Clock Talk

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How To Register Clock Talk

We have worked very hard to ensure that you have a number of methods available for registering our products. We have enlisted the help of a payment service known as Kagi. You submit the registration and payment to Kagi, and they will notify us of the purchase immediately. After processing your registration payment, Kagi will email you (if you provided an email address) with a verification of your payment and a registration code. You need only enter this code into your product to complete the registration process.

To start the registration process, launch the "Register" application that accompanied this product and follow the on-screen directions.

You may also register online by pointing your web browser at http://order.kagi.com/cgi-bin/r1.cgi?YC&

Entering the Registration Code

Once you receive your registration code, you must enter in into Clock Talk. To enter your registration code, look for the key icon in the upper-right corner of the Clock Talk control panel. The icon look like the one shown to the left of this paragraph. When you click on this icon, you will be presented with a dialog for entering the registration code. The dialog will look something like the one shown below.

Registration

Please enter your eight character registration code exactly as given to you. If you do not yet have a registration code, please use the "Register" application included in this package to purchase one.

Registered To:

Registration Code:

[Cancel] [OK]

You must enter both the "Registered To" and "Registration Code" text exactly as it was given to you. One item that may help in entering the code is to remember that there are no numeric values used. This means that any character that looks like the number zero is actually the alpha character "o".

What Is Clock Talk?

Clock Talk is a control panel that allows your Macintosh to speak and chime the time at up to quarter hour increments. It is fully customizable, and you may select a different voice or sound (chime) for each quarter hour.

Use Clock Talk to gently remind you of the passing time while you are busy working at your computer. You can even define a hot key that can be used to speak the time whenever you wish.

How Does It Work?

Clock Talk runs in the background and awaits the time you specify to be notified.

The chimes are simply system sound files, such as those that ship with the Mac OS. You may download additional sounds from the Internet or record your own to further enhance Clock Talk.

The speech is done by utilizing Apple's PlainTalk™ technology. You may select from the numerous voices Apple provides.

System Requirements

Clock Talk will run on any Macintosh running the Appearance Manager. The Appearance Manager is present with Mac OS 8.0 or later, although the Appearance Manager may be run on systems all the way back to System 7.6.1. To do this, you must obtain the Appearance Manager 1.0.2 extension from Apple.

To utilize the speech capabilities of Clock Talk, you must also install the "Text To Speech" option of the Mac OS. This feature is not installed by default. It is considered an option and must be specifically selected during installation. If you did not install "Text To Speech" at the time you installed the Mac OS, you may use the Mac OS installer to add the "Text To Speech" option without reinstalling the OS. Simply select the "Customize" button on the install window.

What's New In This Version?

Version 1.5 adds the ability to specify a separate voice and chime for each quarter hour. In addition, we have modified the sound code to eliminate some Sound Manager problems that surfaced on some Macintosh models. We also placed the registration information and version number in the lower right of the control panel to make it easier to locate this type of information.

Installing Clock Talk

Installing Clock Talk is easy. Simply drag the Clock Talk control panel onto the closed System Folder of your startup drive and it will be installed for you. You must restart your Macintosh after installing Clock Talk for Clock Talk to work properly.

Removing Clock Talk

You may remove Clock Talk at any time by removing the Clock Talk file from the Control Panel folder or using the Extension Manager control panel to disable Clock Talk.

Adding New Chimes

Adding new chimes is easy. Chimes are simply system sound files like the alert sounds that come with your operating system. The Mac OS comes with a number of sounds already installed (such as "indigo" and "Quack"). To enable additional sounds or chimes in Clock Talk, simply drop the system sound file(s) onto the closed System Folder on your startup drive. If the file(s) are of the correct type, they will be installed for you by the Mac OS.

You can obtain new sound files from many different places. You can record them yourself using the sound-in capabilities of your Macintosh or you can obtain them from numerous third parties.

There are many Internet sites that store user collections of sounds. The problem with many of these is that they are usually of poor quality and not pleasing to listen to. Another alternative is to purchase them. There are many companies that are in the business of producing high quality sounds for use on the Macintosh and other computers. Many of these companies have large collections available at very affordable rates. One such company is called "ClixSounds". Their extensive collection of sounds includes special clock or chime sets that are perfect for use with Clock Talk. You can visit them on the web at http://www.clixsounds.com/.

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