

WinPak#2

**Windows 3.1 Add-on Pak
Documentation**

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WHAT IS WINPAK#2

With the advent of Windows 3.1, Windows now offers built-in support for animated, graphical screen savers, TrueType fonts, and of course icons. WinPak#2 is a package containing animated screen savers, icons, and TrueType fonts which can be installed as part of Windows 3.1.

Rhode Island Soft Systems has produced many WinPak collections consisting of different screen savers modules, fonts, and icons. This particular documentation file concerns our WinPak#2 collection.

There are both shareware and non-shareware versions of our WinPak collections. The evaluation, shareware version of each each package contains 4 screen savers, 2 TrueType fonts, and over 100 icons. Upon registering, a user is sent a registered "Deluxe" (non-shareware) version containing all of the items found in the shareware version, plus 2 more screen saver modules, 2 more TrueType fonts, and over 100 more icons! This package details the contents of the shareware version of WinPak#2.

First, we'll discuss the new animated screen saver modules found in this package.

A screen saver is a program that will animate the computer display after a certain "timeout" period to keep a moving image on the screen so that the computer screen won't become burned-in. "Burn-in" can result from having a computer screen displaying the same image for long periods of time, and ruins a monitor necessitating it's replacement. Screen burn-in is NOT uncommon.

By installing WinPak#2, users can select from several new screen savers, which each offer a variety of advanced, entertaining screen animations. Each of these screen savers allow the option of setting a custom timeout value and an optional security password.

These screen savers can be used to save screens, to provide entertaining animation sequences, and to provide for password security while away from the computer.

In addition to screen saver modules, WinPak#2 contains TrueType fonts, which can be installed and used in any Windows program that supports them (as just about every Windows program does). These custom TrueType fonts can be used to create fancy, new, unique looking documents. We strive to provide very unique fonts that are not usually found elsewhere, in other font packages. These fonts are especially popular with people who need to create professional looking business documents.

Also included in WinPak#2 is a entire collection of icons which can be installed and used for custom program items. We typically include several hundred icons in each WinPak collection.

OTHER WINPAK COLLECTIONS

As previously mentioned, Rhode Island Soft Systems, Inc. has developed several WinPak collections similar to WinPak#2. As of the date of release of this product, we currently have three (3) WinPak collections available, with several more already under development and near completion.

Rhode Island Soft Systems, Inc. offers a special discount on other WinPak collections that are registered at the same time as WinPak#2. When registering WinPak#2, if a user registers WinPak#3 at the same time, we give WinPak#3 for **FREE!** Considering the savings, including S&H, this amounts to **HALF OFF** the normal price! Of course, the disks that are sent are the fully registered "Deluxe" versions of the WinPaks, containing all of the screen saver modules, fonts, and icons found in the shareware version plus the extra ones sent in the "Deluxe" version! Please see the registration form (REGISTER.WRI) for more information.

In addition to the WinPak collections, Rhode Island Soft Systems, Inc. also offers several other products including Windows Font Paks, original Windows Wallpaper collections, custom screen savers utilizing users' own logos, a Windows Cardfile Reader for DOS, a highly regarded DOS screen saver, and more! Please contact us for more details, or look refer to the product information enclosed with the materials received when registering WinPak#2.

VERIFICATION OF FILES

At this point, please look for all of the files that belong to the WinPak#2 package. All of the files are listed in the file PACKING.TXT. If the PACKING.TXT file or any of the files listed in PACKING.TXT are missing, please contact us for an official copy of WinPak#2 -- it would not be fair to either the user or Rhode Island Soft Systems, Inc. to have a user evaluate an incomplete package.

INSTALLING WINPAK#2

WinPak#2 is shipped with a comprehensive installation program to automate traditional installation. To install WinPak#2, you must be in the Windows environment. To install WinPak#2 we will use the SETUP program supplied as part of the package.

From Program Manager's main window, select "File". This will cause a menu to drop down. Next, select "Run...". A dialog box will pop up requesting a "Command Line".

If the WinPak#2 files are on a floppy disk, insert the diskette into the A: or B: drive, as appropriate and type either "A:\SETUP" or "B:\SETUP", respectively. We must execute the "SETUP" program that is located on the floppy disk.

If the WinPak#2 files are in a directory on a hard drive, enter the full drive and directory path to where the WinPak#2 files are located, such as:

"C:\DOWNLOAD\TEMPSETUP".

Please note that these are just examples -- the directories names and drives will certainly be different for each individual computer. The above examples are for illustrative purposes only.

After entering the command to execute SETUP, press the ENTER key or click on the "OK" button. At this point SETUP will handle the entire process of installing the WinPak#2 files.

There are two ways to access the screen savers. The easiest and quickest is to use the "Chooser" program that is installed in the WinPak#2 program group. As an alternative, the screen savers can be accessed through the Control Panel. To use the Control Panel, you must first select the "Main" group in Program Manager. Next, select the "Control Panel" icon. Finally, within Control Panel, select the "Desktop" icon. The "Screen Saver" portion of the dialog box will now contain the WinPak#2 modules in the list

of Screen Saver "Names". The WinPak#2 modules can be easily identified as they are labeled with "WP2=>". Select the screen saver module and click on the "OK" button. The screen saver should now be installed.

The TrueType Fonts are automatically installed into Windows for you. To use them, simply select them from the list of TrueType fonts in any application, as you would select any other font.

To use the icons, simply specify the file "WP2ICON1.DLL" any time you want to specify an icon, and select any of the icons that are presented. For example, from Program Manager, highlight a program icon and select "File" then "Properties..." and finally "Change Icon." When it asks for the file name of the icon file to use, select WP2ICON1.DLL in your Windows directory. We publish a separate RISS Icon Pak with over 2,001 icons, plus a handy icon changer/selector utility. Call for more information.

SUMMARY

WinPak#2 is a package of "add-ons" for Windows 3.1, containing animated screen saver modules, unique TrueType fonts, and a huge collection of icons! The screen savers included in this package support the standard screen saver options, such as user-selectable timeouts, security passwords, and so forth.

The WinPak#2 screen savers are high quality, exciting animation modules that provide valuable screen saving functionality as well as system password security and entertainment. Of course, they are also quite a conversation piece!

The TrueType fonts found in our WinPak collections are interesting, unique fonts unlike most of the fonts that are found in other font collections. These fonts help produce professional quality business documents!

While there are other icon collections available, the icons found in our WinPaks are much more convenient to use, as they are bundled into convenient DLL files. Instead of having to wade through 200 individual .ICO icon files, we've bundled them into DLL files that can be searched quickly and conveniently!

The screen saver modules distributed in the **shareware** version are itemized below:

<u>File Name</u>	<u>Desktop Name</u>	<u>Description</u>
WINPAK2A.SCR	WP2=>Flicker	Flickering blocks
WINPAK2B.SCR	WP2=>Slug	Crawling slug
WINPAK2C.SCR	WP2=>Flip	Flips between images
WINPAK2D.SCR	WP2=>Snore	Sleeping man floats around

There are two TrueType fonts in the **shareware** version:

FILCD
US-BATS

There is a .DLL file called **WP2ICON1.DLL** containing 100+ icons!

The registered, "Deluxe" version, of course, comes with an additional 100+ icons, 2 more TrueType fonts, and 2 more animated screen saver modules.

DEFINITION OF SHAREWARE

Shareware distribution gives users a chance to try software before buying it. If you try a Shareware program and continue using it, you are expected to register. Individual programs differ on details -- some request registration while others require it, some specify a maximum trial period. With registration, you get anything from the simple right to continue using the software to an updated program with printed manual.

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WINPAK#2 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

This "shareware version" of the WinPak#2 package is provided at no charge to the user for evaluation. Feel free to share it with your friends, but please do not give it away altered or as part of another system. The essence of "user-supported" software is to provide personal computer users with quality software without high prices, and yet to provide incentive for programmers to continue to develop new products. You are encouraged to pass the shareware version of WinPak#2 along to your friends for evaluation. Please encourage them to register their copy if they find that they can use it. Please refer to the VENDOR.TXT file for details on distributing WinPak#2. Please do not distribute the registered "Deluxe" (non-shareware) version if you order it -- continue to distribute this shareware version.

If you find this package useful and find that you are using WinPak#2 and continue to use WinPak#2 after a reasonable trial period (60 days maximum), you must make a registration payment of \$19.95 to Rhode Island Soft Systems, Inc. The registration fee will license one copy for use on any one computer at any one time, and ensure that you will receive a fully registered "Deluxe" version of WinPak#2, which contains EVEN MORE screen saver modules, TrueType fonts, and icons! If you do not have a copy of the WinPak#2 package, or are missing any of the files listed in the PACKING.TXT file, you may obtain a full registered "Deluxe" version of WinPak#2 on diskette directly from Rhode Island Soft Systems, Inc. for the \$19.95 (U.S.) registration price.

WinPak#2 must be licensed for each machine that it is used on. Unless you have multiple computers, or use WinPak#2 both at home and on your computer at work, this stipulation will mostly apply to businesses and organizations.

Site licenses, however, are available to cover these situations. Please refer to the section on Site Licenses for more information.

Users of WinPak#2 must register and pay for their copies of WinPak#2 within 60 days of first use or their license is withdrawn.

Rhode Island Soft Systems, Inc. also provides a special discount on other WinPak collections that are registered at the same time. When registering WinPak#2, if a user also registers WinPak#1 we provide WinPak#3 for **FREE!** Considering the savings, including S&H, this amounts to almost **HALF OFF** the normal price for all three!

Please refer to the file REGISTER.WRI for a complete registration form.

BENEFITS OF REGISTRATION

What will registration yield? First and foremost, registered users are sent a disk containing the registered "Deluxe" version of the software, with the additional screen saver modules, fonts, and icons. Besides rightfully paying for a product that is being used, a user will additionally receive some very important benefits.

Upon receiving a registration, Rhode Island Soft Systems, Inc. will immediately return a written receipt, a letter of acknowledgment thanking the user for registering the software, literature on any special offers available at the time of registration, and the latest issue of RISS News, our company newsletter!

The user is immediately placed in our database of registered users from which we generate mailing lists for our newsletter which is used to announce upgrades to our products, or new products altogether. This is very important since many users have registered "old" versions of our software, not knowing that a newer version was available. We were able to provide them with a new version which they might not have received otherwise.

Registered users are provided with discounts on other products, as they are released, as well as limited-time special offers that we are able to grant at the time of registration. (In the past we've been able to grant major discounts on several different magazines, free subscriptions to CompuServe, free CompuServe usage credits, and more!)

Registered users receive a special offer on our WinPaks -- register 2 and get 1 FREE!

Registered users are encouraged to take advantage of our Corporate BBS. Of course, your registrations provide us with the capital necessary for us to continue providing new versions of WinPak#2 as well as other new products, and additional WinPaks.

While we courteously answer all letters we receive, registered users are provided with the highest possible degree of customer support for their questions and concerns.

INTERNATIONAL (NON-U.S.) REGISTRATIONS

While it is true that we are based in the United States of America, we highly value our International Users! We've learned the "hard way", however we firmly believe that we are now in a much better position to serve our International customers more effectively.

For International Orders, the most convenient method of payment would probably be to charge the order to a Visa, MasterCard, AmEx, or Discover card. However, we do accept checks of course.

We request that, whenever possible, all checks or money orders be made out in U.S. currency and drawn on a U.S. bank. Often it is not possible to have a check drawn on a U.S. Bank, and we understand that.

Canadian customers can send checks written in U.S. Dollars from a U.S. Dollar account, drawn on a Canadian bank, without giving the matter any further thought. If you'd prefer to write a check in Canadian dollars, please apply the current exchange rate.

From other countries, however, we request that we be provided with a "Postal Money Order" from your National Post Office, or an American Express International Money Order. "U.S. Currency" or "U.S. Dollars" should be clearly marked on the check.

If none of the options above are possible, then we require an extra US\$10 check-cashing fee be added to the cost of registration. We apologize for this extra charge, however we are charged US\$10 just to cash an International Check. When writing a check or money order in non-U.S. currency, please make the necessary monetary conversions so that when we cash the check/money order we receive the full cost of the registration plus the equivalent of US\$10 to cover the check cashing fee. Users will be credited only for the amount received after conversion.

SITE LICENSE INFORMATION

Site licenses/volume discounts are available. Screen Savers are of paramount importance to computers being used in the work place. Businesses report the highest frequency of burn-in. For a small cost, you could save your business from having to buy an endless supply of new monitors. The cost of registering WinPak#2 will more than pay for itself, and continue to save you large sums of money in the future.

Additionally, the fonts found in WinPak#2 are often used by businesses for creating professional documents and presentations.

A Site License basically provides volume discounts on purchases of multiple copies of WinPak#2. For your convenience, we do accept Purchase Orders on Site Licenses from Schools and Businesses.

Please refer to the file SITESICE.WRI for full details on our fantastic discounts, and a copy of the site license registration form.

Please contact us for more information on our custom screen savers that utilize your own company logo and/or artwork!

HOW TO CONTACT RHODE ISLAND SOFT SYSTEMS, INC.

At Rhode Island Soft Systems, Inc., we believe excellent customer service to be our primary objective. We make ourselves available for customer support via several methods. Please use the method that best suits you, and feel free to forward a copy of the COMMENT.WRI form if appropriate.

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If you have an questions or comments you may contact Rhode Island Soft Systems, Inc. on our 24-hour customer support BBS. CONNECTIONS BBS always contains the latest version of WinPak#2, which can be downloaded even by un-registered, first time callers. We hope to hear from you on CONNECTIONS!

CONNECTIONS BBS Supports up to 14.4 kbps with V.32 / V.32bis / V.42 / MNP optional. Use No parity, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit (commonly referred to as N,8,1). The phone number is (401) 767-3931.

COMPUSERVE

As an alternative to CONNECTIONS BBS, customers are encouraged to join us on-line on CompuServe where Rhode Island Soft Systems, Inc. maintains a presence. Just type GO RISS -- we're in Section/Library 5! Shareware versions and demos of our products can be downloaded there, and the support and development staff can be contacted there with questions.

We look forward to seeing you on-line!



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WINPAK#2 WARRANTY INFORMATION

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At Rhode Island Soft Systems, Inc. we strive to provide the highest quality software we possibly can. Due to the proliferation of IBM-compatible systems, however, we can not possibly test our software on every single system under every possible combination of hardware and software configurations.

As such sometimes a problem does arise, with a particular configuration, which we are able to investigate and solve. We greatly appreciate the feedback that we receive from our users, and have begun distributing a special form as of this release of WinPak#2. The form can be found in the file COMMENT.WRI.

If any user should have a particular question, comment, or problem we request that a copy of this form be filled out and included with a letter. Receiving a copy of this form will provide us with exactly the information which will help us on the road to diagnosing a problem.

We are always interested in hearing comments from our users on ways in which we can improve our product. The form in COMMENT.WRI can also be used to mail in suggestions and requests.

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