# Christmas Trivia Screen Saver

## Version 1.7

Welcome to the **Christmas Trivia Screen Saver**, a holiday gift from AHA! Software Inc., FamilyGames.com and TriviaPark.com. The screen saver displays an evolving Christmas scene interspersed with fascinating tidbits of Christmas lore.

## Setting up the screen saver

To make the **Christmas Trivia Screen Saver** your current Windows screen saver:

- **In Windows XP,** open the Display window in Control Panel by double-clicking its icon (alternatively, right-click your Windows desktop and select *Properties* from the pop-up menu); then click the *Screen Saver* tab.
- **In Windows Vista or Windows 7,** click *Appearance and Personalization* in Control Panel, then from the Personalization group click *Change screen saver*.

The next step in either case is to select 'Christmas Trivia' on the displayed list of screen savers. To confirm your selection, the dialog window should begin to display a miniature version of the screen saver.

Once the **Christmas Trivia Screen Saver** is selected, you can customize it by clicking the *Settings…* button. This opens a panel with two main sets of controls:

- **Interval between trivia:** These controls let you set the amount of time the animated Christmas scene is displayed between trivia pages.

Three presets (Short, Medium, Long) give defaults of 5, 15 and 60 seconds respectively. You can choose your own value from 1 to 120 seconds by using the Custom preset in conjunction with the *Interval* slider at right.

- **Duration of trivia:** These controls let you set the amount of time the trivia pages themselves are displayed. Again there are three presets (Short, Medium, Long), and a configurable Custom preset. The trivia display lasts for a specified number of seconds (the 'base time') plus a specified number of milliseconds for each character in the text (the 'char time'). The base time setting is meant to give you time to orient your attention to the text and start reading. The char time setting adjusts the remaining reading time to the length of the text.

> **Tip:** If you will be reading aloud, extend the char time setting to double or triple the usual value.

The screen saver set-up dialog provides four check boxes, all but one of them checked by default. They are:

- **Play music:** With this option, our original Christmas carol adaptations are played as background music while the screen saver is active. The carols are provided in the form of MIDI files. They are installed in the screen saver's 'application data' area in a folder named 'mid'. You can put your own selection of MIDI files here, if you like, to be used as well as or instead of the ones we supply.
- **Show FamilyGames info:** Checking this option adds a small box to the upper right corner of the screen saver display. The box gives information about FamilyGames.com, and may include details about specials or discounts.
- **Size to screen:** The screen saver fits on a 640x480 screen without scaling, and by default will try to scale itself for larger screens. If you turn this option off, the screen saver will not be scaled, but will appear at its 'natural' size, centered on a black background. Try it both ways, and see which you prefer on your display.

- **Hide the little mouse!:** One feature of the Christmas scene is a greedy mouse who comes out to nibble at the cake. Don't like mice? Turn the little creature off with this option.

## About this software

The **Christmas Trivia Screen Saver** is a copyrighted product of:

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## In this release...

**1.7:** Enhanced Windows 7 and Vista compatibility; upgraded installation program.