

Clock

This clock (obviously a gimmick!) displays the current time (as set by the [Alarm Clock](#) desk accessory) with second, minute and hour hands. The background picture can be altered by clicking anywhere on it, which will cycle through 14 or so included clock faces. Some work better on B&W and others on color monitors (you choose!). There is a limited number of pictures at present, but you can change them if you have access to [ResEdit](#). If you do change them, do it on a copy of [DeskMates](#), not the original. In addition, if you do replace any of the supplied clock PICTs by your own PICTs, make sure they are not radically different in size from those supplied, or you will get scaling distortions. The clock picture is actually not limited to 8-bit color, but you will need to increase the RAM memory partition (by 50K or more) if you wish to use deeper screen color.

You can elect to have all windows except the clock hidden whenever DeskMates goes into the background by checking the appropriate box in the [Preferences](#) (under the File menu).

Options

- You can resize the clock window, since it has a grow box (even if it is not visible) at the bottom right, as well as the totally overdone zoom box at the top right. I hope some people find it amusing.
- Choosing the [Clock Options...](#) menu item allows you to show the local time in over 100 countries, and set the display options. You should select the country in which you are sitting in the second of the scrollable lists if it is not [American Eastern time](#) (where I am in Boston at present suffering through my second deadly cold/snowy winter). The name of the selected destination can be displayed on the clock face if desired. If you know that either place is in Summer time then also check the small boxes beneath the appropriate list.
- You can also choose to show digital or country displays on the clock, in any font, size, color or style (though if you choose it too big it will be clipped), alter the hand colors (and shadow color & offset) separately, hide the clock picture completely, and signify you wish a chime at each hour (check the box if you do not wish to sound the chime once for each hour passed). Note that you can see the [Color Picker](#) by clicking once on any of the color popups for the hands.
- The size and location will be saved if you click the [Set](#) button on the [Clock Options...](#) This allows you to leave the clock in a favoured position, where it will reappear when you open it next time. You can reset the size of the clock to the default (to improve the picture resolution or if someone else has moved it to a position off your screen!) by clicking the [Restore Clock Size](#) (which also puts it at the top right of your screen).
- You can use PICTs which are predominantly darkly colored if you reset the hand color to white otherwise they will not be visible.

If you have any good clock backgrounds please send them to me!