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> Random Pixels
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Random Screen Savers (RandScrn)

Windows 3.1 comes with several screen savers, but it requires you to choose one of those savers to run; unlike other commercial screen saver packages, it cannot pick a screen saver randomly.

RandScrn is a Windows 3.1 screen saver that allows you to run screen savers randomly.   In addition, it can change the saver that is running while a screen saver is active (if one saver is running, after a certain number of seconds, it will automatically run a different randomly selected saver).

RandScrn allows you to choose which screen savers you want included in the list from which savers will be selected randomly (this means that you can leave all of the savers in your Windows directory, but you do not have to make use of all of them).

Activation Corners (SSActive)

The *Activate* corner allows you to make RandScrn active simply by moving the mouse cursor to the corner of the screen that you specify.   If the mouse cursor is moved to the *Sleep* corner, the cursor will change to look like and RandScrn will not be activated (no screen savers will be run).

To change the Activate and Sleep corners, select Setup from the Control Panel Desktop options.   Then select the corners that you want to use for Activate and Sleep.

Note: In order to provide the Activate and Sleep options, RandScrn makes user of ssactive.exe, which is included in this package.   The first time you select corners, RandScrn will allow you to modify the load= line in win.ini so that ssactive.exe will be run when Windows is started.   If ssactive is not run, then you cannot make use of the corners feature.   Once ssactive is running, you may unload it by running it again from the Program Manager.

Bouncing Lines

The Bouncing Lines screen saver bounces lines around the screen.   You may set the number of trailing lines (up to 75).

Random Pixels

Random Pixels displays random pixels in random colors on the screen.   You may set the number of pixels that will be displayed before the screen is cleared and the pixels are started over.   Enter -1 in the edit box to have an unlimited number of pixels displayed.

You may also set the speed at which pixels are drawn on the screen.

Random Rectangles

Random rectangles displays random rectangles in random colors on the screen.

Laser Show

The Laser Show screen saver displays moving lasers on the screen.   From the Setup box, you can adjust the speed, laser width, spacing between lines, line width, color change, number of rays, and laser duration.

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About displays information about the programs.

Circles

The Circles screen saver displays circles "dropping" on the screen, like rain drops.   You can change the maximum circle size and the number of circles displayed at a time, along with whether the screen should be cleared before the circles start appearing.