

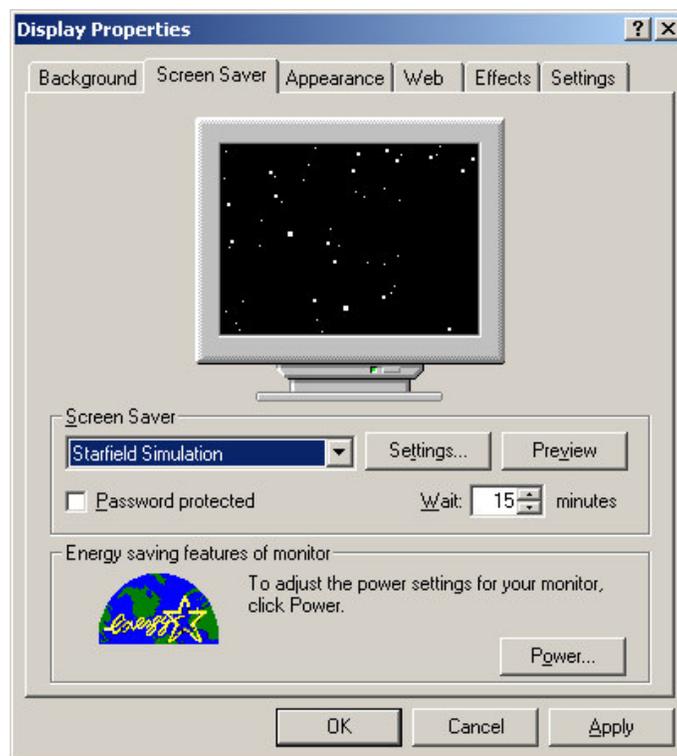
## Make your own Screen Saver

This tutorial will show you how you can prepare a presentation using PowerPoint and then use a freeware program from the internet to convert your PowerPoint file into a Screensaver.

### What is my Screen Saver?

A Screen Saver is a moving picture or pattern that appears on the screen when you do not use a computer for a period of time. Screen savers were originally designed to conserve the image quality of computer displays by blanking the screen or filling them with moving images or patterns when the computers are not in use. Today, screensavers are used mostly for entertainment or security purposes.

You can find out what screensaver is being used by your computer. Right-mouse click anywhere blank on the screen (make sure you are not clicking on an icon) and choose **Properties**. Click on the **Screen Saver** tab. The Screen Saver box shows the Screen Saver that the computer uses at the moment. The Wait box shows how long you have to wait before the Screen Saver appears.



If you click on the **Preview** button you will be able to see what the Screen Saver does when it appears on screen. This way you don't have to wait (for example 15 minutes) for it to appear!

## Create your PowerPoint Presentation

In the example that comes with this tutorial, a PowerPoint presentation has already been designed for you. In the presentation, there are four slides showing different photos of beaches around the world. When each beach is displayed, the name of the beach is also shown.

1. Open PowerPoint and open the file **beaches.ppt**.
2. Run the presentation, by selecting **View**, then **Slide Show**.
3. Below is the slide for Phuket beach.



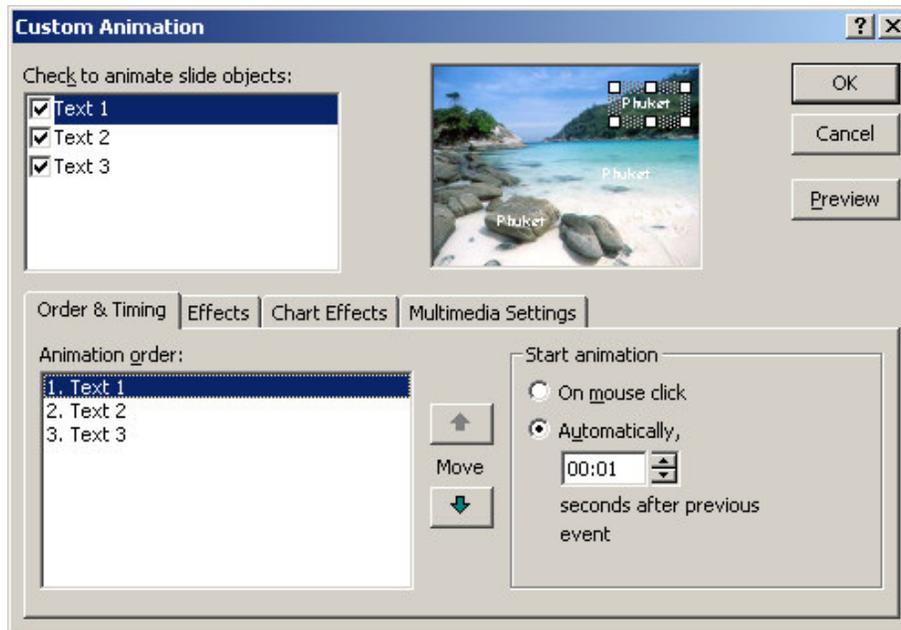
4. Use the beaches presentation to make your Screen Saver, or create your own presentation.
5. To create the effect where the name of the beach appears and disappears around the screen, follow the steps below:

- Create a text box, by clicking on the **text box** icon on the **Drawing** toolbar.
- Draw the text box on the slide and write the text you want in the box.

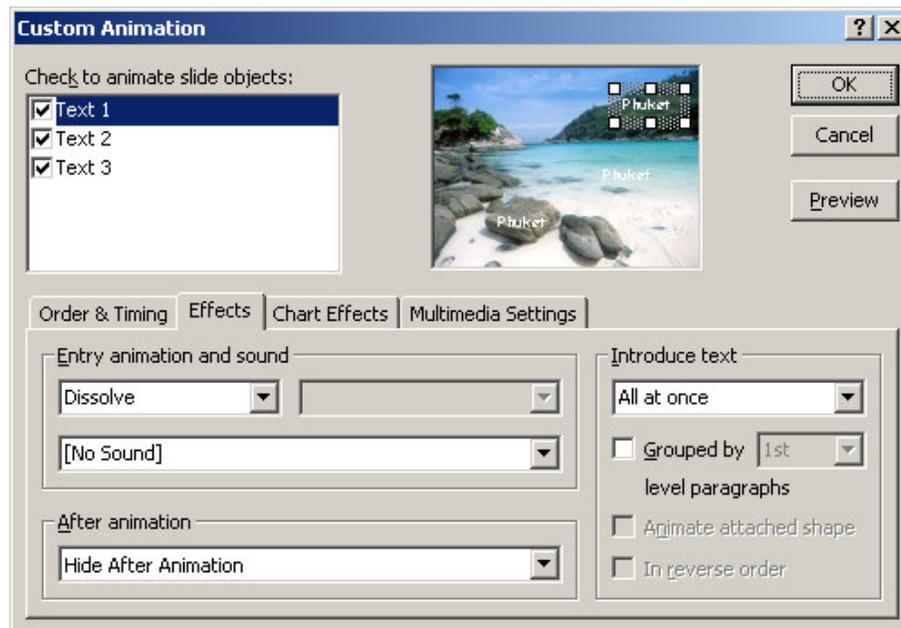


- To get the best visibility for your text you may wish to change the colour, size and font of the text.
- Make several text boxes on the slide.

- To make the text appear and disappear on screen, select the **Slide Show** menu, then **Custom animation**.
- For **each** text box, in the **Order & Timing** tab, choose to **Start Animation Automatically** and set a time.



- For **each** text box, in the **Effects** tab, choose **Dissolve** in **Entry animation and sound** and **Hide After Animation** in the **After Animation** section.

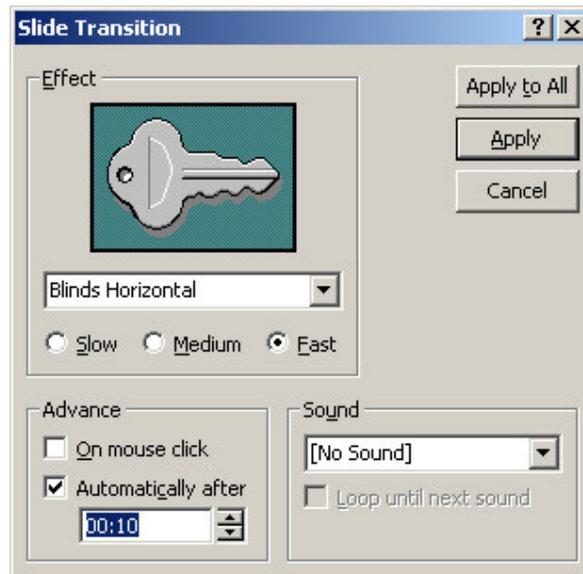


For more help on using PowerPoint, please refer to the PowerPoint Basics Manual.

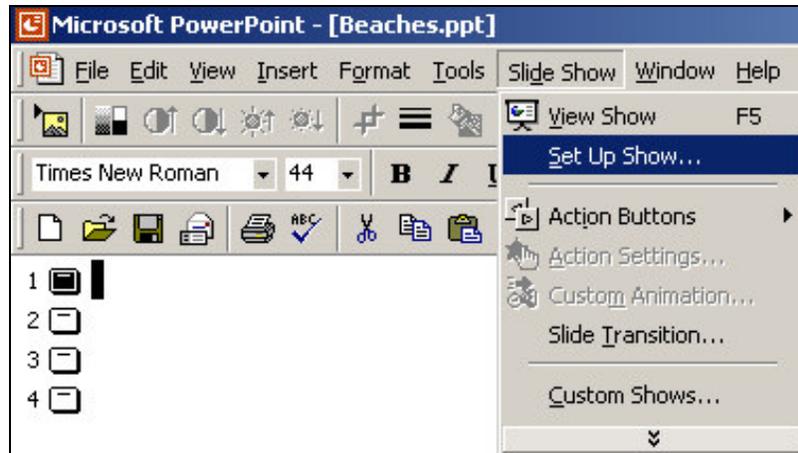
## Use settings in PowerPoint to create a Slide Show

You will need to change some settings on your presentation. These settings will make sure that your screensaver moves from one slide to the next automatically.

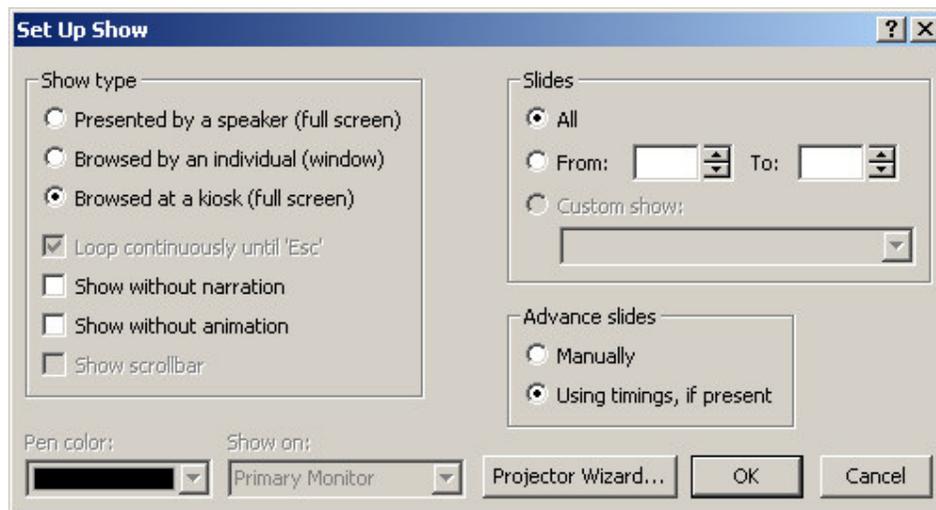
1. Click on the **Slide Show** menu and choose **Slide Transition**. In this window you can set up how your screensaver will move from one slide to another.
2. Choose a **Transition Effect**, for example **Blinds Horizontal**. Next change the **Transition Advance** to **Automatically after**. Select a reasonable length of time for each slide to appear on your screen, for example **10 seconds**.
3. Click on **Apply to All** to use these settings for the transition between all the slides in the presentation.



4. Click on the **Slide Show** menu and choose the option **Set Up Show...** In this window you can change the settings so that your screensaver will advance automatically to the next slide using the timings you have set up.



5. Under **Show Type** choose **Browsed at a Kiosk (Full Screen)**
6. Under **Advance slides** choose **Using Timings, if present**.



7. Click on OK.

## Download 1<sup>st</sup> ScreenSaver PowerPoint Studio

Click on the link below to visit the web site where you can download the software for creating your Screensaver.

<http://www.1stss.com/download-powerpoint-screensaver-maker.htm>

1<sup>st</sup> Screensaver PowerPoint Studio will save a shortcut to your desktop.

## Use 1<sup>st</sup> ScreenSaver PowerPoint Studio Output Options

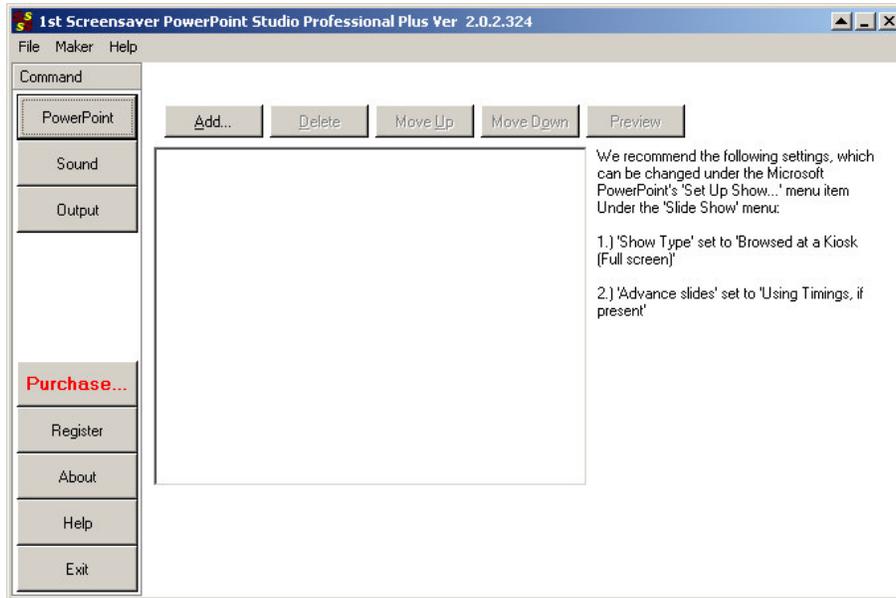
1. Open 1<sup>st</sup> Screensaver PowerPoint Studio from your desktop, by clicking on the icon



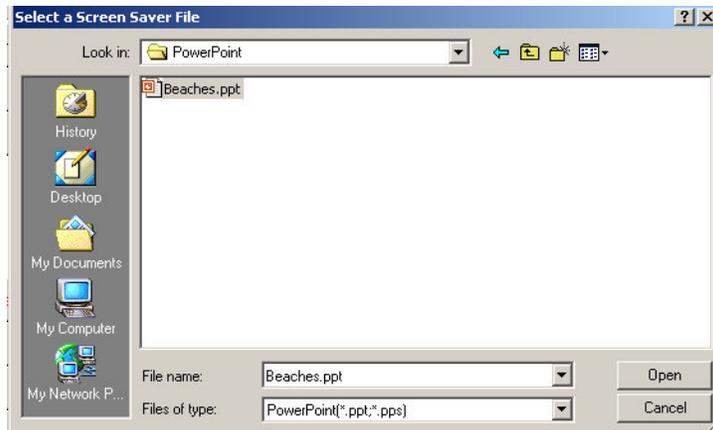
2. The following window will appear:



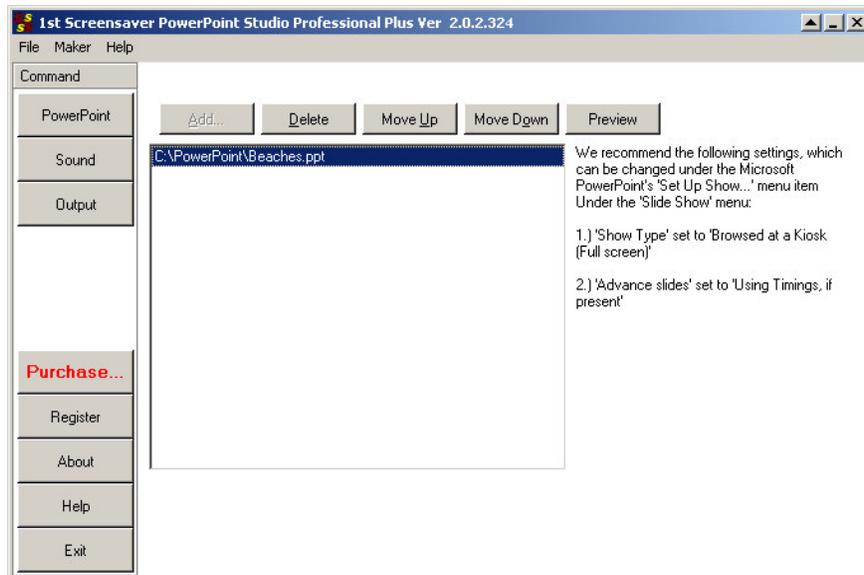
3. Click on **PowerPoint**.
4. In the next screen click on **Add...**



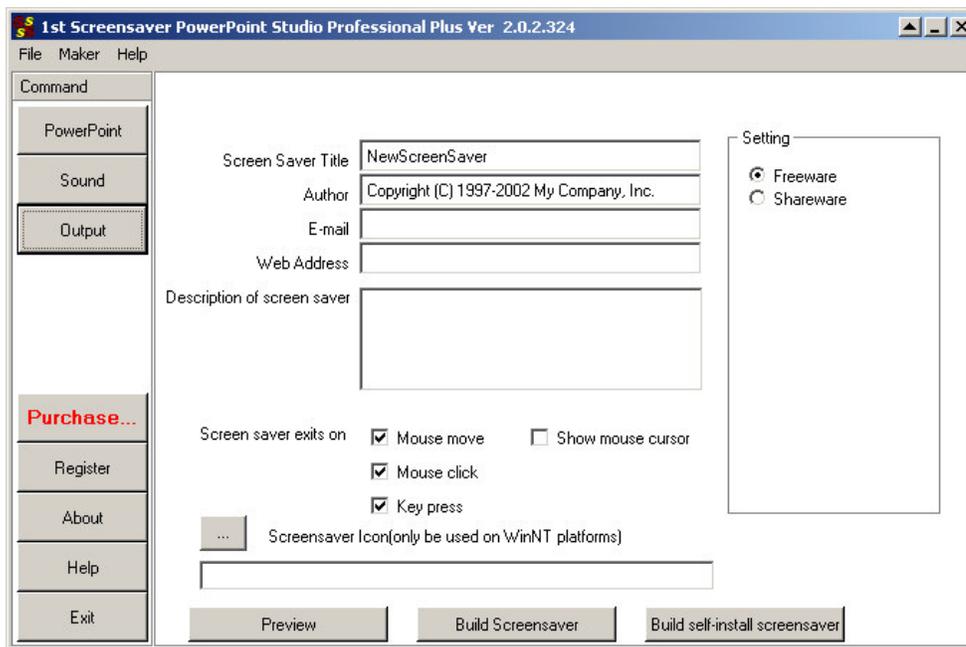
5. Locate your presentation file. Click on **Open**.



6. The presentation has now been loaded into 1<sup>st</sup> Screensaver PowerPoint Studio.



7. Click on **Output**.



8. Fill in the details in the form about your screensaver.

- Click on **Freeware** (Shareware for more options)
- Change the **Screen Saver Title** to **Beaches**.
- Change the **Author** information - you can enter your name here
- Enter your website address, if you have one.
- Enter a description of the screen saver.

This information will be transfer to the readme.txt file, which is created with your screensaver. A readme.txt file, is a file created when a computer program is made. It contains simple information about the program that has been created, such as the author and a short description. It may also contain details about how to install the program.

The Shareware options can be used if you wish to sell your Screen Saver on your website. The options will allow you to enter the URL for the website, the cost, days before it expires and a registration key.



Setting

Freeware  
 Shareware

Register key seed

Cost

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Expiration day

9. Click the **Preview** button to view what the screensaver looks like.

## Use 1<sup>st</sup> ScreenSaver PowerPoint Studio to build your Screensaver

There are now 2 options for creating your Screen Saver. You may either

### Option 1 - Creating an .scr file

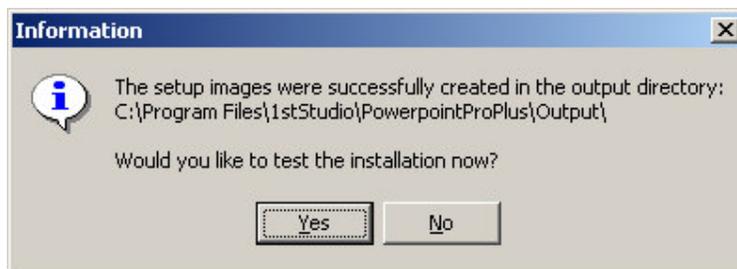
This option should be used if you wish to create a Screen Saver, but do not necessarily wish to use it immediately on your PC. You may wish to email your Screen Saver to someone else, for example.

Click the **Build Screensaver** button to create a .scr file

### Option 2 - Creating a Self-install Screen Saver

This option should be used if you wish to immediately create and use your Screen Saver on your own PC.

1. Click **Build Self-install Screensaver** button to begin the process of creating a single self-installing executable file. This process will create the screensaver and automatically load it as the Windows Screensaver for your computer.



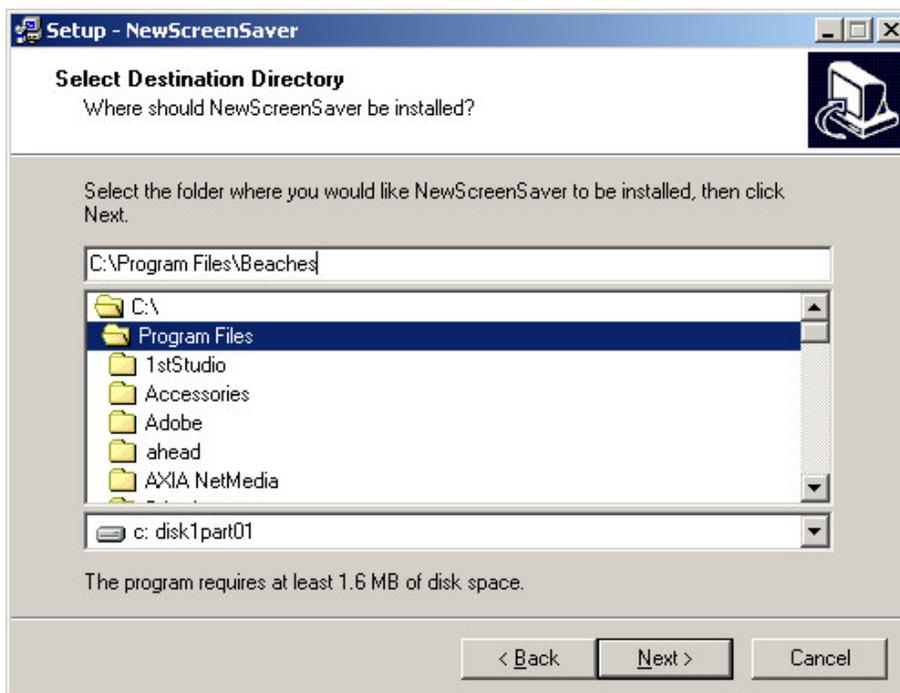
2. Click on **Yes**



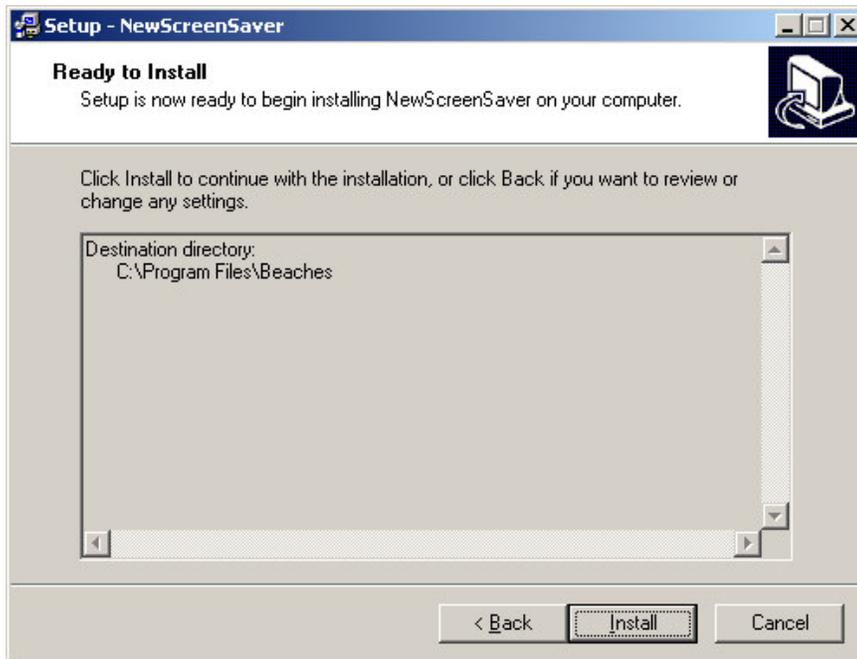
3. Click on **Yes**
4. This will open a setup wizard. Click on **Next**.



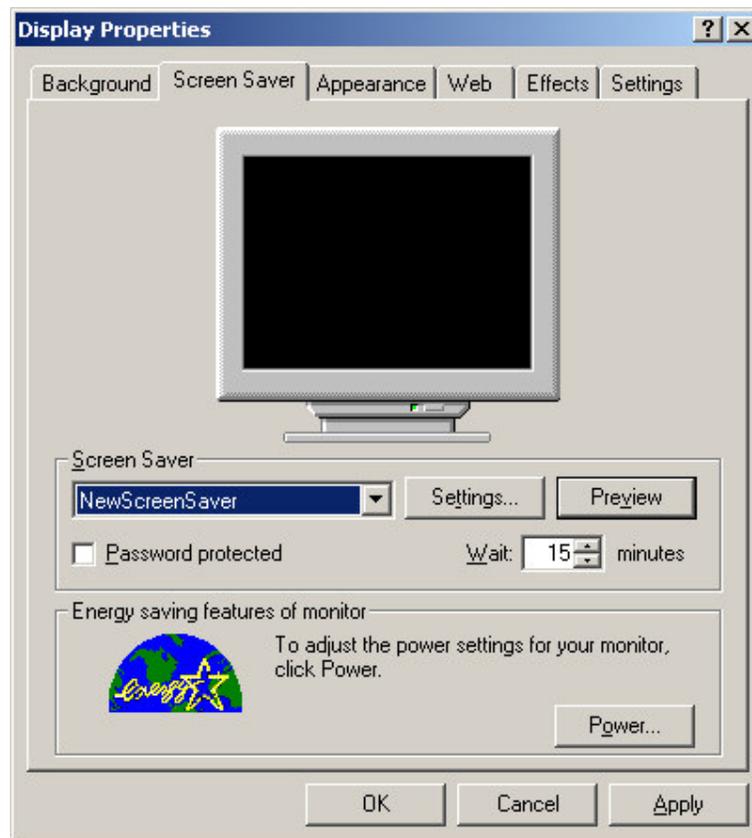
5. Choose the location where you would like your screensaver to be saved. Click on **Next**.



6. Click on **Install**



7. The Windows Screensaver properties window will open. The new screensaver will automatically be chosen from the Screen Saver drop-down list. Clicking on Preview will allow you to view the screensaver you have created.



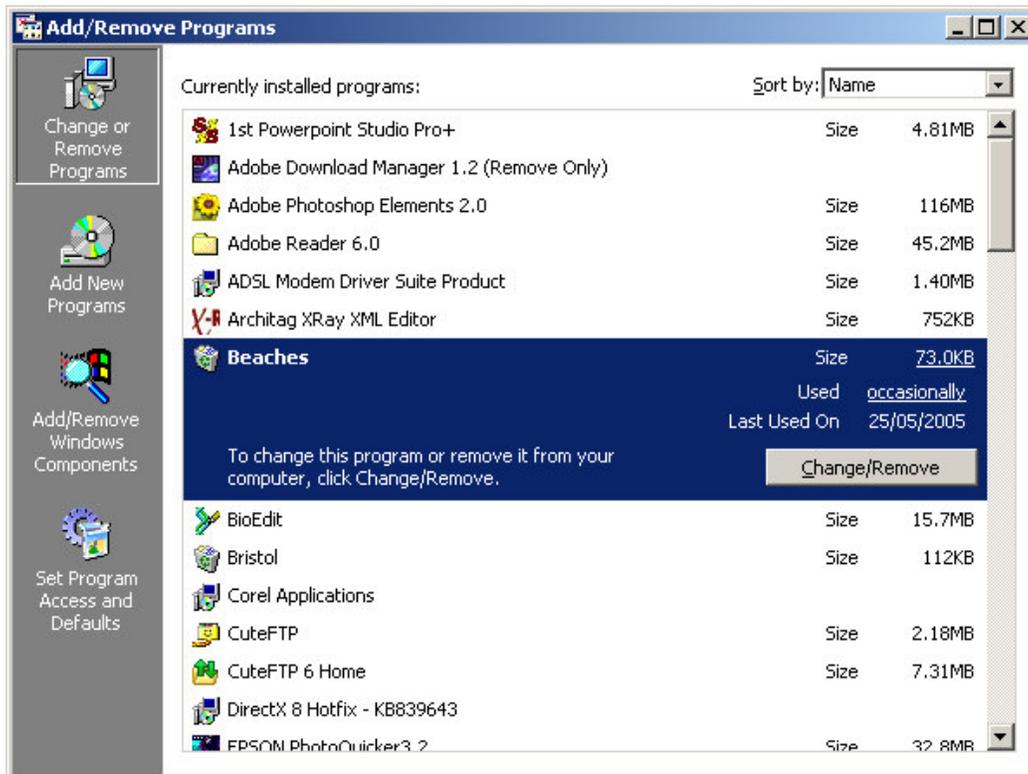
## I wish to remove the Screen Saver. How do I do this?

The screensaver is a program and can be removed from Add / Remove Programs Control.

1. Click on the **Start** menu. Then choose **Settings and Control Panel**.
2. Choose **Add / Remove Programs**.



3. Choose your screen saver (for example, Beaches) from the list of installed programs. Check you are removing the correct program in this screen. Click on **Change/ Remove** for the Screen Saver.



4. Next, select **Yes** when prompted. Your Screen Saver will then be removed.

