WS-TIMER Version 4.16

WS-TIMER is a Shareware program, registration is only \$10.00 USD. You may freely distribute WS-TIMER, as long as all files from the archive are included.

October 18th, 1995 - Version 4.16

Change the the current time clock to reflect your personal windows setup from control panel.

I am now accepting credit card payments. Please refer to the CREDIT.WRI file for more details and feel free to visit my home page:

Home Page: http://granite.sentex.net:80/~laube/

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September 4th, 1995 - Version 4.15

Replaced the window for current time and date with a status bar at the bottom of the main screen.

August 20th, 1995 - Version 4.13

Changed the method to save the information for the stay-on-top window. If you want to save a new location you must first bring up the setup for stay-on-top, choose which window you want on top, positioned the window where you want it and click on exit.

Corrected a bug in the Calendar utility.

August 1st, 1995 - Version 4.10

Eliminated the Julian option from the Utils menu. This was implemented into the calendar option. When you first load the calendar you will see the current date's Julian value. If you click on any other date, this date will become hilited and the Julian box will display this new date.

Increase the size of the fields for monitary values in the log viewer to accommodate all countries.

Changed the base hours field to allow for decimal values.

I will now accept cheques from Canada, USA, Asian countries, European countries and Autralian countries. Please make cheques payable in your currency to the equivalent of \$10.00 USD.

July 26, 1995 - Version 4.05

EndTimer would no longer shut down WS-TIMER completely. You not get a complete exit as in previous versions.

When starting WS-TIMER with only the letter switch, I never had the clock running. Now it will.

Many users have asked, why when they run WS-TIMER with just the letter switch the stay-on-top window does not appear. This is the way the majority of people wanted it. Since WS-TIMER is not counting, why have a window up doing nothing but displaying information that is already in the main window.

July 25, 1995 - Version 4.04

The ON A switch for the command line was case sensitive. Changed it back to case insensitive.

July 24, 1995 - Version 4.03

Added the Julian option under the Util menu. This will give you the Julian equivalent date for the current day.

Improved on some of the code to correct a bug some users where having.

July 17, 1995 - Version 4.02

First I would like to apologize to everyone who tried downloading the wstmr4000.zip and wstmr401.zip from Sentex's FTP. I was using a combination of WS_FTP and Trumpet Winsock 2.1d and apparently does not work for uploading.

This version brings in a major change. The WSTIMER?.INI, SETUP.INI, and ALARM.INI have been replace by one file that will have the name WSTIMER?.INI. This new way of control and updating this file will allow WS-TIMER to have improvement without ever affecting the existing files. For this one time only you will have to edit this file and add to it the contents of the old files. I have supplied a sample of this new file by the name of WSTA.INI, that will be placed in your WS-TIMER directory by the setup program. Make the required change in the file based on your old files, delete the old files and then rename this new file to WSTIMER?.INI. Replace the question mark with whatever letter you use on your command line for WS-TIMER (in most case this will be A). You will notice entries in the sample WSTA.INI file for COST, COMMPORT, and MAIL. These entries can stay as they are as they are intended for the registered version.

Corrected a problem with the calendar for our friends in Austria. Removed the Start and Re-Start buttons. Improved many of the code.

July 15, 1995 - Version 4.01

Error in the 4.00 archive on the sentex FTP. Also corrected and error when calculating cost.

July 14, 1995 - Version 4.00

WS-TIMER is now Shareware. Please read the REGISTER.TXT file for information on how to register. Also, read the README.1ST file for information on the benefits of registering WS-TIMER.

Added a couple utilities. These are available from the main window under util or during the viewing of the log files.

Fixed a bug in the way the period length was saved.

June 27, 1995 - Version 3.61

Change the way the setup program writes to the WIN.INI file. You will not be prompted for a Yes or No to write the information. The setup program checks for the presence of [WSTIMER] and if found, it does not write the information. If the setup doesn't find it then it writes the proper information. Since I am now using a function built into Windows the two lines are now different. If you had a version of WS-TIMER that used the win.ini file you can edit win.ini and remove the line that had the drive and directory, but this is not necessary. The new lines should look like this.

[WSTIMER]
WSTIMER=C:\WSTIMER\

The drive and directory will be according to the one you supplied in the setup program.

The archive no longer includes the setup in ifile. When WS-TIMER runs for the first time it will look for this file. If it can't find one then it will create one based on the programs default, if it finds one then it will just load that information.

June 26, 1995 - Version 3.60

Added the ability to perform calculations on the data from all three logs. Refer to the readme.1st file on how to perform these calculations.

June 22, 1995 - Version 3.52

Corrected a problem when saving the window position on exit.

Added a routine to capture an error when viewing the history logs. If the file was not created yet, you will be prompted with a message. Before WS-TIMER would just crash. Corrected a problem when writing to win.ini on systems with non-standard windows installation.

Here are the two line that should go in your win.ini if the setup did not do the changes.

[WSTIMER] C:\WSTIMER\

Replace the drive and directory to reflect your setup.

June 15, 1995 - Version 3.51

Corrected a bug in reading the new WIN.INI function.

June 14, 1995 - Version 3.50

Added a feature to save the alarm setup.

Removed the stay-on-top clock when running without the ON switch.

The log files can now be viewed just by clicking on which log to view. The file for each selection that will be loaded for you is based on which letter was use in the command line.

The stay-on-top window now also displays which file switch was used on the command line. The file switch is also displayed in the title above the current time and date.

You no longer require the entry in your autoexec.bat file. This will be taken care of by the setup program and the information required by WS-TIMER will be placed at the bottom of your WIN.INI file.

You will have to reset your provider's next period start date, if this function was existing in the last version you had installed.

June 11, 1995 - Version 3.40

Changed the spelling of length in the period setup window.

Corrected a bug for first time users when creating the log files.

Implemented a start and re-start button. The Start button is for when you run WS-TIMER with only the A switch and would like to start the timer. This will be handy for those using a TCP Manager that does not have a command EXEC, like the one found in the Trumpet Winsock script. This way you will be able to run WS-TIMER before you dial and when you get connected all you have to do is click on start.

The Re-Start button was requested my many users. When WS-TIMER's clocks are running you will only see the Stop button. After you click on the Stop button, this will change to two buttons, an Exit and a Re-Start Re-Start behaves in the same manner as if you had just ran WS-TIMER with the ON A switch. This will create and log a new session.

June 4, 1995 - Version 3.32

Changed the color scheme for those with monochrome laptops.

June 4, 1995 - Version 3.31

Corrected a problem in the way the date was processed when updating the

DAYHIST?.TXT file.

June 3, 1995 - Version 3.30

Changed the monthly log file to a user defined period and now refer to this log as Period. If you are on a monthly account you will have to enter 99 (default after installation) in the period length variable in the setup. Those users with a weekly period will have to enter a 7. If you are on a monthly account the HISTORY?.TXT file will be written with the month and year for the period. If you are on a variable period (every 7 days or 15 days etc.) the date recorded in the HISTORY?TXT file is the first day of the period.

May 29, 1995 - Version 3.20

Added a setup for variable starting period for monthly log file. The first time you run WS-TIMER you will have to enter this date in the Period Start. You will find this setup under File, Setup, and Period Start. The date you enter here is the first day of your provider's next statement period.

May 27, 1995 - Version 3.12

Corrected the title bar in the about box.

I am no longer including COMMDLG.DLL and DDEML.DLL, since these have been nothing but problems during the setup.

May 1, 1995 - Version 3.11

Made change in the code for the stay-on-top window. If a user was in 1024X768 mode on some graphic cards the window would slip upwards after every start.

At the turn of the month, the months total did not get written to the history?.txt file.

April 28, 1995 - Version 3.10

Changed the format of the date in all log files. The format is now appropriate for the country specified in the International dialog of the Windows Control Panel.

Changed the current time and date window to only one window. The format is now appropriate for the country specified in the International dialog of the Windows Control Panel.

April 25, 1995 - Version 3.01

Made the History window wider so that you can view the full width of the contents of SESSION? TXT.

April 23, 1995 - Version 3.00

Added the multimedia alarm clock.

Added a new log file called "SESSION?.TXT". This file keeps track of all your individual logons. The contents of this file includes the logon session number, the logon time, the logoff time, and the total time for the session.

April 4, 1995 - Version 2.20

The location of the stay-on-top window is now recorded when you exit WS-TIMER.

April 2, 1995 - Version 2.12

- 1. Rewrite of the code that updates the timer. In previous version some time was lost when the disk drives where accessed. If this happens now the time will correct itself.
- 2. Added an autosave feature, which will same your on-line time every five minutes. This way if you have a total crash of Windows or your machine you will only loose five minutes at the most

March 29, 1995 - Version 2.02

WS-TIMER now requires the environment string in your AUTOEXEC.BAT file:

SET WSTIMER=C:\WSTIMER

Replace the directory and drive to reflect your setup. You will have to reboot your computer for this change to take place.

March 27, 1995 - Version 2.00

- 1. Added a new timer in the main window to keep track of total daily time. This timer is reset each day. A new history file called DAYHIST?.TXT will be updated daily.
- 2. The today clock will now run on top, so you can watch your time on-line while using any applications. You can choose from <This Call>, <Today>, and <Month> clocks or <None> to stay on top with the setup option under files. When you exit setup your choice will saved to SETUP.INI for future reference.
- 3. You can now view the history file from within WS-TIMER.
- 4. Changed the font style and size to reduce the window size.
- 5. If you have more than one provider as the case was for many users you will now be able to keep track of each provider separately. Just add a letter from A Z to your command line in your login script. The command line line should now look like this:

EXEC "c:\wstimer\wstimer.exe ON A"

Where ON is to turn the timer on and A is to add to the filename for the three files created by WS-TIMER. Both commands have to be part of the command line. If you omit the A or any other letter all file names will end with an N.

Note: If you are upgrading from a previous version you will have to copy the two HISTORY files (in some older case just one) to the WS-TIMER directory and the WSTIMER.INI file. All three of these file will have to me renamed adding an A as the eight digit in the name (e.g. WSTIMER.INI -> WSTIMERA.INI). This letter must be the same as the one on your command line. You will also have to modify your command line in your login script to reflect these changes. You will also have to modify the WSTIMER.INI and add three rows with zero for the daily time above the others. Her is an example of the contents of my WSTIMER.INI I have added the description on the right so you can understand the meaning of each numbers. In previous versions of WSTIMER, before it kept track of daily time the first three numbers where not saved. That is why if you are upgrading you must modify your INI file as describe above, or you will loose your accumulated time.

- 0 Daily Hours
- 16 Daily Minutes
- 22 Daily Seconds
- 73 Monthly Hours
- 36 Monthly Minutes
- 32 Monthly Seconds
- 266 Lifetime Hours
- 26 Lifetime Minutes
- 24 Lifetime Seconds
- 29 Last day on-line
- 289 Number of calls

March 23, 1995 - Version 1.23

1. WS-TIMER will now start-up minimized.

March 22, 1995 - Version 1.22

- 1. Added the command line switch ON so that WS-TIMER could be started without the clock running.
- 2. EndTimer will now stop and exit WS-TIMER from an minimized state. You no longer have to keep WS-TIMER running in a window.
- 3. Added this file UPDATE.TXT to the archive.

March 13, 1995 - Version 1.21

1. Corrected a bug in the about box. Thanks to Nancy Cedeno for finding this one.

March 11, 1995 - Version 1.20

1. Added EndTimer program to stop WS-TIMER from the BYE script in Trumpet Winsock.

February 16, 1995 - Version 1.10

- 1. First release to Internet users.
- 2. Fixed a few minor bugs.
- 3. Added the HISTORY.TXT file