

Graffiti - Version 1.0

Introduction

Graffiti automatically changes your wallpaper at regular intervals. It offers a wide variety of configuration options that allow you to customize its operation to suit your personal needs.

Distribution

Graffiti 1.0 is freeware, NOT public domain software. You are allowed to use it, give copies of the entire package to everyone you want, or delete it. You are not allowed to sell it or claim that you wrote it.

Requirements

Graffiti requires Microsoft Windows Version 3.1.
It also requires VBRUN100.DLL. This file is available on Compuserve.

Installation

- 1) Copy all of the .VBX files to your Windows/System directory.
- 2) Make sure VBRUN100.DLL is in the path.
- 3) Put Graffiti.exe anywhere you want.

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Author's Note

Graffiti came about as a utility for a friend that wanted to have her wallpaper be pictures of her children. She had several pictures that I digitized for her and she wanted to be able to cycle through them without having to use the control panel. Let's just say I went a little wild with the features after I solved her basic requirements. The result of that fling is Graffiti 1.0.

There are lots of features that I want to change and add, but if I waited until I added those features before I released the product...you guessed it...you'd never see it. I do hope to add a help file in the next release, but for now you'll have to be satisfied with this documentation. I would love to hear your comments on Graffiti - both good and bad. Due to tight constraints on my time and resources, I will not be mailing out disks with Graffiti on it, after all, it is freeware. The most recent version should be available on Compuserve and/or America Online. I will accept mail at the address below, but please note that it will probably change within the next 6-12 months. If you really want to reach me, please send mail to my Compuserve account or to my America Online account.

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Using Graffiti

The user interface for Graffiti assumes that you are familiar with Windows.

File/New

The File menu provides one option Exit. Selecting this option terminates the application.

Change!

The **Change!** menuitem allows you to manually change your wallpaper. Each time **Change!** is selected a new background is chosen and displayed.

Options/Background Source...

Graffiti selects wallpaper from one of two sources: All the .BMP files in a directory or from a special INI file. When selecting wallpaper from a directory you are given the choice to tile the wallpaper or to center the wallpaper by selecting the **Tile Wallpaper** checkbox. When selecting wallpaper from an INI file, Graffiti allows you to specify for each entry whether it is tiled or centered. See the INI file Paper.ini included with this distribution of Graffiti for the format of a Graffiti INI file. You can use Notepad.exe to edit and create INI files.

The **Browse** button allows you to browse for directories or INI files.

Options/Selection Method...

Graffiti uses two methods for selecting wallpaper: random and sequential.

Options/Update Frequency...

Use this dialog box to select how often Graffiti changes the wallpaper. If the frequency is set to zero (0) Graffiti never changes the wallpaper.

Options/Terminate after startup

This option is provided for those individuals who only want to change the wallpaper each time they enter Windows. To have Graffiti terminate after startup, select this menuitem. Then create an icon for Graffiti in the StartUp group in Program Manager and check the icons properties to ensure that Minimize on run is selected. Graffiti **only** terminates after startup when **two** conditions are met: 1 the application is run in a minimized state and 2 the **Terminate after startup** menuitem is checked.

Help/About...

This option displays the about box for Graffiti.

Legal Swill

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