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Overview

IdleWild is a screen-saver Windows application.   Its purpose is to protect your screen.

If you are away from your computer for a period of time and your monitor remains on, there is extra wear on your screen.   It does not need to be active.   IdleWild checks to see how long you have been "idle";   that is, not typing or moving the mouse.   After a predetermined length of time, it blanks the screen, replacing it with an animated graphic of your choice.   To return to your original screen, simply move the mouse, click either of the mouse buttons, or press any key.

When IdleWild blanks your screen, it does not affect the applications you have running.   It simply adds a patterned image "on top" of them.   You can set a timer so that this image displays after a predetermined amount of "idle" time and vanishes instantly once you become "active" again.

When IdleWild is running, there are two special control locations on your screen.   If you position the pointer in the upper-right corner, IdleWild blanks the screen instantly.   If you position the pointer in the lower-left corner, screen blanking is temporarily inactive.

Note: If the active window is running a DOS application or a Microsoft tutorial, screen blanking is disabled, because IdleWild is unable to keep track of the "idle" time in a DOS application or tutorial.

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How to Use

This section contains information about how to use IdleWild.

To Begin Screen Blanking:

➡ Screen blanking is automatically active as soon as you run IdleWild.
Note: IdleWild must be running in order for the screen to blank.   It can be minimized, but it must be active.

To End Screen Blanking:

➡ From the Options menu, choose Exit.
Note: Choosing Close from the System menu also ends screen blanking.

To Set the Delay Before Blanking:

1 From the Options menu, choose Set Delay.

2 Type the number of minutes in the dialog box, and then choose OK.

To Choose a Screen Blanker:

➡ Click the left mouse button on the name of the pattern you want.

To Blank the Screen Immediately:

➡ From the Options menu, choose Blank Now.
➡ Double-click the name of any pattern.
➡ Position the pointer in the upper-right corner of the screen.

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Commands

This section contains information about the Options menu commands in IdleWild.

Set Delay

Sets the delay time. If the delay time is four minutes and you are idle for four minutes, the screen goes blank.

Blank Pointer

Stops displaying the mouse pointer, or insertion point, if it remains motionless for longer than ten seconds.   A check mark next to the command indicates it is active.

Autoload

Loads IdleWild automatically when you run Windows.   A check mark next to the command indicates it is active.

Blank Now

Blanks the screen immediately.

Note: You can also blank the screen immediately by double-clicking the name of a pattern in the list box.

Exit

Stops IdleWild from blanking your screen.

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