

Visage v1.2.4

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Installation:

- 1) Quit System Preferences if it is open.
- 2) **If you have a previous version of Visage installed, drag the old Visage.prefPane to the trash.**
- 3) Put the new Visage.prefPane in the folder:
 /Users/username/Library/PreferencePanes/
 For example, if your username is joebob, place Visage.prefPane in the folder:
 /Users/joebob/Library/PreferencePanes/
 If the PreferencePanes folder does not already exist, you will need to create it first
 (spelling and capitalization are important).
- 4) Open System Preferences and click the Visage icon.

Uninstallation:

Use the uninstaller which can be downloaded here:

<<http://www.stanford.edu/~keaka/VisageUninstaller.dmg.sit>>

-OR-

- 1) If desired, revert any customizations to Apple's default settings using Visage.
- 2) Drag Visage.prefPane to the trash. Do not drag the entire PreferencePanes folder to the trash.
- 3) Open System Preferences, select the Login Items pane, select VisageRandomizer, then click the Remove button.
- 4) Log out and log back in.
- 5) Empty the trash.

Product Description:

Visage allows you to easily and safely customize the appearance of your Mac. The preference pane's simple interface contains six different tabs, each of which will help you customize a different part of your Mac. Visage keeps track of Apple's default settings for every customization, so you may easily switch back to the original settings at any time.

- The first tab lets you change the image seen while your Mac boots. Visage makes it easy to maintain a collection of your favorite boot panels and quickly switch between

them. A full screen preview mode allows you to see your changes without rebooting.

- The second tab lets you change the blurbs of text displayed when your Mac boots.
- The third tab allows you to run screen savers in the background on your desktop while you work. Visage remembers your favorite 'desktop effects' and can automatically rotate among them at a designated time interval. Visage lets you control the CPU usage of the effects and can even start desktop effects automatically at login.
- The fourth tab lets you use any jpeg image as the background image in your login screen. Visage can even select a random image from your collection so that you will see a different background every time you log out! You may also display a textual banner, which is useful for organizations that wish to display a message to all users prior to login.
- The fifth tab allows you to customize the login panel itself. You may use your own images in place of the Apple logo and 'Mac OS X' image. As always, Visage maintains a collection of your favorite images so that you can quickly and easily change between them. A full screen preview mode lets you see your login background and login panel together without the hassle of logging out.
- The sixth tab lets you personalize system alerts. You can have alerts such as the shut down confirmation say your name or any other phrase!

If you like to personalize your Mac, Visage is an essential tool!!

Credits (alphabetically): Thank you to all the people who have helped with Visage...

- * Apple: Created an awesome operating system.
- * Paolo Basile <tampano@libero.it>: Translated Visage into Italian.
- * Adam Betts: Created improved Visage icon (v1.0.1 and up).
- * Mark Degg <<http://www.osxp.net>>: Created 'Jaguar' login background and boot panel.
- * Hans Dobbelaere, from Brugge, Belgium: Translated Visage into Dutch (v1.0.1).
- * John Fussili <fussili@mac.com>: Created 'Windows Sucks' boot panel.
- * Derek Gordon of DGgraphics <dg.graphics@mindspring.com>: Created 'MacAtom' boot panels and login panel logo.
- * Matthieu Hutin <<http://macfr.com/>>: Helped translate Visage into French.
- * Jeff Lauterette: Pointed me to the correct location of the login panel elements in Jaguar.
- * Nicolas Martignoni <nicolas@martignoni.net>: Helped translate Visage into French.
- * Larry Streck <Javaboi@mac.com>: Created 'Classic Apple' boot panel.
- * macosxhints.com for posting a hint about adding a textual banner to the login panel.
- *** And thanks to all the users who have given me positive feedback!! ***

Sample Files:

The sample files are included to make it easier for first-time users to visualize the power of Visage and to provide customization examples. To use a sample file, click the 'Import' button in a Visage tab and select the appropriate file. Please see Credits.rftd in the 'Sample Boot Panels' folder for information regarding the authors of the sample files.

Known Limitations:

- The System Preferences window loses focus when first opening Visage (it will look not appear to be the frontmost window).
- On some systems you will not be able to use removable media such as CDs while running a desktop effect. If you need to use a CD, simply use Visage to stop the desktop effect.
- On older systems without support for Quartz Extreme, desktop effects may slow your system down to the point that it is unusable.
- This software is not designed for OS X Server, although everything except the Boot Panel tab will *probably* work on OS X Server. Please note that Visage has not been tested on OS X Server, and I cannot be held liable for any problems that may occur.
- One user has reported being unable to login after modifying images in /Library/Desktop Pictures with Graphic Converter and then using the images with Visage. I am unable to reproduce the problem and have received no other reports of this issue. However, you may want to be careful when altering desktop pictures. Replacing the modified login background with an unaltered version fixed this user's problem.
- If you use "Aqua Blue" (the default background) as your desktop background, changing your Login Background will also change your desktop background. If you don't want this behavior, simply choose another image for your desktop background. After changing your Login Background with Visage, you may still use Apple's default desktop background by opening the Desktop pane in System Preferences and choosing the image from the Apple Background Images collection. From this point on, your Login Background and Login Screen will be independent.

Beta Testers:

Email me if you would like to be a beta tester for future Visage releases. Beta testers will receive copies of Visage to play with before I post the link to my site or VersionTracker. In return, you should put Visage through its paces and tell me about any bugs you encounter.

Feedback:

Please email JackassJackson@cs.stanford.edu with bug reports, suggestions, or feature requests. For bug reports, please include your Macintosh model, processor type and speed, OS version, RAM, language setting, and a detailed description of the problem. Your machine information can be found by using Apple System Profiler, found in Applications/Utilities.

Version History:

v1.2.4 (October 4, 2002)

- Added login panel banner feature. Useful for organizations that wish to display a

message to all users prior to login.

v1.2.3 (September 18, 2002)

- Added French localization.
- Added Italian localization.
- Added new 'Jaguar' sample login background.
- Fixed bug where the registration sheet could get stuck in the background for non-English users.
- Fixed minor bug introduced in v1.2.2 which prevented scroll bars from appearing in the table in the 'Boot Strings' tab.
- Fixed bug where clicking 'Done' in an 'Edit Names' window could cause the highlighted item to be renamed with an empty string.

v1.2.2 (September 14, 2002)

- The 'Login Panel' tab has returned in all its glory.

v1.2.1 (September 10, 2002)

- More accurate full screen previews for the boot screen and login screen.
- For non-English users, Visage is no longer titled "com.sanity.preference.visage" in System Preferences.
- Added new 'MacAtom' sample boot panels.

v1.2 (September 7, 2002)

- First Jaguar compatible release. Supports boot panels, boot strings, desktop effects, login backgrounds, and personal alerts.

v1.0.1 (March 24, 2002)

- Added Dutch localization.
- Improved icon.

v1.0 (December 3, 2001)

- Initial release.

Frequently Asked Questions:

If you have a question which wasn't answered in this ReadMe, then your question definitely won't be answered in my FAQ list at:

<http://www.stanford.edu/~keaka/Visage_FAQ.html>

Legal Stuff: I really have no idea what this stuff means, but it makes me feel more important. Just don't sue me... I don't have any money anyway.

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