Talking Monitor

Talking Monitor watches your system resources and tells you when they are dangerously low.   Talking Monitor will warn you when free memory, free system resources, or disk space fall below a configurable setting.   Talking Monitor can also tell you what your current resource levels are.

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Setting Resource Warning Limits

You can configure the resource levels below which Talking Monitor will warn you.   You can set a <u>warning sound</u> for each resource type: System resources, memory, and disk space.

To configure when Talking Monitor will warn you of low System resources:
- o   Check the System resources option.   Unchecking this option will cause Talking Monitor to stop monitoring System resources.
- o   Use the up and down arrows to set the desired resource level.   When your System resources fall below this percentage, you will receive a warning dialog.   You can also set a <u>warning sound</u> to sound when System resources are low.

    Note: The amount of System resources available under Windows depends mainly on how many applications are loaded.   Exit unneeded applications to increase the amount of free System resources.

To configure when Talking Monitor will warn you of low free memory:
- o   Check the Free memory option.   Unchecking this option will cause Talking Monitor to stop monitoring free memory.
- o   Use the up and down arrows to set the desired resource level.   When your free memory falls below this percentage, you will receive a warning dialog box.   You can also set a <u>warning sound</u> to go off when free memory is low.

To configure when Talking Monitor will warn you of low free disk space:
- o   Select the drive you want to change from the list.   Drives listed in parenthesis are currently not being monitored.
- o   Check the Free disk space option.   Unchecking this option will cause Talking Monitor to stop monitoring disk space on the selected drive.   It will continue to monitor other drives not listed in parenthesis.
- o   Use the up and down arrows to set the desired resource level.   When your free disk space on the listed drive falls below this percentage, you will receive a warning dialog box.   You can also set a <u>warning sound</u> to go off when free disk space is low.

    Note: You can set a different resource warning level for each drive on your system.   Note that only fixed and networked drives are listed--floppy and removable media drives (i.e. SyQuest, Bernouilli) are not listed.

Setting Resource Warning Sounds

You can configure the sound Talking Monitor will play when a given resource falls below a certain level. You can set a <u>warning sound</u> for each resource type: System resources, memory, and disk space.

To change the system resource warning sounds:
- o   Press the Sounds... button.
- o   Press the button corresponding to the resource whose sound you want to change.
- o   Choose the sound.
- o   Press OK.

Hearing System Resource Announcements

Talking Monitor can tell you what your current resource levels are.

To hear your current resource levels:
   o   Press the "Say stats" button.   Only resources which are being monitored will be announced.

To change the voice which announces resources:
   o   Press the Voice... button.

To change the face which announces resources:
   o   Press the Face... button.

To have the resources announced whenever Talking Monitor is loaded:
   o   Check the "Say Stats on startup" option.   See <u>Settings</u> for more details.

Changing Other Settings

To change how often Talking monitor will warn you that a given resource is low:
- o   Use the up and down arrows in the "Warn every..." control to specify how many minutes should elapse between warnings for the same resource being low.   Warnings will continue until the resource level rises above the warning level.

To view resource levels when Talking Monitor is minimized:
- o   Check the Animate icon option.   The Talking Monitor icon will graphically indicate resource levels for all resources, alternating between those being monitored.

To hide Talking Monitor's icon when minimized:
- o   Uncheck the Animate icon option.

To hear your system's resource levels announced when you start Talking Monitor:
- o   Check the "Say stats on startup" option.   You can use this with the Autoload option to hear system resource levels whenever you run Windows.

To set Talking Monitor to load automatically when you run Windows:
- o   Press the Autoload button.   This will insert Talking Monitor's icon into your Startup group.

To stop Talking Monitor from loading automatically when you run Windows:
- o   Press the Don't load button.   This will remove Talking Monitor's icon from your Startup group.