

TIMER

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Dear Macintosh User:

Thanks for giving our utility Timer a try. We think you will like it for simple timing tasks. Timer works in two modes, Elapsed and Countdown. The mode is controlled by the two radio buttons of the same name. Operation in these two modes is described in the following paragraphs.

Activating Timer — The first thing to do is to copy the folder called Timer to your hard disk. Put the original floppy in a safe place. Now open the folder Timer on the hard disk and double click on the icon named Timer v1.0 (the other file called timestore is a resource file and should be kept in the same folder as Timer v1.0). Timer v1.0 will now present you with the main screen. Functions on this screen will be discussed in the following paragraphs (now that you have gotten the file naming straight, Timer will be synonymous with Timer v1.0).

Elapsed — in the Elapsed mode, Timer works as a time accumulator either for a single accumulation or multiple accumulations. Make sure that the radio button titled Elapsed is activated. To use the first time, click on the Reset button which will clear the accumulator, then click on Start which will activate the timing mode. At the end of the period, simply click on Stop and the time accumulated during the period will show in the window. You can go through as many of these stop and start periods as you wish and time will accumulate until you click on the Reset button. This mode works great for timing a job that is sort of on and off during the day. PS — Timer works fine if you shut the machine down, it does not care. Time accumulated will show the next time you activate the application and click on Stop.

Countdown — In the countdown mode Timer works as an alarm clock. Simply activate the radio button of the same name, bring up the Prefs dialog box to choose the time till the alarm (and the sound you wish played) and click on the Start button. The watch cursor shows Timer is in the Countdown mode and when the time is up — a dialog box will show and the sound will play. PS — you can interrupt the Countdown mode at any time by just pressing a key on the keyboard. PPS — you can use the Elapsed mode at the same time as you are using the Countdown mode.

A Few Notes — the Quit button works as you would expect. Timer was programmed in Prograph™, an OOP (object oriented programming) language which was developed by TGS Systems.

That's all there is to it — if you forget any of these commands, Timer supports balloon help.

If you like Timer and decide to use it, our charge is \$12.95 which should be sent to the address in the letterhead. The check should be made out to David E. Allan

We hope you like it!!

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