What is PowerSettings



PowerSettings v6.x

Are you tired of Windows running a load of programs when starting? Are you tired of the Windows 95/98 picture when booting? Well, perhaps this is a solution to your problems, because PowerSettings gives you control.

PowerSettings offers a lot of custom functions, making Windows look and handle, just the way you want it to.

PowerSettings offers:

Get you computer to start in pure D.O.S again.

Change the shortcut arrow to whatever you want.

Check your files for changes at startup, and prevent infection of unknown viruses.

Log file editor, to View/Edit/Clear all your Windows log files from one program. (improved from the PRO version).

Personalize your Desktop pictures.

Change the Windows 9x folder structure.

Watch what the uninstallprograms call, when they launch, create your own and remove the ones which

doesn't work anymore.

Watch what windows launches behind your back. (Edit/Remove/Insert)

Change the layout of your Deskop, and some of it's features.

Clear your history lines when leaving Windows.

Log logins at startup!

Change your registration information.

Forgot your password to Windows9x??? Well here you can remove the password file directly!

*Got a habbit of forgetting stuff? The PowerSettings Calendar & Popup is with you every time you start Windows!

*Have your system ever crashed, or ever wished that you didn't install that program? The systembackup backups critical system files, including the Registry.

*Lock your system as with Windows NT, when you leave your place with one click!

Make sure you are the only one that can use PowerSettings at the station, by password-protecting PowerSettings!

*NB:

Please note, that some of the functions mentioned in this help file, are not available in the light version.

For more information, please visit http://www.silents.dk.

Support (FAQ)

Support:

Registered users can contact me at one of the following emails, but before doing this, please check the FAQ in this help file, and the FAQ at the website.

IMPORTANT:

I can only answer mails written in English or Danish, as these are the only two languages I speak and write.

Web address:

HTTP://www.silents.dk

Email (Support):

support@silents.dk *

Email (Comments/Bugrepports):

master@silents.dk

*NB:

Registered users only!

F.A.Q.

- **Q)** Which programming language is PowerSettings written in?.
- A) PowerSettings were written in Delphi 3.
- **Q)** How do I register PowerSettings?.
- **A)** In the startpage of PowerSettings there is a description on how and where you register. The registration is serviced by Regnow.
- **Q)** Will you make National versions of PowerSettings?.
- A) No I will not make country specific versions of PowerSettings. It would be far too much time consuming.
- **Q)** I can't get all the functions to work.
- A) A lot of the new functions in PowerSettings are only available in Windows 98, although most of them are visible. Highlight the item you are having problems with and hit F1, or press the questionmark and click the item.
- **Q)** The help file does not describe all functions to the depth?.
- **A)** The help file is only a short guide. Some of the information is taken from the Microsoft Resource Kit guidance.

Welcome

PowerSettings

PowerSettings is made for the user, who want's total control of their Windows. The development started in 1997 and has accelerated a lot since then.

After the early releases a lot of new functions were added, and as a result of this, Wintrasher PRO was created. The PRO version had a few bugs though, as it was based on the very first version of Wintrasher.

Then the development of Wintrasher Gold started. It was recoded from scratch and a lot of new features were added, along with the release of Windows 98.

Now some time later PowerSettings has been released, it now has a new name, so people won't mistake it for a Windows-smashing product, although you can destroy or harm your installation if you'r not carefull!

The various Wintrasher/PowerSettings releases are listed below:

Wintrasher

Version: 0.9x to 2.xx Release year: 1997 OS: Windows 95.

Support: No.

Freeware:

Wintrasher PRO

Version: 3.0x to 3.xx Release year: 1998 OS: Windows 95

Support: Until January 1st, 1999.

Freeware:

Wintrasher GOLD (Light)

Version: 4.0x to 4.xx Release year: 1998

OS: Windows 95/98 Support: When registered.

Shareware:

Wintrasher GOLD

Version: 5.0x to 5.xx Release year: 1998

OS: Windows 95/98 Support: When registered.

Shareware:

PowerSettings

_Version: 6.0 Release year: 1999

OS: Windows 95/98 Support: When registered.

ShareWare: (If you have registered Wintrasher GOLD, you can use the same license again!).

Show "Did you know" at startup

The "Show did you know at startup" checkbox, controls whether you want the PowerSettings Welcome dialog to appear when you start PowerSettings.

Windows splashscreen!

Default value = Grayed or Checked.

Enables display of the animated logo. The default setting is active. Disabling this feature, also avoids hooking a variety of interrupts that can create incompatibilities with certain memory managers from other vendors.

Boot into Windows GUI!

Default value = Grayed or Checked.

Enables automatic graphical startup into Windows. When disabled, your machine will start in a dos prompt, and then you just type "win" and hit enter, to start Windows.

Enable multi boot (CAUTION)!

Default value = Grayed or Unchecked.

Enables/Disables dual-boot capabilities. Checking this, enables the ability to start MS-DOS by pressing F4 or by pressing F8 to use the Windows Startup menu.

This might damage your startup, as the later versions of Windows can't boot in an older DOS.

Set Windows as default OS!

Default value = Grayed or Checked.

This is by default grayed or checked, and should NOT be altered. Unchecking this, disables Windows 95/98 as the default operating system, which is only useful with MS-DOS version 5 or 6.xx on the computer.

This function is not supported by later versions of Windows 95/98.

Enable safemode during startup!

Default value = Grayed or Checked.

Enables safe mode for system startup. This setting is enabled typically by equipment manufactures for installation.

Autoscan disk(s) after systemcrash!

Default value = Grayed or Checked.

When this feature is enabled, Windows will scan all your drives for errors after an uncontrolled shutdown (crash).

As default this is active to avoid diskerrors and dataloss.

Prompt before scanning!

Default value = Grayed or Checked.

When the system crashes, Windows prompts you with an error, telling you to press a key to begin scanning your harddisks.

If this is unchecked, Windows starts scanning, without the prompt!

Execute PowerSettings commands at startup!

Default value = unchecked.

This tells whether you wan't PowerSettings to launch it's runtime file when Windows starts. When checked PowerSettings will execute it's runtime file.

When checked, the Windows logon section is executed (system panel). Reminder panel settings are executed, and Paranoia settings are cleared. If systembackup is enabled the backup is executed.

When unchecked PowerSettings ignores the above features!

Enable functionkeys at startup!

Default value = Grayed or UnChecked.

Enables the startup option keys (that is F5, F6 and F8). Checking this prevents any startup keys from functioning. This allows system administrators to configure more secure systems.

Enable Windows startupmenu!

Default value = Grayed or Checked.

Enables automatic display of the Windows 95/98 startupmenu, so that the user must press F8 to see the menu. Unchecking this, eliminates the need to press F8 to see the menu.

Enable safemode during startup

Default value = Grayed.

Enabled safe mode for system startup (this setting is typically enabled by equipment manufactors for installation).

Enable safemode with network support!

Default value = Grayed or Checked.

This enables safe mode with Networking as a menu option. The default value should be checked if there is a network present, and unchecked if no network software components are installed.

Enable safemode startup warning!

Default value = Grayed or Checked.

Enables the safe mode startup warning.

Function key delay!

Default value = 2.

Sets the initial startup delay in seconds. If this is set to 0 the key delay is disabled. The only purpose of the delay is to give the user sufficient time to press F8 after the "starting Windows" message appears.

Default menu select delay!

Default value = 30.

Sets the number of seconds to display the Windows Startup menu before running the default menu item.

Boot menu default!

Default value = 3 if no network is present, and 4 for a networked computer.

This sets the default item on the Windows startup menu. The items are selected with 0 as the first index in the list.

Windows Logo's!

Here you can change the following Windows default pictures!

Startup:

This is the picture shown, when Windows is starting up.

Shutdown:

This is the picture shown, when Windows is preparing to shut down.

Shutoff:

This is the picture shown, when Windows has shutdown, and you can turn off the computer

Note:

When changing your pictures, PowerSettings will leave a copy of the original in the C:\PowerSettings directory.

Windows Startup (Shortcuts)

This section holds the programs, which Windows launches right after you have logged on. The objects in this list are found in the "Startup menu" in the form of shortcuts.

Windows Run.

This section holds the programs, which Windows launches at startup. Usually it's only older programs which uses this section to execute programs. Newer versions uses the registry to do this!

Windows Load.

This section holds the programs, which Windows loads (not execute) before starting. Usually it's only older programs which uses this section to load programs. Newer versions uses the registry to do this!

Registry Run Programs.

This section holds programs which should be launched right after the logon has occured. It is executed right before the Windows "Start Menu" is accessed!

Registry Run Services.

This section holds programs which should be launched just before logon occures. It is executed right before the logon.

Registry Run Once

This section holds programs which should be launched once. When launced, the program(s) will be removed from this list. It's used by install shields etc. to make final changes, prior to the execution of the program!

Owner

This is the name of the registered owner of Windows 95/98. If you've entered a wrong name when installing Windows you can change it here.

Product ID.

This is your registration ID for Windows 95/98. This should not be altered as it identifies your Windows license.

Organisation

This is the name of the organisation your Windows license is registered to.

Version

This tells which version of Windows you are running. This is a readonly field!

Autoload Drivespace.bin

Default value = Grayed or Unchecked.

This enables or disables the automatic loading of drivespace.bin.

Enable loading of a doublebuffer driver for SCSI

Default value = Grayed or Unchecked.

Enables loading of a doublebuffer driver for SCSI devices if the SCSI device supports this.

Autoload DBLSPACE.BIN

Default value = Grayed or Unchecked.

This enables or disables the automatic loading of dblspace.bin.

Use top 640K for Command.com & Drivespace.Bin

Default value = Grayed or Unchecked.

Enables loading of Command.com or drvspace.bin at the top 64k memory. Uncheck this box if you are using Novell Netware or any other software that make assumptions about what is loaded in specific memory areas.

Computer name

Identifies your computer to other people on the network.

You can give your computer a unique name of up to 15 characters. The name cannot include blank spaces.

Workgroup

Identifies the group of computers that your computer is in.

You can type an existing workgroupname or create a new workgroup by typing a new name that contains up to 15 characters. Check with your administrator before creating a new workgroup.

A workgroup is generally composed of the computers you are most likely to communicate with, containing most of the network resources (such as files and printers) you will want to use.

Description

Specifies an optional comment that other people see when they look at your computer on the network. Use it to describe your computer (for example, your name, department or location) or the type of information on it that you're sharing.

Menu show delay

Default value = 400

This specifies the default menushow delay.

Windows password files

This is a total list of the Windows password files. If you have forgotten your password, and wish to re-use your name, you can simply highlight you name in the list and click delete.

Warning:

When deleting a password file, all association with the file will be lost with it, ex. your internet dialup password!

Clear last userlogon

This will clear the last username, so that others can't see which user last accessed this computer.

NB:

Execute PowerSettings commands at startup must be enabled!

Log users in PowerSettings log

When a user logs on to your system he/she will be logged in the PowerSettings log file. This way you can keep track of all users accessing your computer.

NB:

Execute PowerSettings commands at startup must be enabled!

Reset to default user

Checking this box, will set the "Default username" in the login dialog. If various people are using your system you will not be affected by this, as the default name always will be yours!

NB:

Execute PowerSettings commands at startup must be enabled!

PowerSettings Password

If you wan't to be the only one that can run PowerSettings on your system, you can prevent access by setting a password.

You must enter the old password, except if this is grayed, then you just have to type and re-type your password, and hit apply.

NB:

If you easy forget your passwords, you can generate a Rescue Key, which can bypass your password. Save the key to a disk and keep the disk in a safe place!

An unregistered version's Rescue Key, works on all unregistered versions of WT-Gold, so to be sure that noone can bypass your security, you have to register!

Manufactor information

Here you can enter the manufactor information you want to be displayed in the Computer Properties section.

Model information

Here v	you can enter the model information	you want to be displa	ved in the Com	puter Properties section.

Support information

Here you can enter the support information you want to be displayed in the Computer Properties section. To change the image, click the button(s) above.

Folder location (Use with caution)

Specifies a Windows folder location. The folder name is specified left to the edit box. Move only these folders if you need to, as you can crash the system by doing this!

Visible system icons

This section holds a list of standard system icons. When highlighting an entry you can click on the two buttons below to create it as a file or create/remove it from the Startmenu. If you check the checkbox, the systemicon will be put on the Desktop through the Registry.

NOTE:

Not all icons can be placed on the Desktop by checking the box, you will have to create it as a file! Not all icons can be placed on the Start-menu.

Shortcut overlay

Default value = Default arrow.

If you are tired of the Windows shortcut arrow, you can change it here! You can put a small arrow on your icons, remove the Arrow or put your own arrow onto the icons!

The icons affected are only the ones holding a link to a fileinformation or HTML-reference (shortcuts).

Activation follows mouse (X-Mouse)

The Activation follows mouse (X-mouse) checkbox enables X-mouse style Windows activation.

If this setting does not work, you are running Windows 95 and need to install Powertoys X-mouse!

NB:

This is a per user setting.

Animated click here to begin

Uncheck this checkbox to suppress the "Click here to begin" message that appears on the taskbar after you log in.

NB:

This is a per user setting.

Beep on errors

This enables the playing of a beep sound (can be customized in the "Sounds" in the Control Panel) when an error occurs.

Combobox animation

This checkbox enables the animation effect that occurs when you open the listbox of a combobox control.

NB:

Exploding Windows animation

The "Exploding Windows animation" checkbox enables the Window animation effect, that occurs when you minimize, maximize or restore a Window.

NB:

This is a per user setting.

Listbox animation

The "Listbox animation" checkbox enables the smooth scrolling effect that occurs when you scroll through a listbox control.

NB:

Menu animation

The "Menu animation" checkbox enables the animation effect that occurs when you open a menu.

NB:

Menu underlines

The "Menu underlines" checkbox enables the underlining of menu keyboard shortcuts.

NB:

Mouse hottracking

The "Mouse hottracking" checkbox enables mouse-related window effects, such as tooltip windows over the minimize, maximize, restore and close button.

NB:

Save Windows settings on exit

Check the "Save Windows settings on exit" box to save the settings of a folder when you close it. When you return to the folder, the previous settings will be restored. When you shut down, Windows will remember which folders were open and re-open them, the next time you log in.

If you uncheck the "Save Windows settings on exit", then these settings are not saved when you close an Explorer window or shut down.

NB:

This is a per user setting.

Show thumbnails for BMP files

Check the "Show thumbnails for BMP files" to view your BMP files with a small icon that shows the actual picture of the BMP.

Show Windows version on Desktop

Check the "Show Windows version on Desktop" to show the current OS version on your desktop.

NB:

Show "Tip of the day"

Uncheck the "Show tip of the day" checkbox to suppress the tip of the day that appears when you log in.

NB:

This is a per user setting.

Smooth scrolling

The "Smooth scrolling" checkbox enables animated window scrolling in Explorer and all other programs.

This option is available only if your version of Windows supports control of smooth scrolling separatly from window animation. If this option has no effect, then the Windows animation checkbox controls both window caption animation and smooth scrolling.

NB:

This is a per user setting.

Wrap icon titles

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X-Mouse autoraise

The "X-Mouse autoraise" checkbox causes X-Mouse (Activation follows mouse-X) to raise the window under the mouse as well as bringing it to the foreground.

NB:

Disable password caching.

When changing password on a NT-Server it sometimes comes out with an error. This is usually caused when the PWL file is conflicting with the network password.

If you disable the Password-caching this error should be removed, but remember when changing your password in the control-panel, (if you check this box) you need to use the second-button on the password panel!.

System startmenu (Directory popup)

The system directory popupmenu, is the menu that pop up, when you rightclick on an item, which is handled as a directory. Here you can edit, add or remove your own entries.

Note:

Should be used with caution, as you can remove some of the Explorer features.

System startmenu (Directory popup)

The system drive popupmenu, is the menu that pop up, when you rightclick on an item, which is handled as a drive. Here you can edit, add or remove your own entries.

Note:

Should be used with caution, as you can remove some of the Explorer features.

Send to

The send to section, holds a list of shortcuts to programs, which popup when you rightclick on a file and enters the "Send to" area.

Control Panel

The listed Control Panel extensions are installed. Note, that hiding them from the Control Panel does not uninstall them!

Show Favorites Menu.

If you wish to hide the Favorites Menu, uncheck this!

NB:

This only works on Windows 98.

Show Documents Menu.

If you wish to hide the Documents Menu, uncheck this!

NB:

Show Find Menu.

If you wish to hide the Find Menu, uncheck this!

NB:

Show Run Menu.

If you wish to hide the Run Menu, uncheck this!

NB:

Show Log Off Menu.

If you wish to hide the LogOff Menu, uncheck this!

Show Shut Down Menu.

If you wish to hide the ShutDown Menu, uncheck this!

NB:

Show Control Panel & Printers.

If you wish to hide the Controlpanel and Printers Menu, uncheck this!

NB:

Disable Recent Docs history.

If you wish to disable the Recent documents history, uncheck this!

NB:

Windows Fonts

This is a list of installed Fonts on your system. By clicking a font you will be able to see it at the rightside menu, and test it in the test area.

Font attributes

Here you can set the Font-attributes for the test area.

BOLD, Makes the test area font Bold.
ITALIC, Makes the test area font Italic.
UNDERLINE, Underlines the test area font.
STRIKETHROUGH, Makes the test area font crossed out.
SIZE, sets the size of the font in the test area.

Font test area

This is a small test area to test your fonts. Enter the characters you want to see.

Cleanup histories

Here you can cleanup any traces that you might have left after using your computer. Checkmark the history lines you wish to clear, and press cleanup now, or activate the "Execute PowerSettings Commands at Startup" on the startup page, to clean up at system-startup.

NB:

Temporary Windows files

This deletes the files in the \Windows\Temp directory on startup. You must specify a file age, this way the autosave options in various programs will still work, as it doesn't delete files from present day!

NB:

Temporary Netscape files

This will cleanup your Netscape Internet Cache directory. When the files are a given age, they will be deleted!

NB:

File validation

The file validation holds a list of files you wish to monitor. Ex. you wan't to monitor a file for changes, you simply add the file to this section. When the file is altered in any way you will be warned on startup.

This can be used as a simple antivirus as well.

NB:

Add/Remove/Uninstall

This is a list of all installed programs on your system. If you are unsuccessfull in uninstalling a program, you can remove the entry from here. You can alter any existing entries as well as creating new ones. When uninstalling a program, it might be a good idea to say "yes" to exit PowerSettings, as some programs dislike other programs in memory!

Note:

The remove function does not uninstall the program, it simply removes the entry from Registry.

Log files

This is a list of Logfiles, handled by Windows, except the PowerSettings log. Here you have an easy overview of all the logfiles supplied by Windows.

The PowerSettings log, holds information on actions executed by PowerSettings, such as login information and cleanup.

NB:

For the PowerSettings log to be efficiant, the "Execute PowerSettings commands" at startup must be enabled.

Windows utilities

This is mainly a list of Windows standard tools, please note that not all applications are available in Windows 95.

Enable Calendar.

Checking this will enable the creation of the Desktop Calendar on systemstartup.

NB:

Use background image

If you have an image you wish to have behind your Calendar, you should check this checkbox, to enable PowerSettings to draw both the image and the Calendar.

The option should also be checked if you wish to use the Imageshifter.

NB:

Enable imageshift.

This enables the loading of a new image, every time you enter a new month, making your desktop background image shift like a normal calendar with pictures.

NB:

Set as wallpaper.

Set as wallpaper sets the PowerSettings calendar as the desktop image. If you uncheck this PowerSettings will only generate the Calendar image (Found in C:\PowerSettings).

NB:

Calendar must be enabled!

Image settings.

This tells PowerSettings how to handle the picture loaded:

NB:

[&]quot;Tile", tiles the image to fit the entire screen.
"Stretch", stretches the image to fit the entire screen.
"Center", centers the image on your screen.

Default image.

If PowerSettings fails to load	an image from the image	list, or vou don't use it	t, it will try loading this image.

Imagelist.

This list holds the images you wish to use at month change. If an image is not present or not set, the default image is used.

NB:

Imageshifting must be enabled!

Calendar squaresize.

This tells the size of one field in the calender. The size is given in pixels. If you change the size, PowerSettings calculates a new fontsize to match the new squaresize.

Calendar position.

This tells PowerSettings where to put the Calendar itself. The top left corner has the position 0,0 and the number given is calculated from this position.

This is usefull if you have a lot of icons on your desktop, then you can move the calendar to a clear spot on the screen.

Frame dates.

This tells PowerSettings whether to draw a square around every date or not.

Enable popup.

When popup is enabled, you will be notified when an event has occured. Ex. if you have a meeting at 12:45, you simply put it in the calendar, and check this box. At 12:45 the popup will play a sound and show a dialog, that you have a meeting.

NB:

Automatic calendar cleanup.

When the popup is closed, PowerSettings will automaticly delete all old entries.

NB:

(New) Entry Date.

This is where you select a new date entry. Selecting a new date will not create an entry in the list, the entry will be created when you add an event.

Entry view.

Here you have a chance to see all the date's you have entered some events in, so instead of running through the calendar (new) entry date viewer to the left, you can click this dropdown list, and find your events quite easily.

Eventview.

This is a list of all events for the date selected. When you add a new event it is added to your calendar at once, no need to save!

Calendar days.

The days section holds the first letter in days of the week. The first field in the section is monday, the second tuesday, and so on.

Order.

Here you can select which order you wish the Calendar to display its days.

Backup Windows-reigstry.

Check this to take a snapshot(backup) of Windows registry files when Windows starts. The files are copied raw, and can therefore be restored from pure DOS.

NB:

Backup must be enabled!

Backup Windows-CFG/INI/INF.

Check this to take a snapshot(backup) of all .CFG, .INI and .INF files in \Windows and \Windows\System.

NB:

Backup must be enabled!

Backup Windows-passwordfiles.

Check this to take a snapshot(backup) of all Windows password files. Windows password files sometimes hold critical information on passwords for various programs, ex. your Internet password.

NB:

Backup must be enabled!

Backup DOS-systemfiles.

Take a snapshot(backup) of the C:\ root directory's critical files.

NB:

Backup must be enabled!

Backup alternate-files.

Check this to take a snapshot(backup) of the files listed in Alternate Files.

NB:

Backup must be enabled!

Alternate files-list.

This is the list of files, which is not included in the standard backup. Here you can add your own files, ex. you Internet addressbook.

Backup Disabled.

This disables the PowerSettings Backup.

Backup every time Windows starts.

Checking this will create a backup every time you start Windows.

NB:

Backup once a day.

Checking this will create a backup when Windows changes a day from last backup.

NB:

Backup every 7th day.

Checking this will create a backup when Windows changes 7 days or more from last backup.

NB:

Backup once a month.

Checking this will create a backup when Windows changes it's month from the last backup. So if you activate this at the end of a month, it will create a new backup as soon as the month changes.

NB:

Number of sets to save.

This tells how many spare sets you wish to save of your backup(s), before starting to overwrite them again.

NB:

Please note that PowerSettings does not compress any of the files, as it would be a lot harder to restore, so you should reduce the sets if you have a small harddisk.

Backup destination.

This tells PowerSettings where to put the backup sets. Be sure that PowerSettings can write to the destination!

Backup set.

Select the Backup-set you wish to restore from.

Alternate location.

If you don't wish to restore the files to their original location, you can enter a different location here.

NB:

Be sure to uncheck the "Restore to original location".

Create a .Bak file of existing files.

When restoring, PowerSettings can create a .bak file of the original file before it restores from the backup. Check this to create a copy of the original.

Restore file(s) to original location.

When checked, the backup files will be restored to where they came from.

DOS-systemfiles.

Select the C:\ root files you wish to restore.

Windows passwordfiles.

Select the Windows password (PWL) files you wish to restore.

Windows-registry.

Check this to restore the Windows registry.

NB:

Registry is NOT restored before you have restarted your system!

Windows INI/CFG/INF files.

Select the \Windows\ configuration files you wish to restore.

Windows\system INI/CFG/INF files.

Select the \Windows\system\ configuration files you wish to restore.

Alternate files.

Select the alternate files you wish to restore. PowerSettings will try to locate their origin, by checking the Alternate files list for a match.