

# WinMeter

Version 1.1

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## Introduction

WinMeter is a system monitoring utility that displays and tracks disk space, system memory and system resources. You can display before and after states with the "remember" feature. You may change drives at any time, or monitor multiple drives at once.

With WinMeter you will always know your system's status.

WinMeter features include:

- o Graphical view.
- o Change drive at any time.
- o Customizable memory limit.
- o Always On Top option.
- o Remember option.
- o Monitor multiple drives at once.

## Installation

WinMeter consists of a single EXE file. Copy this file to any directory on you hard disk with the Windows File Manager or from DOS with

```
COPY A:\WINMETER.EXE C:\directory\
```

Once copied to your hard disk, select File | New | Item from the Program Manager. Select the Browse button to find WinMeter, then select OK.

## Using WinMeter

Start WinMeter by double clicking on its icon. You can start as many instances of WinMeter as you need (useful for monitoring multiple hard drives).

WinMeter options are accessible from the system menu. The following options are available.

### Drive

Select which drive should be monitored. The selected drive will be checked on the menu and will be displayed on the WinMeter legend.

## Remember

Select this option to display another set of bars reflecting the current state of the system. After changes are made, such as starting another application, the background bars will not change. This enables you to see the effect of different changes on your system.

Select Remember again to turn it off.

## Always On Top

Always On Top will cause WinMeter to display its window even when it is not the active task.

## Setting Your Total Memory

WinMeter uses 8124KB as the default total memory for all systems. This is compared to your actual memory available to determine the percentage remaining. If 8124KB is not what you want as the maximum (100%), add the following lines to the end of your WIN.INI file:

```
[WinMeter]
TotalMemKB=yourKB
```

e.g.:

```
[WinMeter]
TotalMemKB=10240
```

## **Startup Options**

WinMeter can be started automatically when you start Windows by placing its icon in your Startup group in Program Manager.

In the Program Properties, select Run Minimized to have it started as an icon. Set the Working Directory to the drive you want to monitor if its not the default.

## **Network Considerations**

When using WinMeter on a network, you will see mapped drives in the Drive menu. Mapped drives should report their size correctly. Search drives, however, may not. If invalid cluster/byte information is received from the drive/pseudo-drive a message will appear stating that an error occurred reading drive information. WinMeter will switch back to C:.

## **Miscellaneous**

WinMeter checks the status of your system every 10 seconds. I found this to be a good compromise between the alternatives. And, although the status is checked every 10 seconds, the meter is only updated if there has been a change in one of the three resources.

## **The Pitch**

I have spent many hours working on this utility. I offer a shareware version and encourage you to share it with your friends. I do need to eat, however. If you like WinMeter and find it useful, I ask that you become a registered user.

To register, send \$10 to:

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Registered users will receive the latest version of WinMeter including any enhancements made. Of course, registered users will not have to see the reminder dialog anymore either. I will also send you some of my other programs to try out.

## **Last Stuff**

You are encouraged to share WinMeter with friends and can distribute on BBS, etc. No fees can be charged for WinMeter except for reasonable copy and distribution charges. This file must accompany WinMeter. Registered copies of WinMeter cannot be copied or distributed.

Thanks, David.