

THE LIM SLIDE SHOW

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INTRODUCTION

If you have tons of image files located all over the place that you would like to select and organise for your viewing pleasure with special display and undisplay effects amid a beautiful background of randomly changing colors and the accompaniment of soothing music, then the **LIM SLIDE SHOW** is the program for you.

Most slide show programs allow you to select files from only 1 folder at a time and then display your selections in a table with no clue of what the images look like or how the music sounds like. You only know how your slide show will look and sound like after you play the whole selection.

The **LIM SLIDE SHOW** is designed to overcome all the above weaknesses while at the same time provide enhanced features to ensure that you produce your perfect slide show.

PRODUCT FEATURES

The **LIM SLIDE SHOW** provides the following features :

- Supports **JPG, BMP** and **GIF** image files
- Supports **CD AUDIO, MIDI** and **WAV** sound files
- Easy to use point & click user interface
- Selection of files from multiple folders
- Automatic filtering of file selection for supported file types
- Can select via **Directory mode** in which the whole directory is searched for selected file types
- Can select via **File mode** in which individual files or groups of files can be selected
- File selection can be saved as **.LFL** files & different **.LFL** files can be combined to form a new slide show
- **Edit Mode** for sound files in which supported sound file types can be selected from multiple folders and listed in table form. The user can test the sound of any of the selected files, re-arrange their order and remove unsuitable sound files
- **Edit Mode** for image files in which selected files will be displayed as thumbnail images along with other details such as the actual size of the image in pixels, display & undisplay effects and time delay between images. Based on the image size displayed, the user will find it easier to decide whether to display the image in full screen, tiled or actual size mode. The user can preview the display effects of any listed image file or test the various display and undisplay effects individually. Images can also be re-positioned, removed from the show or even deleted from the disk.
- During the display of thumbnail images in the Edit Mode, the music selection will be played
- **Options screen** is available to apply selected properties **globally** or on **marked** images only
- Image files can be **exported** to other applications such as image editors, etc.
- **Run Mode** which can play the final slide show in 4 different ways - sequential (default), random starting point, random image selection and repeated endless loop of displays. Images are displayed according to the selected properties amid a beautiful background of randomly changing colors while the selected music files are played in a round-robin manner.
- Favourite slide shows can be configured as screen savers (Registered version only)

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

Minimum Hardware Configuration

80486 25 Mhz Processor
8 MB RAM
512KB Video RAM

Recommended Hardware Configuration

Pentium Processor
16 MB RAM
2 MB Video RAM
Sound Card
4X CD ROM drive

Operating Software

16-bit version - Win 3.1, Win 3.11, Win'95
32-bit version - Win'95, Win NT

Video For Windows
WinG

Supported Color Modes

256 color
64 K color (16-bit) **Recommended for best performance vs quality**
16 M color (24-bit)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

The author is a full time Technical Support Manager in a major mainframe computer installation. He has developed various tools and utilities for Database and Telecommunications subsystems in the mainframe environment besides providing technical support and consultancy.

Software development and programming on the PC is a part-time, 'after-hours' endeavour for the author and represents his main hobby. The Lim Slide Show was inspired by the lack of suitable products that can help the author to manage his huge collection of family images for viewing pleasure. It is being offered as Shareware to help fund the author's further development of more quality software products.

LICENSING

Please note that the **LIM SLIDE SHOW** is SHAREWARE and is not FREE. You are allowed to try out this program at no charge for 30 days only, after which your license for free use of the program will be revoked. To continue enjoying the product after the 30-day trial period, you are required to register the program by mailing the completed Registration Form along with US\$19.95 to the author as registration fees. Users from the United States have the more convenient option of registering online and paying the Registration Fees through their telephone bill. For more details on this convenient mode of payment, please connect to the author's Home Page at www.geocities.siliconvalley/way/6837.

This evaluation version is a fully functional program with no disabled features or time limits. However, it will only display up to a maximum of 10 slides with a reminder to register the product at the end of your slide show. By registering the program, you will receive via email, a Registration Key to remove the reminder and 10-slide restriction, as well as an extra feature to setup your favourite slide show as a screen saver.

You are encouraged to freely distribute the evaluation copy during the 30-day trial period. However, after registration, any distribution of the registered program constitute a copyright violation and is illegal. You are also not allowed to modify the program in any way and then re-distribute it as your own work.

This program had been written and tested with great care. However, the author cannot warrant that it is bug-free and will not be liable for any consequential or incidental damage caused directly or indirectly through the use of this software.

REGISTRATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION

You can register **Lim Slide Show** online through the **Internet** at <http://www.shareit.com/programs/100404.htm>. Alternatively, you can go to <http://www.shareit.com> and enter the program number there : **100404**.

For more details, please link to the author's Home Page at www.geocities.com/siliconvalley/way/6837. Please visit the author's Home Page for other great shareware and freeware.

NORMAL REGISTRATION

You can also register **Lim Slide Show** through postal mail by the following procedure :-

- Print out the **Registration Form** provided in the next topic.
- Execute the Lim Setup program called **Issetup.exe** and click on the **REGISTER** button. The product **Serial Number** will be displayed. This number is used to generate the **Registration Key** and thus must be copied into the **Registration Form**. Please note that capital and small letters are different and must be copied exactly as displayed into the Form.
- Fill in the other details in the Form. In particular, your **email address** must be correctly filled in. Mail the completed Registration Form together with a check for the registration fee, drawn on a Malaysian bank for **US\$20** or **MR 50** (Malaysian Ringgit) made payable to the payee and at the address indicated on the Form.

ENTERING THE REGISTRATION KEY

- Upon receipt of payment, you will receive the Registration Key via email together with an attached file called **limssv.fgx**.
- Detach the file and save it in the same directory as the Lim Slide Show.
- Execute **Issetup.exe** and click on the **REGISTER** button. Enter your Registration Key and you should see a message indicating acceptance of the key.
- Upon successful acceptance of your Registration Key, there will no longer be any registration reminders or restriction on the number of slides to be displayed. You can now configure your favourite slide show as a screen saver.
- To configure your favourite slide show as a screen saver, save it in the Windows directory as **SSHOW.LFL**. Execute **Issetup.exe** and click on the **SCN SAVER** button to install your screen saver.
- Select the Lim Slide Show from the **Windows Display Properties** as the active screen saver.

REGISTRATION FORM

To register the **LIM SLIDE SHOW** please fill up the following details :

Name _____ (**mandatory information**)

Address _____

Country _____

Email Address _____ (**mandatory information**)

Product Serial Number _____ (**mandatory information**)

I found the **LIM SLIDE SHOW** here :

web site URL _____

usenet group _____

other means _____

As Registration Fees, I enclose a cheque drawn on a bank in Malaysia for US\$20 (or RM 50) made payable to :

Lim Kean Seng

24 Jalan SS25/37

Taman Mayang

Petaling Jaya 47301

Malaysia

I confirm that I would like to register the **LIM SLIDE SHOW** and I've understood and accepted the licensing terms specified under the LICENSING topic above. I further understand that no refund will be entertained since I have had the opportunity to try out the product before purchasing.

(Signature)

Date : _____

GETTING STARTED

When the Lim Slide Show is first executed, the **Main Screen** will appear with the Lim Slide Show Logo. You can then select your image files by clicking on the **SELECT** button. If you prefer the keyboard, use the arrow keys to move the highlight to the desired button and press the ENTER key.

The **File Selection Screen** will then be displayed with 3 main buttons. Clicking the **File Mode** button will allow you to select individual files or groups of files (by pressing the Ctrl key while clicking). The **Directory Mode** button will select all the requested file types in the selected directory, but before clicking it, you should click the smaller sub-buttons to specify the file types desired - **BMP JPG GIF** and/or **LFL** file types. Clicking the **CANCEL** button will bring you back to the **Main Screen**.

LFL files are previously selected and saved slide show files. If selected, the slides will retain previously selected properties, otherwise, default properties are assigned to newly selected files.

At this stage, you can play your slide show by clicking on the **RUN** button. The default sound selection is Track 1 to 10 of an audio CD, so just stick in a CD before clicking on the **RUN** button to enjoy music with your slide show.

If you like, you can change the properties of your slide show before you **RUN** it by clicking on the **OPTIONS** button. The **Slide Show Options** screen will be displayed with the slide show properties available. Each property can be turned on by clicking on the small button beside it. If a property is not turned on, it will not have any effect on your slide show.

Click on the **SAVE** button to save your slide show. The default file name is **SSHOW.LFL**. You can change it to whatever name you like except that the file extension of **LFL** should remain unchanged. If you want your slide show to be displayed as a screen saver, save it as **SSHOW.LFL** in the Windows folder.

The **EDIT** button allows you to further customise your slide show by providing facilities to manage, test, re-arrange, remove and combine your image and sound files.

EDIT SLIDES

Click on the **EDIT** button on the **Main Screen** and select **Edit Slides** from the drop down menu. If a list of files have already been selected earlier via the **SELECT** button on the **Main Screen**, they will start to be displayed as thumbnail images.

If not, click on the **ADD** button to invoke the **File Selection Screen** to select your image files. The selected list will then start to display as thumbnail images, along with their actual dimensions (in pixels) and other properties. As the thumbnails are displayed, the music selection will also start to play. If you do not like music at this stage, click off the **Music On** button in the **Slide Show Options Screen** before selecting files.

While the thumbnails are being displayed, the mouse cursor will be suppressed. You can stop the display at any time by pressing the **ESC** key. Stopping the display will not affect the selection list except that you cannot preview and individually edit those images that have not been displayed yet. Once the thumbnail display completes, the mouse cursor will re-appear and you can then browse through the thumbnails by clicking on the **PGUP** and **PGDN** buttons or pressing the **Page Up** and **Page Down** keys. Pressing the **Home** key will display the first page while pressing the **End** key will display the last page.

If you have more images to add from other folders, click on the **ADD** button again. You can also select **.LFL** files to include previously saved slide shows to your current selection list.

EDIT PROPERTIES

You can edit each thumbnail individually by directly clicking on their property buttons. If you use the keyboard, position the highlight on the desired thumbnail and press the **Tab** key to access the property buttons.

To edit groups of thumbnails, click on the desired thumbnails to **mark** them (or hit the **ENTER** key on the highlighted thumbnail) before clicking on the **OPTIONS** button. On the **Slide Show Options Screen**, click on the **Global** button to edit the properties for the whole list or click on the **Marked files** button to affect only the group of marked files.

REMOVE SLIDES

You can remove unwanted slides in groups or individually.

To remove a group of slides, click on each unwanted thumbnail to mark it for removal. Then click on the **REMOVE** button. You will be asked whether to delete the marked files. Answering **Yes** will result in the deletion of the marked files as well. Therefore, if you merely want to remove the slides from your slide show, be sure to answer **No** to avoid losing your file totally.

To remove a slide individually, right click on the unwanted thumbnail and select **Remove slide** from the pop-up list. If you want to delete the file as well, select **Delete slide** from the pop-up list.

REPOSITION SLIDES

The default display sequence for slide show is the order in which the files were selected. You can change the display sequence by repositioning your slides. Right click on the thumbnail to be re-positioned and select **Reposition slide** from the pop-up list. Enter the new position for slide.

TEST SLIDES

You can test the display of any slide to have a preview of what it will look like in the final slide show. In fact the display effects of each and every slide property can be previewed. To do so, select the desired properties and right click on the thumbnail. Select **Test slide** from the pop-up list and the slide will be displayed with the selected properties.

EXPORT SLIDES

You can export selected slides to other applications. To do so, mark the slide to be exported by clicking on the thumbnail and then click the **EXPORT** button. Key in the full path name of the target application when prompted. This is especially useful if you want to edit your images using an Image Editor package. The thumbnail will help you to locate the image you want and export it to the Image Editor.

EDIT MUSIC

Click on the **EDIT** button on the **Main Screen** and select **Edit Music** from the drop down menu. The current music selection will be displayed. Tracks 0 to 10 of an Audio CD will be the default music selection.

You can add your own MIDI or WAV files to the selection by clicking on the **ADD** button. A **Music Selection Mode** screen will be displayed with 4 main buttons.

The **File Mode** button allows you to select MIDI or WAV files individually or in groups.

The **Directory Mode** button has 2 sub-buttons to allow you to specify the file types to be selected. Click on the **MID** button for MIDI files and **WAV** button for WAV files. The click on the **Directory Mode** button to select the target directory. All files in the selected directory of the specified types (MIDI and/or WAV) will be selected.

Click on the **CD Audio Track** button to specify the start and end track numbers to be selected.

Click **OK** to accept the new music selection or **CANCEL** to discard all changes.

REMOVE MUSIC

You can remove unwanted sound files in groups or individually.

To remove a group of sound files, click on each unwanted sound file to mark it for removal. Then click on the **REMOVE** button. You will be asked whether to delete the marked files. Answering **Yes** will result in the deletion of the marked files as well. Therefore, if you merely want to remove the sound files from your slide show, be sure to answer **No** to avoid losing your file totally.

To remove a sound file individually, right click on the unwanted sound file and select **Remove music** from the pop-up list.

REPOSITION MUSIC

The default PLAY sequence for music is the order in which the files were selected. The sound files will be played in sequence in round-robin fashion for the duration of the slide show. You can change the PLAY sequence by repositioning your sound files. Right click on the sound file to be re-positioned and select **Reposition music** from the pop-up list. Enter the new position for the sound file.

TEST MUSIC

You can test any sound file to sample how it will sound like in the final slide show. To do so, right click on the desired sound file and select **Test music** from the pop-up list. The sound file will be played to completion or until you click **OK** to stop the test.

SLIDE SHOW OPTIONS

When the **OPTIONS** button is clicked, the **Slide Show Options** Screen will be displayed. This screen allows you to turn on properties that will affect your slide show :-

SCOPE

This property is always turned on. It specifies the scope of the effect of the slide properties. If **Global** is clicked on, the properties that are turned on will affect every slide in the slide show. If **Marked files** is turned on, only the group of marked files will be affected.

IMAGE SIZE

If clicked on, the slides will be displayed in full screen, tiled or actual size mode, depending on which button is clicked on.

SHOW MODE

Show Mode effects are always global.

If **Repeated** is clicked on, the slides will be displayed in a round-robin fashion indefinitely.
If **Random slides** is clicked on, the slides will be picked at random for display.
If **Random start** is clicked on, the first slide will be picked at random. Subsequent slides will be follow sequentially from the first random slide.
If **Music On** is clicked on, the music selection will be played for the duration of the slide show. If clicked off, no music will be played.

DISPLAY EFFECTS

Special effects when the slides are displayed. Pick from the drop-down list. The **Default** effect will cycle through all the available display effects in a round robin fashion.

UNDISPLAY EFFECTS

Special effects when a slide is undisplayed. Pick from the drop-down list.

DELAY TIME

Select from the drop-down list the time delay between each slide. If **Wait for key** is selected, the displayed slide will remain indefinitely until a mouse click or key press.

RUNNING THE SLIDE SHOW

When you are finally satisfied with your slide and sound selections, click on the **RUN** button to play the slide show. A bevelled frame with randomly changing colors will automatically be displayed to act as a backdrop for your slides. If music has been clicked on in the **Slide Show Options** screen, the selected sound files will also play in a round robin fashion.

Each slide will be displayed and undisplayed according to the selected properties. If the delay between slides is too long, you can manually cause the next slide to be displayed by hitting the **SPACE BAR** or **ENTER** keys. You can stop the slide show at any time by hitting the **ESC** key.

