CRT Spray's README file

CRT SPRAY IS DISTRIBUTED AS SHAREWARE. IF YOU USE IT FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS, YOU SHOULD REGISTER IT. REGISTRATION COSTS $20.

What's in this file:

README.WRI contains information on the following topics:

> o What is CRT Spray?
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> o How do I register CRT Spray?
> o Distribution information (What files to include, and what the ZIP file name
> should be, Permission to Distribute form)
> o How to get in touch with CM Software (The creators of CRT Spray).

Additional documentation can be found in CRT Spray's help file (CRTSPRAY.HLP). You must install CRT Spray in order to access the help file. CRTSPRAY.HLP contains information on the following:

> o An overview of CRT Spray's features and how to use them.
> o An in-depth reference section that explains how CRT Spray's menu items and
> dialogs work.
> o Information on CRT Spray's screen savers (including the 5 that are part of the
> registered version).
> o Much of the information included in this readme file.

What is CRT Spray?

CRT Spray is a utility that enhances the capabilities of SCR screen savers. It lets you run screen savers in any directory you want. (Without CRT Spray you must put screen savers in the Windows directory). CRT Spray can also scan hard drives, floppy disks, CD-ROM disks, and network servers for additional screen savers.

CRT Spray has hot corners which start or disable screen savers when the mouse cursor is in a corner of the screen.

You can also enhance security on your computer by having a screen saver automatically start when Windows does. Then you can use the password in the screen saver to keep un-authorized people from using Windows.

CRT Spray also comes bundled with 5 new screen savers. Choose from Bulldozer, Fireworks, Flying Hippos, Picture Clock and Randomizer. The registered version adds Animated Life, Bug Magnet, Burning Plasma, Forbidden Forest and Slide Show.

System Requirements:

To run CRT Spray you need:

> Windows 3.1 or Windows 95 (CRT Spray has not been tested on Windows NT, but there
> is no reason why it shouldn't)
> 1 megabyte of free hard drive space

A sound card (optional)

Installing CRT Spray:

To install CRT Spray, run INSTALL.EXE. INSTALL.EXE will install or build all the files required by CRT Spray. You can uninstall CRT Spray at any time by running UNINSTAL.EXE.

If you have a previous version of CRT Spray already installed on your computer, you must uninstall it before running INSTALL.EXE.

INSTALL.EXE will ask you for a directory to put CRT Spray into. Then it will copy CRT Spray onto your computer and tell you that it's ready to start CRT Spray.

When CRT Spray runs for the first time it will begin looking for screen savers on the drive which Microsoft Windows was installed to. When it finds one, it will ask you if you want to add it to CRT Spray's screen saver list. If you tell it "Yes", then CRT Spray will add that screen saver to it's database. If you tell it "No", CRT Spray will ignore it. After looking for screen savers the installation will be complete and you will be given an opportunity to read a tutorial if you wish.

CRT Spray will automatically load whenever Windows is started.

What's new in version 1.1:

CRT Spray version 1.1 replaced version 1.0. New features include:

1. The addition of a Never-blank corner
2. The registered version comes with 10 screen savers, not 5.
3. CRT Spray now supports 32-bit screen savers.
4. Install is more informative and user-friendly.
5. Many other minor enhancements have been made to the CRT Spray program.
6. Minor improvements have been made to Flying Hippos and Picture Clock.

Bug fixes include:

1. The installation routine is much more robust.
2. The screen saver search routine no longer hangs while it's scanning certain files.
3. The screen saver search routine doesn't eat up file handles when you choose "No" too many times.
4. Uninstall now deletes CRTSPRAY.INI
5. Password protection now works on CRT Spray's screen savers.

7. Many other minor bug fixes have been made throughout the application.

What is Shareware?

Shareware is a marketing concept that lets small fry (like me) get into the software market without having to dish out all kinds of cash for advertising. Here's how it works:

1. User (you) downloads CRT Spray from an on-line service, or gets it from a friend, or buys it from a Shareware distributor.
2. User tries out CRT Spray to see if he/she likes it. If user likes it, then user pays a registration fee.
3. Shareware author (me) receives your money, and promptly mails the registered version of CRT Spray.

Shareware is not:

Public Domain software. Public Domain software has no copyright. The author has no legal rights over Public Domain software. Shareware is copyrighted.
Freeware. Freeware is free. Shareware isn't. You are expected to pay the registration fee if you continue using CRT Spray.
Demoware or Crippleware. These software packages lack functionality. Shareware comes complete -- nothing is disabled. (Some people call Demoware or Crippleware Shareware. They are mistaken.)
Olderware. Olderware are older versions of a software package. Shareware isn't. If you receive an older version of CRT Spray, it is only because the place you got it from hadn't bothered to update to the latest version. I always release the latest versions of CRT Spray to the public.

What do I get out of registering CRT Spray?

When you register CRT Spray you get the following benefits:

1. You get the registered version of CRT Spray, which comes with 5 additional screen savers.
2. You get product update announcements (unless you tell us that you don't want them on your registration form).
3. You get discounts on future versions of CRT Spray.
4. You get product support via e-mail, phone, or mail.

How do I register CRT Spray?

If you plan on using CRT Spray on only one computer, then fill out REGISTER.WRI. Instructions on the form will tell you where to mail it.

If you plan on using CRT Spray on several computers, then fill out SLICENCE.WRI and mail it to the address listed on the form.

Distribution Information:

CRT Spray is distributed as Shareware. You have a 30 day period with which to evaluate CRT Spray's capabilities. After that period you should either uninstall it or register it. Registration will allow you to continue to use CRT Spray after the 30 day period without breaking the United States' Federal Law.

You may freely distribute the shareware version of CRT Spray, provided that all the following files are distributed together:

INSTALL.EXE	- CRT Spray's installation program.
README.WRI	- CRT Spray's readme file.
REGISTER.WRI	- CRT Spray's registration file.
SLICENCE.WRI	- CRT Spray's site licence registration file.
DISTRIBU.WRI	- CRT Spray's Permission To Distribute Form.
CRTSPRAY.EX_	- CRT Spray's program file (compressed).
CRTSPRAY.HL_	- CRT Spray's help file (compressed).
UNINSTAL.EX_	- CRT Spray's uninstall program (compressed).
BULLDOZR.SC_	- The Bulldozer screen saver (compressed).
FWORKS.SC_	- The Fireworks screen saver (compressed).
HIPPO.SC_	- The Flying Hippos screen saver (compressed).
PCLOCK.SC_	- The Picture Clock screen saver (compressed).
RANDOM.SC_	- The Randomizer screen saver (compressed).

You may use PKZIP to compress CRT Spray down to one file. We prefer that you name that file CRTS-110.ZIP if you are going to put it on a BBS or other on-line site.

If you plan on distributing CRT Spray on a large scale, and especially if you plan on charging people for access to CRT Spray, you should fill out DISTRIBU.WRI and send it to CM Software. This form lays out the terms by which you may distribute CRT Spray, and also enables me to keep you updated on what we're doing.

How to get in touch with CM Software (The creators of CRT Spray):

By E-mail:

If you use Compuserve:
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