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What are screensavers?

Screensaver is an animation that is displayed on the PC screen when the user is not active for a certain period of time. Screen savers were originally created to prevent burn-in (saving screen images), which means burning an image into phosphorus inside the cathode ray tube after hours, of the same image being displayed.).

Windows Vista comes with built-in screensavers that you can choose. You can also download screensavers from some websites.

A good screensaver is said to have some of the following characteristics:

1. Dark background - To save energy, the display is consumed.
2. Regularly move objects or scenes - To avoid recording pixels.
3. Sensitivity - should not prevent you from using the computer.



Most screensavers are based on the following platforms:

1. Based on Sprite
2. Flash-based
3. Based on the slideshow
4. Based on video

How to get a screensaver?

If you want to use screensavers other than those included with the Windows operating system, you will have to download it from the Internet or have a friend send it to you. Then you will have to install it.

There are millions of screensavers you can download on the Internet. Some screensavers are free and others are paid. There are even some called "**shareware**" (**shareware**) and you can only use them for a short period of time and then you have to delete them from your computer.

Be careful with Spyware

When downloading screensavers from the Internet, make sure there are no other third-party software embedded in them. They may contain a spyware that will track your Internet usage, collect your "online habits" and send this information to a centralized server or give you some ads. And in some cases, these spyware will not uninstall completely from your system. Scan the screensaver file downloaded with reliable antivirus software or upload the file to the online virus scanning tool for testing.

1. 14 most effective anti-spyware software

Download screensavers

Decide which screensaver you want. Find the '**Download**' option (can also be '**Download screensaver**') on the website and click on it to start the download.

You will then be prompted to choose one of the following two download options:

1. OPEN to view the file
2. SAVE to disk

Click **Save to disk** . Then you have to choose where you want to save it. You can save it to the Windows folder to easily locate it later.

How to install screensavers in Windows XP

1. In Windows XP, if you have downloaded the settings for the screensaver, just run it and follow the instructions. After you install, go to step 2. If you have downloaded the screensaver file with the **.scr** extension, copy that file to '**C: WindowsSystem32**' and then go to step 2.

2. Right-click any space on your screen.

1. Select **Properties**.
2. Go to the **Screensavers** tab , and you'll see a list appear.
3. Select the screensaver you downloaded.
4. Click **Apply**.
5. Click **OK**.

How to install screensavers in Windows Vista and Windows 7

1. In Windows 7 or Windows Vista, if you have downloaded the settings for the screensaver, just run it and follow the instructions. After you install, go to step 2. If you have downloaded the screensaver file with the **.scr** extension , right-click it, then click '**Test**' to see how the screensaver works. If you like this screensaver, right-click it again and click **Install**. After installation, go to step 2.

2. Right-click any space on your screen.

1. Select **Personalize**.
2. Click the **Screensavers** in the lower right corner.
3. Select the screensaver you have installed.
4. Click **Apply**.
5. Click **OK**.

How to install screensavers in Windows 10

Usually the screensaver for Windows 10 will be compressed in executable files (.exe) you download just double click to install. If the screensaver has a **.scr** extension, do the same with Windows 7. To install screensavers in Windows 10, please refer to the following article: [How to access the Screen Saver settings on Windows 10?](#)

Good luck!

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