

## **Mini Calendar For Windows**

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Mini Calendar For Windows is a unique scheduling/calendar/clock program for use with Windows 3.1. This program is being distributed as shareware. Shareware authors rely upon the honor system to receive payment for the programs they produce. The Shareware version of the program can be used for 30 days. If you intend to use the program, please register! Registered users will receive the latest version of the program and some very unique and high quality WAV alarm sounds for use with the program. By registering, you help support future improvements to this program.

### **Background**

Over the years I have tried using several different calendar/clock/scheduling programs. Although there are many excellent programs available, I just could not find the "right fit". I found myself marking important events on my wall calendar instead of using my computer just because it seemed simpler and easier. I often wondered why other programs treat scheduling like an elaborate database affair.

### **What This Program Does:**

Mini Calendar For Windows is a freeform calendar program. Meetings, important events, and other items can be entered directly onto the calendar. Up to 384 characters of text per day is allowed. Alarms can be set by simply placing a ^ after the alarm time. For example, if you wanted to enter an event and set an alarm for the 24th of December, you would simply type the event in the calendar box.

*Office Christmas Party in Room 304 at 3:30 pm^*

When you click on the bell icon, the alarm is set. You can also set two different repeating alarms events (events that occur on a daily basis such as a coffee break, car pool event etc.) For standard PCs, the alarm sound is the Windows "Beep". If you have a multi-media PC, you can use a WAV sound file for the default alarm event and two other WAV files for the repeating alarm events. If you don't have a multi-media PC you can try using the speaker multimedia sound driver provided by Microsoft, but the quality is not very good for most computers.

One advantage of the freeform concept is that events do not need to be associated with a specific time of day. For example, you might want to simply put a reminder on the calendar like

*Call Joe for lunch date.*

The program includes a Find feature which can be used to locate specific events in the calendar and a print feature to print out your schedule of events. When the Mini Calendar Program is minimized to the desktop, the icon serves as a clock.

The program is fairly easy to learn and includes helpful information within the program for most of the features. The "?" button at the far right of the screen will load a help module which will provide additional help.

### **What This Program Is Not:**

The Mini Calendar program is not designed for people who need to schedule every minute of every working day. There are many good PIMs available for this use. If you are still writing on

your wall or desk calendar, or currently using Windows standard Calendar and Clock Programs, give Mini Calendar for Windows a try. I think that you will like it.

### **Setup Information:**

The Mini Calendar requires the following files:

| <u>Name of File</u> | <u>Description</u>                    | <u>Suggested Location</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Minical.exe         | Windows Executable Program File       | Windows Directory         |
| Minical.dat         | Binary Data File (created at startup) | Windows Directory         |
| Threed.vbx          | Visual Basic Custom Control File      | Windows/System            |
| Cmdialog.vbx        | Visual Basic Custom Control File      | Windows/System            |
| Mci.vbx             | Visual Basic Multimedia Control File  | Windows/System            |
| Commdlg.dll         | Windows Dialog DLL                    | Windows/System            |
| Vbrun300.dll        | Visual Basic 3.0 DLL                  | Windows/System            |

To install the program, simply copy the above files to the suggested directory. Drag the Minical.exe file from the File Manager to the Program Manager and place it in the group of your choice, or use the **File, New, Program Item, Command Line** method in the Program Manager to place the Minical.exe file on your desktop. When the program is first run, the Minical.dat file will be created in the same directory as the Minical.exe file. The Minical.dat file will contain all your events and alarms for the calendar.

Although I recommend using the locations suggested above, the files can be placed anywhere on your hard disk providing:

1. Minical.exe and Minical.dat should be in the same directory;
2. The vbx and dll files should be located in a directory that is in your path. The Windows/System directory is strongly recommended. Other programs may also use the same dll and vbx files. By placing them in the Windows/System directory, you will eliminate duplicate files on your system.

### **Where is the VBRUN300.DLL File?**

If you downloaded this program from Compuserve, Genie, or another information service, it is likely that the Vbrun300.dll file will not be included with minical.zip. The reason that Vbrun300.dll is not included is that this file is very large (400 K) and is required for all programs developed with Visual Basic 3.0. Since there are many programs that use Vbrun300.dll, there is no need to download it each time for every new program. Vbrun300.dll can be downloaded as a separate file from every major information service. If you do not have Vbrun300.dll or can not locate it, please contact the system (bbs) operator. Vbrun300.dll will be included on the disk sent to registered users.

### **Problems with Windows Screen Saver**

The default desktop clock setting for *Mini Calendar* uses the minimized icon title to display the time. Every 10 seconds, the time is updated by the program. For some reason, the screen saver that is bundled with *Windows 3.1* won't activate properly when icon titles are changed. Other screen savers, such as *After Dark*, work just fine. If you are using the *Windows 3.1* screen saver, then you will want to change the Desktop Clock setting in *Mini Calendar*. To do this, click the setup button on *Mini Calendar* and select either **None** or **Lower Right Corner**. If you select None, then no desktop clock is displayed. If you select Lower Right Corner, then the time and

date will be displayed in the lower right hand corner of your screen. Either of these two settings will work fine with the screen saver that is bundled with Windows 3.1. The problem with the *Windows* screen saver has been reported to Microsoft.

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### **Please Register**

To Register this program and keep me warm on those cold Alaskan nights send \$15.00 to:

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Indicate the version number of your current program, and disk type desired. All suggestions for future improvements are appreciated.

Registered users of Version 1.1 or 1.2 can upgrade to version 1.3 by simply sending \$3.00 to cover mailing and handling costs.