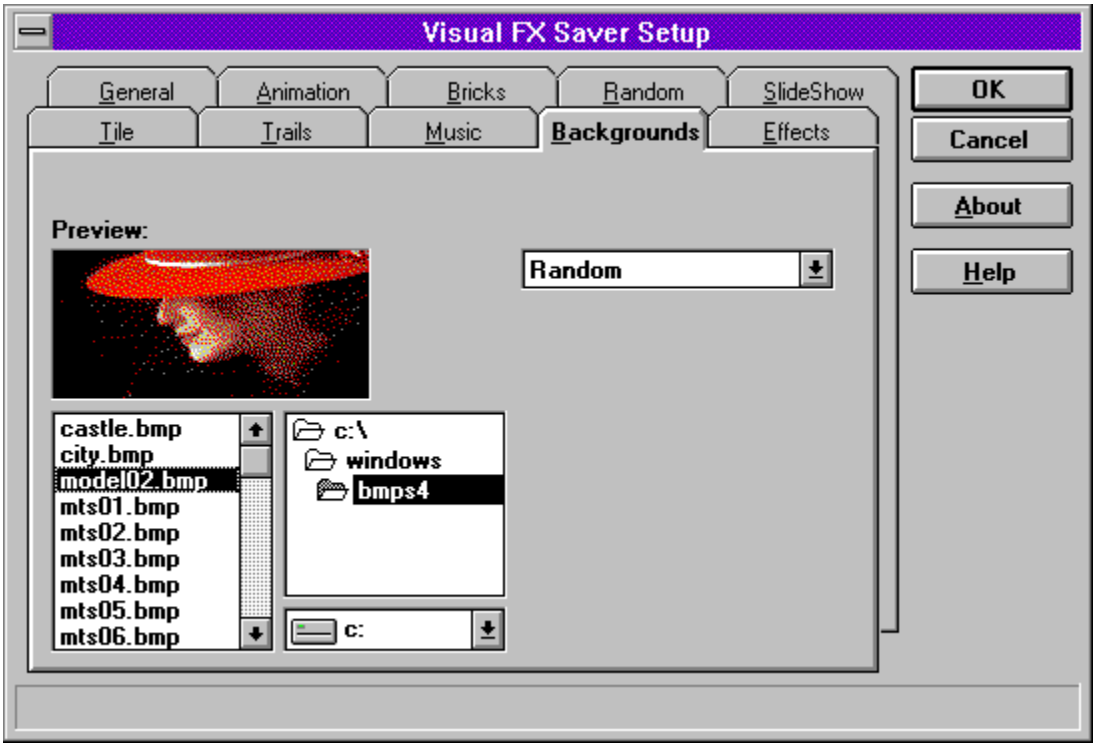
Available when you enter a message to be left.

Backgrounds

Click on the screen elements below to learn more on how to use the Backgrounds dialog.



The Background tab will take a selection of 'bmp', 'gif', 'pcx', 'tga', and 'tif' files and display them in the background while a Saver Style is in progress.

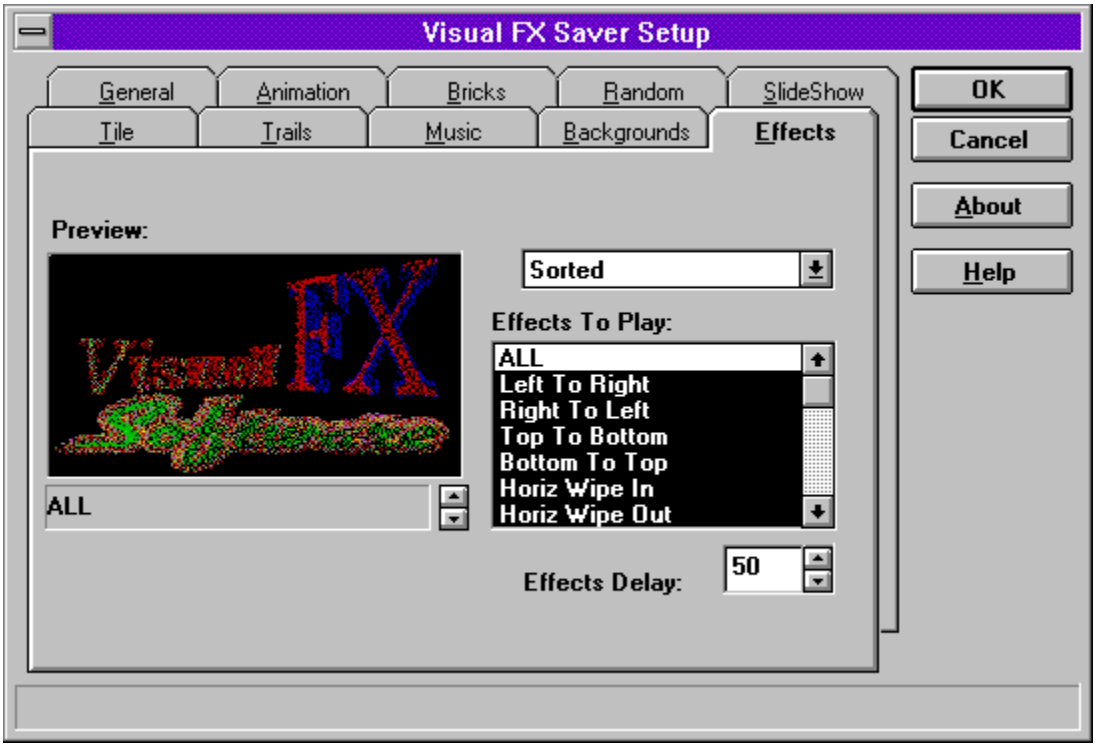
Click on Cancel to discard your Setup Changes.

The Draw Picture/Pop Picture drop down list Lets you choose the manner in which the image is drawn on the screen. An image will either be drawn pixel by pixel or poped on to the screen.

The Draw/Pop Times number is used to determine how many times to draw or pop an image on the screen before clearing it.

Effects

Click on the screen elements below to learn more on how to use the Effects dialog.



The Effects tab will cause your selected backgrounds, animations, and slides to be displayed with a transition.

Click on 'ALL' to select all effects. 'ALL' will change to 'NONE'. Click on 'NONE' to deselect any effects selected. You can select and deselect individual Effects by clicking on the description in the list.

The 'Effects Delay' will slow down the speed of an effect when greater than zero.

The spin button below the preview area allows you to preview what the effect and delay will look like.

Check the Effects check box for effects between display of your animation, or slide files.

Will slow down the speed of an effect when greater than zero.

Click on the spin button to preview the Effects available.

Choose which Effects are to be used. Click on 'ALL' to select all effects. 'ALL' will change to 'NONE'. Click on 'NONE' to deselect any effects selected. You can select and deselect individual Effects by clicking on the description in the list.

Click on the appropriate File Name to Preview.

Click on the Help button to view the Help file.

Check the Labels check box for the display of your animation or slide file name at the bottom of the screen.

Enter a message to be left.

Area where hint messages will appear when you move your mouse.

Click to descard your entered message.

Click to end your screen saving session. The saver will then display the password box if you have selected password protection.

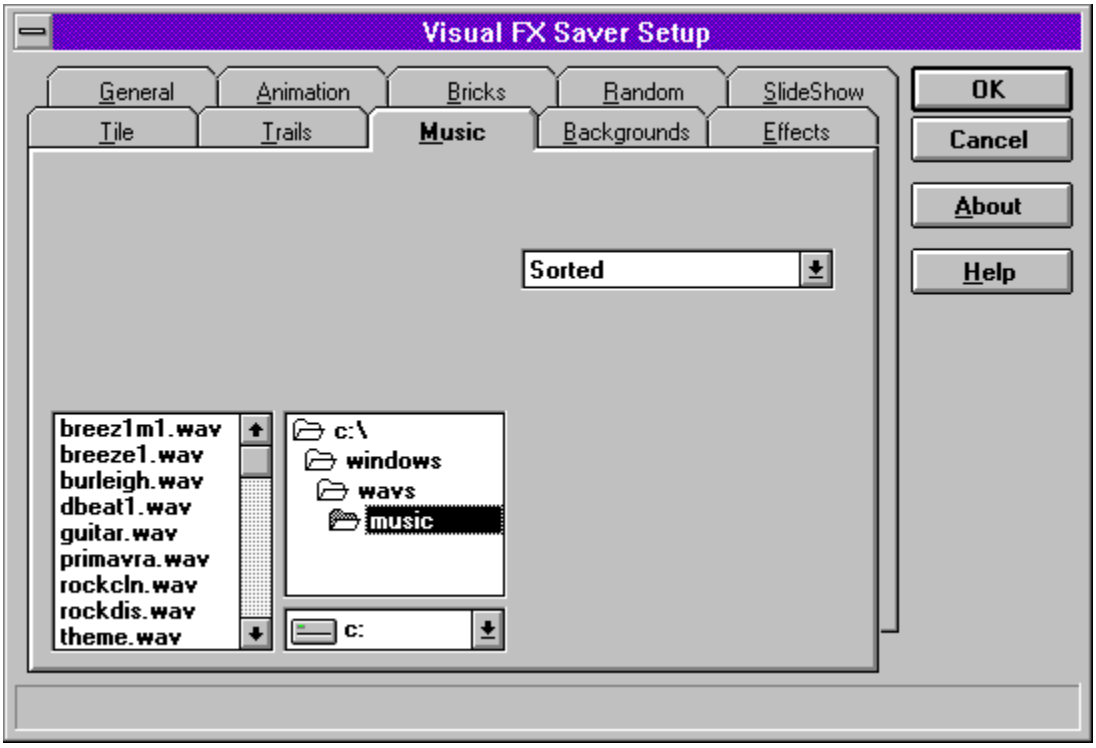
List of messages that have been entered.

Click to save your entered message

Contains your message to anyone who might disturb your screen saver session. Also, doubles as message text display area when you click on the message list.

Music

Click on the screen elements below to learn more on how to use the Music dialog.



The Music tab will take a selection of 'WAV' or 'MID' files and play them while a Saver Style is in progress.

Check the Music check box for continuous music as set up on the Music Tab.

Enter new password if you're creating a password or changing an old password.

Click on OK to Save your Setup.

If you have previously entered a password you must enter it before changing it.

The Single/Random/Sorted drop down list will determine if a single file, a directory - random, or a directory - sorted of files are used.

Click to descard your changes.

Click to save your changes.

Password Protection

Click on the screen elements below to learn more on how to use the Password Protection dialog.

Click on the Password Protected check box to activate Password Protection.
Click on the Set Password button to Enter or Change your Password.

The Pause Secs number is used to pause between drawing images. You may enter numbers in tenths of a second or whole seconds.

The Preview area will display Images and Animations when the appropriate File is selected from the File Selector.

Verifies your password.

The Capture Screen/Clear Screen/Show Backgrounds drop down list will capture the current screen, set the screen to black, or create backgrounds.

Check the Splash Screen checkbox if you wish to see the Splash Screen before every screen saving session.

Click on the up or down arrows in the Style Loops number box to set the number of times each style will play.

Click on the list of Styles To Play to select which Styles will be chosen from for your screen saving session.
For example: if you chose Bricks and Random, the first time the screen saver runs it will use the Bricks style. Then the screen saver will use the Random style.
For every Style you select you must set its settings.

Take Messages

Click on the screen elements below to learn more on how to use the Messages dialog.

If you have checked the Take Messages check box on the General tab this dialog will appear whenever a saving session is in progress and the mouse is moved or the keyboard is touched.

Add to an existing script?

<Add To Script>

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FanTaSee screen savers

Screen saver featuring 38 images with over 100 display transitions.

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Available on CompuServe (GO WINFUN). Multimedia screen saver.