

ScreenPicker 2.0β0

There are two files in this folder. The documentation file ScreenPicker.doc and the control panel ScreenPicker. ScreenPicker is installed by copying it into the System Folder in older systems and by copying it to the Control Panels folder in the System Folder if you are using System 7.0. Then reboot.

There are three flags supported by the control panel. The first enables randomizing the PICT resources in the file StartupScreen. This changes the startup display. The second enables randomizing the PICT resources in the file DeskPicture. This changes the desktop image provided by DeskPict. The third flag enables display of the ScreenPicker icon on startup.

ScreenPicker randomizes the PICT resource ID's for two files, StartupScreen and/or DeskPicture in your System Folder. This gives you a random startup picture and/or a random desktop. ScreenPicker assumes that you have multiple PICT resources in those files. The procedure to add Screens to StartupScreen is given below. The same procedure can be used to add screens to DeskPicture.

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Please report any bugs or problems. I am planning to upgrade ScreenPicker by features such as importing screens into the above mentioned files.

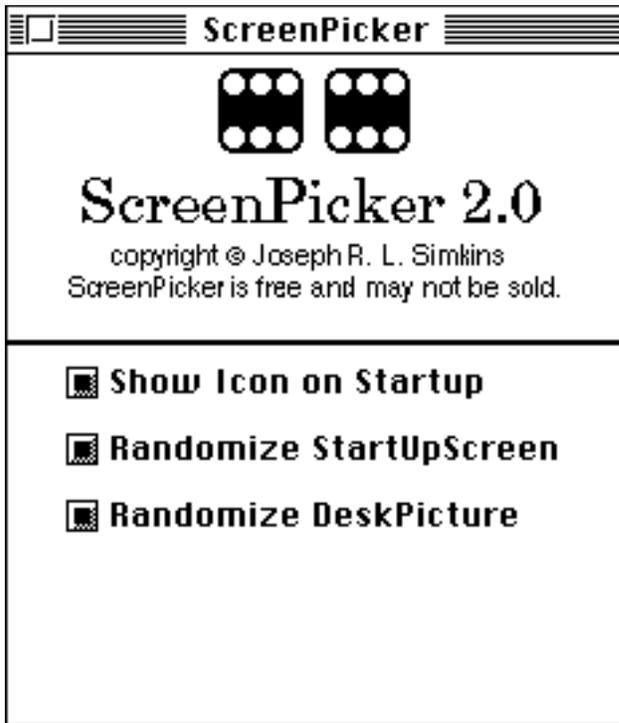
History:

2.0β0 - Added control panel to control individual functions.

1.0β0 - Initial release, INIT only version.

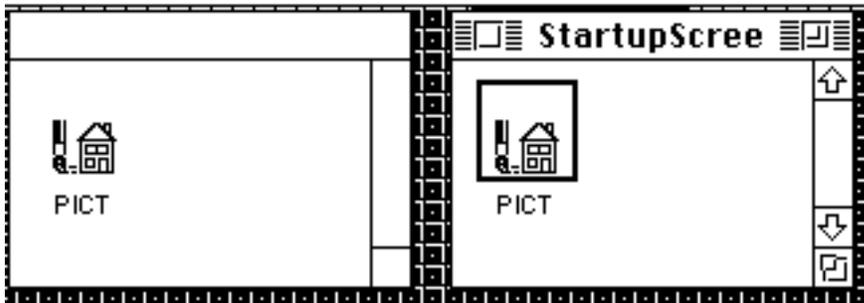
Control Panel:

The ScreenPicker control panel screen with everything enabled is shown below:

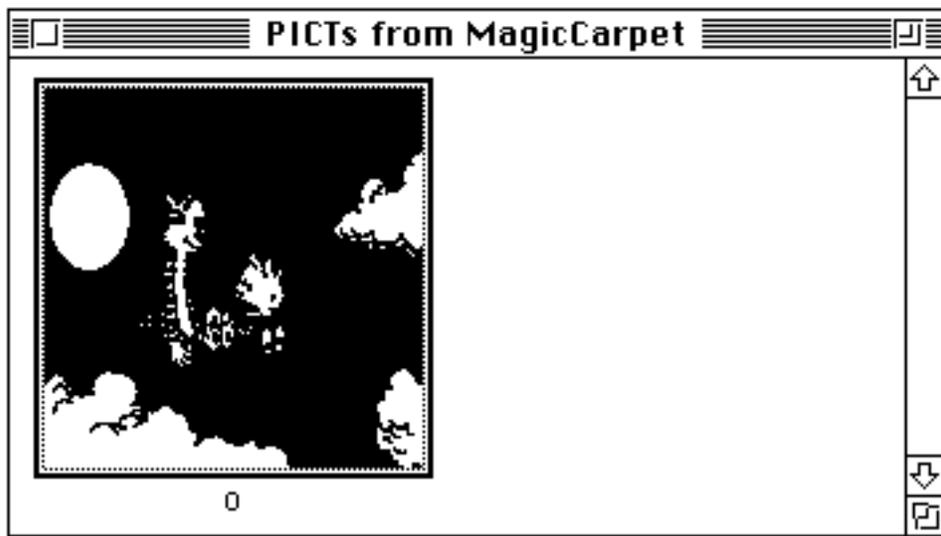


Adding PICT resources to StartupScreen.

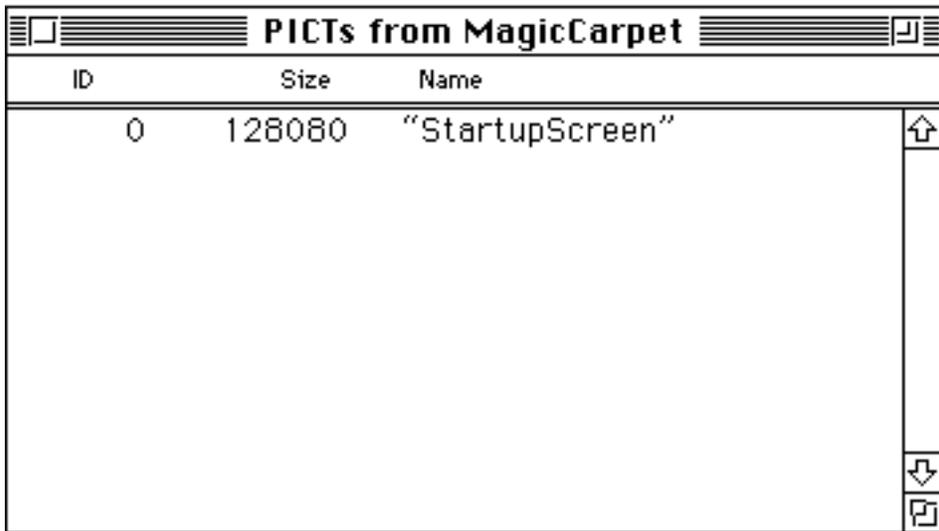
Launch ResEdit. Open the file with the new screen and then the file StartupScreen. In this example the source file was named MagicCarpet. I specified this order because I prefer to copy from left to right. The only significant resources in the image below are the PICT resources in both files. Your Screen should look like this:



Open the PICT resources in the source file (MagicCarpet). Click once on it to select the file, then double click in order to open the resource list. Your screen should look something like this:



It is faster and safer to work with the resources without the pictures so select "by ID" from the "View" menu that just was added. Now your screen will look something like this:



I suggest that you assign meaningful names to each PICT added to StartupScreen. Select the resource by clicking once on it. Now get the resource info that PICT by either Command-I or "Resource Info" from the "Resource" menu. Enter one Tab to select the name field. Your screen should look like this:

Info for PICT 0 from MagicCarpet		
Type:	PICT	Size: 128080
ID:	0	
Name:	StartupScreen	
Owner type		
Owner ID:		DRUR 
Sub ID:		WDEF 
		MDEF 
Attributes:		
<input type="checkbox"/> System Heap	<input type="checkbox"/> Locked	<input type="checkbox"/> Preload
<input type="checkbox"/> Purgeable	<input type="checkbox"/> Protected	<input type="checkbox"/> Compressed

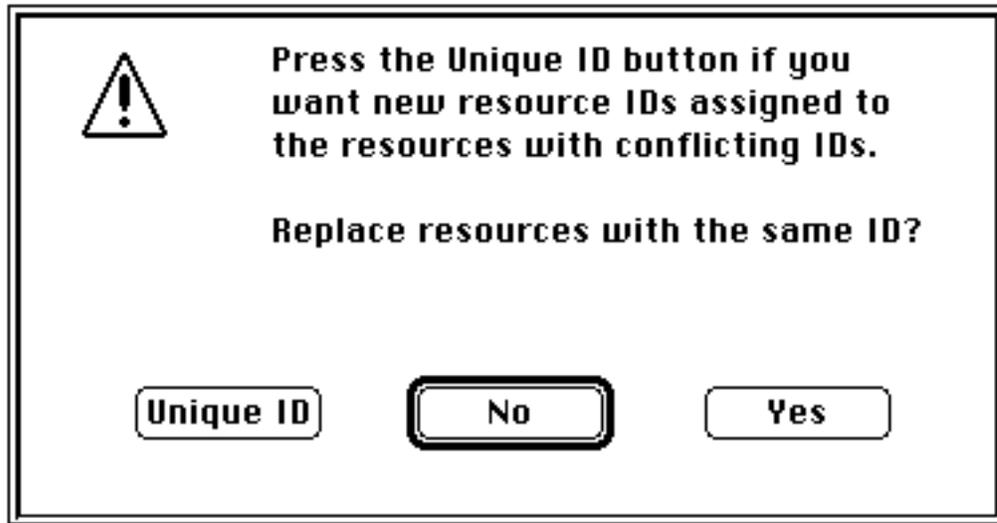
I selected "Calvin & Hobbs" for this example. After typing in the name, your screen should look like this:

Info for PICT 0 from MagicCarpet		
Type:	PICT	Size: 128080
ID:	0	
Name:	Calvin & Hobbs	
Owner type		
Owner ID:		DRUR 
Sub ID:		WDEF 
		MDEF 
Attributes:		
<input type="checkbox"/> System Heap	<input type="checkbox"/> Locked	<input type="checkbox"/> Preload
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Now close the window by clicking on the Close box. This leaves the PICT resource selected with the new name. Your screen should look like this:

ID	Size	Name
0	128080	"Calvin & Hobbs"

Now copy the resource to the clipboard, Command-C or "Copy" from the "Edit" menu will work. Select StartupScreen by clicking in its window and paste the PICT into the file. The following dialog will appear:



Select the "Unique ID" button. Close StartupScreen by clicking in its close box, then save the file when asked. Now quit ResEdit and enjoy your new additions to StartupScreen.