



Carleton Graphics: MyPictureShow32 Demo

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Description:

MyPictureShow32 is a 32-bit Windows 95 screen saver in which the visual content is supplied by your own collection of computer images. There is no limit to the number of pictures you can use, and you can switch your display from one group of images to another, or from any of 9 "Display Modes" to another, with just a few mouse-clicks. One mode (Slide Show) allows a further choice among 17 "Transition Styles," adding a new layer of presentation possibilities. The screen saver integrates fully into the Windows 95 Desktop format, offering a mini-preview in Win95's "Display Properties" window. The program allows Password Protection, scales large images to screen-size automatically, and supplies its own Help file. It supports the common graphics file formats BMP, JPG, and GIF.

Since scanned photos can be saved as JPG files, and since most on-line images can be directly downloaded in these common formats, MyPictureShow32 lets you take images from sources such as these, and, in effect, turn them into your own personally-configured screen saver.

The file in the present "zip" package is a restricted "Demo" version of MyPictureShow32, and contains most of the full version's features. (It lacks a few of the full version's options, and a bit of its speed.) The Demo will run 20 times; it then disables itself. (Until then, there are no "nag" panels. After the last run, further use will display just a registration-information screen.) The Demo is thus intended to let the user "sample the wares" before buying. But it's not intended for unlimited sampling -- so it would be reasonable to use the trial runs specifically to test the various product capabilities, and to get a sense of its general quality. *In particular*, we'd suggest that you try setting the program to Slide Show mode, with the "Kitchen Sink" transition style selected, since this will show you a random sampling of *all* the different transition effects as the program runs, while counting as only "one run."

If you do decide that you'd like to register for the full unrestricted version of MyPictureShow32, you need only send \$16.00 (check or money order -- made out to "Carleton Graphics"), together with your name and address (e-mail or postal), to: ***

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If you send a postal address, we'll mail you a 3 1/2" disk; if you send an e-mail address, we'll e-mail you the full version as a ZIP file. This will be UU- or MIME-encoded (if you have a preference, based on the mail reader you like to use, please indicate this). (AOL users who'd like e-mail delivery can disregard this encoding issue, and simply send their AOL address.) { *** Registered users of our earlier 16-bit MyPictureShow program can upgrade to the current 32-bit package for only \$8.00. }

Alternatively, if you're a CompuServe member, you can register by billing your CompuServe account. GO SWREG, choose Register Software, identify MyPictureShow32 by its title or its ID number (#14008), then click the "Register" button. Users who register this way can receive the full version as a ZIP file by CompuServe mail, often within hours of registering (and almost always within 24 hours).

System Requirements:

You should have the following (or better): a 486-class PC-compatible with 8 megabytes of RAM, Windows 95, and a video adapter capable of at least 256 colors at a screen resolution of 640 x 480 pixels. The MyPictureShow32 package is completely self-contained and requires no Visual Basic DLL's or other software support. The main program file occupies only about 180 kB of hard disk space.

To Install the Demo:

Place the PICSHO32.ZIP file in any directory **other than** your "Windows" directory. Unzip it, run the RINSTALL.EXE program, and click the "Install" button. Then follow the "To Configure" instructions in the following section.

To Configure:

Right-click on the Desktop and choose "Properties" from the pop-up menu. Choose the Screen Savers tab from the resulting "property sheet" (a multi-page dialog box). Look through your drop-down list of Screen Savers and select "MyPictureShow32Demo." A message now appears in the little monitor drawing, prompting you to click the "Settings..." button just below, to bring up the MyPictureShow32 SetUp dialog.

In SetUp, you choose a directory, an image file in that directory, and the "Display Mode." (You can also choose other options in SetUp, such as background color, transition style, and parameters such as "Speed" or "Interval," depending on the Display Mode .) You choose the directory and image file just as if you were using the familiar menu commands "File / Open," in Write or Notepad. Just as in Notepad, you **must** choose a file name from the Image File list-box, before clicking "OK" -- in fact, SetUp won't close until you do this. (This means you must select a directory that has at least one BMP, GIF or JPG file in it.)

After you've made these choices in SetUp, click "OK," and MyPictureShow32 will retain your settings. You can return to SetUp at any time to make further changes.

To Un-install:

If you'd like to remove all the MyPictureShow32 Demo files from your system, you can use the RINSTALL program again -- but this time, click the "Uninstall" button.

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