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# WELCOME

**W**elcome to Delrina's unique screen savers, the animated screen-saver and password protection system that will change the way you look at your Macintosh. With the most creative screen-saving effects for the Macintosh, the screen savers will delight you with the antics of your favorite characters. You can install more than one screen saver theme, including other modules from other screen-saver products, and switch between them for even more variety.

If you're already familiar with our screen saver products, or if you just want to get started quickly, follow the steps below. Before you start, however, we recommend that you:

- Make backup copies of your Delrina screen saver product disks, and use the copies for installation. For details about copying disks, see your *Macintosh Reference* manual.
- Take a moment to fill out and mail your registration card. As a registered user, you'll receive important product support and update information as well as announcements of exciting new products from Delrina.



- Check your package contents before you install your screen saver, to make sure you have everything you need. You should have:
  - The product disks
  - The *User's Guide* (this book)
  - A product registration card

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## Getting Acquainted

Intermission is the name of the software that makes it possible to display the screen savers on your Macintosh. Throughout this manual, we refer to it as the *engine*, because it runs all of the cool screen saver graphics. Intermission is easy to use, but to get the most out of the Intermission engine and the screen savers, we suggest you look through the rest of this manual. You'll find instructions for:

- Configuring and customizing the Intermission engine.
- Selecting the screen savers you want to display on your screen.
- Using **SysMonitor™** to check your CPU activity and minimize the activity of the Intermission engine when other programs are making heavy demands on the CPU.

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## Installing the software

Installing your screen savers is easy. (We assume your Macintosh is already running and that you are familiar with how to use it.) The installation program guides you through the process step-by-step and describes the various options for customizing your installation.

### To install the software:

1. Insert the disk labeled Disk 1 in your disk drive.
2. Double-click *Read Me First* and take a moment to read any last minute notes about the software. When you are finished, quit Teach Text.
3. Double-click the Intermission Installer icon.
4. Follow the instructions on the screen to install the Intermission engine.
5. Congratulations! The software is installed, and you can start it like any other application.

When you restart your Macintosh, the icon for the Intermission engine will appear briefly during the startup. At this point, the Intermission engine is ready to start displaying the screen savers using its default settings. See "Using the Intermission Engine" to learn how to change the settings and configure the screen savers the way you want.

### What the software does

The Intermission engine and our screen savers protect your monitor from damage. After you install and configure the software, it sits in your computer's memory and patiently monitors the system's activity. If there is no keyboard or mouse activity for a period that you specify, the Intermission engine blanks the screen with the entertaining screen savers you have chosen. You can also use the optional password protection to prohibit access to your Macintosh while you are away.



However, the main attraction of the Delrina screen savers is that they're *fun*! Our screen savers feature the most creative and enjoyable animated screen savers for any Macintosh. We've made the software flexible, so you can:

- Choose from lots of colorful and exciting screen savers that you can display singly, randomly, or sequentially.
- Protect your Macintosh from prying eyes with password protection—even if they restart your Macintosh!

If you're familiar with earlier versions of the Intermission software, you'll notice some terrific new features in this version:

- The coolest collection of screen savers available for your Macintosh. Now you can have your favorite characters walking and talking across your screen.
- Exciting new effects that you can use to make your own modules.

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# USING THE INTERMISSION ENGINE

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**O**nce you have installed and started Intermission, the screen savers will wait until there has not been any keyboard or mouse activity for five minutes, and then display the first screen saver installed on your system. When you're ready to resume working, you can move the mouse or press a key to "wake up" your screen and return to your work, just as you left it.

The Intermission engine is programmed to cycle through the installed screen savers, displaying each one for a period of time. But the real fun doesn't start until you configure the screen savers and take advantage of the other options we've developed for your enjoyment.

## Customizing the Intermission Engine

The main Intermission engine dialog box contains options that enable you to specify how long the Intermission engine waits before it starts the first screen saver, what will wake it up again,



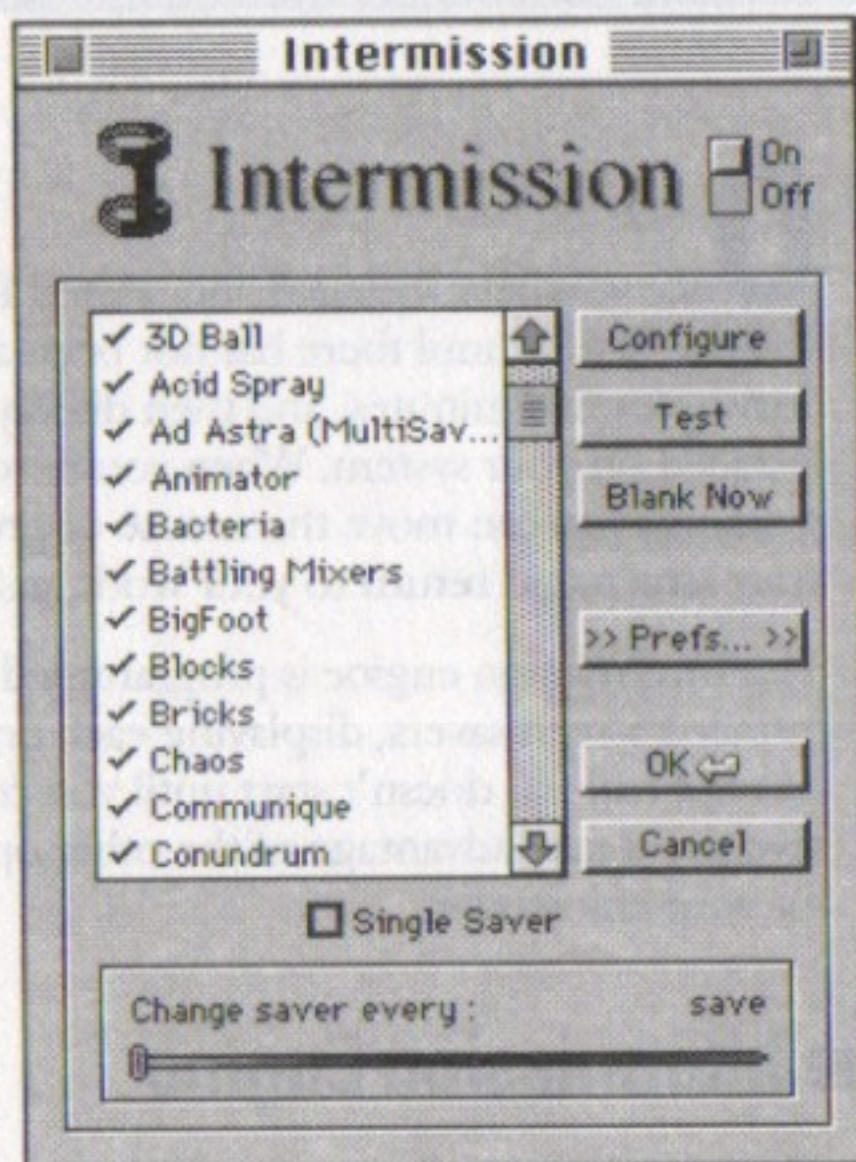
which modules it will display on the screen, and more. You can even override the built-in delay to start another module display immediately, or turn off the Intermission engine entirely.

## To select Intermission options

1. Select Intermission from the Apple menu.  
The main Intermission engine dialog box appears with various options.
2. In the Installed Savers box, select one or more screen savers.
3. Choose the options you want by selecting the appropriate button.  
The options are described below.
4. Choose the OK button to save your choices and close the dialog box.

## Selecting Intermission options

The main Intermission engine dialog box contains a number of options you can choose to customize your copy of Intermission. Each option is described in the following section.





**On/Off button**

Turns the Intermission engine on or off. To change the On/Off setting, position the mouse arrow over the word On or Off and click the mouse button. Choose the On position to activate the Intermission engine. Choose the Off position to deactivate Intermission. (This setting does not remove Intermission from memory.)

**Configure**

Select this option to display a dialog box that enables you to change the settings of the highlighted module. You can adjust some of the characteristics of each screen saver to your preference. Have fun exploring all of the effects you can create.

**Test**

Runs the selected module as it is currently configured. During this preview, the module is fully active, so you can change any of the settings and see the results immediately. While you test a module, Intermission ignores the current settings in the Wake Up On section. The test runs until you choose the OK button or the Cancel button. Settings for the Wake Up On options will not be active. (Not available with some modules.)

*Another Way: Move the mouse into the Save Now corner. In this case, the current settings for the Wake Up On options will be active.*

**Sleep Now**

Puts Intermission immediately into Sleep mode. You can also use this button to preview a screen-saver module, without changing any of the settings.

**Change After**

Specifies the intervals at which Intermission will display the next selected screen saver. Leave this blank to use one screen saver the entire time, or specify an interval of up to an hour.



### Single Saver

Enables you to run Intermission using only the currently highlighted screen-saver module. When you select this option, all of the other modules are turned off. When you clear this option, all of your previous selected modules are turned on again; Intermission will randomly choose from any modules that are turned on.

### Preferences

Displays the Preferences dialog box, which enables you to further customize the general operation of Intermission.

*Another Way: Click the Zoom box in the Intermission title bar.*

## Setting Preferences

The Preference dialog box contains further options you can use to customize the general operation of the Intermission engine and your screen savers.

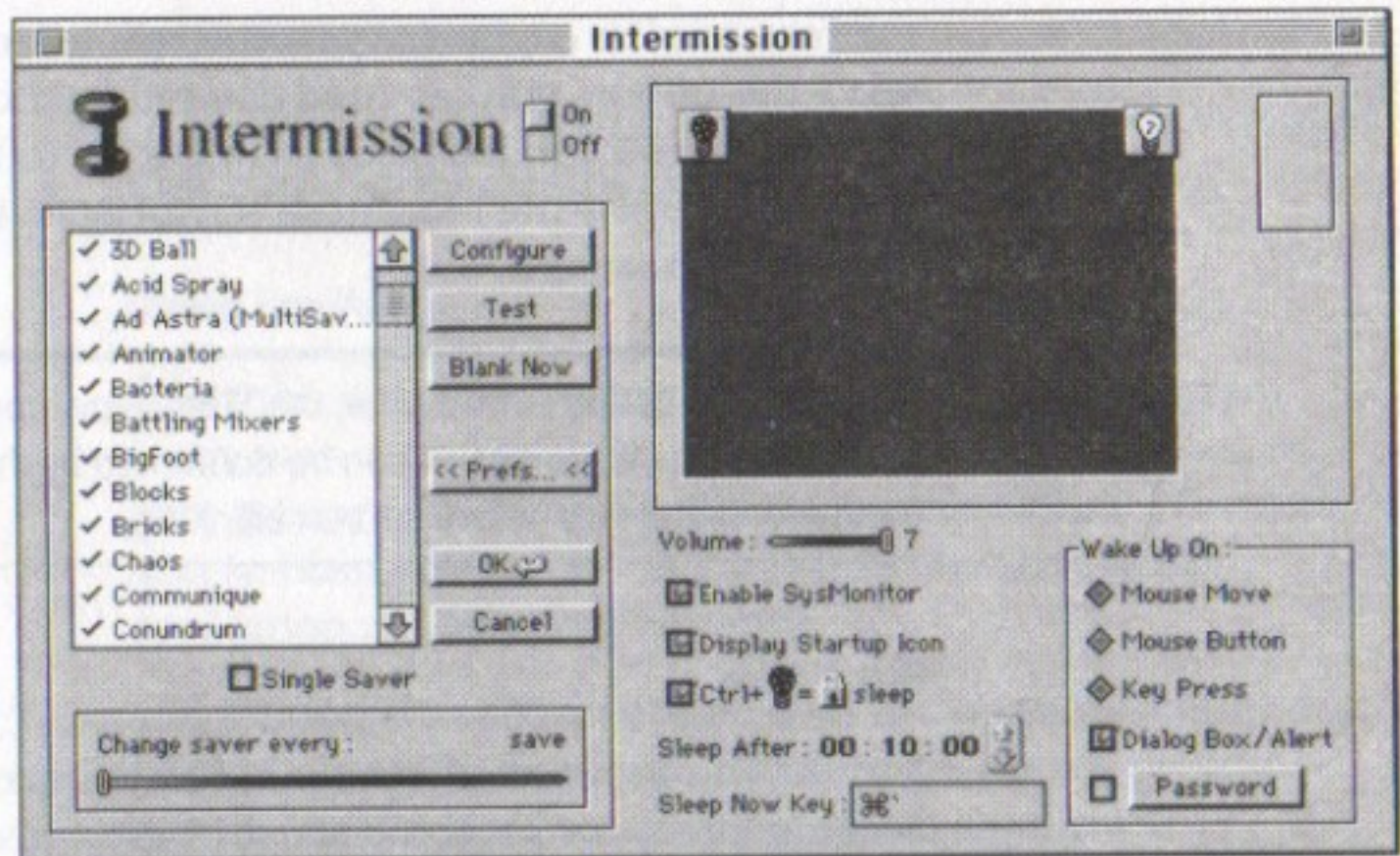
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1. Select Intermission from the Apple menu.  
The main Intermission engine dialog box appears with various options.
2. Choose the Preferences button.  
The Preferences dialog box appears with various options. The options are described below.
3. Select the Preference settings you want.

### Selecting the Preference options

The Preferences dialog box contains a number of options you can choose to customize the Intermission engine. Each option is described in the following section.





### Volume

Enables you to adjust the volume for saver modules that use sound.

To raise or lower the volume, drag the slide button to the right or left, respectively.

### Enable SysMonitor (CPU Activity Monitor)

**SysMonitor™** enables the Intermission engine to determine the amount of processing occurring in your system at any given moment. When you select the SysMonitor option, the Intermission engine will reduce the animation of the screen savers when the processor load becomes too heavy to permit normal operation. In this case, the Intermission engine simply blanks the screen to black without running a screen saver.

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**Note:** We recommend that you select SysMonitor and leave it on at all times.

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### Display Startup Icon

Enables you to display the Intermission icon during system startup. Select the option to display the icon, or clear the option to prevent the display.

### Ctrl + Sleep = sleep

Select this option to enable a short-cut that immediately password protects your system, without having to re-configure



the Intermission engine for password protection. When you select this option, you can hold down the CTRL key and place the mouse cursor in the Sleep Now corner to blank the screen. It will not display the Macintosh screen again until you enter the correct password.

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**Note:** For this option to be active, the Sleep Now corner must also be active. Password protection can be confirmed by the Lock icon in the banner that appears before screen blanking.

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### **Blank After**

Enables you to specify the period of time Intermission waits after any mouse or keyboard activity before it saves the screen by running one of its animated effects. You can set this delay from 1 second to 59 hours, 59 minutes, 59 seconds—in one-second increments.

To change the Blank After time, select the part of the time you want to change, then type in a new value or click the up or down arrows to increase or decrease the selected number.

### **Sleep Now Hot Key**

Enables you to set a combination of keys that will automatically save the screen. In the Sleep Now Hot Key field, type the keys you want to use. The names of these keys then appear in the Hot Key field.

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**Note:** Be sure to choose a key combination that isn't used by the active program or you can get unpredictable results.

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In the Wake Up On box, you select options that determine what actions will “wake up” your screen after Intermission has put it to sleep.

### **Mouse Move**

Select this option to restore the screen upon any movement of the mouse. This option is selected by default.

### **Mouse Button**

Select this option to restore the screen when you press either the left or right mouse button. This option is selected by default.



### Key Press

Select this option to restore the screen when any key is pressed. This option is selected by default.

### Dialog Box/Alert

Select this option to restore the screen if another program (such as an e-mail program) sends you a new dialog box or alert message. When this option is cleared (default), Intermission re-blanks the screen and informs you that another application requires your attention.

The **Dialog Box/Alert** option does not prevent Intermission from blanking the screen if a dialog box is already present—only if a new one is sent when the screen saver is active.

This option is only available when you select any other option in the Wake Up On box. Otherwise it is dimmed and unavailable.

## Setting a Password

The Password feature consists of a check box and a button. Selecting the password check box defines the password option as the only option that will restore the screen after it has been blanked. If you select this option, all of the other Wake Up On options are automatically turned off.

Once the screen has been blanked with the password option set, you can restore the screen simply by typing your password at the keyboard (there is no prompt or dialog box into which you must type your password).

If you incorrectly type the password, simply retype the entire password. Be careful to remember the options you have set for case sensitivity and carriage return when typing.

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**Warning:** *Remember your password!* If you forget your password and have important work that needs to be saved still running in the background, call the Delrina Consumer Software Division Technical Support at (416) 441-4628. Our hours are 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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## To set or update your password

1. Select Intermission from the Apple menu.  
The Intermission engine dialog box will be displayed.
2. Choose the Preferences button.
3. Choose the Password button.
4. In the Old Password field, enter your old password.  
Skip this step if you are entering a password for the first time. Until you set a password for the first time, you do not have an Old Password.

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**Note:** As you type your password, an asterisk is displayed for each character you type.

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5. Enter your password into the New Password field and press TAB.
6. Re-enter your password in the Verify New field. This ensures that you typed the password exactly as you intended.
7. Select the desired password options (explained below).
8. Choose OK or press the ENTER key to confirm your selection.

## Selecting the Password options

The Password dialog box enables you to define a password that you will have to enter to “wake up” the screen. You can also specify other options to protect your Macintosh from unauthorized access. Each option is described in the following section.

**Password**

Old Password:

New Password:

Verify New:

☐ Show Bullet

Options:

- ☒ Case Sensitive
- ☐ Carriage Return
- ☒ Retext Protection
- ☒ Require P'W on startup

OK

Cancel



**Show Bullet**

Enables you to turn the bullets on or off in the Old Password, New Password, and Verify New fields. This is helpful if you do not want anyone to see the number of characters in your password.

**Case Sensitive**

When you select this option, you must type your password exactly as you typed it in password configuration, with the proper upper- and lower-case letters, to "wake up" the screen. When this option is cleared, the upper- and lower-case letters in your password are not differentiated.

**Carriage Return**

When you select this option, you must press the RETURN or ENTER key after you type your password to "wake up" the screen. If this option is cleared, the screen wakes up as soon as you type the last character of the correct password.

**Reboot Protection**

Select this option to keep your machine safe from a reboot attempt to bypass the password feature. If someone reboots your system while the screen is blanked and the Intermission engine is running in password mode with this option on, the screen blanks again and the password is enabled.

**Require PW on startup**

Select this option when you want the Intermission engine to require that you enter your password after the computer is booted.

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**Important Note for System 7.0 Users:** The Delrina Screen Savers for the Macintosh software is not intended as a complete security solution. If the SHIFT key is held down during startup, System 7.0 will not run any extensions, *including the Intermission engine!* So beware: an informed Macintosh user can get onto your machine.

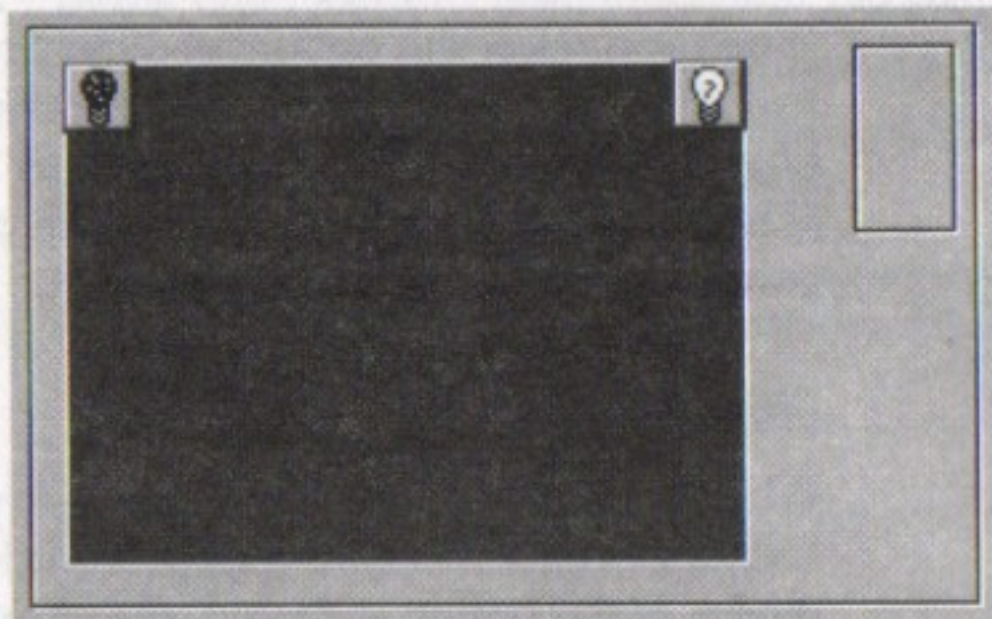
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## Setting Monitor Corners

Monitor corners enable you to set a corner of your screen to be either a Save Now or Don't Save corner.

To control the monitor corners, use the rectangle with two light bulbs that is displayed in the lower portion of the Intermission engine dialog box, as shown below:



### Selecting the monitor corner options

The rectangle represents your display screen. The dark light bulb indicates the Save Now corner and the bright light bulb indicates the Don't Save corner. You control the monitor corners by dragging the two light bulb icons to the corners of the rectangular box.

If you place and leave the mouse cursor in the Save Now corner, Intermission immediately blanks the screen. If you place and leave the mouse cursor in the Don't Save corner, Intermission is temporarily disabled and does not blank the screen even though the wait time has elapsed.

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**Note:** You cannot select the same corner for the Save Now and Don't Save options.

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## To assign monitor corners

1. Select Intermission from the Apple menu.  
The Intermission engine dialog box will be displayed.
2. Choose the Preferences button.
3. Drag the dark light bulb to the corner you want to use as the Save Now corner.
4. Drag the bright light bulb to the corner you want to use as the Don't Save corner.
5. Choose the OK button to save your configuration selections. Choose the Cancel button to exit without saving your changes.

## To disable monitor corners

1. Select Intermission from the Apple menu.  
The Intermission engine dialog box will be displayed.
2. Choose the Preferences button.
3. To disable either or both monitor corners, drag either or both light bulbs to the "bull pen" (the smaller recessed box located to the upper right of the rectangle).
4. Choose the OK button to save your configuration selections. Choose the Cancel button to exit without saving your changes.

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**Note:** When you activate the Save Now or Don't Save corners, place the mouse cursor as far as you can into the appropriate corner and let it rest there for a moment. If you have selected the Wake Up on or Mouse button options, do not press the mouse button, since this will activate the screen and prevent blanking.

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## Adding New Screen Saver Modules

You can add new screen saver modules or import modules from other screen-saver applications to use with the Intermission engine. Just drag modules from these screen savers into the Intermission Modules folder. Under System 7.0, you can also install screen savers by placing an alias of the screen saver in the Intermission Modules folder.

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**WARNING:** You must own copies of all software you use! Screen savers are programs, and subject to the same copyright laws as stand-alone packages such as spreadsheets, databases and word processors. It is illegal to copy these modules and use them without having paid for and owning them. Delrina adamantly opposes software piracy as a means of adding additional screen savers to Intermission.

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### Additional screen saver modules

From time to time, additional Delrina screen saver modules may be made available to users of the Intermission engine. They are placed on the CompuServe information service and can be accessed by typing, "GO DELRINA" at any prompt. In the Delrina forum, you will find the section CONSUMER\_DIV.\_MAC. We plan to add more import filters into this forum as well. In the forum, you can leave messages, ask questions, and download or read files about Delrina's other products.

Check the release notes (README.TXT) on the product disks for information about other on-line services where you can reach us.

### Contributing your own screen saver modules for the Intermission engine

Contributors are invited to send their modules for possible inclusion into Intermission. From time to time, we will be offering rewards for outstanding submissions. Whether or not we pay for your module submission, if we use your module in Intermission, we will give you credit for it so that your name can appear on a (small) silver screen and, thus, everyone who buys Intermission and uses your module can see how creative you are.

We must note the following disclaimer:

Please note that once you send in the module, we do not have to use your module, for we may have had the same idea and used it to develop another module. Also, before you send in



your module, please check it carefully. By sending us the module you agree to compensate us for any resulting liability and damage.

With that said, please send us your creation. We are always looking for new and exciting modules. To submit a screen saver for consideration, please contact us at:

Delrina  
Attn: Intermission Screen Saver Modules  
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Kirkland, WA 98034-6923  
(206) 820-7007

## Removing screen saver modules

You can save disk space by removing unwanted screen saver modules. Just drag modules from the Intermission modules folder to the trash icon on your desktop.

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**Note:** Removing screen saver modules permanently erases them from your hard disk. We recommend that you save modules on diskette before you erase them. This saves you the trouble of expanding the compressed screen savers from your original diskettes.

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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**T**his section provides answers to questions you may have while using the screen savers or the Intermission engine.

**Q:** How come every time the screen savers blank the screen, I always see the same screen-saver module?

**A:** You've probably selected the Single Saver option. Look in the Intermission dialog box and clear the option, or select more than one screen saver to display other screen savers.

**Q:** Occasionally when my screen saver blanks the screen, all I get is a blank screen. Why?

**A:** *Possibility One.* If SysMonitor is engaged and the Intermission engine detects any activity on your serial port, excessive processor activity, or printing, it will blank the screen. This is to avoid interference with other applications.

*Possibility Two.* Several of the savers need to be configured first before they will run correctly. If they are not configured, the screen simply blanks. Other savers can simply blank the screen if there is not enough memory.

*Possibility Three.* It could be that Animator, a blank screen saver, is running.



- Q:** Why is my screen saver not blanking the screen when I place my mouse in the Sleep Now corner?
- A:** Make sure the Sleep Now corner option is enabled. If it is, be sure you are placing the mouse cursor as far as you can into the corner of the monitor you have selected, and leave it there for a moment. Do not press the mouse button or the system will "wake up" instead of going to sleep.

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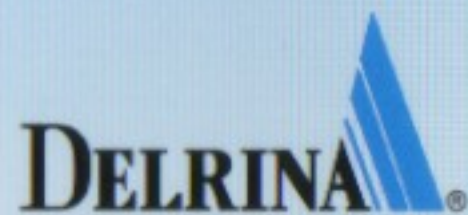
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