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MasterGauges Screen Saver for Windows 95 Help Contents

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Introduction

While TomaSoft MasterGauges is a great screen saver with stunning graphics, its also a great utility for monitoring your system.   It monitors your computers three most important system parameters while the screen saver is active.   It monitors the amount of hard disk space used, the real memory used and, the CPU usage (or utilization).   MasterGauges uses a great analogy that many people can relate to for displaying these parameters.   It displays the information in gauges similar to a car's dashboard.   When the needle approaches the red zone of the gauge, there is more cause for concern.   It also has user definable alarm points which allow the user to define an alarm values above which an icon within the gauge is illuminated.   As a screen saver, it can monitor the background activity of your machine while your downloading a large file, running a long process, backing up, or while your using it as a file, print or web server.

Remember that the total number of gauges (including the analog clock) displayed cannot exceed six.

What's New?

What's new in version 1.7?

- First debut commercial shareware release.

Installing and System Requirements

MasterGauges has been tested under Microsoft Windows 95 with a Intel Pentium based PC. There is currently no version available for Microsoft Windows 3.1 or Windows NT. (Although there may be later).

To install MasterGauges, simply unpack the zip file and run the setup.exe program.   To uninstall it, select MasterGauges from the Add/Remove Programs in the Control Panel.

Disk Space Gauges

MasterGauges can display the percentage of disk space USED on any fixed hard disk drive. When the needle approaches the red (right side) of the gauge, this means that the disk is becoming full.   Simply pick the hard disk drive by checking the check box next to one or more of the drive letters you want displayed.   If you want an alarm icon displayed when less than a certain percentage of disk space is available, adjust the alarm value and check "Enable Disk Alarms".   Remember that the total number of gauges displayed (including the clock) cannot exceed six.

Note that if you are running OSR2 (Windows 95 4.00.950b), that the reported disk space for disk drive partitions bigger than 2Gb may be inaccurate.   To find out what version of Window 95 you're running, right click on the "My Computer" icon on you desktop and select "Properties".   If you don't see the little "b" after the version number, then you're not running OSR2.   This should be fixed in the next version.

Real Memory Gauge

MasterGauges can display the percentage of real memory currently IN USE.   Check the "Display" check box if you want it displayed. When the needle approaches the red (right side) of the gauge, this means that the real memory is becoming used up.   Your system performance will suffer with less real free memory.   Enter the alarm percentage and check "Enable Alarm" if you want the alarm icon displayed when less than a certain percentage of real memory is free. Remember that the total number of gauges displayed (including the clock) cannot exceed six.

CPU Tachometer

MasterGauges can display the current Central Processing Unit (CPU or processor) usage or utilization.   This is a live display of the percentage of CPU utilization.   If the needle is fully to the right (in the red zone), this means your CPU is fully utilized.   Check the "Display" check box if you want it displayed.   Enter the alarm percentage and check "Enable Alarm" if you want the alarm icon displayed when less than a certain percentage of CPU utilization is available.   Remember that the total number of gauges displayed (including the clock) cannot exceed six.

Display Method

MasterGauges can display the gauges in a variety of ways.   Firstly the update speed can be slow (10 Seconds) or fast (1/100 second) by adjusting the slider control left or right, respectively.   Note that the faster the update speed, the more CPU cycles will be used up by the screen saver.   This is evident by the activity shown on the CPU tachometer when the update speed is set to fast.   The gauges can also be displayed randomly around the screen, or by scrolling them smoothly.   The defaults have been setup for the most common configuration.

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