

Countdown Clock

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User Manual

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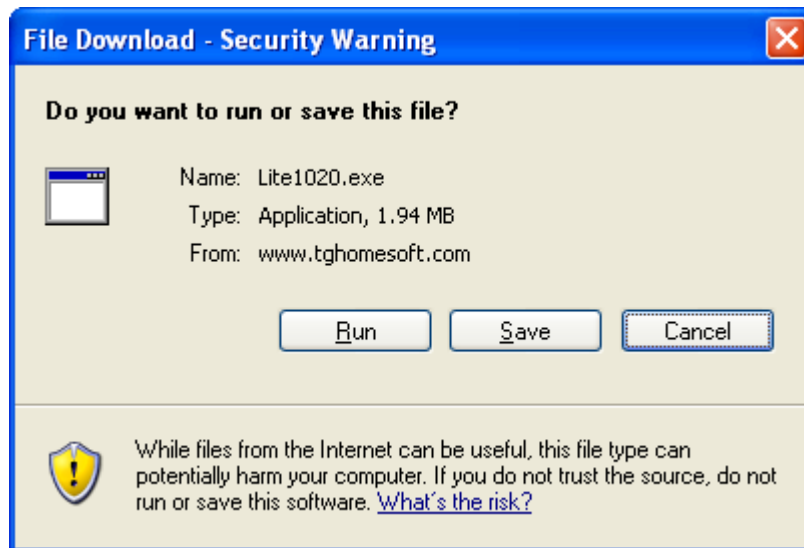
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INSTALLATION

Purchase and Download

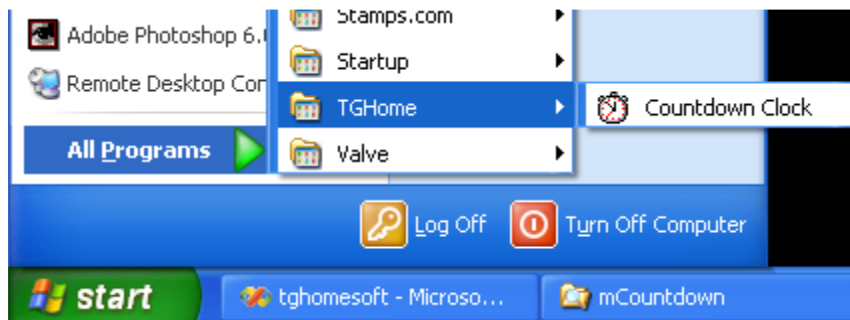
At the end of the purchase process you will be presented with a web page containing a link and a special code. Use this to download the **setup program** used to install the Countdown Clock on your computer. When you begin the download from the web link provided, you will be presented with a window that looks something like this (Example from Windows XP):



Generally, we recommend selecting the "Run" or "Open" option, but you are free to use "Save" as well – just remember that if you save this file, you will need to go find it on your computer (wherever you saved it) and RUN it to begin the process of installing the Countdown Clock program.

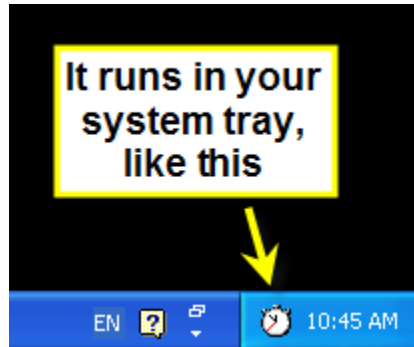
The link and special code you received at the end of the purchase process will also be sent to the email address you provided. Please save this information. You can use it at any time in case you need to reinstall the program, or obtain an update to the latest version. The license agreement for this software permits the use of the program on as many personal computers as you have in a single household.

After you have completed the installation process, a shortcut to the program will be placed in the "Programs" folder of your "Start Menu".

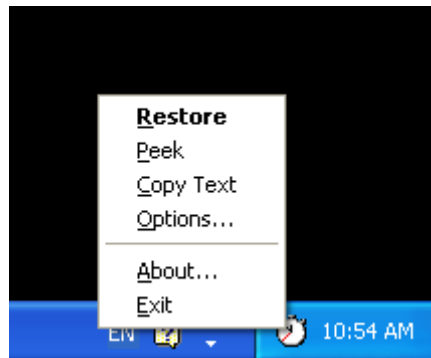


RUNNING THE PROGRAM

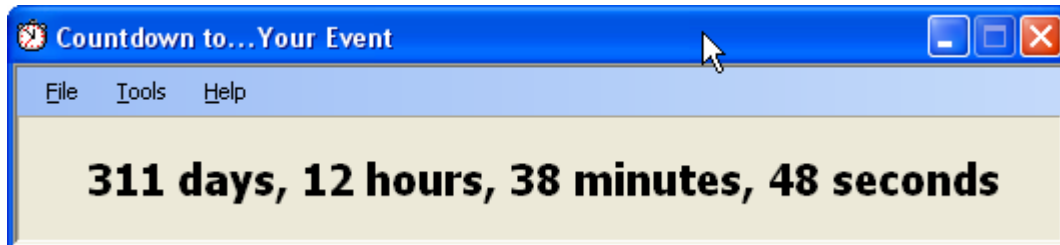
To start the program for the first time, select the "Countdown Clock" link from the Start Menu (See the section on INSTALLATION for further information). Once the program is running, it will run quietly, without disturbing the normal operation of your computer, in the System Tray.



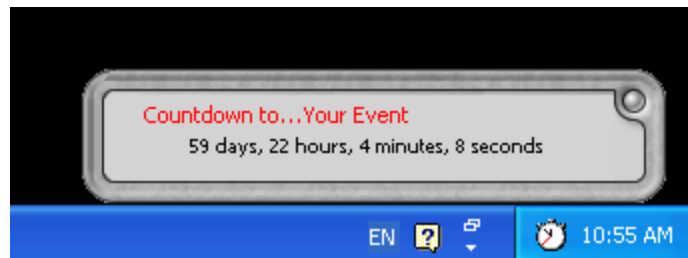
Click the **right mouse button** over the clock icon to bring up a menu of program features.



Restore – This will bring up the **Main Program Window**. The main window displays an interactive countdown until the next event.



Peek – This will display a popup near the system tray containing the same information as the main program window.



Copy Text – This will take the remaining time information and copy it into the clipboard on your computer. Once this is done you will be able to go to any other program, such as email, and select **paste**.

Exit – Select this option to completely turn off the clock. To start the clock again you will need to run the program from the “Start Menu” or restart your computer if you have selected the option to have the Clock start when Windows starts.

OPTIONS

Event Info

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Countdown Clock Options". It has a blue title bar with a close button. The dialog is divided into three sections. The first section, "Event Info", contains three input fields: "Title" with the text "Your Event", "Date" with a calendar icon and the text "Tuesday, October 30, 2007", and "Time" with a time picker showing "9:00 AM". The second section, "Run Countdown Clock When Windows Starts", has two radio buttons: "Yes" (selected) and "No". The third section, "Show Popups", has a checked checkbox and a "Popup Interval" field showing "1" to "2" minutes. Below this is a "Play Sound" section with a checked checkbox, a text box containing "C:\WINDOWS\Media\tada.wav", and "Set..." and "Test" buttons. At the bottom of the dialog are "Cancel" and "Save" buttons.

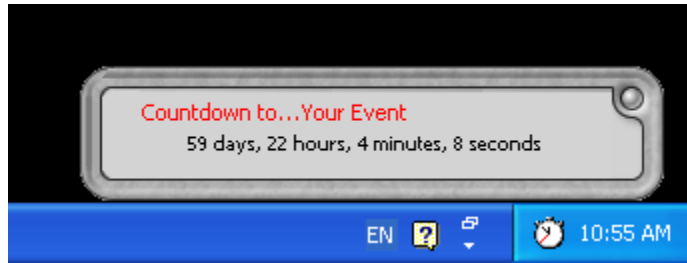
Title – this is the text that will be displayed in the popups and text when copied into the clipboard for other programs.

Date – Use the calendar to set the date of your event. If the event is in the past, then the Clock will show time elapsed since the event. If the event is in the future, then the Clock will show the amount of time remaining until the event.

Time – Use this box to set the exact time of the event. This aids the clock in calculating the time remaining down to the minute.

Run When Windows Starts - You may choose to have the program start automatically when Windows starts or you may run it manually whenever you wish by starting the program from the “Start Menu”

Show Popups – a popup is a small window that shows above your system tray at random intervals to let you know how much time you have left until the next event.



If you do not want these popups, simply un-check the "Show Random Popups..." box

If you would like to see these, then check the box, and set the minimum and maximum time between popups.

Play Sound – if you have popups turned "on" you may also choose to have your computer play a sound when the popup displays. Use the "Set..." button to point to the .wav file you wish to play.

Click the SAVE button to save your choices.