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GearVox Version 1.0

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GearVox



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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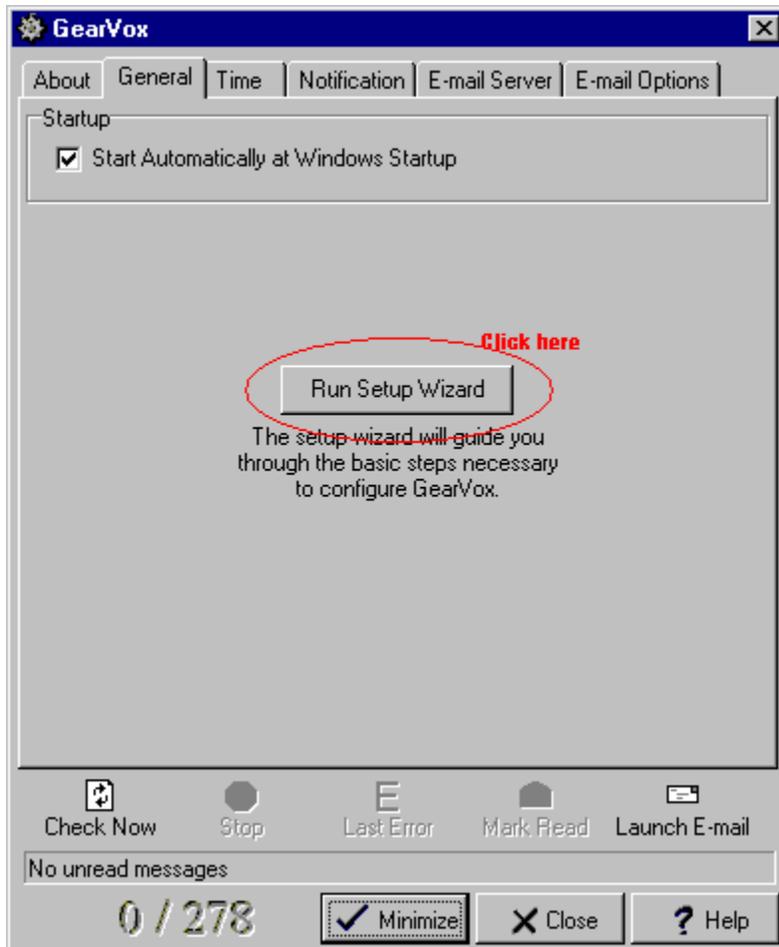
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<http://www.GearheadForHire.com>

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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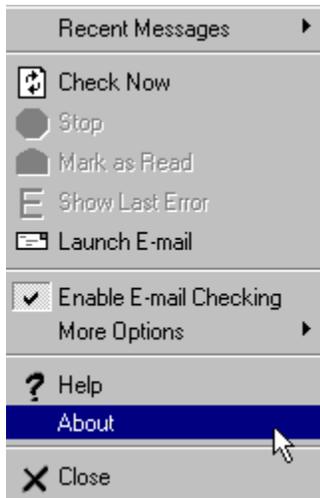
Tray Icon Menu

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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.



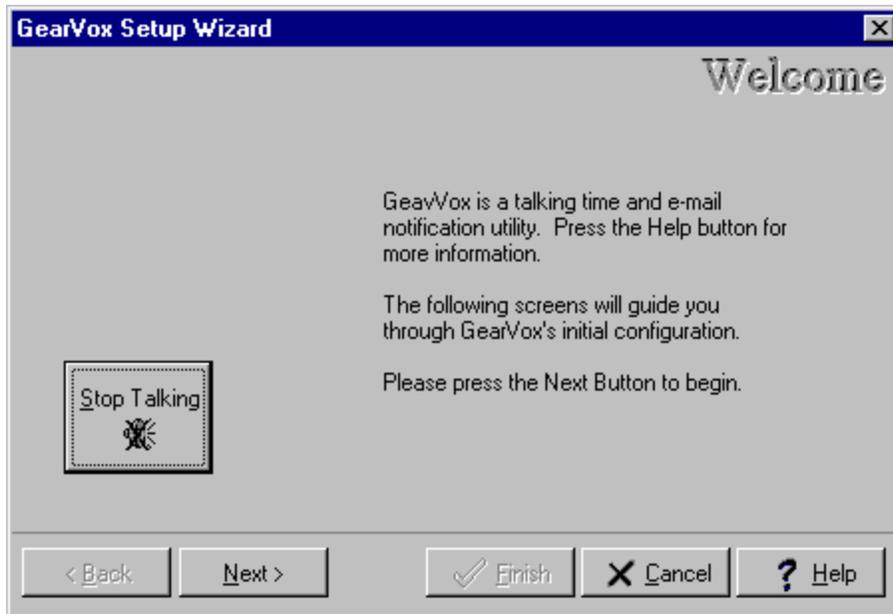
You have messages.



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

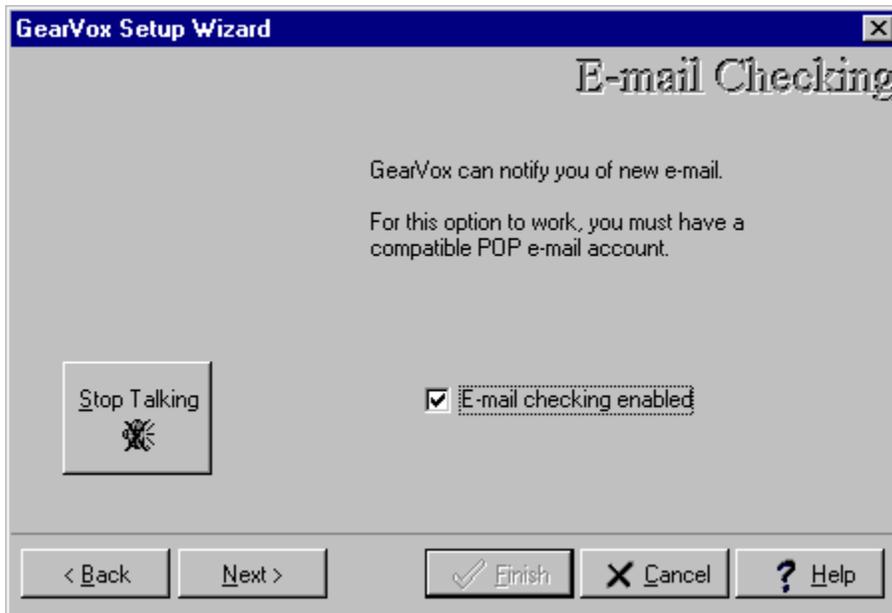
Cancel changes made to all screens of the Setup Wizard.

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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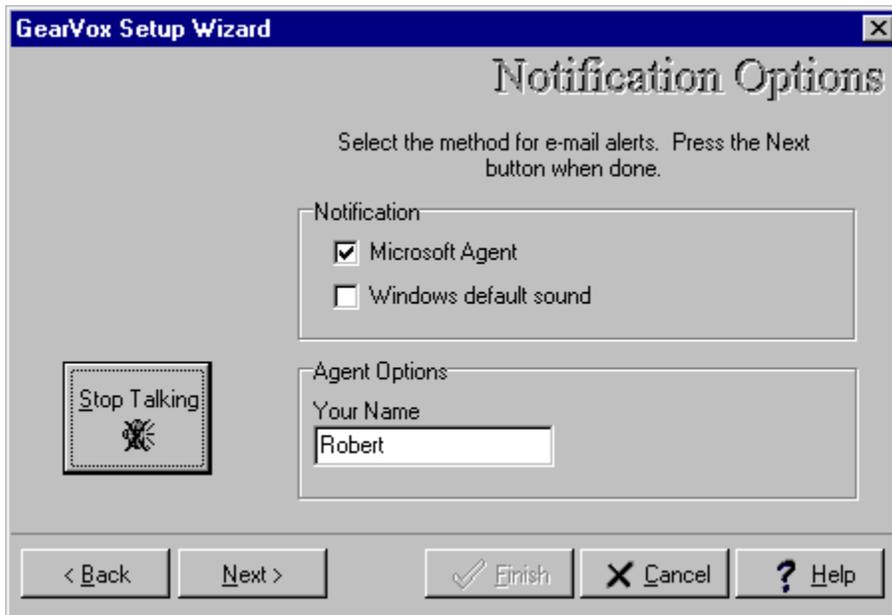
The screenshot shows a window titled "GearVox Setup Wizard" with a sub-title "E-mail Account Options". The window contains the following elements:

- Instructional text:** "Enter your POP e-mail account information. Press the Next Button when done."
- Connection options:** A group box labeled "Connection" containing two radio buttons: "Dial-up Networking" (unselected) and "Local Area Network" (selected).
- POP3 Account fields:** A group box labeled "POP3 Account" containing:
 - "Server": A text box with "pop.yourmailserver.com".
 - "Port": A text box with "110".
 - "Login name": A text box with "yourloginname".
 - "Password": A text box with "*****".
- Buttons:** A "Stop Talking" button with a speaker icon, and a row of navigation buttons: "< Back", "Next >", "✓ Finish", "✗ Cancel", and "? Help".

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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 of the dialog is "Notification Options". Below the title, there is a instruction: "Select the method for e-mail alerts. Press the Next button when done." The dialog is divided into two main sections: "Notification" and "Agent Options".

In the "Notification" section, there are two radio button options: "Microsoft Agent" (which is selected with a checked box) and "Windows default sound" (which is unselected with an empty box).

In the "Agent Options" section, there is a label "Your Name" followed by 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 gear with a lightning bolt through it.

At the bottom of the dialog, there are five buttons: "< Back", "Next >", "Finish" (with a checkmark icon), "Cancel" (with an X icon), and "? Help".

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Wizard Talking Time

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Wizard Startup

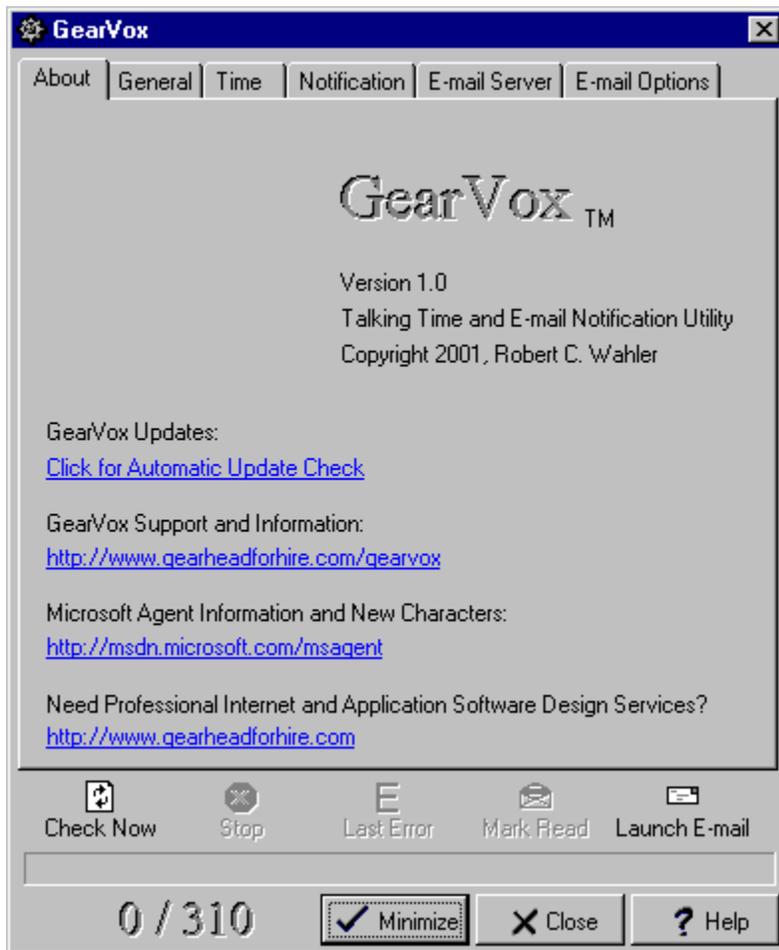
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About

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



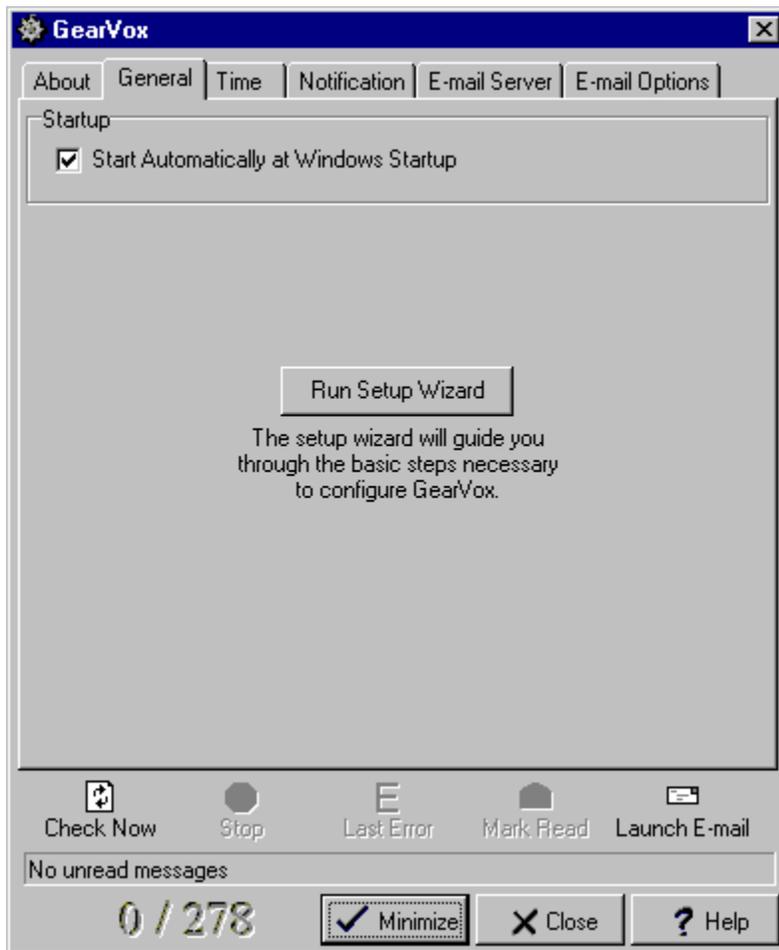
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About Links

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](#).



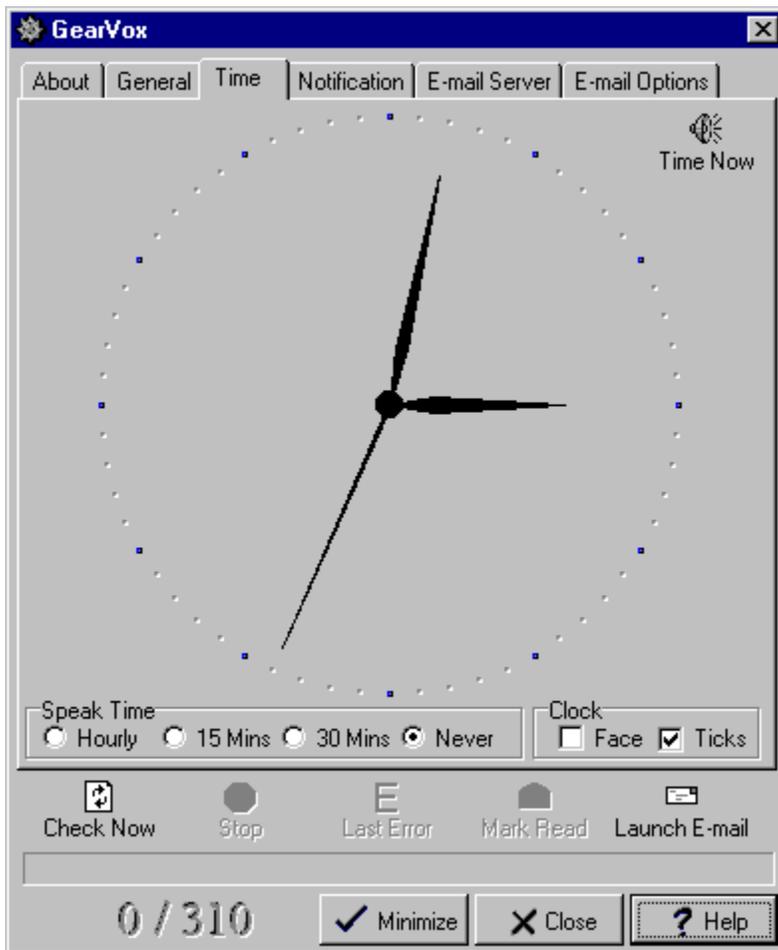
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Start with Windows

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

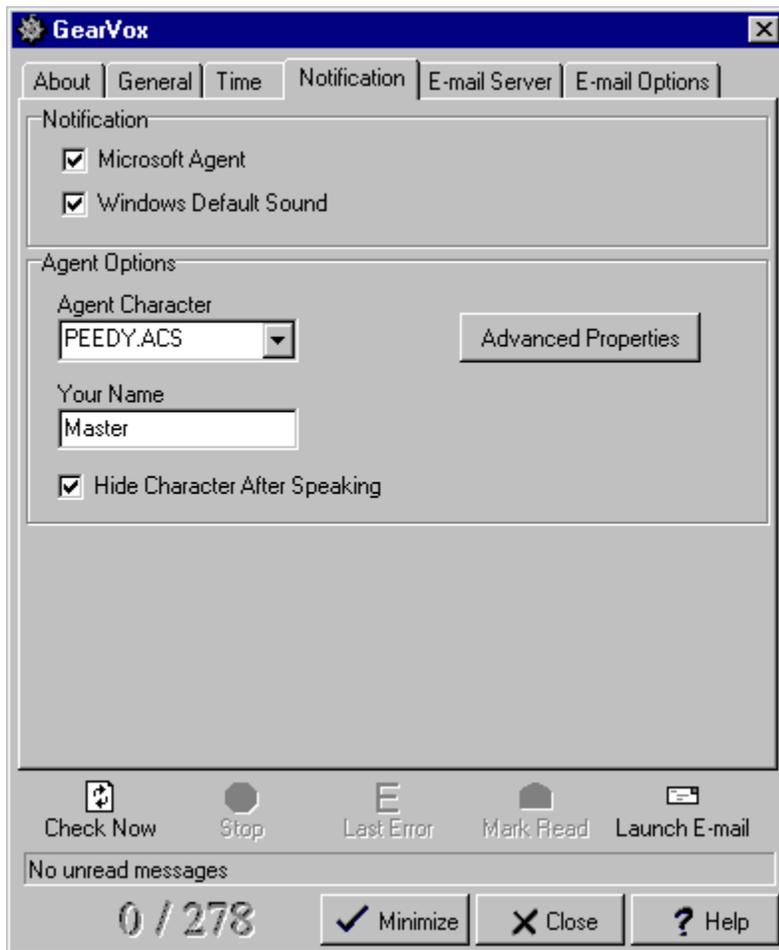
Set the interval for GearVox to speak the time.

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

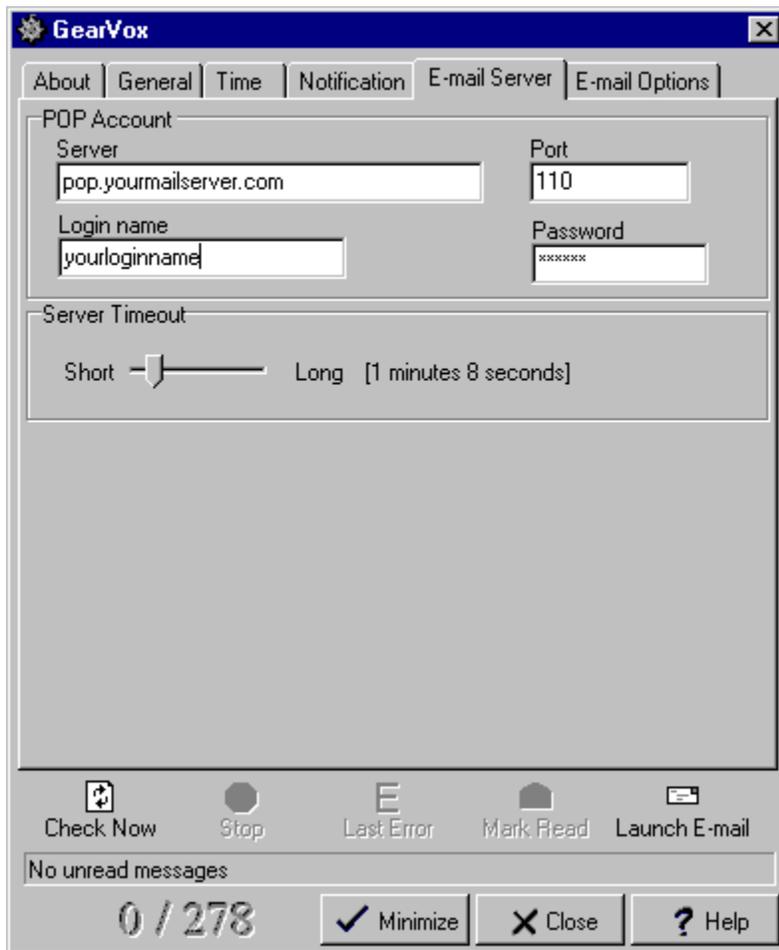
Modify advanced agent properties.

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 title is 'GearVox'. The tabs are 'About', 'General', 'Time', 'Notification', 'E-mail Server', and 'E-mail Options'. The 'POP Account' section contains four text input fields: 'Server' (pop.yourmailserver.com), 'Port' (110), 'Login name' (yourloginname), and 'Password' (masked with asterisks). Below this is a 'Server Timeout' section with a slider between 'Short' and 'Long' (1 minutes 8 seconds). The bottom status bar includes icons for 'Check Now', 'Stop', 'Last Error', 'Mark Read', and 'Launch E-mail'. A message counter shows '0 / 278' and three buttons: 'Minimize', 'Close', and 'Help'.

POP Account

Server: pop.yourmailserver.com

Port: 110

Login name: yourloginname

Password: *****

Server Timeout

Short [Slider] Long [1 minutes 8 seconds]

Check Now Stop Last Error Mark Read Launch E-mail

No unread messages

0 / 278 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

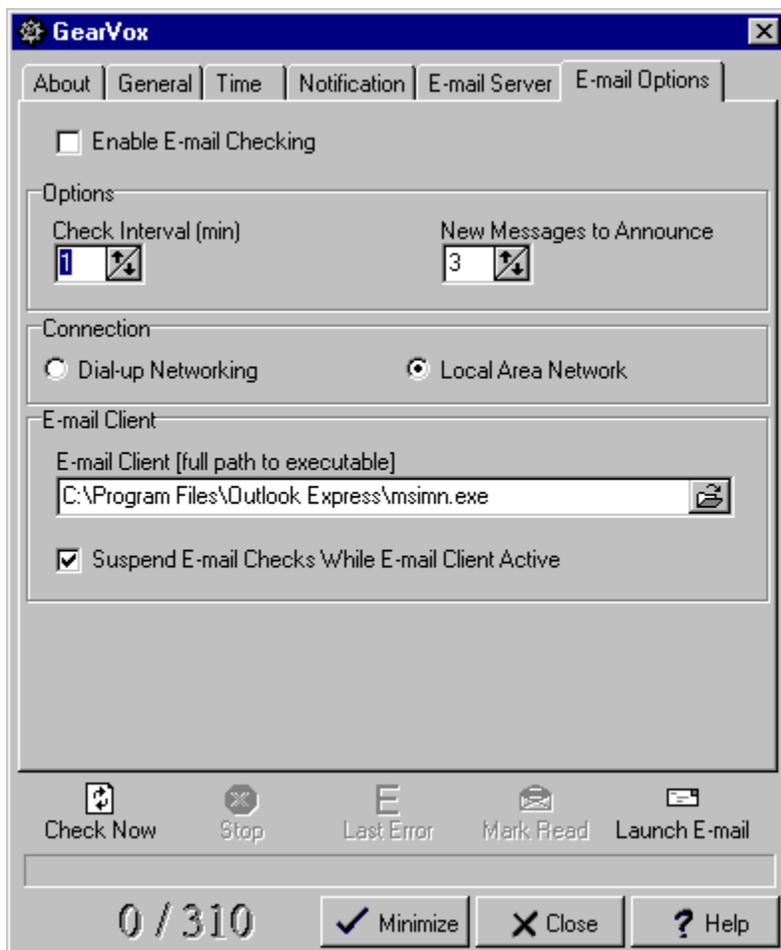
Password used to access your e-mail account.

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.

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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 I mean when I 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](#).

