

## **Slide Show Online Help Contents**

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## How Slide Show works

When you installed the Second Nature software, the INSTALL program placed Slide Show in a new directory called SLIDESHW (or whichever directory you typed in its place). INSTALL then created subdirectories to hold all of its accompanying images.

If you kept all the default settings, here's what happens:

- Slide Show will run automatically each time you start Windows. (It's installed in your Windows Startup group.)
- Slide Show shows a new image once each day.
- Slide Show selects images from the files in the "SLIDESHW\IMAGES\new collection" directory.

## To begin using Slide Show

You control Slide Show using the Toolbar. If you've installed the program with all the defaults, the Toolbar should be showing on your screen automatically.



If you don't see the Toolbar, you must start Slide Show manually. Follow these steps:

1. In the *Program Manager* window, open the *Startup group* or *Slide Show group*.

2. Double-click on the *Slide Show icon*.



You can also use Slide Show as a Windows or After Dark screen saver. See the screen saver help section for more information.

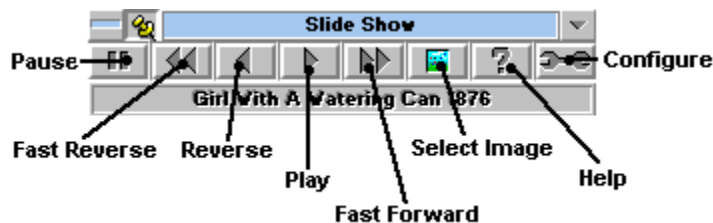
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## Using the Tool Bar



### Press this button... ...to do this:

**Tack** When the tack is selected (down), the toolbar remains in the background. When the tack is deselected (up), the toolbar "floats" to the top of the screen no matter which other applications you open or close.

**Pause** Regardless of the delay setting, the current image remains displayed until you release this button, or until you press "fast-reverse," "reverse," "play" or "fast-forward".

**Fast Reverse** Press this button until the title or filename of the image you want to display appears in the Description line. Slide Show reverts to that image.

**Reverse** Revert to the previous wallpaper image.

**Play** Advance to the next wallpaper image available in the current directory.

**Fast Forward** Press this button until the title or filename of the image you want to display appears in the Description line, then release the button. Slide Show advances to that image.

**Select Image** See other image collections available from Second Nature. (Includes phone numbers and ordering information.)

**Help** Read this help file.

**Configure** Displays the configuration screen. In that screen, you can change any of these Slide Show settings:

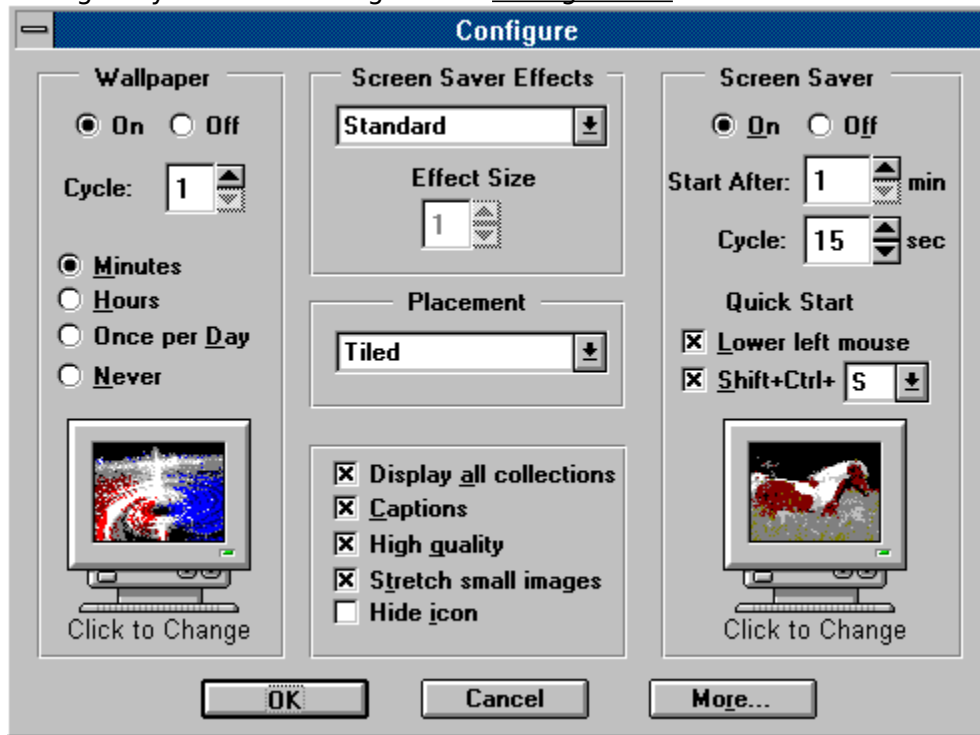
- Placement and special effects of wallpaper and screen saver images
- Effect size
- Delay before changing images
- Image collection
- Pointer and outline styles within Slide Show

### **See also:**

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## Changing the settings in the Configuration screen

Change any of these settings in the Configuration screen:



- "On" or "Off" Turns the wallpaper or screen saver on or off.
- "Placement" Controls the position of the wallpaper or screen saver image on the screen.  
[Click here for a description of the options](#)
- "Special Effects" Controls the way screen saver images are painted on the screen.  
[Click here for a description of the options](#)
- "Effect size" Modifies the special effects described above. A large effect size displays the image faster. A small effect size displays the images more slowly.
- "Display All Collections" Causes Slide Show to display all the images from every installed collection, instead of displaying only the images found in the currently selected collection.
- "Captions" Displays the image title/caption at the top center of the screen.
- "High Quality" Displays the images using the most appealing dithering algorithm. If this option is turned off, the images don't display quite as well, but they decompress more quickly.
- "Stretch Small Images" If checked, Slide Show's "Best Fit" mode stretches very small images to fit the screen. If unchecked, "Best Fit" preserves the original size and shape of

small images. *We recommend you keep this default setting.*

"Hide Icon"

If checked, the Slide Show icon will be hidden when you minimize the program. To restore Slide Show when the icon is hidden, simply double-click the Slide Show icon in the "Slide Show" Program Manager group.

"Cycle"

Controls the length of time between changes in the wallpaper or screen saver display. By default, Slide Show displays one new wallpaper image each day.

"Quick Start"

Allows you to quickly activate the screen saver by moving the mouse into the lower left corner and leaving it there for two seconds, or by pressing the specified hot-key combination.



Offers a few more configuration

options, including the look of the Slide Show control screens.

**See also:**

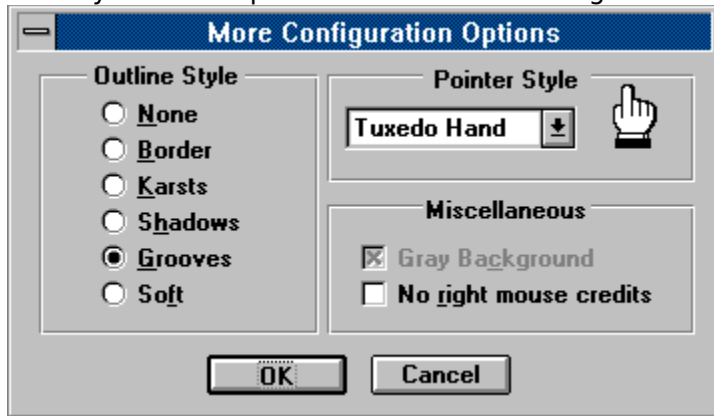
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## Advanced Configuration Options

Set any of these options in the "More" configuration window.



- "Outline Style" Sets the style of the borders in this window and the configuration window.
- "Pointer Style" Changes the appearance of the mouse cursor. The default is a small, simple hand, but you can choose from three other styles.
- "Gray Background" Sets the background color of this window and the configuration window. *NOTE: If the Windows 3-D control DLL is installed, this option will be grayed out.*  
checked = gray  
unchecked = white
- "No right mouse credits" Disables the "right mouse click" credits dialog -- when checked, Slide Show will **not** intercept and process right mouse clicks atop the desktop window.

## How to use Slide Show as a screen saver

A screen saver prevents your computer screen from "burning in" when you leave it unattended. Windows comes with a default screen saver, but you can substitute *Second Nature* for the Windows screen saver. You can also substitute *Second Nature* for the After Dark screen saver.

### As a Windows screen saver...

To use Slide Show as a Windows screen saver:

1. In the Program Manager window, choose *Control Panel*. (Control Panel is usually in a program group called *Main*.)
2. Choose *Desktop*.
3. Find the *Name* option in the Screen Saver field. In the *Name* option box, choose **Second Nature**.
4. Choose *OK*, then close the Desktop and the Control Panel.

### As an After Dark screen saver...

To use Slide Show as an After Dark screen saver:

1. Normally, you change the Second Nature screen saver settings using the Configuration dialog from the Slide Show toolbar. However, if After Dark is running, you'll change the Second Nature screen saver settings using After Dark's control panel.
2. From the After Dark control panel, select **Second Nature** as the active screen saver.
3. You can then adjust the Second Nature settings with the displayed controls.

## Placement Options

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| "Tiled"         | Fills the screen with multiple copies of the image. Use this option with small images (for example, the .BMP files that come with Windows and reside in your \WINDOWS directory). |
| "Best fit"      | Attempts to fill as much of the screen as possible with one image (without distorting the image).   |
| "No stretching" | Places one image (actual size) in the center of the screen.   |



## Special Effects Options

"Standard"	Displays the image with one "paint" stroke.
"Mosaic"	Paints the image in a series of randomly placed tiles.
"Vertical curtain"	Begins the image at the sides of the screen and fills in toward the center.
"Horizontal curtain"	Begins the image at the top and bottom of the screen and fills in toward the center.
"Converge"	Begins the image at the edges of the screen and fills in toward the center.
"Reverge"	The opposite of 'Converge'.
"UPC code"	Paints the image in a series of vertical lines filled in at random.
"Puzzle"	Builds the image from randomly placed puzzle pieces.
"Jumble"	Jumbles the image, then reassembles it.
"Paint Can"	"Paints" the image with dripping paint.
"Chips"	Builds the image from triangular chips.
"Portals"	Paints the image using concentrically growing circles.
"Drop Box"	Builds the image from "dropped" boxes.
"Random"	Chooses any of the methods described above.

## How to change the delay between images

To change the delay time between images:

1. From the Toolbar, press the "Configure" button.
2. Find the *Cycle* option (for Wallpaper or Screen Saver).
3. Change the number and unit to a new setting (5 minutes, 2 days, etc.)
4. Choose *OK* to exit the Configuration screen.

### **See also:**

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## How to display a new collection of images

1. From the Toolbar, press the "Select Image" button.
2. You'll see the following:



3. Using the combo-box, select the image collection you want to display. Slide Show will display Second Nature image files (.SNX), Windows bitmap (.BMP) files, and .JPG files. Then double-click the image you want to appear first.

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## **To learn more about the artists and photographers and their work, or how to order more collections...**

With many of our collections, you can learn about the artist or photographer who created the collection by positioning the cursor anywhere on an image and **clicking the right mouse button**. If information about the artist is unavailable, you'll see a dialog describing how you can go about ordering other collections.

If you have ideas for other collections or you know of an artist or photographer you'd like to promote, let us know! Send a few nonreturnable pictures, cards, or other examples of the art. Include an explanation of why you enjoy the artist or photographer and any information you have about how we could contact them.

Send it all to:

**Second Nature Software  
Attn: Product Manager  
812 SW Washington  
Suite 1050  
Portland, OR 97205**

## How to reach Second Nature

To **order other collections**, call:

**1-800-782-7000** or **1-503-291-9500**.

Have your Visa or MasterCard information ready.

**Note: This number is for placing orders only. Please see the BBS for technical support.**

Get news, collections, and technical support from our electronic **Bulletin Board System**.  
Use your modem to call:

**1-503-221-8744**

**Note: Set your modem to 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity.**

To learn more about Second Nature, choose the "About" option in the Toolbar's system menu.

## Answers to common questions

**Q.** How do I make the images look better on the screen?

**A.** Make sure you're running Windows in 256-color mode. To do this, your video display driver must support 256 colors, not just 16.

**Q.** How do I find out which video driver I'm using? And if it doesn't support 256 colors, how can I use one that does?

**A.** To find out which video driver you're using, check your computer's Windows Setup. (You can usually find the "Win Setup" icon in the Program Manager's Main group.) Look at the "Display" field. If the driver name contains the number 256, it probably supports 256 colors.

If the name of the driver contains the number 16 (not 256), you should probably install a new display driver. Follow these steps:

1. Find the diskette that came with your video card or computer.
2. Look through the provided display drivers for a driver file that supports 256 colors. (For example, look for the number "256" or the words "hi res.")
3. If you find an appropriate driver, rerun the Windows Setup program (located in the Windows directory). Follow the Setup program's instructions to install the new video driver.

**Q.** I keep getting an "General Protection Fault Error" when Slide Show tries to display certain images. What's wrong?

**A.** Some video drivers can't display small bitmap images when Slide Show tries to *stretch* those images.

To fix the problem, run Slide Show. Press the "Configure" button. In the Configuration screen, uncheck the box labeled "Stretch small images."

If you continue to have problems with your video driver, select the "No stretching" option in the *Placement* field.

**Images**

The graphics files that Slide Show displays on your screen. The images that come with Slide Show are special compressed files (.SNX) that take up very little disk space (usually around 40 Kbytes each). In addition to the images that came with the program, Slide Show can display bitmap files (\*.BMP format) and .JPG files.

**Startup Group**

A special Windows group in the Program Manager. Any application in the Startup Group runs automatically whenever you start Windows.



**Description line**

A line that shows the title or filename of the image Slide Show is currently displaying.

**Wallpaper Image**

Another name for the graphic images displayed by Slide Show. Slide Show supports .BMP, .JPG and .SNX file formats.

**Configuration**

Just a high-tech word for the program's setup or configuration information.

**Delay**

The time that will elapse before Slide Show displays a new image.

**After Dark**

Slide Show supports (but does not require) the After Dark screen saver for Windows. See the screen saver help section for more information.

