Carousel Monitor Control 1.0.0 Documentation

Overview

Carousel Monitor Control is a system tray application that allows the user to schedule a monitor to power on and off. It can control the power state by wither using Windows power management technology, or by issuing a command via the serial port. The application allows you to have 4 power events per day, two on events and two off events.

Installing the application

Carousel Monitor Control is a Microsoft Windows 32 bit application. It requires Microsoft .Net Framework 2.0 or higher. To install the application run *'Carousel Monitor Control 1.0.0.exe'* on the target machine. The installer will place the runtime files in your target directory and install a shortcut to the system tray application in the startup folder. It will also launch the application at the end of the install process.

Because the application runs in the system tray, it requires that a user be logged into Windows for it to run. Carousel Monitor Control does not currently run as a service.

System tray menu

Carousel Monitor Control appears in the lower-right corner of your screen. Right-clicking on the icon brings up the menu.

The 'Edit Configuration...' menu allows you to adjust the power on and off type.

The 'Edit Schedule...' menu allows you to change when the monitors power on and off.

The 'Power On Now' menu powers the monitor on based on the current configuration.

The 'Power Off Now' menu powers the monitor on based on the current configuration.

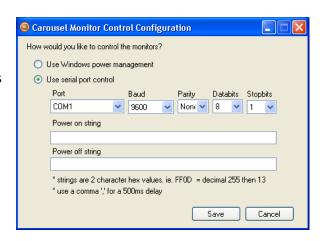


Edit Configuration

There are two options for powering on and off the monitors.

The 'Use Windows power management' method uses the power management features built into Windows. This is the same technology that puts your monitor to sleep after an hour of no activity. Some LCD and Plasmas do not respond to these commands like a desktop display would.

The 'Use serial port control' method sends data out the serial port to control the monitor. This can be used for displays that do not work properly with Windows power management and have a serial port with an available protocol.



The Carousel Monitor Control application does not come with predefined control codes for monitors for serial control. It is the responsibly of the installer to find the codes for the particular display they are controlling. *Tightrope cannot provide assistance finding codes or programming for specific displays.*

The 'Power on string' and 'Power off string' are fields in which to enter the codes take hexadecimal notation. Strings are 2 character hex values. For example, FFOD = decimal 255 then 13. Use a comma',' for a 500ms delay between characters.

Example strings

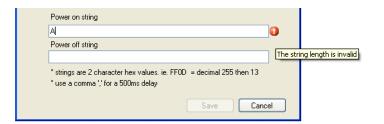
Send the characters 'ON', wait 1 second, and then send a carriage return.

Power on string: F44E,,13

Send the characters 'OFF', wait 1 second, and then send a carriage return.

Power off string: F44646,,13

The 'Power in string' and 'Power off' strings will check if you have entered an invalid string. If so, it will alert you. To see the alert message mouse-over the alert icon. Furthermore, it will alert you about any non-hexadecimal characters.



Edit Schedule

There are two available schedules in the application. They are time and weekday based. The 'Power On Time' and 'Power Off Time' events will occur on the weekdays selected for that schedule.

If the 'Power On Time' is later than the 'Power Off Time' the application will assume that event spans midnight and will offset the day appropriately. For example, if you tell the application to power on at 10:00 PM and power off at 3:00 AM on Saturday. The monitor will power on at 10:00 PM on Saturday and power off at 3:00 AM Sunday.



ASCII Chart

Dec Hx Oct Char	Dec Hx Oct Html Chr	Dec Hx Oct Html Chr Dec Hx Oct Html Chr
0 0 000 NUL (null)	32 20 040 Space	64 40 100 4#64; 0 96 60 140 4#96;
1 1 001 SOH (start of heading)	33 21 041 6#33; !	65 41 101 A A 97 61 141 a a
2 2 002 STX (start of text)	34 22 042 6#34; "	66 42 102 6#66; B 98 62 142 6#98; b
3 3 003 ETX (end of text)	35 23 043 6#35; #	67 43 103 6#67; C 99 63 143 6#99; C
4 4 004 EOT (end of transmission)	36 24 044 @#36; \$	68 44 104 6#68; D 100 64 144 6#100; d
5 5 005 ENQ (enquiry)	37 25 045 @#37; %	69 45 105 6#69; E 101 65 145 6#101; e
6 6 006 ACK (acknowledge)	38 26 046 @#38; 6	70 46 106 F F 102 66 146 f f
7 7 007 BEL (bell)	39 27 047 @#39; '	71 47 107 6#71; <mark>G</mark> 103 67 147 6#103; <mark>g</mark>
8 8 010 BS (backspace)	40 28 050 @#40; (72 48 110 6#72; H 104 68 150 6#104; h
9 9 011 TAB (horizontal tab)	41 29 051 @#41;)	73 49 111 6#73; I 105 69 151 6#105; i
10 A 012 LF (NL line feed, new line)	42 2A 052 @#42; *	74 4A 112 6#74; J 106 6A 152 6#106; j
11 B 013 VT (vertical tab)	43 2B 053 @#43; +	75 4B 113 6#75; K 107 6B 153 6#107; k
12 C 014 FF (NP form feed, new page)	44 2C 054 @#44; ,	76 4C 114 L L 108 6C 154 l L
13 D 015 CR (carriage return)	45 2D 055 @#45; -	77 4D 115 6#77; M 109 6D 155 6#109; M
14 E 016 SO (shift out)	46 2E 056 ..	78 4E 116 N N 110 6E 156 n n
15 F 017 SI (shift in)	47 2F 057 / /	79 4F 117 O 0 111 6F 157 o 0
16 10 020 DLE (data link escape)	48 30 060 @#48; 0	80 50 120 P P 112 70 160 p P
17 11 021 DC1 (device control 1)	49 31 061 @#49; 1	81 51 121 @#81; Q 113 71 161 @#113; q
18 12 022 DC2 (device control 2)	50 32 062 4#50; 2	82 52 122 @#82; R 114 72 162 @#114; r
19 13 023 DC3 (device control 3)	51 33 063 4#51; 3	83 53 123 @#83; S 115 73 163 @#115; S
20 14 024 DC4 (device control 4)	52 34 064 @#52; 4	84 54 124 a#84; T 116 74 164 a#116; t
21 15 025 NAK (negative acknowledge)	53 35 065 5 5	85 55 125 U <mark>U</mark> 117 75 165 u <mark>u</mark>
22 16 026 SYN (synchronous idle)	54 36 066 6 6	86 56 126 V V 118 76 166 v V
23 17 027 ETB (end of trans. block)	55 37 067 4#55; 7	87 57 127 W ₩ 119 77 167 w ₩
24 18 030 CAN (cancel)	56 38 070 8 <mark>8</mark>	88 58 130 X X 120 78 170 x X
25 19 031 EM (end of medium)	57 39 071 4#57; 9	89 59 131 4#89; Y 121 79 171 4#121; Y
26 1A 032 SUB (substitute)	58 3A 072 @#58;:	90 5A 132 6#90; Z 122 7A 172 6#122; Z
27 1B 033 ESC (escape)	59 3B 073 ;;	91 5B 133 [[123 7B 173 { {
28 1C 034 FS (file separator)	60 3C 074 < <	92 5C 134 @#92; \ 124 7C 174 @#124;
29 1D 035 GS (group separator)	61 3D 075 = =	93 5D 135]] 125 7D 175 } }
30 1E 036 RS (record separator)	62 3E 076 >>	94 5E 136 ^ ^ 126 7E 176 ~ ~
31 1F 037 <mark>US</mark> (unit separator)	63 3F 077 ? ?	95 5F 137 6#95; _ 127 7F 177 6#127; DEL