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CPU Energy Saver: ReadMe File (7/95)

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TOPIC -----------------------------------------------------------


This is the Read Me file included with the CPU Energy Saver 1.0.6 software.


DISCUSSION ------------------------------------------------------


CPU Energy Saver Read Me
Version 1.0.6

The CPU Energy Saver control panel allows you to set your computer to shut down
automatically.

•  You can set your computer to shut down automatically when the computer has
been idle for a specified amount of time.

•  You can set your computer to shut down at a specific time of day on one or
more days of the week. CPU Energy Saver notifies you several minutes before it
shuts down the computer. You can specify the notification time.

•  You can specify the conditions under which CPU Energy Saver does not shut
down the computer, including any or all of the following:
     --You're connected to a shared disk on the network.
     --A serial port is in use by a telecommunications program or a printer.
     --A "busy" pointer (that is, a watch) is on the screen.
     --A sound is playing.


SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

CPU Energy Saver works with all Macintosh Quadras, Power Macintoshes and upgrade
cards and requires system software version 7.1 or later.

NOTE:
The original Read Me file does not note all of the incompatibilities for the
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software. The CPU Energy Saver is not compatible with the Quadra 605, Centris/Quadra 610, Centris/Quadra 660AV, Performa 6100-series, Power Macintosh 6100-series and the Power Macintosh 9500-series computers. Please refer to the article titled "Energy Saving Control Panels: Description and Compatibility" for more details.

INSTALLING CPU ENERGY SAVER SOFTWARE

1. Drag CPU Energy Saver to the System Folder icon on your startup disk.
2. Click OK in the dialog box that appears.
3. Choose "Restart" from the Special menu.

COMPATIBILITY AND USE NOTES

If you have the NOW Utilities software on your system, make sure the Screen Locker component loads before CPU Energy Saver when you turn on the system. Otherwise, Screen Locker and CPU Energy Saver are incompatible. Use Startup Manager (included in NOW Utilities) to set Screen Locker to load before CPU Energy Saver.

CPU Energy Saver cannot shut down a monitor that is not plugged into the computer's power supply. Also, it cannot shut down external devices, such as hard disks or CD-ROM drives.

CPU Energy Saver may not be able to detect special "busy" pointers used by some programs.

Some screen savers may interfere with CPU Energy Saver's shutdown notification window.

In most cases, CPU Energy Saver cannot shut down your computer if a dialog box is on the screen.

CPU Energy Saver cannot determine whether the computer is doing something in the background (such as printing). However, you can set CPU Energy Saver not to shut down the computer if a serial port is being used (for printing, telecommunications, or networking, for example).

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