

Screen Saver Preferences

To change the preferences for how Bliss Saver works as a screen saver, choose Preferences from the Edit menu (⌘U). A dialog appears with several settings which you can modify.

On / Off

To use Bliss Saver as a screen saver, click On. To use Bliss Saver to only display graphics in the Paint window, click Off. With the screen saver option on, Bliss Saver will blank out the entire screen after a period of inactivity of the mouse and/or the keyboard, and then display animated paintings.

Delay

To set the delay period before Bliss Saver blanks the screen, choose a period from the pop-up menu. If the setting is for one minute, then one minute after you stop moving the mouse, the screen saver will take over your screen.

Activate Corner

To immediately activate the Bliss Saver screen saver, you can move the pointer into the corner of the screen specified in the Activate Corner control. To change the activate corner, click the mouse in the Preferences dialog in the Activate Corner you desire. The small black box will move to that corner.

Don't Activate Corner

To prevent the Bliss Saver screen saver from activating, move the mouse into the corner of the screen specified in the Don't Activate Corner control. To change the Don't Activate Corner, click the mouse in the Preferences dialog in the Don't Activate Corner you desire. The small black box will move to that corner. You can also disable the screen saver mode with the Off button at the top of the Preferences dialog.

Use Password

To require the use of a password to exit the screen saving function of Bliss Saver, click Use Password in the Preferences dialog. The password can be set by clicking the Password button.

Password

To set the password, click Password in the Preferences dialog. You must enter the old password, and the new password twice. The new password must be entered twice as confirmation that you have typed it correctly. As you enter the password, it is displayed as diamonds so that nobody can see it as you type.

Do not forget your password. Imaja has no way to retrieve the password.

If Bliss Saver is in screen saving mode and you move the mouse to exit screen saving, a small dialog appears to enter the password in. Once you enter the password, press return and Bliss Saver will leave screen saving mode. If you want to stay in screen saving mode, press return without entering a password.

Auto Depth Switch

To make Bliss Saver switch your monitor to 256-colors when it goes into screen saving mode, check the Auto Color Depth box. When you move the mouse to leave screen saving mode, Bliss Saver will automatically switch back to whatever color depth you were at. Bliss Saver

must be in 256-color mode to animate colors, so having this checked will ensure that you always get animated colors if you are using another color depth for your regular work. For instance, if you use Thousands or Millions of colors while doing graphics or multimedia work, use the Auto Depth Switch feature to allow Bliss Saver to animate colors when in screen saving mode. Bliss Saver can only animate the colors in 256-color mode.

Use Bliss Now Window

To make the Bliss Now window visible on your desktop, check the Use Bliss Now Window box. Bliss Saver works exactly the same whether or not this window is showing. You can still get instant Bliss by moving your cursor into the Activate corner (see above). Sometimes it is useful to see the Bliss Now window, just to know that Bliss Saver is running.

Use Painting Duration

To set a time that each painting will be played for, check the Use Painting Duration box. Each Bliss painting is a unique creation with its own “evolutionary rate.” Some paintings are relatively short and may loop within the time you set; other paintings are relatively long and may be truncated by the time you set. After the painting duration has expired, Bliss Saver will automatically move to the next painting depending on which option you’ve chosen in the Catalog window: Loop, Step or Random. Generally, using short times (under 5–10 minutes) will not allow the complexity of some Bliss Paintings to be fully developed, though it can step you through more of them in a shorter time. To see Bliss paintings in the form in which they were created, leave this box unchecked.

B&W Painting Mode

The Dithering and Patterns options are only used when Bliss Saver is running on a black-and-white screen.

Patterns

To have the black-and-white painting done with patterns, choose Patterns in the Preferences dialog. Different gray tones are displayed by arranging pixels in various patterns. Pattern drawing is faster and uses less memory than dithering, but there are some noticeable breaks between the gray levels. When patterns are used, Bliss Saver draws directly onto the screen.

Dithering

To have the black-and-white painting done with dithering, choose dithering in the Preferences dialog. Dithering is a means of displaying different gray tones by arranging pixels in different densities. The arrangement of pixels is random to avoid the geometric artifacts of patterns. Dithering is slower and uses more memory. When dithering is used, Bliss Saver draws into an temporary buffer and copies the buffer periodically to the screen.

To change the amount of memory allocated to Bliss Saver, select the Bliss Saver application icon in the Finder and choose Get Info from the File menu. Bliss Saver must not be running if you want to change the memory allocation.

The Bliss Saver preferences are saved when you click OK. To revert to the original preferences, click Cancel.

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