

Great Time Clock
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The two files that must be contained in the distribution media must be:

Greattme.exe - The program
Greattme.wri - This document

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Credits

I wish to acknowledge credit to the authors of the book "Visual Basic How-To", by Robert Arnson, Daniel Rosen, Mitchell Waite, and Jonathan Zuck, published by The Waite Group.

Program Functionality

The purpose/functionality of the program is as follows: First, it is meant simply to be a clock that floats on top (pops up over) any window that is placed over it. In essence, it is simply a stay on top clock. Second, clocks colors can be changed as well as some limited time formats. One can move the clock around the screen and then seat the clock in place. If you have to clock load automatically with Windows it will be there whenever you need it.

Help - Using Great Time Clock

About - To bring up the "About" box you simply double click anywhere on the clock face.

Preferences - To bring up the "Preferences" dialog box simply click the "Right" mouse button
anywhere on the clock face.

Selecting Time Format - Time format selection is simply chosen by selecting/checking the two check boxes that pertain to formatting. The first says to display the clock in 24 hour format (military time). If the check box is checked
then it will display a 24 hour clock. If it is unchecked it will display in

AM/PM format. The second is to select whether the seconds are to be displayed. It functions the same way as the 24 hour clock selection.

Moving the clock - When you click on the button labeled "Move Clock" you will be presented with a window handle to allow you to grab and move the clock. At the same time the button "Move Clock" will change to "Seat Clock". Use "Seat Clock" to indicate you are done moving it. You may disregard this button "Seat Clock" because when you quit the clock will automatically "seat" itself.

Stay On Top - Means that if you check this box the clock will stay on top of all windows. If you uncheck this option the clock will continue to operate but will not pop up over any other windows.

Change Colors - When you select to change from the default colors (black background and white face) you may select from any of the colors available on your windows session. Use the Red/Green/Blue horizontal scroll bars to select colors. The clock's attributes will automatically change when you manipulate these scroll bars. You can select optionally to change the foreground color and the background colors.

When you are finished making your preferential changes you can then select "Ok" to close the "Preferences" dialog box and go back to work with your other applications. If you choose "Cancel" you will simply go back to your session (presumably without any changes in effect. Warning: This does not work). When choosing "Exit" your clock will close and all preferential changes will be saved. The next time you open Great Time Clock your clock will appear exactly where it was when you closed it.

The saved settings will be saved to a section within your Win.ini file. These settings are updated everytime you close the clock. If you are running the clock for the first time the clock will use the defaults programmed into it. The location of the clock will be 15 pixels down from the top and 15 pixels from the left most region of your screen. The clock face will be black and the clock text will be white. Since the program was written in Visual Basic for Windows you will need the vbrun100.dll to make the clock work. Most people can download this file from CompuServe or just about any BBS that is local to you. If there are any problems/bug reports with the clock you can leave me a message on a BBS that is local to me, Infolinc at (510) 778-5929.

Known Bugs

There are only a couple known bugs in this version of the program. One of the bugs is that the "Cancel" button does not undo any preferential changes. The second known bug is that sometimes the values of the colors are not displayed in their text boxes upon launching the program.

Good Luck and Have Fun.

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