

Random Saver

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If you know how to install a standard Windows screen saver, then you know how to install the [Random Saver](#). If not, then look at the online help in the Control Panel Desktop application or your Windows manuals.

Like many of you I have a lot of screen savers that I have been collecting over the years. However, I only get to see one at a time. They can get boring as well. Changing them isn't so hard, but it's not something one gets around to. Sure sounds like a job for a program, huh? Well this is it. Once you install the [Random Saver](#), it will take care of making sure you see all of your screen savers at random. Each time the system timeout occurs, Windows launches the selected screen saver. The [Random Saver](#) will look through all of your savers, select one at random, copy it to a temporary file, and then run that file.

One of the drawbacks of having a lot of screen savers, is that they take up space in your WINDOWS directory, which is already too cluttered. This is taken care of in the [Random Saver](#). The only configuration item this program provides is the location of your savers directory. I make a directory off of the WINDOWS directory called SAVERS and copy all of my SCR files (and whatever files they need) into it. Then I type C:\WINDOWS\SAVERS into the editbox of the [Random Saver's](#) configuration dialog. This dialog appears when you press the Setup button in the Desktop applet in the Control Panel.

You can also configure the [Random Saver](#) to show a password dialog when the user interrupts a running screen saver. Just before this dialog appears the screen will be blacked out to protect any private data that may be on your screen. The method of setting and verifying the password has been designed to emulate the same approach that appears when you use one of the screen savers that are bundled with Windows. There are some minor differences, but it should seem familiar. If you choose to use the password option, be sure to turn off this same option for each of the screen savers that will be in your collection. Otherwise you will be entering two passwords. The nice thing about this program is that you always have only one interface to your password control. Configuring other parameters of the screen savers in your collection must be done on an individual basis by using the Control Panel. Perhaps another version of the [Random Saver](#) will handle this.

An additional feature is the ability to beep the system speaker when the screen saver starts. This can be handy to wake you up if you've been working too late. I put this in for myself, but I hope it benefits you as well!

That's it! It has worked with all of the screen savers that I have thrown at it. I've got about 50, so if you know about more than that, let me know. Good luck and enjoy!

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Other Products from Bob Dolan Software

Windows Shareware

[DeskMenu -- A slimmed down Program Manager for Windows](#)

An efficient replacement or addition to the Program Manager. Provides a menubar at the top of the Windows desktop with menu headings defined by you to represent the categories of applications you typically need to access. A simple interface allows you to customize the look and feel of this useful system utility.

[Yacht-Z -- A dice strategy game for Windows](#)

Yacht-Z is a version of the classic dice game. In addition to triple scoring, single scoring is available for quicker, simpler games. Up to four players can play at once. This is the original and most often reviewed of all Yacht-Z type dice games. Several years of constant use and valuable input from users has honed this into one of the most enjoyable and challenging games available (unless you want to blow things up!).

[WinGo! -- The classic Bingo for Windows](#)

Finally, Bingo has arrived for Windows! You match wits with Rosie, an alert and cunning adversary. You can play with as many cards as you can handle at the speed you like. Fully configurable to adapt to your playing style. The registered version includes digitized voice calling for the most realistic Bingo play possible.

[The Joker -- Jokes On Demand](#)

The Joker gives you a laugh whenever you need it. Just as your day is getting completely boring, a window will appear with a joke to break the ice. If one joke doesn't do it for you, then press the ANOTHER button for more. The program is easy to use, and once setup to your liking, it will require no maintenance. You can load different joke files, order more from the author, and even create your own.

[BattleGrid -- War in a window -- Battleship for Windows 3.x](#)

BattleGrid is a version of the classic board game. Play against the computer or another person. Watch the computer play against itself using different strategies. Several levels of a computer opponent are available, from idiot to genius.

[SCAT -- A strategic and daring card game](#)

Don't get stuck with the lowest hand! SCAT is a card game involving four players that can be as simple or challenging as you want. Features include defining strategy levels, setting the game speed, and leaving the cards face up or face down as you play. This game even includes conversational chit chat between the players! Very addicting and fun!

[WinDial -- A Windows Phone Book that dials](#)

An easy to use phone book that will automatically dial any selected number as long as you have a modem. When a busy signal is detected, you can tell WinDial to retry until someone answers. Other busy attempts can be placed into a queue, and all will be retried in order.

[Mister Clean -- Clean up your hard drive](#)

One of the most efficient ways to clean up those hidden but unwanted or unused files that take up needed space. A slick Windows 3.x user interface makes this utility a must have for your toolbox. Mister Clean finds files the you specify and sorts them by size. You click on the ones you want deleted and then off they go, one-by-one (to be safe) or all at once. Not sure what the file is? Then run it right from Mister Clean and check it out before dumping it! Truly a unique way of managing precious disk space.

Windows Freeware

[InstallWare -- An application installer](#)

InstallWare is a small, easy to use application installation program for Windows applications. It costs nothing to use if you are distributing shareware or freeware.

[16 Tons -- Drop your sound files here!](#)

Simply plays WAV and MIDI files. Accepts drag & drop operations from the file manager. Most handy when used it as an icon.

[Random Saver -- Variety in savers](#)

Make full use of that collection of screen savers you've got. Now you can get them out of your WINDOWS directory. This utility will run them at random from any location when you install it as the default screen saver in the Windows Control Panel.

DOS Shareware

[MagnaFile -- A DOS user interface](#)

MagnaFile is a DOS shell which is directed at a wide range of users from the DOS beginner to the most prolific DOS power users. MagnaFile provides services to the user to simplify access to DOS. It also increases the efficiency of doing many of the more tedious operations DOS requires.

MagnaFile commands are carried out using a one-key interface. Most operations are associated with a very obvious key, such as <C> for the Copy command.

The most useful utilities provided by MagnaFile are:

For Single Files or Groups of Files:

- Copying
- Moving
- Deleting.
- Attributes
- Printing

File Descriptions (40 characters)

File Viewing & Editing

File execution

Disk navigation

File & Directory Renaming

File Archiving, Unarchiving, and Archive viewing

Command line interface

Mouse handling

Screen saver and password protection

Run programs from a smart menu interface

MagnaFile is similar to Norton Commander(NC). Users of this product say that MagnaFile will be an important tool on your computer, no matter what level user you are.

[**<softWAREhouse> -- A warehouse for all of your software**](#)

<softWAREhouse> provides your system with the ability to access more applications than it can hold at one time. This is made possible by storing installed applications offline until they are needed. When required, they are put back on the user's machine in the same condition and location as they were when originally stored. All of this power is surrounded by an easy to use point and shoot menu interface.

[**Smart Solitaire -- The Smart way to play Solitaire**](#)

A text mode klondike solitaire card game which uses the mouse. Features BOSS mode and smart playing features, such as automatic card placement in obvious situations. Very addicting and fun!

