Marvel Screen Posters Manual

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QUICK START

Before you install, be sure to disable any anti-virus or security programs.
System 7 users -- restart with the Shift key held down to turn Extensions off.

• Restart with extensions off by holding down the Shift key when you restart.

• Insert "Disk 1" and double-click on the "Double-Click Me to Install" icon.

• Click on "Install" and follow the on-screen directions. Type in your name, organization and serial number when indicated. Your serial number is located on your registration card.

Fill out your registration card while you wait for installation to complete.

Once installation is complete, and you have restarted your Mac, select "Control Panels" from the Apple Menu. Double click on "After Dark" and then select "Marvel Comics" from the list in the After Dark control panel.

You can view Marvel Comics module by putting your mouse cursor all the way into the lower left corner of your monitor, or by clicking on the "Demo" button. After Dark is automatically set to "Sleep" after five minutes of screen inactivity.

For detailed information on setting a personal password, and configuring your After Dark setup, see Section Three, "Using After Dark." For step-by-step instructions on creating posters, see Section Five, "The Marvel Comics Module."

SECTION ONE: GREETINGS

ABOUT THE MARVEL COMICS SCREEN POSTERS

Welcome to the mutant world ... to another space and time, where super-heroes combat the menace of phosphor burn-in! Your screen may be in danger ... but not when Spider-Man and his friends are around.   With web-swinging action and megawatts of power, these guys

pack a heckuva punch!

When you leave your Macintosh screen on but inactive, screen phosphor is destroyed. In time, the image displayed on your screen can actually burn in to your screen, leaving a permanent ghost image. But these solid hunks of super-hero power won't let you down ... they can sense when your screen has been inactive for a set period of time, and will appear as screen-saving displays.

You knew you could trust your friendly neighborhood Spidey!

A NOTE ABOUT THE AFTER DARK ENGINE
Marvel Comics runs using the world-famous After Dark engine. After Dark is the original modular screen saver, with more than 50 displays, including everybody's favorite airborne appliances, the classic Flying Toasters, as well as Tropical Fish and, as we like to say in the advertising biz, many, many, more. After Dark can be purchased from software dealers everywhere.

BEFORE YOU DO ANYTHING ELSE
Make backup copies of the enclosed diskettes. Believe me, it's worth it. Make sure that the disk and file names on your backup copies are identical to the masters. Use these backup copies to re-install The Marvel Comics Screen Posters. Keep your original diskettes locked (with write-protect) in a safe, dust-free location away from magnetic fields.

** **NOTE:** Fill out and send in your registration card. This card is no mere earthly artifact! It's your key to customer service and technical support. Sending it in means that you never miss an update, new product information, or other special offers that we might send your way ... even more cool Marvel stuff! Got that, Bub? You don't want to cross me ... do it now.

ABOUT THIS MANUAL
We're going to assume here that you have a basic familiarity with using a Macintosh computer; for example, using a mouse, clicking and dragging, and remembering where you keep your System Folder. For more information on Macintosh operation, read your Macintosh user's manual.

This manual regularly uses the following symbols:

** Note of interest, or Tip

!! Caution

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

• Any Mac except Mac Plus, Classic, SE, Portable, and PowerBook 100
• Color monitor
• System 6.0.4 or later, plus MultiFinder
• 2 MB or more of RAM
• Hard disk

Marvel Comics Screen Posters is System 7 compatible.

SECTION TWO: INSTALLING MARVEL COMICS

** NOTE: If you already have After Dark on your computer, Marvel Comics won't overwrite it. Your After Dark modules will appear in your existing After Dark Control Panel.

Before installing, turn off all anti-virus and security programs that you might have running, and quit all applications. See "Extensions off" tip on Quick Start section. Also, to avoid potential conflicts, remove any other screen-saver programs, other than After Dark, from your System Folder.

EASY INSTALL
• Insert "Disk 1."

• Double-click on the "Double-click Me to Install" icon.

• An introduction screen will appear with information about Marvel Comics. Click "Continue."

• Click on "Install

• Use the "Switch Disk" button if you'd like to install to a disk other than the one named.

• Click on "Install."

• Enter your name, product serial number (located on your registration card), and organization, in the dialog box that appears, and click "OK."

• Whaddya mean, you haven't filled out your registration card yet? Do it now, while you wait for the installation to complete.

• Follow the on-screen directions, and insert the remaining disks when prompted.

When installation is complete, you'll be prompted to restart your machine.

That's it! Focus your concentration ... it's time to phase beyond this plane of reality ... through space and time ... to a different world, whose denizens possess strange and wondrous powers ...

That's it ... use your elemental powers ... let's swing into action, pal!

LOCATION OF FILES: THE "AFTER DARK FILES" FOLDER
Do NOT rename this folder. It must be in one of the following locations:

 System 6 System Folder
 System 7 Control Panels folder (placed here at installation)

Extensions folder
Preferences folder
Desktop
Top level of the System Folder

THE AFTER DARK PROGRAM
The After Dark program must also be located correctly, as follows:

 System 6 System Folder
 System 7 Control Panels Folder (preferred)
        Extensions Folder
        Top level of the System Folder
        The Marvel Images Folder; Don't rename this folder.
        It must be in the After Dark Files folder, together with the Marvel Comics module.

** **NOTE:** For System 7 users: for convenience, you can make an "alias" of the After Dark
program and place it in your Apple menu or on your desktop. To access the After Dark
Control Panel from your Apple menu, just click on the Apple in the upper left corner of your
screen, and select the After Dark alias.

SECTION THREE: USING AFTER DARK

THE CONTROL PANEL
As noted earlier, The Marvel Comics Screen Posters work using After Dark. This section
provides valuable information on how After Dark functions. If you're already familiar with
After Dark, and you'd like to learn more about using the Marvel Comics Screen Posters, go
straight to "Section 5: The Marvel Comics Module."

Since The Marvel Comics Screen Posters are run by the After Dark engine, the files and
Control Panel based on that engine are named "After Dark." Marvel Comics offers complete
compatibility with the original After Dark screen-saver collection, and will allow compatibility
with future After Dark-based screen savers as well.

The icon for the After Dark Control Panel will have been automatically placed in your
Macintosh Control Panel or Control Panels folder by the installer. To open Marvel Comics,
select "Control Panel" from the Apple menu, and then open the After Dark Control Panel.

After Dark is a modular screen saver that allows you to select from a variety of graphic
displays.

• To select Marvel Comics, click on its name in the scrollable list, or type the first few letters of
its name. (The module you leave selected will be the one that runs when After Dark
activates.)

• For more information about the module, click on the Info triangle at the bottom right of the
Control Panel. Click anywhere in the Info box to return to the Control Panel. The Info box

offers information on module controls.

• To preview the screen saver, click on the "Demo" button. The module will come on behind the Control Panel. The Control Panel will disappear except for the controls.

Play with the control settings as much as you want, even during a demo ...

• Click "Stop" to end the demo.

• Click anywhere in the After Dark logo area to view the After Dark credits. Click again to return to the Control Panel.

THE ON/OFF SWITCH
Use the On/Off switch at the top right corner of the Control Panel to turn After Dark off completely and turn it back on again. After Dark will NOT sleep while turned off.

CHANGING THE LIST OF DISPLAYS
Each module listed in the Control panel (except Starry Night, which is built in) is a file in the After Dark Files folder. To add or remove a module from the Control Panel list, just add or remove its icon from the After Dark Files folder. You'll need to close and reopen the Control Panel to have it reflect changes made to the modules list.

** **NOTE:** To place your favorite modules at the top of the Control Panel list, add an additional space or a number before that module's name in the After Dark Files folder.

KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS
Type the first few letters of a module's name to locate it quickly in the Control Panel list. Move through the scrollable list using the up and down arrows on the keyboard, or the Page Up, Page Down, Home and End keys on an extended keyboard.

THE SETUP DIALOG BOX
Click on the "When" button in the upper right corner of the Control Panel to access the Setup dialog box.

SET SLEEP TIME
Type in the number of "idle" minutes desired before your selected screen saver module activates. The default idle time is 5 minutes. Your screen will "sleep" when no keys have been struck and the mouse hasn't been moved or clicked for the idle time set.

Reawaken your screen with any keystroke or by moving the mouse.

"SLEEP NOW," "NEVER SLEEP" CORNERS
The "Sleep Now" and "Never Sleep" symbols appear on the representative screen in the setup dialog.

The "Sleep Now" corner allows you to put your screen to sleep instantly. Simply move your mouse pointer into the designated corner of your monitor screen.

The "Never Sleep" corner will prevent After Dark from sleeping when you've moved the mouse pointer into the designated corner of your monitor screen.

You can change the positions of the "Sleep Now" and "Never Sleep" corners by dragging their symbols to different corners of the representative screen. You may place these symbols in any corner of the screen you wish, but both can't occupy the same corner.

** NOTE: When you use the "Sleep Now" or "Never Sleep" corners, be sure you move the mouse pointer on your monitor screen as far into the appropriate corner as it can go (until you can't see it anymore). The + symbol won't be visible on your screen when you use the "Sleep Now" corner. The mouse pointer will change into the - symbol while it's in the "Never Sleep" corner.

"NO SLEEP CORNERS" CHECKBOX
You can disable the "Sleep Now" and "Never Sleep" corners by checking this box. You may prefer this option, if you don't want your screen to accidentally fall sleep or stay awake should you move the pointer to those corners.

"NO ICON AT STARTUP" CHECKBOX
Use this checkbox to prevent the After Dark icon from appearing on your screen when your machine boots. This option may be of interest to you if you have a custom start-up screen.

SYSTEM IQ (tm) ACTIVITY MONITOR
With SystemIQ (tm), After Dark will monitor your system activity and adjust itself accordingly. At normal activity levels, After Dark "times out" for the idle time you've specified, and sleeps when there's been no activity for that time. SystemIQ will prevent the screen saver from timing out and engaging while there is printer or modem port activity, or if disk access or CPU load is above a certain level. SystemIQ is set to "on" automatically, its checkbox checked, when After Dark is first installed.

If After Dark is already running when the activity level rises, it will continue to sleep but will "throttle back" to prevent competition with other system tasks, such as file transfers, backups, and mathematical processing.

"PLEASE WAKE UP" CHECKBOX
Some programs try to get your attention while your screen is sleeping by displaying the message "Please wake up!" across the top of your screen. You can prevent this message from appearing on your sleeping screen by unchecking this box.

PASSWORD PROTECTION
You can set a password to prevent prying super-villains (or anyone else) from waking up your screen. To do so, click the "Password" button in the Setup Dialog box.

• To assign a password, type in your desired password. After Dark will prompt you to retype your password to confirm it.

• To change a password, After Dark will prompt you for the "Old password," will then ask for a "New password," and next ask to "Confirm new password."

As you type your password, images of apples will appear on-screen instead of the letters you're typing, to prevent anyone from learning your password by looking over your shoulder. You can't be too careful, y'know ...

• For automatic password protection, check the "Always require password" box in the Setup dialog. Password protection will be engaged whenever After Dark sleeps.

• For manual password protection (if the "Always require password" box hasn't been checked), hold down the Option and Command keys while putting the pointer in your "Sleep Now" corner.

!! CAUTION: If you've disabled the "Sleep Now" corner by checking the "No sleep corners" box, you won't be able to use manual password protection.

• To wake your screen while it's password-protected, type your password, and then press Return or Enter.

When your screen is asleep in password mode, password protection will stay in effect across restarts. If your machine is turned off and back on, or the programmer's switch is hit, password protection will be maintained when your machine reboots.

!! CAUTION: Password protection will NOT be in effect across a restart unless your screen is asleep in password mode when the restart is attempted.

"I FORGOT MY PASSWORD!"
No problem, pal ... you can override your After Dark password by restarting from a different startup disk. Then reinstall Marvel Comics Screen Posters from your original or backup disks, and restart your machine. You'll need to re-enter a password--any password you want--to continue having Password Protection.

SECTION FOUR: SPECIAL FEATURES

THE MEMORY MANAGER
After Dark features automatic memory management. It reserves minimal memory when it starts up, to run basic modules. When you select a module requiring more memory, After Dark will search the system and use additional memory only if it can do so without interfering with other system operations. After Dark will release the extra memory when your Macintosh is awakened.

DISPLAY OVER SHUT-DOWN ALERT
Some Macintoshes will display the message "You may now switch off your Macintosh safely"' at shut-down time. The default module, Starry Night, will appear on your screen, to prevent the Shut-Down message from burning into your screen (unless you've switched off your machine after your set idle time).

** NOTE: Only the default module, "Starry Night," can be displayed when your disk is shut down. No password will be in effect when you restart.

ALERT DIALOGS AND NOTIFICATION MANAGER

When an Alert Dialog is sent by your computer while After Dark is sleeping, it wakes up your screen. If there's no further activity, your Mac will go back to sleep after your set idle time.

The Notification Manager is used by programs such as Alarm Clock, QuickMail, and PrintMonitor to get your attention. It will wake up your screen, which will sleep after your set idle time if there's no more activity. It will leave an icon and a "Please wake up!" message scrolling across the top of your sleeping screen.

You can turn off the scrolling message by unchecking the "Please wake up" checkbox in the After Dark Control Panel's Setup dialog box.

SCREEN SHOTS

System 7 only: You can use the keyboard shortcut Command-Shift-3 to take screen shots of Marvel Comics screens. These shots will be stored on the top level of your hard disk as "Picture 1," "Picture 2," etc.

SECTION FIVE: THE MARVEL COMICS MODULE

From Wolverine to Spider-Man, the X-Men to the Ghost Rider, The Marvel Comics Screen Posters bring you all your favorite super-heroes, super-villains, and mutants. Let yourself be transported beyond the mundane reality of your desktop, to new worlds of strange menace, secret powers, and timeless battles.

Explore the Marvel Comics module by selecting it in the After Dark Control Panel and experimenting with its controls. Preview it by clicking on "Demo" in the After Dark Control Panel. End the demo at any time by clicking on "Stop." For extra information on the selected module, click on the Info triangle in the lower right corner of the Control Panel. Click anywhere in the Info box to return to the Control Panel.

** NOTE: If you have After Dark, or another Berkeley Systems screen saver, you'll also see those modules listed in the Control Panel list.

RUNNING MARVEL COMICS AS A SCREEN SAVER

• Click on "Screen Saver ... "   A dialog box appears showing nine thumbnail images of Marvel screen posters. Scroll down to see more.

• Click on "All" to select all the images as part of your screen-saver slide show, or simply click on those specific images you want included. Selected images will then be highlighted with a black border. If you don't want to select any, click on "None."

• You can display the selected images "In Order" or at "Random," with the pull-down menu control. Clicking on "Show Captions" activates captions beneath each image, as it's displayed.

• Click on the "Create Poster on "Wake-Up" to have After Dark, on waking up, take the last image displayed and automatically make it your desktop picture. If enough memory isn't

available, a warning dialog appears as the screen refreshes: "Sorry, not enough memory available to create poster!" This is very slow and not recommended on fast machines.

• When you're done configuring your display, click on "OK."

• To restore the desktop to its pre-dialog state, click on "Cancel. The dialog is closed.

RUNNING MARVEL COMICS AS SCREEN POSTERS
Dress up your screen, Marvel style! The Marvel Comics module also allows you to take your favorite Marvel image and quickly and easily make it your desktop image, or, as we like to say, your "screen poster." Now you can work right on top of Spidey, Captain America, or (eesh!) The Incredible Hulk. (How'd you like to stare at that face all day?)

• Click on "Screen Posters." A dialog box appears showing nine thumbnail images of unadulterated Marvel muscle. Scroll down to see more.

• To select an image, just click on the thumbnail portrait; the image is then highlighted with a black border. An indicator tells you how much memory will be required to make the selected image your screen poster.

• Once you've chosen and highlighted your preferred image, click on "Install." Installation may take a moment. The selected image is now your desktop decoration. To remove the image from your desktop, click on "Uninstall." The image is replaced with the last pattern that your Mac was using.

• If you'd like information about a particular image, select it and then click on the "Info" Button. Read away! When you're finished absorbing all that great Marvel trivia, history, and biographical data, just click "Done."

• To restore the desktop to its pre-dialog state, click on "Cancel." The dialog is closed.

STARRY NIGHT
Starry Night is After Dark's default module. It doesn't have a file in the After Dark Files folder. If for some reason your selected module can't run, Starry Night will engage instead.

SPECIAL EFFECTS
Marvel Comics offers a range of wipes and transitions; to select one, scroll through the drop-down menu that appears when you click on "Effect." Just click on the effect you want, from cut, to radials (i.e., an image is revealed in pie pieces), to irises, and even blinds (the image of your choice will appear in moving bars, like a Venetian blind opening and closing. And, of course, there's always "random." Experiment!

SECTION SIX: TROUBLESHOOTING

Below, we've listed a few of the more common questions you might have about The Marvel Comics Screen Posters. If you need help beyond what's covered here, please consult the last section of this manual, "About Technical Support," for information on using our Tech Support Services.

"The Only Module That Runs Is "Starry Night." Most likely, your After Dark Files folder is in the wrong place or has been renamed. Make sure it's named "After Dark Files" and is in the correct location. In System 7, it can be in the top level of the Control Panels folder (preferred), the System Folder, the Extensions folder, the Preferences folder, or on the Desktop. In System 6, it must be in the System Folder.

Alternatively, perhaps your selected module can't run for some reason (e .g., not enough available memory). If that's the case, a scrolling message will appear at the top of your screen.

"When I'm opening the After Dark Control Panel, I Get A "Not Installed please restart" Message, Even After I Restart." Check that the After Dark program is in the right location: for System 6, it must be inside the System Folder. For System 7, make sure it is in either the Control Panels folder (preferred), the Extensions folder, or the top level of the System Folder.

If you use an extension or INIT manager program, check that After Dark is enabled.

If After Dark still won't open, your After Dark Control Panel may be damaged. Try running the installer from your backup disks to automatically replace it with a new one.

"The After Dark Program's Icon Isn't in my Control Panel." Make sure the After Dark program is in the correct location, as noted above and in the "Installation" section of this manual. If the program isn't in one of those places, move it to the correct location and then restart your machine.

** NOTE: If you're using System 7, you can make an alias of the After Dark icon and place it in your Apple menu or on your desktop, for more convenient access to Marvel Comics.

"Marvel Comics crashes, or conflicts with another program." There are several possible causes for a crash or conflict. Try to pinpoint the problem by reproducing the situation that first caused the crash or conflict. Sometimes, simply restarting your Macintosh will solve the problem. If the problem persists, try reinstalling Marvel Comics from your backup or original diskettes.

If you continue having problems, see the following section on using our Technical Support department.

"Help! I Forgot My Password!" Hey ... it happens. See "Password Protection" in Section 3, "Using After Dark," for complete information on using the password protection feature.

SECTION SEVEN: ABOUT TECHNICAL SUPPORT

If all else fails, call us.

Our friendly technical support team is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m.

PST. You can also leave detailed messages on VoiceMail after hours and on weekends.

You can reach Mac Tech Support by phone, fax, mail, or online bulletin board. Before you contact us, please read "Before You Call," below.

Phone: (510) 540-5535. Ask for Macintosh Technical Support

FAX: (510) 849-9426. Attn: Macintosh Technical Support

Mailing Address:
Berkeley Systems, Inc.
2095 Rose Street
Berkeley, CA 94709
Attn: Macintosh Technical Support

We have full support forums on CompuServe and America Online, on which you can post messages to us and upload or download new modules and product updates.

CompuServe:
Berkeley Systems' address is 75300,1376. Our product support area is Section 5 of the Macintosh Vendor B forum. Just enter "GO MACBVEN" at any ! prompt. If you aren't already a member of CompuServe, you're entitled to a FREE Introductory Membership as a Berkeley Systems customer. That membership includes a $15 introductory usage credit to explore our section and CompuServe's other offerings: a private User ID number and Password, and a complementary subscription to CompuServe Magazine. To contact us and other CompuServe members, call 1 (800) 838-8199 and ask for representative #193. If you're outside the U.S. and Canada, call 1 (614) 457-0802.

America Online:
Berkeley Systems' screen name is "BrklySystm." Our product support forum is Computer & Software's Industry Connection.   To access our forum, just enter the keyword "BerkSys." To order a free America Online software kit, which includes free usage each month, contact America Online Customer Service at 1 (800) 827-6364. If you're calling from Canada, call (703) 448-8700.

AppleLink: We can be reached at the AppleLink address "D0346."

BEFORE YOU CALL
We want to be able to help you as quickly and efficiently as possible. Before you contact us, please read the following suggestions and take a moment to jot down the basic information we'll need to help you.

Sit in front of your computer, with the computer on, when you call. It can be difficult, if not actually impossible, to accurately diagnose and solve a problem if you're not at your computer to describe what your computer is doing, or to try possible solutions that we'll give you. We don't want to waste your time!

Before you contact us, make sure that you know the version of After Dark that you own . Highlight "After Dark" from the Control Panels window and choose "Get Info" from the file menu and as much of the following as possible:

• Your System software
• Your Macintosh model
• Your video card(s) (if any)
• The amount of RAM in your system

Please be able to describe the following, as well:

• The exact nature of the problem.
• The steps that led to the problem.
• Whether you've been able to reproduce the problem.
• Applications in use at the time the problem occurred.
• Other INITs in your System Folder.

** NOTE: There may be a problem with your current copy of The Marvel Comics Screen Posters. Try installing a fresh copy before you call--and let us know if you tried it and it didn't work.

Be stout of heart ... the heroes of the Marvel Universe are ever at your side ...