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What is DriveAlarm ? (About DriveAlarm)

DriveAlarm is new utility from ChilLiSoft Products.

DriveAlarm monitors the drives connected to your system, keeping track of the available free space on each drive. This can include floppy drives, CD-Rom drives and network drives.

DriveAlarm can be configured to warn you when the space on a drive drops below a user defined level.

DriveAlarm is transparent in use and displays its icon within the taskbar notification area to avoid cluttering up the taskbar.

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See also

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What is E-mailware ? (About DriveAlarm)

E-mailware is an approach to distributing software that falls somewhere between shareware and freeware. Like shareware it requires registration but, like freeware, it's FREE.

To register just send me an e-mail at dgo@easynet.co.uk and tell me what version number you are using.

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See also

What is DriveAlarm ?
Product Support

Product Support (About DriveAlarm)

Product support is given on the following basis:

you e-mail your queries/bugs/suggestions and I will attempt to solve the problems in the next version of DriveAlarm.

See also

What is DriveAlarm ?
What is E-mailware ?

Uninstalling DriveAlarm

When you installed DriveAlarm you will have noted that there are only three files involved in the installation and running of DriveAlarm. These are:

drivealarm.txt
drivealarm.exe
drivealarm.hlp

To uninstall DriveAlarm therefore you should simply delete these three files from the folder in which you installed them, together with any shortcuts that you created, say for instance in your StartUp folder.

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See also

Upgrading DriveAlarm

Upgrading DriveAlarm

When you first installed DriveAlarm, you will have noted that there are only three files involved in the installation and running of DriveAlarm. These are:

drivealarm.txt
drivealarm.exe
drivealarm.hlp

To upgrade DriveAlarm therefore you should simply copy the new copies of these three files into the same folder in which you have currently installed DriveAlarm. NB before you can copy the DriveAlarm.exe file you will need to make sure that DriveAlarm is not running or else Windows 95 will not let you overwrite the file.

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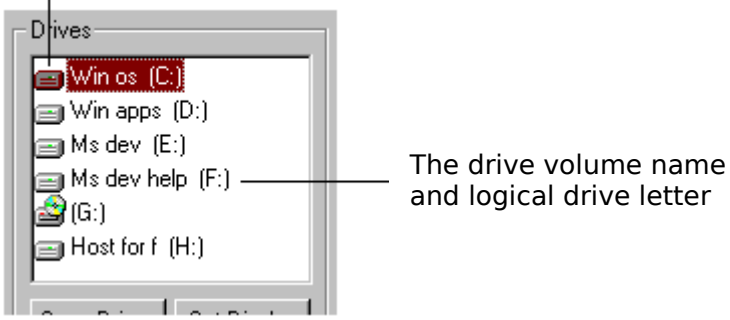
See also

Uninstalling DriveAlarm

The Drive List (DriveAlarm's Interface)

The drive list provides the following information:

The drive type. For information on the various drive types which DriveAlarm can monitor see setting display options



See also

The Drive Information Box
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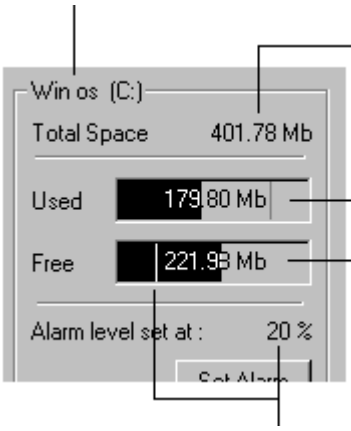
Setting Display Options

The Drive Information Box (DriveAlarm's Interface)

The drive information box provides the following information:

The volume name of the currently selected drive



The total available space on the selected drive

The amount of used space on the drive. Click on gauge to toggle between percentage (%) and actual space.

The amount of free space on the driveClick on gauge to toggle between percentage (%) and actual space.

The current alarm level on the drive. For more information see setting alarm levels

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See also

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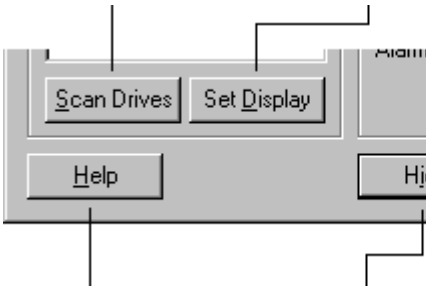
The Buttons (DriveAlarm's Interface)

Click this button to force DriveAlarm to update the drive list after you have removed or changed a floppy disk or CD , or after you have disconnected from a network drive.

Click this button to set which drive you want DriveAlarm to show in the drive list. See setting display options for more information.

Click this button to set the alarm level for a drive. For more information see setting alarm levels.
NB This button is currently only enabled for Local fixed drives.



Click this button to display the help contents page.

Click this button to hide DriveAlarm. To display DriveAlarm again double click or right click on DriveAlarm's icon in the taskbar notification area at the right end of the taskbar.

Click this button to terminate DriveAlarm. Selecting this option will stop DriveAlarm from monitoring your drives.

See also

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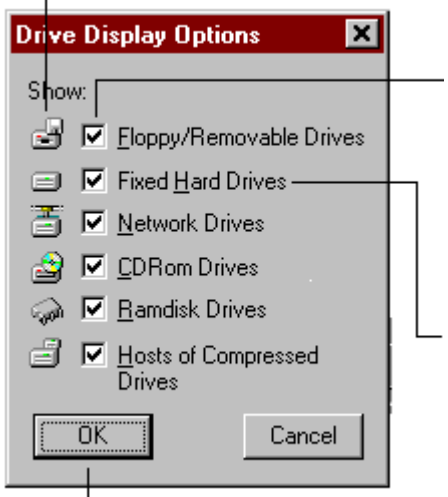
Setting Alarm Levels
Setting Display Options

Setting Display Options (Configuring DriveAlarm)

Click the Set Display button to set the drive types that you wish DriveAlarm to show in the drive list.

The following dialog box is displayed:

These icons correspond to those in the drive list



Click the check boxes beside each of the drive types to select the drive types which you want DriveAlarm to display in the drive list.

NB if you deselect local fixed drives you will not be able to set alarm levels.

Click the OK button to accept any changes you have made. DriveAlarm will update the display to reflect your choice.

See also

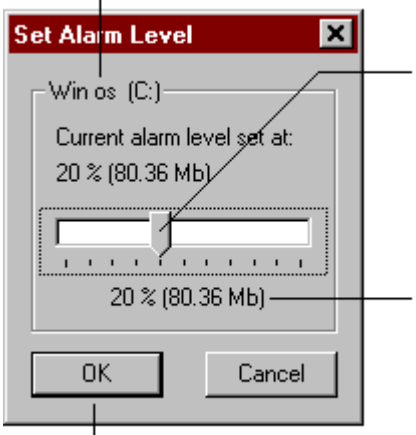
The Drive List

Setting Alarm Levels (Configuring DriveAlarm)

Click the Set Alarm button to (re)set the alarm level on the currently selected drive.

The following dialog box is displayed:

The currently selected drive



Drag the slider to set the point at which you want DriveAlarm to notify you of reducing disk space on the drive.

This readout will change to show the alarm level represented by the slider positon.

Click the OK button to accept any changes you have made.
DriveAlarm will update the display to reflect your choice.

The maximum possible level of warning is fixed at 50% of the total space on the drive. The figure in itself is arbitrary, but I wanted a cutoff to avoid the possibility of setting silly alarm levels.

To turn off the alarm on any drive, set the warning level to 0%.

See also

The Drive Information Box

Verison 1.0b

Revisions from version 1.0a

- 'Hosts to compressed drives' added to Set Display dialog
- Help file revised to include keyword searching and index browsing.
- Statement on toggling gauge displays added to help topic The Drive Information Box (feature previously available but not documented).
- Taskbar icon tooltip corrected.
- Right click context sensitive popup menus added to main dialog interface (so far).