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This is a free copy (not Shareware) of **RealCtrl [Lite]** that you can do almost anything with. If you find this program useful or have any suggestions on improvements please let me know!

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Introduction

RealCtrl [Lite] is a Free Windows 3.1 Utility that allows you to easily change many of the system parameters without using the Control Panel! With RealCtrl [Lite] you can:

- Turn the Warning beep off or on.**
- Turn the Fast task switch off or on.**
- Change the window border width.**
- Change the grid granularity.**
- Change the keyboard time delay.**
- Change the keyboard repeat speed.**
- Turn the screen saver off or on.**
- Change the screen save time-out.**
- Change the horizontal space between icons.**
- Change the vertical space between icons.**
- Turn the icon title wrap off or on.**
- Select a different font for the icon titles.**

The Desktop option of the Windows Control Panel is a modal (keeps control) dialog box which means you cannot immediately see the effects of the changes you have made. Not only do you have to exit the Desktop to enable any changes you make you must also remember what the settings were in case you wish to put them back!

RealCtrl [Lite] is a regular resizable window that allows you to see any changes made the moment you make them.

With RealCtrl [Lite] you not only get instant feed back to any changes made, the program also remembers the initial settings so you can put everything back by simply clicking on one button!

Why RealCtrl

RealCtrl was primarily written as an easy way to handle the inconvenience of dealing with the Control Panel. If you have a larger applications package to install it may take long enough for your screen save to be enabled. This would be fine except that everything slows way down when this happens! With RealCtrl one click of the mouse and you can disable the screen saver!

Also, I have been asked quite a few times if the title displayed under an icon could be changed and if so how. Well, even though you can't access it through the Control Panel you can change the both the font and whether it is bolded or not for the icon titles in the WIN.INI file!

Functions

To see a brief description of any of the 12 functions RealCtrl [Lite] allows you to change simply place the cursor on the desired function and click to left mouse button once.

To change any function simply double click the left mouse button on the desired function.

If the function is a simple OFF/ON type it will be toggled between OFF and ON each time you double click on it..

If you select a numeric functions an edit widow will appear over the displayed value. If you enter a value that is out of range then RealCtrl [Lite] will set the value to the minimum or maximum value allowed depending on whether the value you entered was either too high or too low.

If you select the font function the "Font" common dialog will appear displaying all of the fonts, styles, and sizes you can select from.

Beep

This command either turns off or on the Windows warning beep.

Fast task switch

This command either turns off or on the Windows fast task switcher (ALT-ESC).

Border width

This command allows you to select the width for non-dialog windows. The valid ranges are between 1 and 50. If you enter the value will be changed to 1 and if you enter a value greater than 50 the number will be changed to 50.

Grid granularity

This command allows you to size and invisible "grid" than the icons at the bottom of the screen are lined up on. This value should be a multiple of 8.

Keyboard delay

This command sets the time delay Windows uses before the key begins repeating.

Keyboard speed

This command sets the speed with which keys are repeated.

Screen saver

This command turns off or on the screen saver.

Screen saver delay

This command sets the number of minutes that must pass with no keyboard or mouse activity before the screen saver will be enabled.

Horizontal icon spacing

This command sets the reserved space on each side of an icon.

Vertical icon spacing

This command sets the reserved space on the top and bottom of an icon.

Wrap icon title

This command tells Windows if an icon title that is wider than the icon it should be wrapped around to another line.

Icon title font

This command allows you to select the font, size and styles Windows will use when displaying and icon's title.

Note :

Even though RealCtrl [Lite] will show you the new icon title font the original font is not replaced until Windows is restarted. When you exit RealCtrl [Lite] you will be asked if you wish to have Windows restarted. If you do not restart Windows you will not see a font change until the next time Windows is started.

Another Note :

RealCtrl [Lite] uses the new Windows font selection dialog in the COMMDLG.DLL. This dialog allows you to select an "Italic" or "Bold Italic" character style but when Windows load the desk top information contained in your WIN.INI file it will only allow the "Bold" or "Regular" styles. So if you select either the "Italic" or the "Bold Italic" style RealCtrl [Lite] will remove the "Italic" flag from your selection.

Command Buttons

RealCtrl [Lite] has the following Command buttons:

Help

This accesses the context sensitive help.

About

This displays the standard about box.

Restore

This command restores the Desktop values RealCtrl [Lite] found when the program was executed. If you decide you don't like the changes you have made then simply click on restore and everything will be put back!

Exit

This command will exit RealCtrl [Lite] and return control to the program that launched it. If you have selected a different icon title font you will be given a chance to change you mind before RealCtrl [Lite] makes the change.

You can either click on the button or press the "H" for "Help", "A" for "About", "R" for "Restore", or "X" for "Exit". Do not use the "Ctrl" or "Alt" keys.

RealCtrl [Pro] - What's the difference

RealCtrl [Lite] is a fully functional but reduced version of AT-Ware's RealCtrl [Pro] package. In addition to the features of RealCtrl [Lite] with RealCtrl [Pro] you can also:

Select whether the menus will right or left aligned.

Change the mouse threshold values (speed and double click).

Change the language driver.

Select a new Desktop pattern.

Select a new Desktop wallpaper.

Select the system colors.

Inhibit the CTL+ALT+DEL keys from rebooting from within Windows.

Save multiple configurations to disk.

Select an previously saved configuration to be use at Windows startup.

"Brand" the program with you name!

You can order your own copy of **RealCtrl [Pro]** by simply following the [Ordering information](#) instructions.

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RCL.HLP
RCL.WRI
ORDER.FRM
INSTALL.EXE
INSTALL.INI
README.RCL
FILE_ID.DIZ**

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Dealer inquiries are invited

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When you register your copy of RealCtrl [Pro] you will receive the following:

A 720K diskette with the latest version.

Printed documentation.

Free major upgrade.

Notification of updates.

Discounts on future purchases.

Individual License

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Ordering

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**AT-Ware
RealCtrl [Pro]
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All payments must be in US funds.

Your registered copy of the RealCtrl [Pro] package will be shipped to you within 6-8 weeks.

The RealCtrl [Pro] Package is shipped on PC compatible 720K 3 1/2 diskettes. If you require a 5 1/4 floppy please note this with your order.

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