PowerBook Screen Tester

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two very bored computer students......

 With the arrival of Ken's PB 180 imminent, he was worried about his 180 having any voided or burnt-out pixels in its display. He asked me to write a nifty handy program to allow him to quickly survey a dealer's stock for perfect Books. And so was born PBST. That dealer now uses PBST to check the in-stock machines and Books brought in for repair.....

  Since the PowerBook 170 and the PowerBook 180 are the only Macintoshes with active-matrix liquid-crystal displays (LCDs), they are the only machines on which PBST serves any useful purpose. However, there are several machines in the pipe that will use this awesome LCD technology.

 PBST is a small program which flips the screen from black to white with each click of the mouse. If the screen is white, any burnt-out pixels in an active-matrix LCD display will show up as black holes in the white screen. If the screen is black, any voided pixels will show up as white holes in the black screen. Take this program with you when you buy your Book to ensure that you get the best Book in stock.

  PBST is Email-ware. If you use it, drop one of us a line! Our address are hofmann@cs.uiuc.edu and kmiller@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu.

  (For the terminally curious, "Kniggets of the Round Table" is a reference to Monty Python, but you'll have to find the show yourself :-))

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