

How to Install Ticker

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Packing List

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The Packing List for the archive file is shown below:

TICK10.ZIP - Program Files

- FILE_ID.DIZ
Ticker Program Description (ASP DIZ Format).
- INSTALL.HLP
Ticker Installation Instructions (Windows Help Format).
- README.1ST
Ticker README File (ASCII TXT Format).
- REGISTER.HLP
Ticker Registration Instructions (Windows Help Format).
- TICKER.EXE
Ticker Executable (Windows EXE Format).
- TICKER.HLP
Ticker help file (Windows Help Format).
- TICKER.DAT
Ticker Environment File (Internal Format).
- TICKER.FON
Ticker Font File (Windows FON Format).
- TICKER.INI
Ticker Initialization File (Windows INI Format).

System Requirements

Ticker contains a liberal amount of custom graphics and graphical animation that impose performance requirements on your system. In addition, Ticker makes certain assumptions about Windows configuration in order to provide message information. Each time that Ticker is executed, it verifies that your system configuration is compatible. Compatibility issues are listed below:

- 1) Ticker requires a 386 or higher CPU.
- 2) A graphics display capable of raster operations.
- 3) Windows 3.1 or later.
- 4) Windows must be running in enhanced mode.
- 5) Windows must be using paged memory.

If you're not sure if your system is compatible with the requirements above, Ticker will tell you when it is executed. There is some chance that even though your system fails the compatibility test, Ticker will run normally. Ticker provides a command line parameter which allows you to bypass the compatibility test and allow Ticker to run (see [no_compatibility](#)).

Installation Procedure

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You should make copies of the archive file so that you can give a copy of Ticker to friends or upload them to your favorite bulletin boards. **Never upload archive files that you have compressed yourself.**

The Installation Procedure is provided below for the (TICK10.ZIP) archive file.

To install the Ticker Program Files from TICK10.ZIP:

- 1) Using PKUNZIP.EXE from PKWARE or the unzipping program of your choice, extract the Ticker Program Files from the archive file TICK10.ZIP in the drive and directory of your choice. See the [Packing List](#) for a list of the distribution files.
- 2) Install the Ticker Fonts into the Windows system. If you are not familiar with installing fonts, just follow the steps in [Installing Ticker Fonts](#).
- 3) Edit the InstallerName keyword in the TICKER.INI file to include your name. For an example see [Updating InstallerName in TICKER.INI](#).
- 4) Now you can double click on the Ticker executable (TICKER.EXE) from the File Manager or create a Program Manager entry and double click on the Ticker Icon. If you are not familiar with creating a Program Manager entry, just follow the simple steps in [Creating a Ticker Program Manager Entry](#).
- 7) **Installation of Ticker is now complete.**

If you encounter any problems during the Ticker installation procedure, contact me via one of the methods available from the README.1ST file.

Known Problems

This is the first release of Ticker and as such it has not had the advantage of being executed on a wide variety of systems and configurations. The author would appreciate the reporting of any problems that you encounter. This current list of known problems is shown below:

- 1) When changing from a high resolution (800X600, 1024x768, etc.) display mode back to standard VGA (640x480) display mode after saving Tickers window positions, Ticker will ring the bell continuously if it is outside of the VGA display area. The work around is simply to move all of Tickers windows within the VGA display area before switching back to VGA mode. You can also use the Restore Default Settings Menu Item from the File Menu, but make sure that you can afford to forfeit your other settings.

Errata

None to report.

Installing Ticker Fonts

To install the Ticker fonts into the Windows system:

- 1) Open the Windows Control Panel.
- 2) Double click on the Fonts Icon.
- 3) Click on the Add Pushbutton (on the right of the Fonts dialog box). An Add Fonts dialog box will open.
- 4) Select the drive where you placed the Ticker distribution files using the Drives combo box.
- 5) Select the directory where you placed the Ticker distribution files using the Directories list box.
- 6) You will see "TickerFonts" in the List of Fonts list box. Select that entry by clicking on it.
- 7) I recommend that you deselect the Copy Fonts to Windows Directory checkbox at the bottom of the dialog box.
- 8) Now click the OK pushbutton. The Fonts dialog box will close.
- 9) You will now see the Ticker Fonts in the list of installed fonts in the Installed Fonts list box.
- 10) Click the CLOSE pushbutton and the font installation is complete.

Creating a Ticker Program Manager Entry

To create a Ticker Program Manager Entry in the Windows system:

- 1) Click on the Program Manager Group where you want Ticker to be placed.
- 2) Click the Program Manager Files Menu and then the New menu item. The New Program Object dialog box will open.
- 3) Click on the Program Item radio button and then click the OK pushbutton. The Program Item Properties dialog box will open.
- 4) Enter Ticker Tape in the Description edit box.
- 5) Enter the full path for TICKER.EXE (**including the file name**) in the Command Line edit box.
- 6) Enter the full path for TICKER.EXE (**without the file name**) in the Working Directory edit box.
- 7) Click the OK pushbutton and the Program Manager entry is complete.

Updating InstallerName in TICKER.INI

The lines below can be found in TICKER.INI. The InstallerName keyword is the fourth line down. Initially the keyword is empty (i.e., InstallerName=). You supply your own name by using any text editor (e.g., NOTEPAD). The name you enter can be 50 characters in length. See the example below:

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[Registration]
Status=Uninstalled
InstallationDate=
InstallerName=Linda Lubbers
Password=
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