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## **GearVox Version 1.0**

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GearVox is a talking time and e-mail notification utility. Version 1 of GearVox is copyrighted Freeware and may be freely distributed.

### **What is it?**

GearVox can be configured to periodically check a POP e-mail account and optionally speak the name of the sender and subject of the e-mail. When minimized, GearVox resides in the Windows tray area.

### **Features**

Configurable periodic polling of POP e-mail account

GearVox can launch your e-mail client software.

GearVox will not modify your e-mail inbox.

E-mail notification can speak the sender's name and e-mail subject.

Intelligent e-mail polling. GearVox will remember the state of your POP e-mail inbox between sessions.

Optionally have GearVox speak the time at user defined intervals.

Optionally start automatically at Window's startup.

Automatic detection of dial-up connection status (similar to ICQ Net Detect).

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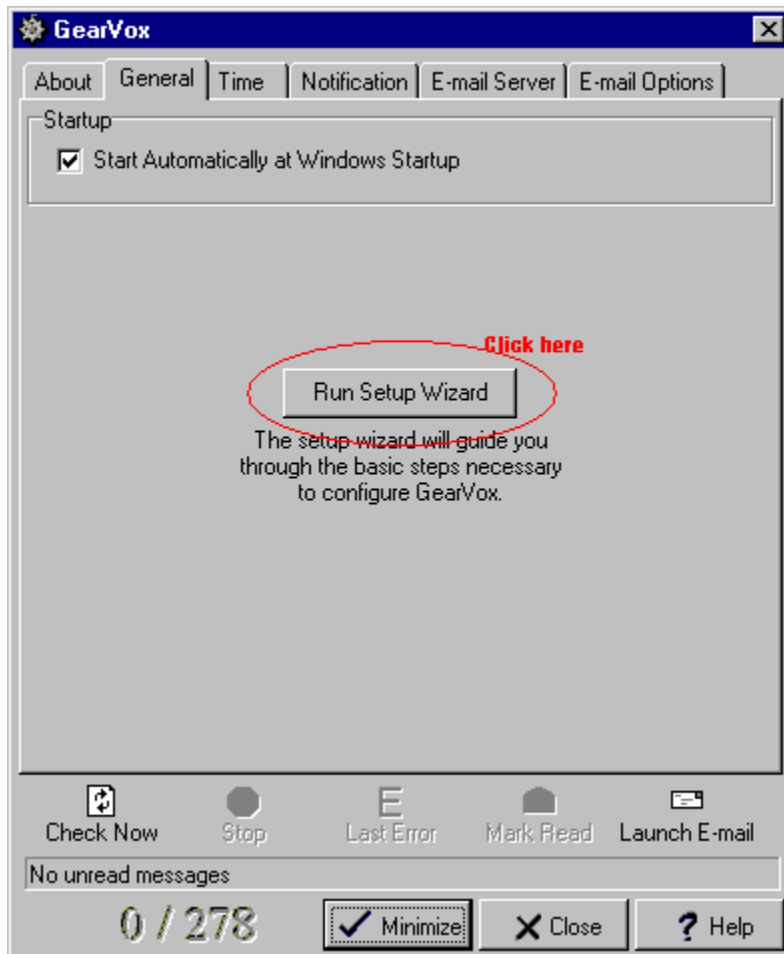
[Quick Start](#)

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<http://www.GearheadForHire.com>

## Quick Start

GearVox can be used to both speak the time and periodically check your POP e-mail account for new messages. The fastest way to get going is to use the Setup Wizard button available on the General Tab.



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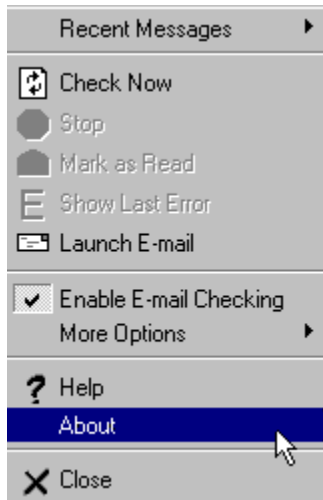
## Tray Icon Menu

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The most often used functions of GearVox are available by right clicking on the GearVox tray icon.



Right click on the gear (circled in red) to gain access to the following menu. The gear will change its appearance to indicate program state. Click here for a key to the [Icon States](#).



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## **Minimize**

Minimize GearVox to the system tray. Access GearVox functions by clicking with the right mouse button.

## Close

This button will close and exit GearVox. Use the Minimize button if you want GearVox to hide itself to the [tray icon area](#).

## Help

Press this button to open the help system for GearVox.

## **Status Bar**

GearVox information messages appear here.

## Messages Total

Total number of messages on server. Double click to reset message count to zero. This operation resets the [tray icon new mail flag](#).

## Messages Unread

Number of unread messages [Double click to mark as read]

## **Check Now**

Force an e-mail check now. This function will check the status of your POP e-mail account.

## **Stop**

Cancel the currently running e-mail check.

## **Last Error**

This button will display the most recent error that may have occurred during an e-mail check.

## Mark Read

Mark recently announced e-mail messages as read. This operation resets the [tray icon](#) new mail flag. No changes to the read status of your e-mail inbox are made.

## **Launch E-mail**

This button will launch your e-mail client software. You will be prompted for the location of your e-mail client if you don't have one defined.

## **Recent Messages**

A list of messages received during the current session. Clicking a message causes GearVox to speak it. Ten of the most recent messages are stored. This is a quick way to find out what mail was received while you were away.

## **More Options**

This is a short-cut to the main option screens.

## Dial-up Detection

If your connection is set to Dial-up Networking, GearVox will only check your e-mail if it determines that you are currently connected to the internet. Otherwise, GearVox will monitor your connection at the specified [Check Interval](#). GearVox will commence e-mail check automatically once it detects that your dial-up connection is active. If your connection is always on, you should pick Local Area Network from the [E-mail Options Screen](#).

## Icon States

GearVox will change the **Tray Icon**



state depending on GearVox's current status.

### Icon State Key



E-mail checking is not enabled.



E-mail checking is enabled. GearVox will animate this icon during e-mail checking.



An error occurred during the last e-mail check. See [Last Error](#) for a description of the error.



You have messages.



GearVox is setup for dial-up networking and you are not currently connected to the Internet. See [Dial-up Detection](#) for more information.

## Setup Wizard

The GearVox Agent can walk you through the basic program configuration steps. Use the Next and Back buttons to cycle through the setup screens. The **Setup Wizard** can be accessed from the [General Screen](#).



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## **Back**

Go back one screen.

## **Next**

Advance to the next screen.

## **Finish**

Save your changes and exit the Setup Wizard.

## **Cancel**

Cancel changes made to all screens of the Setup Wizard.

## **Stop Talking**

Make the Agent stop speaking for the current screen.

## Wizard E-mail Checking

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## Wizard E-mail Account Options

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The screenshot shows a window titled "GearVox Setup Wizard" with a close button in the top right corner. The main title is "E-mail Account Options". Below the title, there is a text box that says "Enter your POP e-mail account information. Press the Next Button when done." To the right of this text is a "Connection" section with two radio buttons: "Dial-up Networking" (unselected) and "Local Area Network" (selected). Below this is a "POP3 Account" section with four input fields: "Server" (containing "pop.yourmailserver.com"), "Port" (containing "110"), "Login name" (containing "yourloginname"), and "Password" (containing "xxxxxx"). To the left of the "POP3 Account" section is a "Stop Talking" button with a speaker icon. At the bottom of the window are five buttons: "< Back", "Next >", "✓ Finish", "✗ Cancel", and "? Help".

**GearVox Setup Wizard**

### E-mail Account Options

Enter your POP e-mail account information. Press the Next Button when done.

**Connection**

☐ Dial-up Networking

☒ Local Area Network

**POP3 Account**

Server: pop.yourmailserver.com Port: 110

Login name: yourloginname Password: xxxxxx

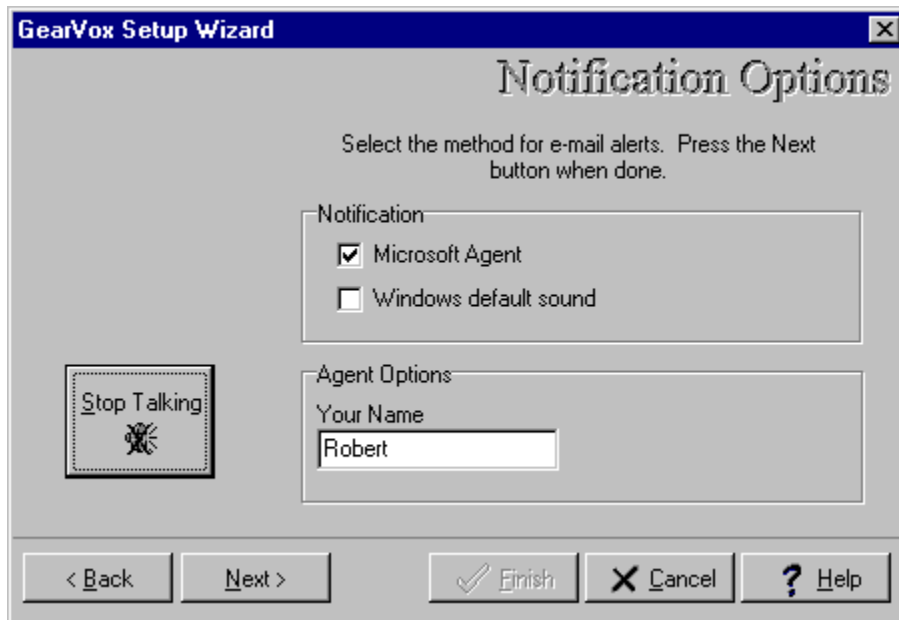
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## Wizard Notification Options

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The screenshot shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "GearVox Setup Wizard" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The main title "Notification Options" is centered at the top. Below the title, a message reads: "Select the method for e-mail alerts. Press the Next button when done." There are two main sections: "Notification" and "Agent Options". The "Notification" section contains two checkboxes: "Microsoft Agent" (checked) and "Windows default sound" (unchecked). The "Agent Options" section contains a label "Your Name" and a text input field containing the name "Robert". On the left side of the dialog, there is a button labeled "Stop Talking" with a small icon of a person with a speech bubble. At the bottom of the dialog, there are five buttons: "< Back", "Next >", "✓ Finish", "✗ Cancel", and "? Help".

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## Wizard Talking Time

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## Wizard Startup

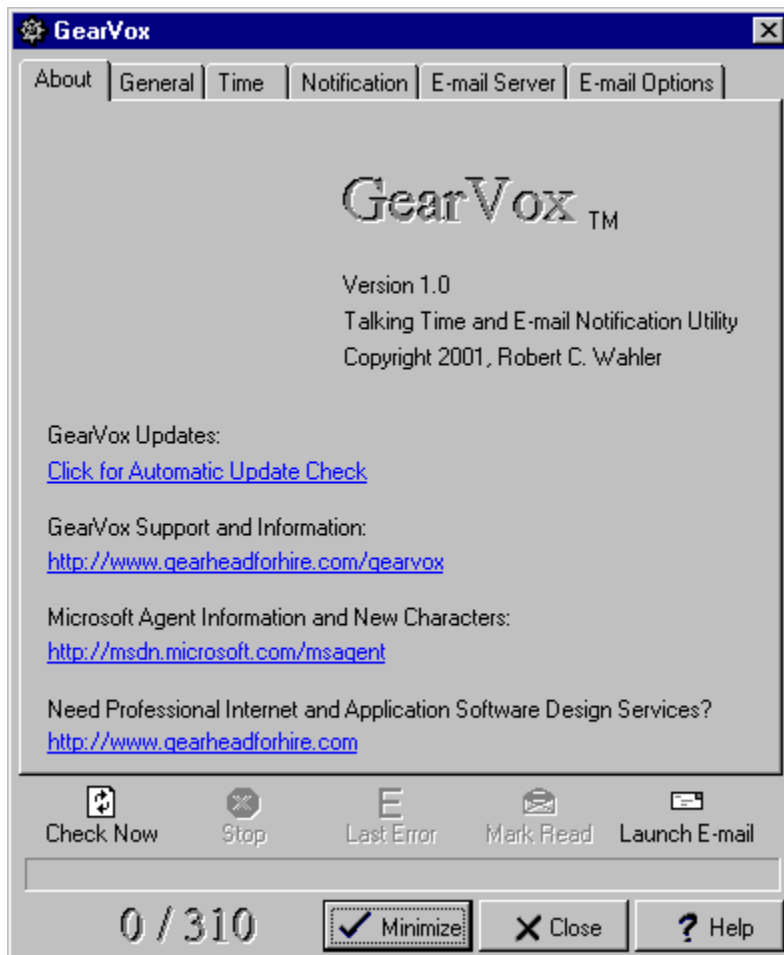
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## About

This screen contains links to additional information on the developer's website.



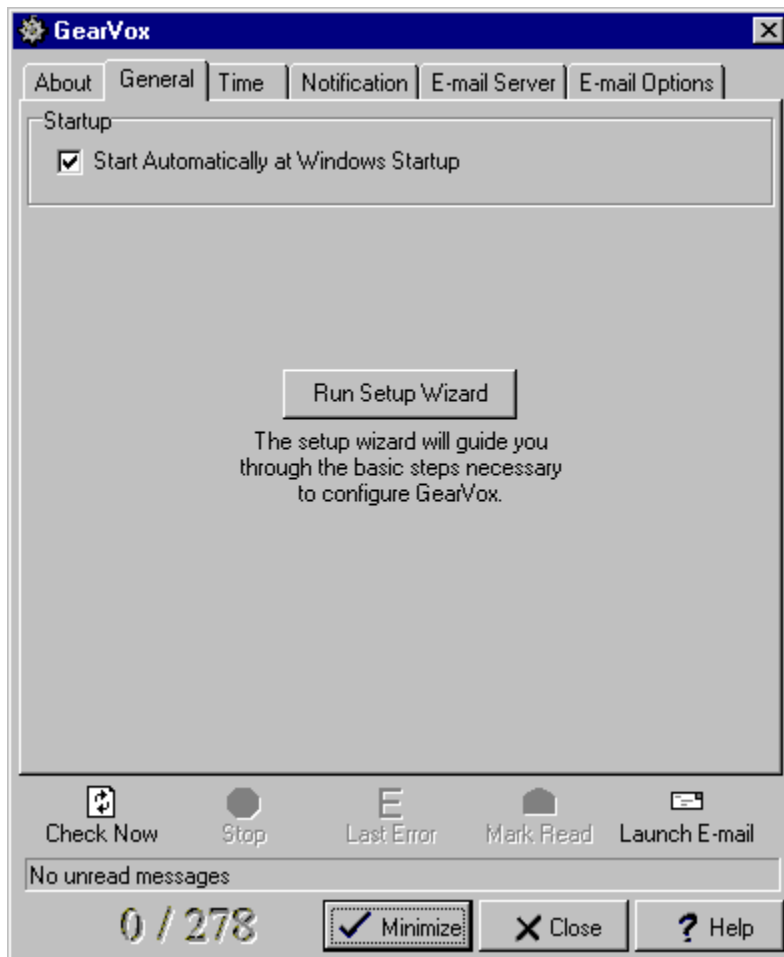
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## About Links

[Click here](#) to open your default web browser for more information about GearVox.

## General Screen

This screen contains miscellaneous options and access to the [Setup Wizard](#).



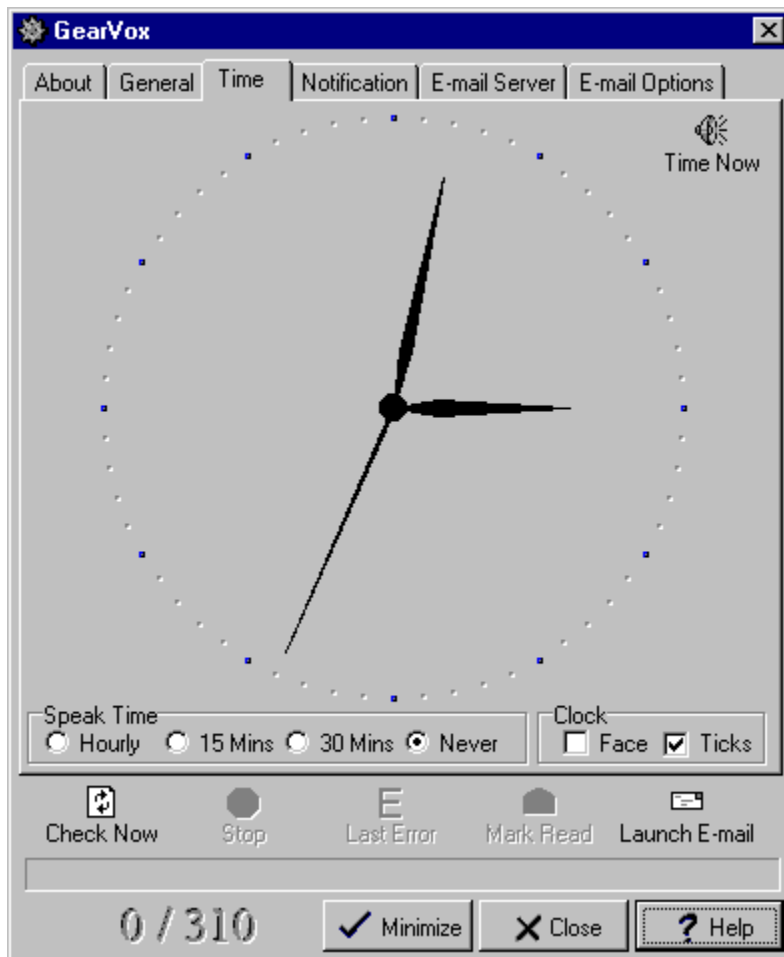
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## **Start with Windows**

Start GearVox automatically when Windows starts. GearVox is run minimized to the system tray each time Windows is started. E-mail checking and talking time functions are active depending on options you have selected. Unselect this option if you wish to control when GearVox runs manually.

## Time Screen

This screen allows you to configure preferences for speaking the time.



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## **Time Now**

Speak the current time now.

## **Speak Time**

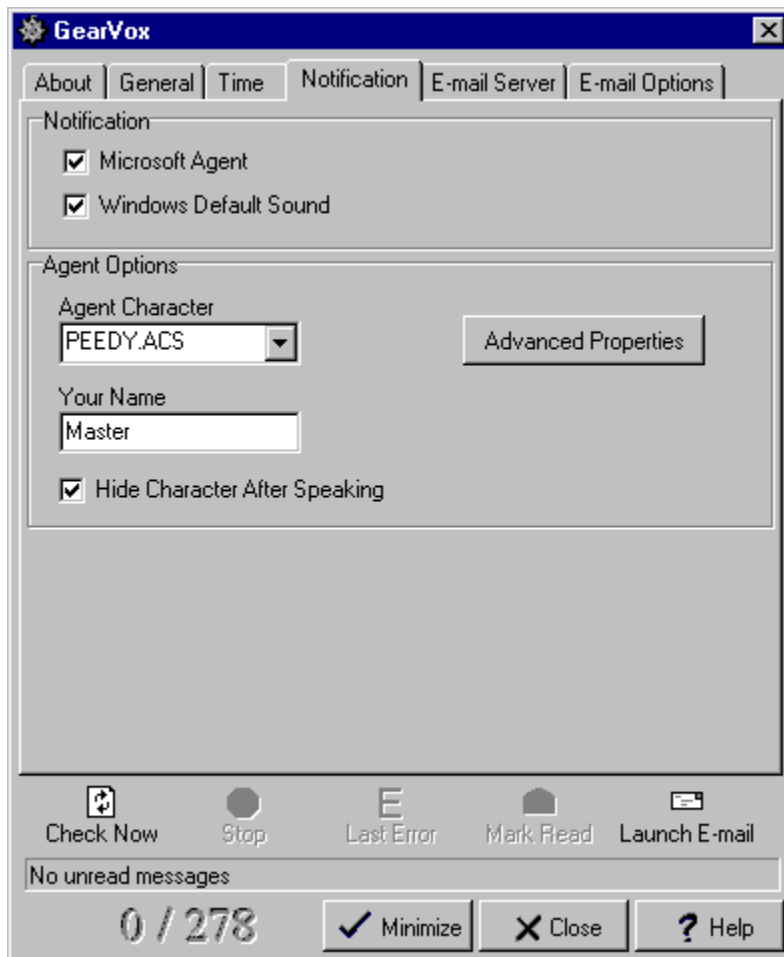
Set the interval for GearVox to speak the time.

## **Clock Face**

Show/Hide the clock face and clock tick marks. This option is only available if you are running Windows in Hi-Color mode.

## Notification Screen

This screen allows you to set your e-mail notification preferences.



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## **Microsoft Agent**

Allow the agent to speak when new mail arrives.

## **Windows Default Sound**

Play the Windows default sound when new mail arrives.

## Agent Character

Select an agent character.

**Your Name**

Agent will speak the name given here. Okay to leave blank.

## **Advanced Properties**

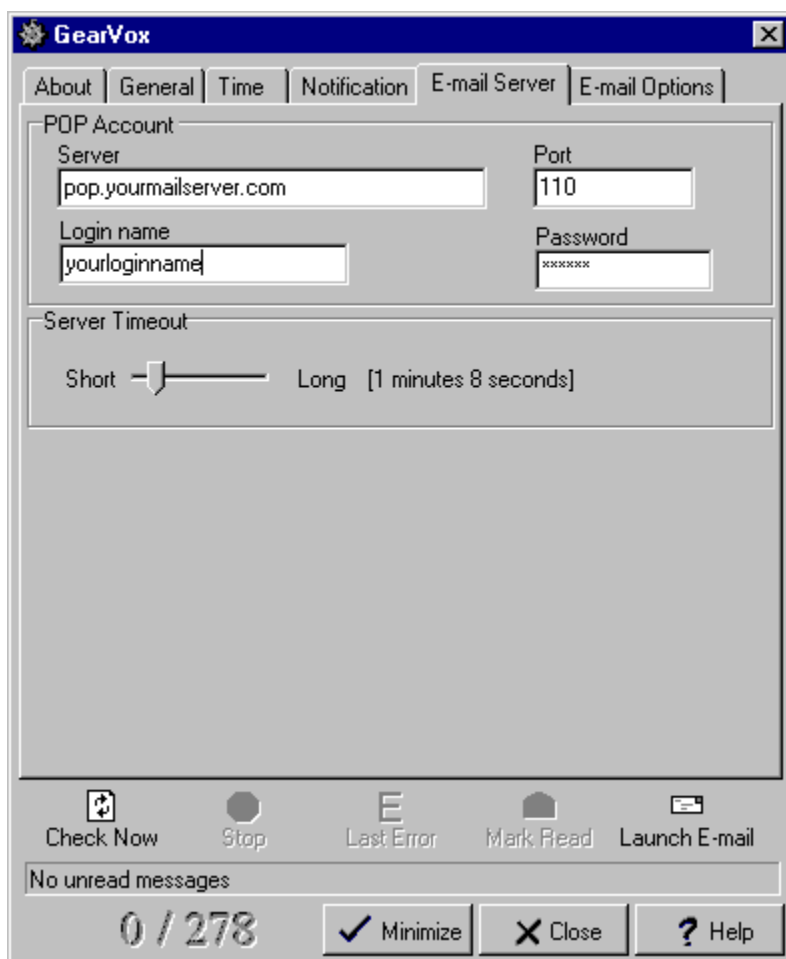
Modify advanced agent properties.

## **Hide Character After Speaking**

Make the agent go away after speaking.

## E-mail Server Screen

This screen allows you to configure your e-mail server.



The screenshot shows the GearVox application window with the 'E-mail Server' tab selected. The window has a title bar with the GearVox logo and a close button. Below the title bar is a tabbed interface with tabs for 'About', 'General', 'Time', 'Notification', 'E-mail Server', and 'E-mail Options'. The 'E-mail Server' tab is active, showing a 'POP Account' section with fields for 'Server' (pop.yourmailserver.com), 'Port' (110), 'Login name' (yourloginname), and 'Password' (masked with xxxxxx). Below this is a 'Server Timeout' section with a slider between 'Short' and 'Long' (1 minutes 8 seconds). At the bottom of the window is a toolbar with icons for 'Check Now', 'Stop', 'Last Error', 'Mark Read', and 'Launch E-mail'. Below the toolbar is a status bar showing 'No unread messages' and a message count '0 / 278'. At the very bottom are buttons for 'Minimize', 'Close', and 'Help'.

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About | General | Time | Notification | **E-mail Server** | E-mail Options

POP Account

Server: pop.yourmailserver.com Port: 110

Login name: yourloginname Password: xxxxxx

Server Timeout

Short [Slider] Long [1 minutes 8 seconds]

Check Now Stop Last Error Mark Read Launch E-mail

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Minimize Close Help

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## **Server**

E-mail server address: (example: mail.mydomain.com)

## Login Name

The name used to access your e-mail account.

### Example

If your e-mail address is `jdoe@yourdomain.com`, then your login name is most likely *jdoe*. Contact your ISP or network administrator for more information.

## **Port**

POP3 e-mail port, usually set to 110.

## **Password**

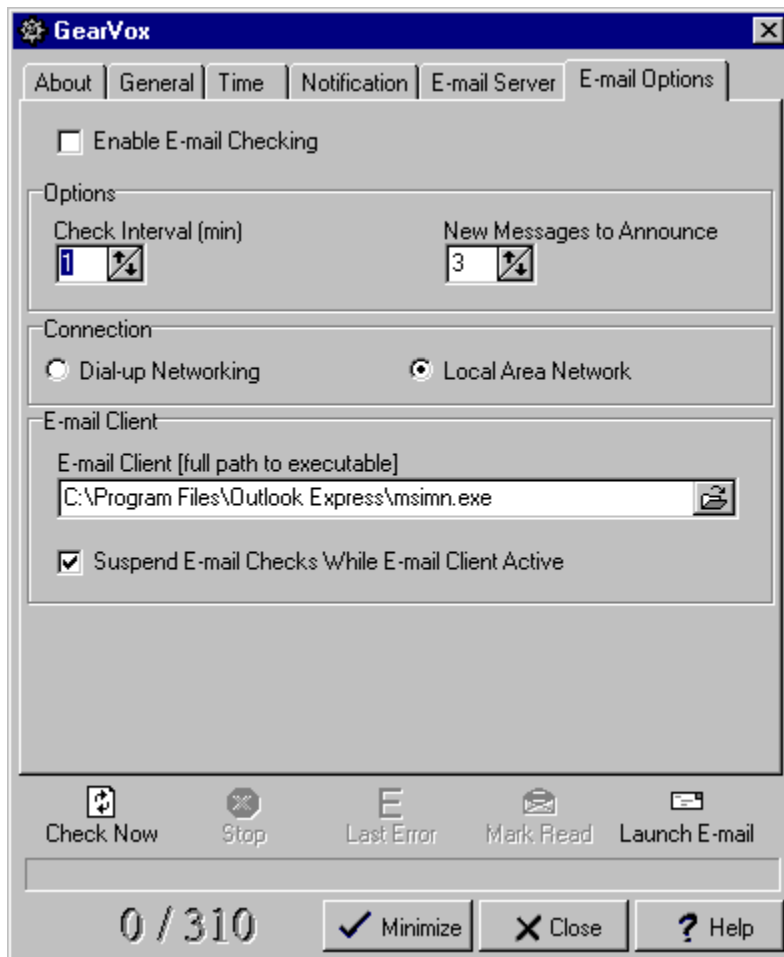
Password used to access your e-mail account.

## **Server Timeout**

The timeout value for GearVox to abort e-mail checks.

## E-mail Options Screen

This screen allows you to configure your e-mail checking preferences.



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## **Enable E-mail Checking**

Allow GearVox to check your e-mail. Clear the check box to disable e-mail check.

This option is available from the right-click [tray icon menu](#) and the [Email Options Screen](#).

## **Check Interval**

Number of minutes between e-mail checks.

## **New Messages to Announce**

Maximum number of new e-mail messages that will be announced.

i. e. If you have 5 new messages since the last check and your ***New Messages to Announce*** is set to 3, only the last three will be announced by GearVox.

## Connection

If you connect via modem, select ***Dial-up networking***. Most cable modem users will select ***Local Area Network***. If ***Local Area Network*** is selected, GearVox will assume you are always connected to the internet and the [dial-up detection](#) code will be disabled.

## E-mail Client

Full path and exe name of your e-mail client, used by the [Launch E-mail](#) button. Press the folder icon on the right side of the text box to browse for your e-mail software.

### Example

*c:\Program Files\Outlook Express\msimn.exe* would specify that GearVox use Outlook Express as your e-mail client.

When you press the [Launch E-mail](#) button, GearVox will start Outlook Express. If you have the [Suspend E-mail Checks](#) box checked, GearVox will not check you e-mail while your e-mail software is active. This prevents access lock problems on your e-mail server if you use IMAP access.

## **Suspend E-mail Checks**

GearVox will not check you e-mail while your e-mail client software is active if this box is checked. This prevents access lock problems on your e-mail server if your e-mail software uses IMAP access.

## **Contact**

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## Usage Tips

Right clicking anywhere on the GearVox main screens will bring up the [Tray Icon Menu](#).

Double clicking the Agent character while it is speaking will force it to stop speaking the current sentence. The Agent character will also hide if you have the [Hide Character After Speaking](#) checked on the [Notification Screen](#).

Double clicking the New Mail [Tray Icon](#) will reset the new mail icon and open your E-mail client software. Double clicking the tray icon at other times will open GearVox.

Use the [Tray Icon Menu](#) to access [recently received messages](#) headers. This is handy if you are away from your computer when new mail arrives.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** The gear tray icon is red. What does this mean?

**Answer:** See the [icon states](#) help section. Red indicates an error has occurred.

**Question:** I can't see the clock face on the [time screen](#). What is wrong?

**Answer:** Try setting your computer to hi-color mode.

**Question:** What does it mean when I see the error message *No dialup connection available*?

**Answer:** You are setup for Dial-up Networking and your modem is not connected. This is the [Dial-up Detection](#) feature of GearVox.

**Question:** What do I do if I get the error message *Connection Timeout*?

**Answer:** Try setting the server timeout longer. This can be done from the [E-mail Server Screen](#).

