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## What's Tek Screeble?

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**Screeble** is a compound of **Screen** and **Scribble**. It's a sort of good-for-nothing applications, but it can *make you feel* you are entering messages or memos directly from the keyboard to the desktop. Simply tap your keyboard to display text and lines with your favorite properties on the desktop.

The latest version provides **The Boss Is Comin'** function that allows you to instantaneously change the desktop appearance by pressing the hot key.

# Requirements

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### **Operating System**

For Windows 95/98 only. Note that Visual Basic 5.0 fundamental runtime library files (Service Pack 2 or 3) must be installed to run this program.

### **Fonts**

**Arial** must be at least installed.

# License Agreement

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## **Design Notes**

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Haven't you ever been driven by temptation to freely scribble on the desktop? I know some desktop painting applications, but not about those which "makes believe" that I'm entering characters directly from the keyboard to the desktop. I'm using Tek Screeble to leave a message or a warning on the desktop.

## Installing/Un-installing Tek Screeble

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#### **Installing Tek Screeble**

You must have successfully installed Tek Screeble when you read this Help. See Installing/Un-installing Tek Screeble in **Readme.doc** included in the distributed files, if necessary.


#### **Un-installing Tek Screeble**

Remove all the associated files in the folder where **tscreebe.exe** exists. No modification is made to the Windows' registry, so Tek Screeble will be completely un-installed from your system by this process. It is recommended to keep Visual Basic 5.0 runtime files in Windows' System folder for future use.

## Entering Text

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On starting Tek Screeble you can immediately enter characters to the desktop from the keyboard. Use **Up**, **Down**, **Left** or **Right** key to move the cursor, **Del** or **Back Space** key to delete particular characters.

If you previously drew lines, right-click on the desktop and choose Enter Text from the menu. Text can be entered from the keyboard only in this mode. You can drag it by pressing the mouse left button when the cursor changes to .

The text properties can be set in the Properties - Text dialog box. See [Changing Configuration Settings](#).

# Changing Configuration Settings

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Right-click on the desktop to show the pop-up menu, where you change the configuration Settings for Tek Screeble as described below:

### **Preferences - General**

Choose General in the Preferences menu to show the Preferences - General dialog box, where you set the hot keys and margin.

#### **- Hot Keys**

You fill in or empty the Shift + or Alt + check box, and choose an alphanumeric character (A to Z and 0 to 9) in the drop-down list box to assign the same function to the hot keys as clicking on the Clear All, Clear Lines and Restore Text in the pop-up menu.

#### **- Margin**

Enter a number in each box for determining the Top, Left, Bottom and Right margin in pixels (dots) relative to the desktop.

### **Preferences - Text**

Choose Text in the Preferences menu to show the Preferences - Text dialog box, where you set properties for text display. Click on the Text, Shadow or Cursor button to show the color palette to select a color for each. It is recommended to select a true type font greater than 12 points.

You can also set a shadow offset by the horizontal scroll bar. If you set a minus offset and choose a light color for the shadow, it will make a highlight effect on the text. Further, you can choose a cursor style, a vertical (recommended) or lateral bar.

### **Preferences - Line**

Choose Line in the Preferences menu to show the color palette, where you select a line color. You can also set a line width by using the horizontal scroll bar. The maximum line width is 50 pixels.



## Matters to Notice

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- Tek Screeble was made mainly for the purpose of entering text to the desktop, so it provides only simple functions for drawing lines, in order to, for instance, underline or encircle text to make it conspicuous. If you need further drawing performances and do not need any character input function, you should try other programs such as Rakugaki-kun by Mr. Sadanori Nara (Japanese-language application).
- It is **not** recommended to place Tek Screeble's shortcut in the Windows Startup folder.
- Text on the desktop flickers while you draw a line. It's a small defect of this application.
- The author is **not** liable for whether you can change the screen *in time* by using The Boss Is Comin' function.

## Technical Support

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E-mails for comments, bug reports or requests on this Software are accepted by the author at [fwgd0097@mb.infoweb.ne.jp](mailto:fwgd0097@mb.infoweb.ne.jp).

This Software is continuously maintained by the author and its latest version is released on the author's home page at <http://village.infoweb.ne.jp/~tek/index.htm>. You may at times visit there to check the version number and/or the time stamp of the released file.

## Clearing Text and Lines


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Right-click on the desktop and choose Clear All or Clear Lines from the menu. You can restore the entered text by choosing Restore Text. If you choose Clear Lines, all the lines displayed on the desktop will be cleared. You cannot "erase" a part of the lines. Once you cleared the lines, you cannot restore them.

You can hide the Screeble's screen from the desktop by choosing Hide from the pop-up menu by right-clicking on the desktop. The hidden screen will be instantaneously come back by pressing the hot key assigned in the Preferences - General dialog box (The Boss Is Comin' function).

## Drawing Lines

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Right-click on the desktop and choose Draw Lines from the menu. Then the cursor changes to . You can draw lines only in this mode. Click on the desktop where you start drawing a line, hold the button pressed and move the mouse cursor. You cannot start a line within the text area already displayed on the desktop.

The line properties can be set in the Properties - Line dialog box. See [Changing Configuration Settings](#).

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### Starting Tek Screeble

Like ordinary Windows applications you can start Tek Screeble by double-clicking on its icon or choosing the menu item in the Start menu.

Once you start Tek Screeble, you can immediately enter characters from the keyboard to the desktop, but **cannot access to the desktop except the margin area** which can be set in the Preferences - General dialog box. This feature allows you to prevent your PC from being used by other persons. Also see [Changing Configuration Settings](#).

### Exiting Tek Screeble

Right-click on the desktop and choose Exit from the pop-up menu.

