

COUNTO12 screensaver clock

Windows PC version ReadMe

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Introduction

The COUNTO12 screensaver clock is a free screensaver application created by the Eastern Eggs, as part of a participation project between Goldsmiths College, University of London and the *National Portrait Gallery/BT Road to 2012 Project*.

The screensaver clock has been created by Goldsmiths students with over 500 photographs of people living, working and studying in the five Olympic host boroughs of Greenwich, Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Newham and Waltham Forest.

System requirements

The screensaver is available for both Apple Mac and PC in two versions - one for monitors of at least 1280 x 800 pixels, and one for monitors of at least 1680 x 1050 pixels. Please choose and download the version most suitable for your system. This document covers the Windows version - Mac users should refer to the separate Mac ReadMe document.

PC standard resolution (1280 x 800 pixels) version:

- LCD monitor. **Please note that this screensaver is not suitable for use with cathode ray tube (CRT) or plasma displays**
- Recommended: monitor resolution of 1280 x 800 pixels or above
- Windows XP or above
- At least 256 MB free RAM
- At least 150 MB free hard disc space
- Adobe Flash Player version 9 Active X or above. If you don't already have Flash installed on your system, please open Internet Explorer and download from:
<http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>
- Recommended: Hardware-accelerated graphics (video card or integrated graphics)
- Recommended: CPU clock speed of at least 1GHz

PC high resolution (1680 x 1050 pixels) version:

- LCD monitor. **Please note that this screensaver is not suitable for use with cathode ray tube (CTR) or plasma displays**
- Recommended: monitor resolution of 1680 x 1050 pixels or above
- Other requirements as per standard resolution version (see list above)

Installing the software

Using your web browser, download the software onto your hard disc. Locate the folder containing the downloaded file and double click the 'InstallCounto12' icon to begin the installation procedure. After a few seconds a box called 'Welcome to Counto12 Installation' should appear. Follow the instructions given in the box to complete installation.

Using the software

Once installation is complete, the software is set up as a screensaver alongside any others already installed on your system. This means the screensaver will be activated after you stop using your computer for a certain length of time. To view installed screensavers in Windows XP, you can right-click anywhere on the desktop and then left-click on '**Properties**', then, in the box that appears, click the '**Screensaver**' tab. Within this box you can alter the number of minutes the computer needs to be inactive for before the Counto12 animation begins.

If you don't want to wait and wish to see the animation immediately, you can do so by either double-clicking the 'Counto12' icon that was placed on your desktop during installation, or by finding the 'Counto12' application in the start menu.

When the screensaver is first activated, either automatically after a period of inactivity or by clicking the icon, it can take a short while to load. Please be patient.

When the screensaver is displayed on the screen, you can exit and **return to the desktop by pressing any key**. Note that unlike many screensavers, you cannot return by moving the mouse or clicking on it.

Changing how the screensaver is displayed

Find the perfect screen resolution to suit you and your monitor and get the best quality from the COUNTO12 screensaver. This is particularly useful if your display size doesn't exactly match that of the version you've installed (either 1280 x 800 or 1680 x 1050 pixels).

- Right click anywhere on the desktop and then left-click on Properties
- The Display Properties dialogue box will appear.
- Click the 'Screen saver' tab. When clicking this tab, it can sometimes take a short time for the screen saver control screen to appear. Please be patient.
- Choose 'Counto12' from the pull-down menu (if not already selected)
- Click the 'settings' button
- A screensaver settings box will open.
- In this box, 'Display screensaver on all monitors' means you can opt to have the screen saver displayed on both monitors if you have more than one connected.
- 'Change screen resolution' means that your display resolution will be changed to the size shown when displaying the screen saver. In most circumstances it's best to leave this option switched off.
- The three 'Scale' options enable you to choose how the screensaver will be made to fit your monitor.

- The left setting will scale the screensaver image to fit your screen, but without stretching it vertically or horizontally. This is the recommended setting if your **monitor resolution is less than that of the version you've installed** (either 1280 x 800 or 1680 x 1050 pixels).
- The middle setting will scale the screensaver image to fill your screen entirely, stretching it if necessary.
- The right setting will keep the image at its supplied size. This will result in the edges being cut off if your monitor is too small, or a white border around the image if your monitor is too big.