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What's New in Verson 1.1

- 1) Added 'Next Time' to the 'Run Time' section.
- 2) Added 'Exit Windows', 'Exit & Restart Windows', and 'Exit Windows and Reboot' to the System Menu.

Exit Windows

Selecting this system menu item will exit Windows and return you to DOS.

Exit & Restart Windows

Selecting this system menu item will exit and immediately restart Windows.

Exit Windows & Reboot

Selecting this system menu item will exit Windows and reboot your system immediately, without returning to the DOS prompt.

Next Time display box

Displays the next time that this application will run, or message will display. This box is not editable. It is updated whenever you change the run time of the current application or message.

Shutdown

You must understand the following concept to use the Task Scheduler @Shutdown option successfully

Windows can be shut down in four different ways:

- a. Shut down and exit to DOS.
- b. Shut down, exit to DOS and restart Windows.
- c. Shut down, exit to DOS, run a DOS application, and return to Windows.
- d. Shut down and reboot your system.

The first method is the most common; you simply exit Windows and return to DOS. This is the only way that Task Scheduler currently shuts down.

Methods b, c, and d are used much less frequently, typically when installing software or drivers on your system.

Since Task Scheduler cannot shutdown using methods b, c, or d, you must close it when an application indicates that it is going to perform one of these types of shutdowns. Simply switch to Task Scheduler and close it before answering any question that indicates that Windows will be shut down using one of these methods. Your application will then proceed normally.

Global Options

Query before shutdown execution - asks if you want to execute shutdown applications before actually executing them. Check this box if you must shut down Windows frequently during the day, and don't want to execute all of your shutdown commands every time.

Query after shutdown execution - asks if you still want to shut down. Handy for aborting shutdown when something occurred during your shutdown application execution that you need to correct before actually shutting down.

Close visible windows before shutdown - Closes all top-level visible, non-desktop, non-shell applications before executing your shutdown applications. This can be helpful when you have applications left open that may need to save a file before you execute your shutdown applications.

Hide when minimized - hides the Task Scheduler when you minimize it. This is simply an option to help eliminate desktop clutter in Windows. Since the Task Scheduler doesn't show up in the Desktop Task List, you must find its icon in the Program Manager and execute it to bring it back up.

Run Frequency

Choose the days of the week that you want your application to run in this box.

To simplify selections in this box, use the Frequency dropdown. Choosing Daily will check all days of the week; Weekdays will check Monday through Friday; Weekends will check Saturday and Sunday.

If you choose Selected Days, the days that were checked for this entry before you made any changes will be checked.

If you choose One Day, only one day will be checked; the day that corresponds to the Start Date. This aids in choosing the right day when running an application for one day only.

Tip: to have an application run or a message display only once, select 'One Day', set the start date and start time, then set 'Run Every' to 0 hrs 00 min.

For instance, perhaps you want to save a reminder to yourself to go to a meeting on Wednesday of the following week. Instead of having to find Wednesday's date on a calendar, simply select One Day in this dropdown, then increment the Start Date in the Run Time box until Wednesday is checked. Then you know that you have chosen the right date to display your reminder.

A word of warning, though; if you increment the date beyond the end of the current month, the month is not incremented; it just rolls over to the first of the current month. Be careful that you don't choose the first Wednesday of the current month!

Run Time

- 1) Select whether you want this entry to run when the Task Scheduler starts up, at timed intervals, or at Windows shutdown.
- 2) If you select @Startup or @Shutdown, then all the rest of the controls are disabled in this box, unless 'One Day' is selected in the Frequency dropdown, in which case the Start date is enabled so that you can specify when to run this entry.
- 2) If you select @Intervals, then all of the other controls in this box are enabled.
 - a) Start date: If you want your application to run on specified days of the week from this point on, then enter today's date. Otherwise, enter the first date that you want your application to run.
 - b) Start Time: Set the initial time that you want your application to run. If you want to run it once a day, set the exact time at which you want it to run. If you want it to run several times a day, set the time that you want it to first run. If you want it to run at intervals all through the day, set the time to 12:00 AM (midnight).
 - c) Run Every: Set how often you want the application to run. If you want it to run once a day at the same time every day, set the interval to 24:00 hrs. If you want it to run frequently during the day, set the amount of time that you want between runs.

Command Line/Message Line

Type the command that will run your application, or the message that you want displayed in this box.

When running an application, you can specify the entire path to the application and any command line parameters that the application requires.

You can type up to 127 characters in this box.

Audible Alarm

Check this box to have your PC beep when your application is run or message is displayed.

Task

Run Program: Runs a program and proceeds through the list looking for other programs to run at this time. This essentially lets you run multiple programs at the same time.

Run Minimized: Same as Run Program, but runs the program as an icon.

Run with Wait: Runs a program and waits for it to be closed before proceeding through the list. This essentially lets you run programs sequentially; i.e., the nothing else will run until you close the current program. If you want several programs to run in a certain order, number each entry in the Description dropdown listbox and set them all to run at the same time.

Note that this stops all processing until the current application is closed. If you have an application or message scheduled in 15 minutes, but keep your application open for an hour, then the application or message will not occur until you close the current application.

Display Message: Displays a message on your screen. You supply the message in the 'Command Line' box.

Description

Enter a unique description for this entry.

The entries in this box are sorted. If you want them to display in a given order, number each entry.

Getting Help in Task Scheduler

You can press F1 at any time to obtain general help on the entire window, or press Ctrl+F1 for help on the control that currently has focus.

Product Support

When you purchase a registered copy of Task Scheduler, you are entitled to 90 days of free written support.

When writing for technical support, be sure to include your full name and address and product registration number.

If you are reporting a bug, be sure to include all information necessary for the author to duplicate the problem.

Enhancement requests are always welcome.

You need not be a registered owner to report a bug or make an enhancement request.

Send all questions, bug reports, and enhancement requests to:

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Overview of Task Scheduler

Task Scheduler can schedule applications or display messages:

1. at startup.
2. at Windows shutdown.
3. at timed intervals.
4. on a single day.

Use Task Scheduler to :

1. Schedule the daily backups that you usually forget to do to execute at a certain time during the day, or when you shut down Windows.
2. Schedule messages as reminders for appointments.

Unlike some schedulers, if your CPU is tied up for several minutes by an uncooperative application, and the run time of an application passes by during that time, Task Scheduler will run the application or display the message as soon as the CPU is freed up again.

System Requirements

Task Scheduler requires an IBM PC or compatible running Windows version 3.1.

Add Pushbutton

Click this button to add a blank line to the description dropdown and set all controls to their default values.

Delete Pushbutton

Click this button to delete the current entry.

Save Pushbutton

Click this button to save all changes made to the current entry.

Help Pushbutton

Click this button to display the help index.

Close Pushbutton

Click this button to close the Task Schedule window.

OK Pushbutton

Click this button to enter (accept) all of the changes that you have made in the current dialog box.

Cancel Pushbutton

Click this button to cancel (ignore) all of the changes that you have made in the current dialog box.

Benefits of registration

- 1) You will receive a copy of the latest version of Task Scheduler and all related files on floppy disk.
- 2) The 'Registration Information' dialog does not appear every time you run Task Scheduler.
- 3) You will be entitled to 90 days of free written support.
- 4) You will be informed by mail of new releases of Task Scheduler.

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You are encouraged to pass a copy of Task Scheduler along to your friends for evaluation. Please encourage them to register their copy if they find that they can use it. All registered users will receive a copy of the latest version of the Task Scheduler system.

All inquiries should be addressed to:

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Registration Form for Task Scheduler

To receive the full benefits of owning Task Scheduler, fill out this form and order a registered copy today.

To print a copy of this form, choose File/Print Topic from the Help menu.

Please send _____ copies @ \$13.00 each (10.00 + 3.00 S/H) \$ _____

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Disk size (check one only):

_____ 3-1/2, 720K _____ 3-1/2, 1.44M

_____ 5-1/4, 360K _____ 5-1/4, 1.2M

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