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Screenario 1.1 Overview

Screenario is a screen saver for Windows 95 and Windows NT 3.51. The main purpose of this screen saver is to display various useful and interesting information while your computer is idle. You can use predefined text topics or create your own topics in a few minutes. Slide Show mode is also available. All messages and pictures are shown using various graphics effects.

Predefined Text Show topics are System Information and standard Windows 95 tips, which system shows you as "Tip of the day". System information shows your current date and time, memory and disk usage information.

In Slide Show mode Screenario can show BMP files, stored in the appropriate directory. Slide Show and Text Show can be turned on simultaneously.

Sleep Never option allow the user to move the mouse to the appropriate corner to disable screen saver execution. To run screen saver immediately create a shortcut to the SCR file and place the shortcut onto your desktop.

Options

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User Defined Files Creation

A user defined file is a plain text file, that contains messages, separated by special characters. To mark the beginning of a message insert the "{" character before the first letter of the message. To mark the end of a message insert the "}" character.

Example of a message file:

*{This is a message
that will be shown.}*

This paragraph will never be shown.

{This is another message, that will be shown.

End of file

You do not have to use "}" character. If you wish to avoid using it, the screen saver assumes that current message ends with the next "{" character, which also indicates the beginning of the next message.

Another example of a message file:

*All of the following messages will be shown:
{I am in the meeting and will be back at 15:30
{Tom, please prepare report for John*

End of file

If you need to use the "{" or "}" character inside a message write two of these characters one after another. For example:

For a user defined message file you can also specify a title, that will be displayed for every message of the file. The title must be placed at the beginning of the file and starts from the "Title:"

In a file:

*Title:This is a demo file
{First message
{Second message*

Will be displayed as:

This is a demo file

First message

...

This is a demo file

Second message

Size of a single message must not exceed 16K. Otherwise the message will be truncated. In reality you will never use large messages, because they will not fit into the screen. The number of messages in a file is not limited.

After editing, message files may be compressed by the COMPRESS.EXE utility. In this case they must have ".LZ" extension.

Installation

Windows 95

To install Screenario you should create a directory (for example C:\SCRNARIO) and extract files from downloaded SCRNARIO.ZIP to the created directory. In Explorer, invoke context menu for SCRNARIO.SCR file (using right mouse click or by pressing Shift + F10), and then choose Install. You can change screen saver settings by invoking it's Property dialog.

Windows NT

Create a directory to extract the files from the SCRNARIO.ZIP archive. After the files has been extracted, move the SCRNARIO.SCR to the Windows System32 directory (for example C:\WINNT35\SYSTEM32). In Control Panel choose desktop settings dialog and select Screenario from the list of screen savers. You can adjust the settings by pressing the Settings button.

Examples Of Use

You can use Screenario for a wide range of purposes:

- to leave one or several messages to somebody while you are gone (using user defined files),
- to study foreign languages (use as a dictionary). Just write a word and the translation of the word as a separate message. and then create a file with these messages.
- to study a subject. (Internet terminology as an example in INTERNET.SN file)
- to read and exchange jokes or humor stories, see MURPHY.SN as an example.
- to advertise products or services.

Ideas For Future Versions

In the future versions we are going to implement the following features:

- history events support. When this options is selected Screenario will show events, that happened this day in the past. Actually, this feature is already implemented, but we haven't yet prepared a database of history events
- multiple directories for image files. The user will be able to specify several directories where images are stored.
- support of most popular image file formats - JPEG, GIF, etc.
- ability to set priorities between Text Show and Slide Show modes.
- increase speed and quality of the video effects.
- advanced system information section.
- and much more...

Something That May Be Useful To Your Business

Offshore Software Development Quality Programming Service At Competitive Costs

Alis Software is a Software Development Company based in Kharkov Ukraine (a former state of the USSR) providing Offshore Development Services for clients in the West for the last 3 years. Due to the lower labor costs in Eastern Europe we can provide high quality programming services at costs that can be up to 6 times less than the rates in the USA.

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- Windows 95
- Windows NT
- Windows 3.1/3.11 - Both 16 and 32 bit
- MS DOS

Programming and Development Languages and Tools:

- Borland C++ up to 4.51 (Extensive OWL and OLE experience)
- MS Visual C++ up to 4.0 (MFC, OLE, ODBC experience)
- Delphi and Object Pascal (IDAPI also)
- Assembly (DPML, VxD)
- Basic and Visual Basic
- HTML Programming
- Java Development Kit (Sun)

Database Development Environments and Tools:

- MS Access

Borland Paradox
ODBC
Raima Database Manager and Object Manager

Third-Party Tools and Libraries:

LEAD Tools Imaging Toolkit - Professional and Express versions
Iterated Hi-Res Fractal Image Compression SDK
Accusoft Imaging Library
MS MSDN Level II SDK and DDK Libraries
Numega Bounds Checker
Numega SoftIce
Mumega WinIce
MS Test
SLR Systems OptLink

Main areas of Expertise:

Multimedia
Database Design and Development
User Interface
Graphics and Animation
Games
VxD, DPMI and low level Assembly
OLE
ODBC
HTML (including Java script)
TCP/IP (Winsock)

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Screen Saver with graphics effects for Windows 95
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Touch Typing training system, supporting local network administration
Disc and CD ROM Catalog for pharmacy products company in the UK
Binder program, similar to MSDN and MS Binder, which is used to organize documents in a hierarchical tree format
Dangerous goods billing and tracking system for a shipping company
COVEN Play by Mail game
Database processing for corporation employees control
Tax flow control system for banks
Graphics game designed to teach children foreign languages and logic games
Automatic PL/M to C program converter
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Preferences

Mode

Text Show - the screen saver will display text messages from the selected topics in random order.

Slide Show - the screen saver will display bitmaps, stored in the specified directory (see *Image Location*) in random order.

You can choose one of these modes or both at the same time.

Options

Effects - all messages and images will be displayed using various transition effects.

Backgrounds - For Text Show mode all text messages will be placed onto a background. The background is a bitmap file, which is stored in the *Background Location* directory. If the path is not set, the screen saver will use one predefined background, stored as a resource in the SCR file. If the bitmap is smaller than the message, it will be tiled. So we do not recommend you to use bitmaps larger than 400x200 pixels (smallest message area), because, in this case not entire image will be shown.

Align text to center - Text messages will be centered into the message area.

Word break - If this options is turned on and a line of a message exceeds screen width, the part of the line, that can't be displayed will be shown on the next line. When the option is turned off, the line will be truncated.

Effects speed - Speed of transition effects displaying. It must be set manually, depending of the video card speed.

Delay - Delay in seconds between messages.

Sleep Never - When the mouse is placed in the corner, specified here, the screen saver will not run

Font - Allows you to choose a font for the text messages.

Text Show Topics

This group of options allows you to select the types of messages to display.

System information - Displays messages about current state of your computer.

Windows 95 tips - Displays standard Windows 95 tips.

Text Show files - Displays text messages, stored in user defined files. Up to 8 files can be used at the same time. See the [User Defined File Creation](#) for details.

Directories

Backgrounds location - Path to the bitmap files, that will be used as backgrounds for text messages. When this path is not set, the default background will be used.

Images location - Path to the bitmaps, that will be displayed if the Slide Show mode is enabled. When the path is not set, text messages will be displayed instead.

Ordering Information

Screenario(R) 1.1 Registration Form/Invoice

To make registration process easier, we have registered the Screenario with PsL ("Public software Library"). PsL is an american company, providing shareware registration order taking services. It is much simpler to pay for shareware trough PsL's registration service, then to make payments directly to Alis Software. PsL assigned product ID 14495 to Screenario. You should use this number when you contacting PsL to register Screenario.

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Comments:

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