

Application Timer Documentation

AT.EXE program launches programs at a specified time, or on regular intervals. It can be used to automate backups, asynchronous communications, CPU intensive calculations, etc. It is an easy program to use. Just set the time, date and the program to be launched, and as long as the AT program is running, it will launch your program. It will launch DOS programs as well as Windows programs.

If you plan to use AT.EXE for Daily or Weekly program launching, you should have the program automatically load when you run Windows. To have AT.EXE automatically load as an icon, first associate the .AT extension with the AT.EXE program. Then put your .AT file on the **load=** line of your **win.ini** file. Example: **load= C:\AT\RUNAUTO.AT** The program does not have to be the foreground task to launch applications.

The program is designed to run under Windows 3.0 and use a minimal amount of CPU time. You may set the frequency for which the computer checks for a program to launch. The recommended time is 100 (1 second). With the default setting, you will probably not notice any slowdown on the system. If your computer experiences any slowdown, or your operations are not time critical operations, you may want to increase the number.

To create an .AT file, choose Configure.Add, and fill in the time and date that you would like to have the program launched. If you would like the program to be launched on regular intervals, choose one of the intervals, and then set an ending time. For example: If you chose Daily interval, then the program will launch every day at the same time until it passes the Ending Time. You may specify an entire command line in the Run field. Be sure your system clock is correct because the AT program compares the time against your system clock.

To edit an entry in the .AT file, select an entry, and choose Configure.Edit, or you may double-click on an entry. This will allow you to make any modifications you would like. The item that you are editing will be inactivated until you have made your modifications and hit OK.

To delete an .AT file entry, select an entry, then choose Configure.Delete. You will not be asked for a confirmation.

To use the Application Timer program you must have computer running Windows 3.0. The program works best on a 386 or 486 computer. If you have a 286, be aware that if you launch a DOS program, the DOS program will take control of the machine, and the Application Timer will not be able to launch other programs until the DOS program has been either iconized or exited. For those fortunate enough to have a 386 or 486 computer, the same thing is true for those programs that run in exclusive mode.

The shareware version has been modified to launch programs unattended 90% of the time. For the other 10% it will pop up a confirmation message. This makes the shareware version unacceptable for unattended operation. AT.EXE is a copyrighted program, however, copies of the program may be distributed as long as all documentation, and copyright notices are kept with it. The program can be registered for a mere \$15.00. For the registration fee you will get a full working version of the program. The fifteen dollar registration fee is a bargain considering a similar program sells for \$149.00. To register the program, print a copy of REGISTER.WRI. Fill out the form, enclose a check for \$15.00 and send it to:

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