

Otto's VolID - A Utility to Display Volume Names

Description:

Otto's VolID helps identify which CDROM disk is loaded in a drive. Since most disks have a unique label, VolID uses this label to display a title you supply. It updates the information every 15 seconds or so.

Prerequisites:

Windows 3.1. This application needs a system timer to update its display regularly. Only useful with disks that have a label.

Installation:

Copy the program VOLID.EXE to any directory and just run it. It has no special path requirements.

Using VolID

VolID only runs as an icon. It looks like this:



When VolID starts the first time, it looks at the C drive and displays its label. You will probably want to point it at another drive - the section on **Setting Drive Letter** has the details.

Since some disks may have obscure labels, such as "VOL5REV2", you can setup an **alias** for a given label that contains more helpful text. That is covered in the section on **Setting An Alias**. If VolID finds an alias, it displays it; if not, it displays the label; if the drive is empty or the disk has no label, it displays "none".

In the example above, VolID is monitoring the F: drive which contains a CD-ROM disk that has the alias "Corel Draw 5".

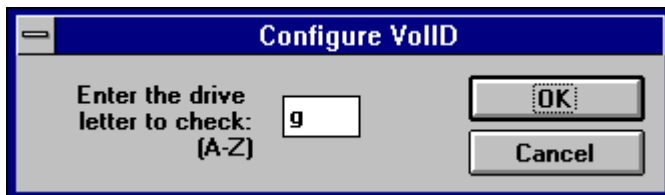
You can launch VolID with a drive parameter which will override the value in the configuration file. For example, to monitor the C drive, start the program as follows:

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c:\windows\volid.exe C
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While VolID was designed with CD-ROM drives in mind, it can be used with any drive type that is assigned a drive letter.

Setting Drive Letter

Click the icon to open the **System Menu** and choose **Set Drive Letter...** The one configurable option is the drive letter to monitor.

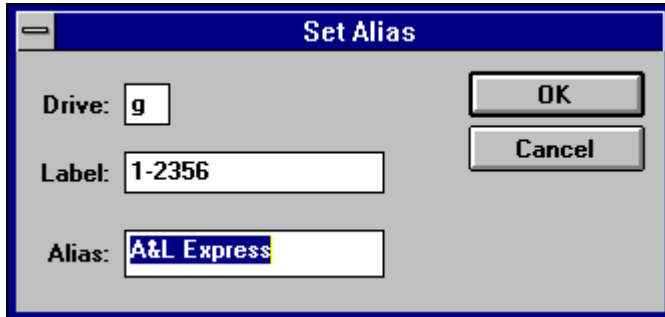


Enter a letter from 'A' to 'Z'.

You can *quickly* bring up the dialog box by **right** clicking on the icon.

Setting An Alias

You can establish an alias for any disk or drive label. First use the **SetDrive Letter** so that VolID is looking at the right drive. Then choose **Setup Alias...** from the System Menu. A dialog box will appear displaying the current drive letter and label, along with an *Alias* field that you fill with any text you choose(up to 15 characters).



Click **Yes** and your *Alias* is saved to disk in the VOLID.INI file.

Peculiarities

On some systems VolID seems to interfere with Corel Draw 4 export functions if started before Corel. As best as I can determine this is a problem with Corel renaming temporary files. Close VolID and restart it if it occurs.

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