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The Options Screen gives you many choices. You may:

· Specify the interval between stretching sessions.

· Specify the number of stretches that will be displayed during each session.

· Indicate whether to display the standing stretches. If the box is not checked then only the sitting stretches will appear. The default is to display all stretches.

· Indicate whether the ErgoReminder Messages are to be displayed. If the box is checked, messages appear after each break. The default is to display messages.

· Select the location of the “Time to Stretch” image. The default is a large image in the center of the screen. The option is for a smaller image in the lower right.

· Set the sound options. For details see the Selecting Sounds section in Help.

· Choose "Select Messages" to determine the ErgoReminder Messages that you want to appear.

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NOTE: This Getting Started document is a summary of how Stretch Break works. More details can be found by clicking on the Help button that appears in the Main Screen.
Using Stretch Break

After installing Stretch Break, the "Time to Stretch" screen will appear in 30 minutes (default). With a single click you can choose to Begin Stretch, Cancel this Stretch, or delay the stretch for one minute or five minutes.

If you choose "Begin Stretch," the exercise screen appears. An example of this screen can be found on the opposite page.

The figures show you the exercises that you are encouraged to do along with the animation on the screen. Each Stretch Break session will show three (default) short exercises, each lasting 15 to 30 seconds so you are back to work in a minute or two feeling refreshed.

As each session begins, the program determines the last stretch you did, and then starts you on the next stretch in the sequence.

If you wish to start the exercises before the "Time to Stretch" screen appears, click on the icon that appears in the lower right of the desktop.

ErgoReminders

At the end of each break an ergonomic reminder message will be displayed.

The Main Screen

Along with animations, this screen also has the following options.

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You will return to the application you were working on before you started Stretch Break. The "Time to Stretch" screen will appear again in 30 minutes, unless you have used the option screen described on the following page to change this interval.

Exit Stretch Break:
Stretch Break will be removed from memory and will not automatically come up again during this session.

Ergo Hints:
A screen appears with guidelines for setting up an ergonomically correct workstation and hints on how to avoid injuries when using your computer.

Help: The HELP file will appear.

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