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## Overview of TimeWin

TimeWin is a time management product designed to assist in the tracking and billing of time to your clients. TimeWin provides a simple "file manager" type layout which allows you to view and assign where you want to bill your time. With TimeWin you can separate your billable hours into different projects and tasks making it easier to provide your employer with a comprehensive breakdown of your activities. At the end of a billing period you can use TimeWin to generate an invoice containing your hours worked for each client.

To start using TimeWin, create a client



Next, you need to create one or more projects that you work on for this client. Highlight your

client's name on the TimeWin list and create a project



for your Client.

Create one or more tasks that you perform when working on the project. Click on the file folder icon beside your client to see all the projects. Highlight a project



for the project.

To record your time highlight the current task that you are working on and punch in



Enter a description for the current activity you are performing, click the "Punch In" button, and minimize TimeWin. When you are finished working on the current task punch out.



Enter any additional activity information in the description and click the punch out button. Your session information has now been recorded for the selected Client / Project / Task.



## Clients

Clients represents companies to which you bill time. The client information entered here will be printed on your TimeWin invoices. You will be required to enter a company name in order to add a new client.

*Required : Company Name*

### Add

To create a CLIENT in TimeWin select the

**Edit | New | Clients** option from the menu or click on the client icon.

### Edit

To edit a CLIENT select the **Edit | Edit** option from the menu with a client selected on the TimeWin list.

### Delete

To delete a CLIENT select the **Edit | Delete | Clients** option from the menu with a client selected on the TimeWin list.

Note:

If you fill in the contact section of the client information your invoices will print the heading "Attn.: Contact" heading after the client information. Use this section to direct your invoice to a specific person or department in an organization. ***Deleting a client will delete all projects , tasks and sessions associated with this client!!***



## Projects

Projects provides the user with a means of grouping hours billed to a client into different categories. Projects can represent departments, locations, services, or special 'projects' you work on for your client. Each project has an associated billing rate allowing you to bill at different rates for projects.

*Required : Project , Default Rate*

### **Add**

To create a PROJECT for a client, highlight the client from the TimeWin list. Select the **Edit | New | Project** option from the menu or click on the project icon.

### **Edit**

To edit a PROJECT select the **Edit | Edit** option from the menu with a project selected on the TimeWin list.

### **Delete**

To delete a PROJECT select the **Edit | Delete | Projects** option from the menu with a project selected on the TimeWin list.

Note:

***Deleting a project will delete all the tasks and sessions associated with that project!!***



## Tasks

Tasks provides a means of grouping hours billed on a project into different services. Tasks represent activities like travel, administration, bookkeeping, meetings, training, etc. that you bill time towards. Defining these categories provides an accurate account of your daily activities on a project.

*Required : Task Description*

### **Add**

To create a TASK on a project, highlight the project from the TimeWin list and select the **Edit | New | Task** option from the menu or click on the task icon.

### **Edit**

To edit a TASK select the **Edit | Edit** option from the menu with a task selected on the TimeWin list.

### **Delete**

To Delete a TASK select the **Edit | Delete | Task** option from the menu with a task selected on the TimeWin list.

Note:

*TimeWin provides a "Task Rate" which allows the user to specify the hourly billing rate for the task. If you leave the task rate blank, TimeWin will use the "Default Rate" specified for the project. **Deleting a task will delete all sessions relating to that task!!***



## Sessions

Sessions represent the hours you want to bill to a specific Client / Project / Task.

*Required : Start Date, Start Time, Finish Date, Finish Time*

### Add

To create a SESSION on a task, highlight a task on the TimeWin list and select the

**Edit | New | Session** option from the menu or click on the session icon.

### Edit

To edit a SESSION select the **Edit | Edit** option from the menu with a task selected on the TimeWin list.

### Delete

To Delete a SESSION select the **Edit | Delete | Session** option from the menu with a task selected on the TimeWin list.

Note:

*If the start date differs from the end date TimeWin will automatically generate an additional session for the end date.*

See Also : [Preferences](#)



## Reports

Use the report option to View / Print billing information on your clients. TimeWin allows you to view the hours billed to a specific Client, Project, or Task for a specified date interval. For example you can request all hours / \$amount to be billed to a client for last month. For more specific information you can request the hours / \$amount billed yesterday to a specific task.

### TimeWin Reports

Client

Project

Task

Reporting Date Interval

Start Date  Finish Date

**Print Report**

Invoice #

Display Session Details

Display Time Only

Display Hourly Rates

Tasks Chronological within Project

**View Totals**

Hours

Sub Total

State Tax

Federal

**Total**

**View Total**

**Print Invoice**

**Cancel**

## Registration

### Order Form

TimeWin ® 1.0 Registration Form / Invoice

#### Ordering by check or money order:

To order by check send this order form and a check or money order to

Thunder Creek Software Inc.,  
P.O. Box 452, Calgary, AB.  
Canada T2P 2J1

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Ordering with CompuServe's Software Registration Service: Enter GO SWREG at the ! prompt and follow the menus. TimeWin's registration id is 5156.

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TimeWin Single Copy \_\_\_\_\_ copies at \$49.95 each = \_\_\_\_\_  
Total payment \_\_\_\_\_

Prices guaranteed through November 1995.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Eve: \_\_\_\_\_

Electronic Mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about TimeWin? \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Suggestions:



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## Preferences

**Preferences**

Name

Company

Address1

Address2

City

State/Prov.

Country

Postal Code

Phone

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Tax Description 1  Rate  %

Tax Description 2  Rate  %

Minimum Billing Interval (Min)

Specify date range to view session information for.

Start Date

End Date

### Company Information

Enter your companies address information that you want printed on the top of your invoice. Note: The name and company fields will display your name and company name if your copy of timewin is registered.

### Tax Descriptions / Rates

TimeWin provides two tax fields that are user definable allowing you to enter the name of the tax and the rate to be applied to your invoice totals.

### Start / End Date

The start and end date represent the date range you wish to display in the list. TimeWin will only display session information that falls within the date range. This feature is useful when tasks contain a large number of sessions. Set the date range to the current month to avoid viewing previous months session data in the list.

### Minimum Billing Time

TimeWin allows you to set a minimum billing time for your sessions. Enter the minimum number of minutes you wish to bill for and TimeWin will adjust any new session times that are less than your specified interval.

## Punch In / Punch Out



### **Punch In**

Clicking on the punch in button marks the start of an activity for the currently selected Client / Project / Task.

The session dialog will be displayed allowing you to:

- Enter the Start Date / Time of session activities.

- Enter the description of the activities.

- Click on the punch in button to close the session window.

The currently punched in session will show up under the selected task with no end time.

The main TimeWin window will display in the bottom panels the client / project / task that you are currently punched in to.



### **Punch Out**

Clicking on the punch out button marks the completion of an activity for the currently selected Client / Project / Task.

Enter the End Date / Time of session activities.

See Also : [Add Session](#) ,[Preferences](#)

## **Compact Database**

Use this option to compact the TimeWin.MDB file. In addition TimeWin will automatically create a backup copy of the old TimeWin.MDB called TimeBak.MDB.

Warning :

This file will be overwritten each time a compact is performed. If you wish to retaining incremental backups of these files you must move the file out of the TimeWin directory.

## **Repair Database**

Use this option to repair the TimeWin database if it becomes damaged.

## Password

The client and billing information you keep in TimeWin is confidential data that should be protected from unauthorized viewing. For this reason the TimeWin database has been encrypted and secured. In addition the TimeWin application contains a password option enabling you to protect your data from within TimeWin. The TimeWin password options forces your to enter a password before using the TimeWin database. In addition the menu option "Lock TimeWin" is useful when you leave you computer for a period and want to secure TimeWin without exiting.



The image shows a dialog box titled "TimeWin Password Protection". At the top, there is a checkbox labeled "Password Protect". Below this, there is a text input field labeled "Old Password". A horizontal line separates this section from the next. Below the line is a button labeled "Change Password". Underneath the button are two more text input fields: "New Password" and "Verify". At the bottom of the dialog box are two buttons: "OK" and "Cancel".

To setup a password use the **Edit | Password** menu option.  
Click the Password Protect option  
Enter the Old Password

Note:

*Leave blank if no prior password*

Enter the New Password  
Enter the New Password again in the Verify field.

See Also : [Lock TimeWin](#)

## **Lock TimeWin**

Use this option to secure TimeWin when you leave your computer and don't want to exit TimeWin. Selecting the 'Lock TimeWin' option will automatically minimize TimeWin. When you return simply double-click on the TimeWin icon and enter your password.



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## **Client / Project / Task Selection**

Displays the selected Client / Project / Task to report on. If you highlight a Client on the TimeWin list the Task and Project panels will be blank telling you that TimeWin will report on all Projects and Tasks for the selected Client. Selecting a Project from the TimeWin list and clicking the report button will leave the Task name blank providing you a project level report. Selecting a Task from the TimeWin list and clicking the report button will display the Client / Project / Task to report on.

## **Report Date Range**

Choose one of the pre configured date ranges or select the custom Date Interval to specify your own date range to report on. Click the down arrow buttons if you wish to use a calendar to specify your dates.

**Invoice #**

Enter the invoice number you want TimeWin to print on your invoice. TimeWin will save the last printed invoice # and display it the next time you enter the report window.

## **Display Session Details**

Checking this option will print all session information for each task on your invoice. This option is useful when you require a detailed breakdown of your activities. If you don't check this option TimeWin will only display Task, Project, and Client totals on your invoice.

## **Display Time Only**

Prints the invoice without any billing amounts only time.

## **Tasks Chronological within Project**

Orders the tasks in each project in the order they were entered into the system. If this option is not checked TimeWin will order the tasks alphabetically.

## **Display Hourly Rates**

Checking this option will print your billing rates beside your project and task descriptions.



## **View Totals**

Displays the calculated hours / \$amounts for the specified date range. The two panels shown after the subtotal will contain tax amounts if they have been specified under the preference option.

## **View Total**

Calculates the hours / \$amounts and displays them in the View Totals area on the report window.

## **Print Invoice**

TimeWin will print an invoice for the specified date interval. The time worked during this interval will be grouped by Project and Task. Tasks not containing an hourly rate will use the rate specified for the project. Both hours and amounts will be summed on a Project / Task level as well as a Total Hours and Total Amounts at the end of the invoice. The invoice will also addin a Tax amount/s if setup in the TimeWin preference window.

## **Enhancements**

### **Version 1.20**

1. Display project rate on task screen.
2. Added new report option to print invoice with only time information.
3. Added new preference to allow user to specify a minimum billing interval.
4. Revised registration to allow for users without a company.
5. Added new report option to sort the tasks within a project alphabetically or chronologically.
6. Added version number to the invoice footer information.

