GEOCLOCK 7.5 sunlight clock for Windows. The current sun position is displayed, and the parts of the earth in sunlight and twilight are highlighted, with local sunrise/set and times around the world. A DOS version (GEOCLK75.ZIP) is also available, and the two versions are functionally and graphicly similar. Over 200 maps and a spinning globe program are available.

To install version 7.5 of GeoClock, unpack all the files in GCKWIN75 (and GEOXTR75 or GEOCLK75 if you have them) in a directory on your hard disk, and run GEOCKWIN and click FILE/SETUP to customize the program for your location and hardware.

If you have a registered version of GeoClock and are updating to 7.5 (DOS or Windows), you can install the new programs over the old, or set up a new directory. In either case, you must run the REGISTER.EXE program from your original installation.

***** Trouble Shooting *****

Missing maps when installing update. GeoClock updates must be installed to the same directory as the original registered copy of GeoClock for the update to incorporate all the original programs and maps. Reinstall.

The sun is not in the right place or local times are not correct. This is usually caused by your PC's system clock not being set to the correct time (check AM/PM if you are not using a 24 hour clock), or by having a wrong or missing PCZONE command in the GECONFIG.DAT or GEOCLOCK.INI file. Run the GeoSetup program or the FILE/SETUP menu item to set the correct time zone.

Your home town is not displayed, or is in the wrong place, or your local time zone is not displayed. Run the GeoSetup program or the SETUP menu item to provide the required information. If your city is not listed in the setup, and your zip code covers a very large area, you might want to get your latitude and longitude from a good atlas, your local airport or weather station, or from the GeoClock BBS.

BuckMaster CDROM does not work with GeoClock. Starting with the October 1995 release, BuckMaster has changed the format of the data files that GeoClock uses, and will not release the new format. GeoClock does support the QRZ CDROM, which is much less expensive and more available than the BuckMaster disk, as well as the BuckMaster disks that contain the HAMCALL.129 file.

Out of Resources Messages (Windows only). Some older video drivers in 65K or higher color modes have this problem. You can solve the problem by adding the NOGLYPH command to GEOCLOCK.INI (use the NotePad editor if you cannot start GeoClock, or the FILE/GEOCLOCK.INI menu item if you can), or adding NOGLYPH to the GEOCKWIN.EXE command line.

Contrast is poor (Windows only). Click FILE/SETUP and make sure the proper box is checked in the Video radio box. In particular, if you have a black/grey/white monitor, be sure the Grey box is checked. If you have a 16 color system, check the 16 color box.

Slow updates (Windows only). Click CONTROLS/TIME CONTROLS and set the Foreground Update time to 0.01. The Windows version of GeoClock is inherently much slower than the DOS version. Also, the update time is more or less proportional to the screen area, so making the window smaller will increase the speed.

The mouse does not function (DOS only). The mouse will not function correctly on EGA systems, except in the distance (D) and old zoom (Z) functions. If you have a VGA or better, make sure you did not specify EGA when you installed GeoClock. Also, the DOS version requires a DOS device driver (usually called MOUSE.COM, MOUSE.EXE, or MOUSE.SYS) to be loaded in your AUTOEXEC.BAT or CONFIG.SYS file. The mouse driver provided automatically with Windows will not work. See section 1.5 of the on-line help system for more information.

There is no GeoGlobe icon in GeoClock (DOS only). The GeoGlobe icon appears while running GeoClock only if you have the optional GeoGlobe program installed in the same directory as GeoClock, and you are executing GEOCLK.COM (not GEOCLK.EXE).

SVGA mode does not work correctly (DOS only). If GeoSetup does not detect your SVGA, or does detect it but it does not run correctly, rerun GeoSetup specifying VGA rather than SVGA and then read section 1.4 of help.

The only limitations on the shareware version are: The system always starts with the help menu. A limited number of maps are available. The advanced forms of Zoom and Distance are not available. Local time display next to cities on the map is not available.

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