<<WebSS>> Web Screen Saver Help Index

WebSS© :   V1.0 Beta 4
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Purpose: Change your Windows©   wallpaper every time you want,
                   using the WEB as source of your wallpaper images.

This shareware program is design to do the following task :
- n   Periodically download a specified file from the WEB
- n   Optionally convert this file from .JPG to .BMP format and use it as Windows© wallpaper.
- n   Since release Beta 3, it also accept .BMP or .GIF file format, convert them to .BMP format to use them as Windows© wallpaper.

Suggested use :
        Download **www.meteo.fr/images/sat0.jpg** which contain an **every days actualized** Europe map of current weather (Photo from METEOSAT) with a timing of 24H,
        Or try download of **www.cplus.fr/canal-bin/camera.sh** using the JPG force file conversion flag, with a timing of 60 S.

You can also use others URL like actualized PinUp pages, or every regularly updated .JPG file on the WEB.

<<System Requirements>> Installation Guide

This program has been tested under **Windows95** only. It uses **wininet.dll** which is included   in Microsoft Internet Explorer V3 .0 package (and also with this program in distribution ZIP file).

It is **not** compatible with **Windows/NT V3.51**, but will probabely run under Windows/NT V4.0

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When started, this program open a dialog where you can enter the URL location of the file to download.
Pushing then the « Load now » button will connect to the Internet, and load the requested file.
If the « Do Wallpaper » button was checked, this file (which is supposed to be a .JPG file) is converted to .BMP format, and then set as current Windows© wallpaper.
If the « Do not » button was checked, the file is saved on your disk under name : « WebSS.dat »

Using the Option menu, you can set a timer so that this program will periodically do this basic task.
The opened dialog let you specify the timer value as well as the timer unit (H for hours, M for minutes, and S for seconds, the default value is H)

When the timer is set, you can start it by clicking the « Run in background » button.
You can then iconize the WebSS©   window.
When the programmed time is elapsed, WebSS©   will download the file, set it as wallpaper, and continue running in background.
If you want to stop it, click on the button now labeled « Stop Running ». This will kill the timer.

Using the Option/Timer menu, you can check the « Run in back at startup » button to make WebSS© running directly in background when started.
This option need a file to download to be specified, as well as a timer value.

When so configured, you can create a shortcut in Windows95© Startup program group so that WebSS© will be restarted at next boot, and rerun in background. Do not use « Start as an Icon Window » feature,

because the Internet dialer will also start as an iconized window. WebSS© will automatically iconize itself when starting in background mode.

About the Internet connection :
>If you want to stop Internet connection, do it when WebSS© is in Waiting mode.
>Do not abort Internet connection while WebSS© download the file or try to connect to Internet.
>If you do so, WebSS© would not be able to successfully restart connection itself. You will need to manually etablish the connection again, or to stop, then restart WebSS.

To quit from WebSS© , use the « Quit » button.

<<How To Register WebSS© >> Users Guide
If you find this program useful, please register it by sending:

>o) Your Email address
>o) 10 US$ by check

By Mail to this address :
>Christian ALLEGRE
>12, Rue de l'Orme
>67230 KERTZFELD
>FRANCE

When you register your version of WebSS© , you will receive by Email a couple of words (User/Password) that you can enter using the « Register » button.
Enter your own values, click « OK », and quit from WebSS© .

Restart WebSS©   to have the full registered release running on your computer.

<<Hot Line>> Support

This program is supported by the author via Email requests at address : **syst4@sdv.fr**

Please, report me any bug that you may discover, I will try to correct them and send you a newer release of this product.

<<Known Bug List and limitation>>

o) When Internet connection is manually closed or aborted while WebSS© try to connect to the Internet, or download the file, the connection failed, and WebSS© will not ne able to connect anymore successfully by itself.
>Workaround : Manually restart the Internet connection, or Stop/Restart WebSS©

o) WebSS© do not automatiquely close the Internet connection when exiting.
>Workaround : Close it manually if you don't need it anymore.

o) The size of the downloaded file is currently limited to 2Mo
>Workaround : Ask for changes by Email.

<<Bugs corrections list>>
>Beta2 -> Beta3 :

- n <ALT>F4 now available as standard QUIT command.
- n Accept .BMP files as input to wallpaper conversion.
- n Do not use disk during .JPG to .BMP conversion.
- n Better error messages in case of conversion failure.
- n Accept .GIF files as input to wallpaper conversion.

Beta3 -> Beta4 :
- n You can now force file conversion type regardless of the file extension.

<<Share Ware>>

This program is a Share Ware : You may freely distribute it EXACTLY as you receive it.
Do not change the content of the distribution ZIP file.

When you register your version, be careful to not distribute your personal User/Password key.

As an evaluation program, WebSS©   will run only 64 times before requesting to be registered to continue to run. If you find it useful, please register it. You will get your version running for eternity, and you will get the next   releases for no charge when they will be available.

Future development :
- n Support of other WEB image format.
- n Use a list of file to download instead of only one.
- n Please, suggest changes using Email support.

Thanks for your help by using and registering WebSS© .

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