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Options Box

      Check "Rise to top for alarm?" if you want the program to force it's self to the topmost window when the time is up.   Otherwise it just beeps and remains in the background.   The default is "on".

      Change "Refresh Rate" if you want the clock to update slower or faster. The default is 1 which means that the clock is refreshed once per second.   I have not noticed any slow down on my system while running 5 WinTimers (big laundry day) at a refresh rate of 1, but on a real slow machine there might be a noticeable slow down so if that is the case then set the refresh rate at 10 or so (But if that is the case then why are you running Windows???).

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Set Timer

Just enter in the correct hours, minutes, seconds, and the reminder message, press OK and the timer starts, simple as that.

Note: The program limits you to 23 hours, 59 minutes, and 59 seconds.

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Set Alarm

     The current time in 24 hour format is displayed in the boxes initially. Just enter in the correct hours, minutes, seconds, and the reminder message, press OK and the timer starts.   Time is displayed as a countdown to the alarm time, just as if you had calculated the time difference yourself and set the timer yourself.   This feature is there to save you the effort of figuring out just how long till 5:00.

Note: If you enter a time earlier in the day than the current time, it goes off tomorrow i.e. if you set it for 10:00 and it is noon it goes off 10:00 tomorrow, the next 10:00.

Note: Remember to enter times in 24 hour format.

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Registration

     If you like this program and would like to continue to use it beyond the 15 day trial period then register it.

Benefits of registration:
- The changes you make in the options dialog are saved.
- The ability to sleep at night and look at yourself in mirror knowing that you are a supporter of the shareware concept.

Costs of registration:
- $5 in Canadian funds plus what ever it costs you to mail it to me.

How to Register:
- Write your name **exactly as you typed it in the registration dialog box** on a piece of paper.   This is important because the serial number is based on the name so if you change the name you need a different serial number.
- Also on the same piece of paper, write your mailing address.   Write it just like I will have to on the envelope to send you your serial number. If you have an Internet address then include it too and I will send you your serial number via email.
- Write a check or get a money order for $5 in Canadian funds (or American funds).   Checks made payable to "Warren Rosenau".
- Put all of the above in an envelope and mail it to   Warren Rosenau
                                          Apt. 27, 10940 - 53 Avenue
                                          Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
                                          T6H 0S3
- As soon as possible you will receive your serial number by mail.

Note: Haven't you always wondered what took the professionals 6-8 weeks?????

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Introduction

     Have you ever been working on your computer and totally lost track of time?   Ever turned dinner into a carbon deposit because you just had to finish that expert level Minesweeper game.   How about finally beating solitaire just as the doorbell rings and realize that you haven't even showered for your date yet?   Imagine taking less than eight hours to do four loads of laundry.

     If you are one of those people like me that loose track of time when in front of the computer then this program is for you.

     You can set timers so you don't forget about dinner, or alarms so you remember to start getting ready at 5:00.   There are no end to the possible applications of this simple program.

     You have the option of changing the refresh rate if you are worried about resources although this program uses almost none.   Most of the executable size is my cool looking bitmap buttons.   You also have the option either have it just beep at you, or it can come right to the top and let you know that you really should do what ever it is that you needed to be reminded of.

About The Author

Hi I'm Warren Rosenau and I wrote this program.   I am currently working on my B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering at the University of Alberta 15 courses left and counting (Haven't written that program yet, but who knows?).   I am 22 years old and taught myself Borland C++ with a great deal of help from a book called "Mastering Borland C++" by Tom Swan.   I shudder to think what my mind would look like if I actually took the 3-4 University courses so that I could officially "know" as much about programming as I do now, but as the old proverb goes "The more you learn, the more you realize there is that you do not know".   Regardless, I am rambling and I am sure that you have better things to do than listen to a fledgling philosopher such as myself.

Thanks for Registering(if you have)

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