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An automated Wallpaper management system which allows easy changing of the Windows desktop wallpaper by both manual and automatic means.

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Turning AutoChange On/Off

To turn the function on or off, the user must select the Settings... item from the System Menu. This will bring up the Setting Dialog.

Once the dialog box has been shown, the user can select either the On or Off radio buttons in the AutoChange group of controls to activate or deactivate this option.

Setting the AutoChange Interval

The Time Interval for the AutoChange function determines how long AutoWallpaper waits before it automatically changes the wallpaper.

This time can be specified in minutes, hours or (if you really like keeping the same wallpaper for a LONG time) days.

Simply select the edit control labeled **Time to Change:** and type in the appropriate time.

Selecting the units is as simple as clicking on the little arrow to the right of the units indicator. This will drop down a list of possible choices. The user can then select the desired units. The user has a choice of time intervals from one minute to 65535 minutes (a little over 45 days).

Automatic Wallpaper Change (AutoChange)

This option allows for an automated change of the desktop wallpaper after a specified period has elapsed. The user can activate or deactivate this option via the Settings dialog reached through the Settings... item on AutoWallpaper's System Menu.

The time interval is also set through the Settings dialog, and can be anywhere from one to 65535 minutes-- which is a little over forty-five days.

At the end of the specified time interval, the wallpaper is randomly chosen from among any other .BMP files in the same directory as the current wallpaper bitmap, in the same manner as if the user had selected Randomize from AutoWallpaper's System Menu.

Manual Wallpaper Change -- Browse

The **Browse** button on the Settings dialog allows the user to browse through the directory structure to choose a specific bitmap as the new wallpaper.

The dialog box employed to do so should be familiar to the user, since it is a standard Windows dialog box. The box should *only* be used to select a file with a .BMP extension; any other extension will be ignored.

Manual Wallpaper Change -- Randomize

Selecting any button labeled **Randomize** will cause a new bitmap to be randomly chosen as the current wallpaper. The new bitmap will be chosen from the same directory as the the current wallpaper bitmap. If no wallpaper is currently being displayed, this option will not work; the user will have to either use the Browse button on the Settings dialog box, or Drag-and-Drop a bitmap file from the File Manager to AutoWallpaper's icon.

Manual Wallpaper Change -- Drag and Drop

AutoWallpaper supports the **Drag-and-Drop** client interface for Windows applications. Any file selected from the File Manager (or any other Drag-and-Drop server) can be "dropped" onto AutoWallpaper's icon, and if it is a bitmap with a .BMP extension, it will automatically become the new desktop wallpaper.

Manual Wallpaper Change -- Opening the Icon

Any action on the AutoWallpaper icon that would normally result in the opening of the "window" will result in a random change of wallpaper in the same manner as choosing a Randomize button.

Actions such as:

- (1) double clicking on the icon,
 - (2) selecting "AutoWallpaper" from a "Switch to" command, or
 - (3) pressing ENTER when the icon is selected
- are examples of such an attempted "opening."

Registering Your Copy of AutoWallpaper

AutoWallpaper is NOT a "free" program! It is **SHAREWARE**, which means that if you use it for a period exceeding thirty days, you are OBLIGATED to register it with the author. To register this copy of AutoWallpaper, send fifteen dollars (US\$15) to:

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AutoWallpaper System Menu Commands

The System Menu for AutoWallpaper has been modified to contain the following items:

Randomize

Settings...

Save Setup

About...

Help

Menu Item Randomize

Selecting this menu item will change the wallpaper to a randomly selected bitmap from the same directory as the current one.

Also see Randomize.

Menu Item Settings

Selecting this menu item will pop up the Settings dialog box from which the user can:

- (1) Turn AutoChange on or off,
- (2) Set the AutoChange time interval,
- (3) Randomize the wallpaper,
- (4) Browse for a new bitmap, or
- (5) get help.

Menu Item Save Setup

Seleting this menu item will save the current setup in the Windows WIN.INI file. The saved setup will be reinstated when AutoWallpaper is run again at some future time.

Menu Item About

Seleting this menu item will pop up the "About" dialog box which displays the copyright notice, the author's name, and the fact that this program is Shareware, NOT FREE. It also directs the user to this help file for information about registering this copy.

Menu Item Help

Selecting this menu item will display this help file.
Apparently you've already discovered this.

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Starting AutoWallpaper

AutoWallpaper can be run like any other Windows application. Simply double click on AUTOWALL.EXE from the File Manager, double click on the AutoWallpaper icon in the Program Manager, or type in the full path to AUTOWALL.EXE after selecting the File-Run menu option from the Program Manager.

The simplest way to run AutoWallpaper is to place it in the **Startup** group of the Program Manager-- that way it is automatically started every time Windows is run.

How you run AutoWallpaper affects how it initially behaves. If you run it with the display flag "Normal," AutoWallpaper will automatically change the wallpaper randomly on startup. But if you run it "Minimized" or "Iconified," the wallpaper will initially remain the same.

Wallpaper is a bitmapped image in the Windows bitmap format which is either "tiled" or "centered" over the desktop area. The image then becomes the "background" of the desktop screen, over which all windows and icons are displayed. Users can change the Wallpaper to suit their individual tastes and reflect some aspect of their personality to others.

Or just for a little amusement.

