

TransferTIME 3.0 for Windows

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This help file is intended to serve as a brief reminder or overview of the TransferTIME for Windows program. For in-depth discussions of how to use TransferTIME for Windows, please refer to the user's manual (TTIMEW.WRI) included as part of this package.

A complete list of the files included with TransferTIME for Windows is documented in the [VENDINFO.DIZ](#) file. If any file (including the VENDINFO.DIZ) is missing, please contact RGH Software via phone or fax at (616) 832-3328 for a complete copy of the TransferTIME for Windows package.

What Is TransferTIME?

TransferTIME is a utility package for the "serious" modem or telecommunications user that allows the user to estimate how long a file transfer will take, or how much it will cost.

File transfers may be estimated by providing the name of the file (for files being sent from your computer to someone else's), or by providing the size of the file (for files being sent from another computer to yours, or for a file being sent from your computer to someone else's).

Multiple file names and sizes can be provided at once, and you may mix both file names and file sizes.

TransferTIME is very flexible, with the ability for the user to change or add file transfer protocols and to customize the cost-reporting features to reflect the user's actual costs of transferring files.

If you've ever asked yourself, "How long will it take to transfer this file?" - or perhaps more importantly, "HOW MUCH will it COST ME to transfer this file?" then TransferTIME is the tool you've been looking for!

TransferTIME for Windows is a shareware package. From the first help screen, click the line "Registering TransferTIME" for information on how to register and benefits of registration.

Using the Windows Controls

Using the Drive, Directory and File List Controls

TransferTIME provides a complete set of "file list" controls that allows you to utilize familiar Windows components to select a file to provide an estimate for. These controls are arranged top-to-bottom on the left-hand side of the TransferTIME window.

The "Drives" control allows you to select the disk drive that you want TransferTIME to locate files on. Clicking your mouse on the arrow on the right side of this control brings up a list of available drives on your system, so you may choose a different drive.

The "Directories" control lists the current directory, and all directories below that one. Double-clicking on a directory in the list will make that directory the current directory. Double-clicking on the topmost entry in the list will move you to the root directory of the current drive. If there are more directories than will fit in the list, a scroll bar will appear and you may use it to move up or down in the list.

The "Files" control lists all the files in the current directory. Clicking once on a file in the list will cause TransferTIME to put that file's name into the "File(s) to Estimate" box. Clicking the "Estimate" button will then give you an estimate of how long it will take to transfer that file, and how much the file transfer will cost.

Estimating a file transfer by typing in the file name

Using the "File(s) to Estimate" Box

You may have TransferTIME provide an estimate for a file transfer by typing the name of the file, along with any needed path information, directly into the box labeled "File(s) to Estimate". When TransferTIME is loaded, the cursor is located in this box, allowing you to directly type in file names.

If the cursor is not located in the "File(s) to Estimate" box, you can move it there by either moving the mouse pointer to the box and clicking inside of it, or by pressing the Tab key until the cursor appears in the box.

The cursor **MUST** be in the "File(s) to Estimate" box to type in a file name. When you've entered the file name, click the "Estimate" button to have TransferTIME give you an estimate.

You may enter multiple file names in the box, and TransferTIME will provide an estimate for each file. To enter multiple files, type in the file name (and path information, if needed) for each file, typing a space between each file name. When you've typed in all the names you want estimates provided for, click the "Estimate" button.

You will note that the "Estimate" button has changed to a button labeled "Next !", informing you that there are more file estimates to be viewed. When you are finished reading the estimate for the file currently being displayed, click on the "Next !" button to view the estimate for the next file

Estimating a file transfer by file sizes

Estimates for files being transferred to your computer

To estimate a file transfer by file size (the only way to get an estimate for a file being sent to your computer), first make sure that the cursor is located in the "File(s) to Estimate" box, so you can type in the file size.

Next, type in the file size (in bytes) without any commas.

You may enter multiple file sizes in the box, and TransferTIME will provide an estimate for each file. To enter multiple files, type in the file size for each file, typing a space between each file name. When you've typed in all the files you want estimates provided for, click the "Estimate" button.

You will note that the "Estimate" button has changed to a button labeled "Next !", informing you that there are more file estimates to be viewed. When you are finished reading the estimate for the file currently being displayed, click on the "Next !" button to view the estimate for the next file

Using TransferTIME to estimate multiple files

You may provide several file names and/or file sizes for TransferTIME to provide estimates for by typing the file names and/or sizes into the "File(s) to Estimate" box, separating each name or size by a space.

They may be entered in any order, and up to twenty file names or sizes may be given at once.

When you've entered all the file names and/or sizes you want estimates for, click the "Estimate" button. The estimate for the first file will be given, and the "Estimate" button will change to read "Next !", indicating that there are more estimates waiting.

When you've finished with the currently displayed estimate, click the "Next !" button to proceed to view the next estimate.

Customizing TransferTIME

Brief overview of the TTIME.INI file

The TTIME.INI file contains default information to get you started quickly with the program. You can easily change the default settings using a text editor such as NOTEPAD. Follows is a brief explanation of each section of the TTIME.INI file:

```
[TransferTIME 3.0]
ForeColor = 6
BackColor = 0
RegKey1 =
RegKey2 = 00000000
```

This first section contains no information that needs to be changed under Windows. The ForeColor and BackColor settings are used by the DOS version of TransferTIME. Changing the RegKey1 and RegKey2 settings is not recommended, as these store the user's registration key and number.

```
[Protocols]
Prot1Name = XModem
Prot2Name = YModem/G - CIS B+
Prot3Name = ZModem
Prot1Effic = 0.900
Prot2Effic = 0.929
Prot3Effic = 0.958
```

This section contains the names and efficiency ratings of the protocols you wish TransferTIME to provide estimates for. See the manual for an explanation of how to change them properly. Unless you are changing one of the default protocols to a new one, you should not have to change these entries.

```
[Speeds]
Speed1 = 2400
Speed2 = 9600
Speed3 = 14400
```

This section contains the modem speeds used for file transfers, and may be changed if needed to reflect your modem's speed.

```
[Costs]
Cost1 = 0.213
Cost2 = 0.380
Cost3 = 0.380
```

This section contains the 'per-minute' cost information for TransferTIME to estimate file costs. They may be changed to reflect your actual costs. Refer to the manual for a complete discussion on how to calculate these costs.

Registering TransferTIME

Why, How, and what you'll get in return

TransferTIME is not a public domain or free program. It is marketed under the Shareware marketing principle, where you are allowed to evaluate it under your own computing environment. You are allowed to evaluate this program for thirty (30) days. Continued use beyond thirty days requires a registration payment to RGH Software.

To register, print out and complete the registration form that is given on the last page of the user's manual (TTIMEW.WRI) and return it to RGH Software along with the appropriate payment.

In return for registration, you will get the following benefits:

- The latest DOS and Windows versions of TransferTIME, with your own personalized registration number and key
- An easy-to-use, mouse-driven program that will make personalizing your TTIME.INI file simple and quick
- At least two free upgrades/bug fixes
- A license to continue using future releases of TransferTIME
- Preferential customer support via fax or voice phone (RGH Software cannot guarantee voice/fax support to unregistered users. Unregistered users should use CompuServe MAIL or U.S. Mail for support)
- A free CompuServe IntroPak, with a \$15 on-line usage credit
- Discounts on other products and special offers from time to time

About Shareware and the ASP

Shareware is an exciting marketing method where you are allowed to try out some of the best software available, in your own computing environment, and at your own pace.

Most shareware packages have an "evaluation period", where you are allowed a set period of time to try the software out and see if it meets your needs.

Shareware packages that you find useful, or intend to continue using beyond the evaluation period, must be registered by paying the author the required registration fee.

In return for your registration, you will get (at a minimum) a license to continue using the shareware program. Most shareware authors offer other incentives to register, such as removal of "nag screens", printed manuals, bonus materials, utilities that work with the main program, discounts on other products, "freebies", and more.

By registering the shareware products you find useful, you support the shareware marketing principle. Shareware authors are encouraged to write even more top-quality programs. You benefit because you'll get an even wider variety of programs to choose from, and "Try Before You Buy"!

RGH Software is a member of the Association of Shareware Professionals (ASP), an organization of shareware authors, vendors, BBSes, user groups and others who have all banded together to help promote shareware. The ASP's primary goals are:

- To inform users about shareware programs and about shareware as a method of distributing and marketing software;
- To encourage broader distribution of shareware through user groups and disk dealers who agree to identify and explain the nature of shareware;
- To assist members in marketing their software;
- To provide a forum through which ASP members may communicate, share ideas, and learn from each other; and
- To foster a high degree of professionalism among shareware authors by setting programming, marketing and support standards for ASP members to follow.

RGH Software is a member of the Association of Shareware Professionals (ASP). ASP wants to make sure that the shareware principle works for you. If you are unable to resolve a shareware-related problem with an ASP member by contacting the member directly, ASP may be able to help. The ASP Ombudsman can help you resolve a dispute or problem with an ASP member, but does not provide technical support for members' products. Please write to the ASP Ombudsman at: ASP Ombudsman, 545 Grover Road, Muskegon, MI 49442-9427 (USA) or send a CompuServe message via CompuServe mail to 70475,1071, or a FAX to 616-788-2765.

Clicking

To press and release the left mouse button once while the mouse pointer is on an item.

Directories

A directory is a method of grouping (generally similar or related) files into a single list on a drive.

Double-clicking

To press and release the left mouse button twice in rapid succession, while the mouse pointer is on an item.

Drives

Drives refers to any disk drive available on your computer system, and may include floppy drives, hard drives, CD-ROM drives, and other storage media.

Files

Files are the programs and data stored on your disk.

Shareware

"Try Before You Buy" software.

VENDINFO.DIZ

VENDINFO (from Rams' Island Software) is a new method of packaging distribution information, "README" and installation information, and more - in a tamper-resistant package. The end-user can use any file browser, viewer or ASCII editor to view the needed information in the VENDINFO.DIZ file.

