

README.TXT - WORLDTIME FOR WINDOWS

VERSION 2.10e

Please take the time to review this file before installing and running WorldTime 2.1.

VERSION 2.1E INTERIM RELEASE NOTE

Version 2.1e constitutes the fifth in a series of interim releases to WorldTime 2.1, implementing a number of minor refinements to existing program functions.

WorldTime 2.1e automatically places the current local time inside its program icon when the program window is minimized. This replaces the "Iconic Time Display" option which was available in earlier versions, but lead to conflicts with Windows screen savers. The iconic time display is automatically without defeating any active Windows screen savers.

WorldTime Version 2.1e implements an adjustment to the local time zone listings that now provides separate GMT+12 and GMT-12 time zones. If you have been using the shareware version of a WorldTime release PRIOR to version 2.1d, and then install the registered version of WorldTime 2.1d or 2.1e, your local time zone selection may need to be reset.

You can check this simply by opening the "Configuration" dialog via the menu bar "Options/Configuration..." command. If your correct local time zone does not appear in the drop-down listbox control, you should reset it to the correct time zone and then close the dialog box with the "OK" pushbutton.

Version 2.1e offers the option of toggling the date display (in the status window) between MONTH/DAY/YEAR and DAY/MONTH/YEAR formats. Controls for setting this selection are provided in the Configuration dialog box.

Finally, Version 2.1e saves its most recent screen position (X and Y coordinates) into the WTIME21.INI file. Whenever WorldTime is run, the program window will position itself according to its previous screen location.

NOTE: The current position is saved only when the program is closed while in its "maximized" or "restored" state. The screen position is not saved if the program is closed from its iconic state.

The first time the program is run, the WorldTime window may default to a centered position on your Windows desktop.

INTRODUCTION

WorldTime 2.1 is an easy to use international clock utility for the Microsoft Windows operating environment. WorldTime can display six different international locations and their current local times -- selected from a database of over 170 metropolitan and geographic locations worldwide.

NOTES FOR USERS OF PREVIOUS VERSIONS

If you are familiar with previous major-version releases of WorldTime, please take note of the following new features implemented in version 2.1:

WTIME21.INI File Location

Unlike previous releases, WorldTime 2.1 now creates and maintains its initialization file (WTIME21.INI) in the default Windows directory. This change was implemented to make the program easier to use on local area network (LAN) systems. Previous releases kept the .INI file in the WorldTime directory.

For the benefit of users who prefer keeping the WorldTime .INI file in the WorldTime default directory, the program can be run with the Private Mode command line switch (/P). This forces the program to create and access its .INI file in the WorldTime default directory (i.e., wherever the WTIME21.EXE file is located), and also allows multiple copies of WorldTime (stored in separate directories) to be run with their own configuration settings.

Configuration Dialog

All configuration settings are now managed from within a Configuration dialog, accessible via the menu bar "Options/Configuration..." command.

Point-and-Shoot Mouse Support

The international location selection dialogs can now be opened by placing the mouse pointer over the selected location display and double-clicking the left mouse button. This feature duplicates the functions of the six buttonbar controls (which can now be disabled and removed from the program window -- see "Show/Hide ButtonBar").

Larger International Location Database

The number of standard locations accessible from WorldTime's International Location Selection dialog boxes has been increased, and includes generic time zone selections representing all standard time zones (labeled according to hours plus or minus Greenwich Mean Time). This facility, coupled with the Custom Location Name feature, enables virtually any location to be entered and displayed in the

WorldTime program window.

Custom Location Names / Half-Hour Time Support

WorldTime 2.1 now allows the configuration and selection of custom locations based on WorldTime's default or standard time (STD) location listings. Any custom location can also be configured as a "half-hour" time zone.

Show/Hide ButtonBar

The buttonbar controls can now be disabled and removed from the program window, useful if your international location fields are set and you wish to decrease the size of WorldTime's program window. This toggle option is accessible via the menu bar "Options/Show/Hide ButtonBar" command.

Window/Icon Topmost Display

WorldTime can now keep its program window or icon "topmost" among any other active applications on the Windows desktop. This option is accessible from the Configuration dialog box.

12-Hour/24-Hour Time Displays

WorldTime can now be display all times in 12-hour or 24-hour format. The user's selection of either option is then reflected not only in the main program window, but in the iconized time display and in the Set System Time dialog box.

Adjustable Text Display Color

The on-screen color of each of the six international location, day of week, and time fields can be selected from the International Location Selection dialog box (within the "Text Display Color" control group).

PROGRAM FILES

The WorldTime 2.1 package consists of 5 files:

README.TXT
NETWORK.TXT
WTIME21.EXE
WTIME21.HLP
WTIME21.TXT

A sixth file, WTIME21.INI, is automatically created when the program is first run, and is located in the default Windows directory (e.g., C:\WINDOWS or C:\WIN). This file contains all WorldTime configuration information.

READ ALL ABOUT IT

Full product documentation is contained in the WTIME21.TXT file. This is an ASCII text file which can be easily loaded and viewed with Windows Notepad, Windows Write, or any word processor or text editor that supports the ASCII text format. This file includes a program description, instructions, and technical notes.

Specific information regarding the use of WorldTime 2.1 in a network environment is contained in the ASCII text file, NETWORK.TXT. It is STRONGLY recommended that this file is read before installing WorldTime 2.1 on a local area network.

Hypertext program documentation is supplied in the WTIME21.HLP file. This is a Windows Help System format file, which can be loaded and viewed with Windows Help -- and is directly accessed from within WorldTime via the menu bar "Help/Contents..." command.

Both of these files contain all the information you need to install and run this program. The Windows Help System includes the provision for easily printing any topic or topics from the WTIME21.HLP file. This handy feature can be used to turn your "manual on disk" into hard copy for future reference.

QUICK & DIRTY START-UP

We recommend that you make a backup copy of the master program disk(s) before installing or running WorldTime. We also recommend that this program be installed to, and run from, a hard disk.

To get WorldTime loaded and running with a minimum of fuss, simply create a new directory or subdirectory on your hard disk (e.g., C:\WTIME21) and copy the entire contents of your master disk to that new directory.

WorldTime 2.1 does not access or require any files from previous versions. As a result, you may safely delete all installed files from any previous version of WorldTime prior to installing WorldTime 2.1.

From Microsoft Windows, you can run this program from File Manager by "double-clicking" the WTIME21.EXE file entry or by selecting the WTIME21.EXE file entry and issuing the menu bar "File/Run" command.

Of course, WorldTime's icon can be easily installed into a new or existing Program Manager group for quick, one-step running.

Once running, all configuration controls are accessed from the WorldTime menu bar and/or buttonbar controls. A complete summary of all commands is provided in the WTIME21.TXT file and within the WorldTime help system.

WARRANTY INFORMATION

Warranty information regarding this product is provided in the ASCII text file, WTIME21.TXT and in the Windows Help file WTIME21.HLP.

PRODUCT REGISTRATION

WorldTime for Windows (version 2.1) is shareware, not freeware.

The single-user registration fee for this product is \$16.00 (U.S.). Registrations ordered from outside the continental United States or Canada should include an additional \$2.00 for shipping and handling.

Multiple-user site licenses are available for this product. Site license registrations are a cost-effective way of registering several end-users for a substantially lower per-copy cost than individual registrations.

Complete registration information, including printable registration forms, is provided in the WTIME21.HLP file shipped with the shareware version of WorldTime. The WTIME21.HLP file is accessed via the Windows Help System -- menu bar command "Help/Contents." Registration information is also provided in the ASCII text file, WTIME21.TXT.

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