



# Minuteur 5

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# Preamble

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All the features of Minuteur are available during the evaluation period, so that you may decide before purchase whether the program suits your needs. It will be necessary to buy a key in order to continue to use Minuteur once the evaluation period has expired.

If you have already made a donation equivalent to at least 5 US dollars for an earlier version of Minuteur, please send an email to the author specifying the name used in the transaction, and you will receive a free registration key.

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## Presentation

Minuteur is an egg timer and a stopwatch. The intention was to have a timer which is simple and immediate in use. Minuteur is also very flexible and extremely configurable. Particular attention has been paid to the ergonomics of the programme. The basic functionality of Minuteur is intuitive enough to be used right from the start.

To make the most of the deeper features however, you should spend a few minutes reading the following pages.

# Quick start

## Timer

There are several ways to start a new timer:

- You can drag the scale with the mouse.
- Selecting a preset time by clicking the right button on the counter
- Enter the time directly with the keyboard as "hhmmss". Enter by such as "23000" for 2 hours and 30 minutes. Enter "230" for 2 minutes and 30 seconds.
- To pass through the menu or the shortcut Command-Shift-P.

The countdown begins immediately.

If a new time is entered, it cancels the previous without notice.

It is always possible to adjust the time by dragging the scale.

The last time set is remembered only if it was entered via the keyboard or the contextual menu and can be revived by pressing Return/Enter or click button start timer (green button).

You can stop the count by clicking the Stop button (red) or pressing Return/Enter or Escape (Esc).

You can pause and resume by clicking the button Pause (orange) or by pressing the space bar.

At the end of the countdown, Minuteur warns you with a visual alarm and / or sound selected according to preferences.

Press Return/Enter, Esc or the space bar to stop the alarm.

## Stopwatch

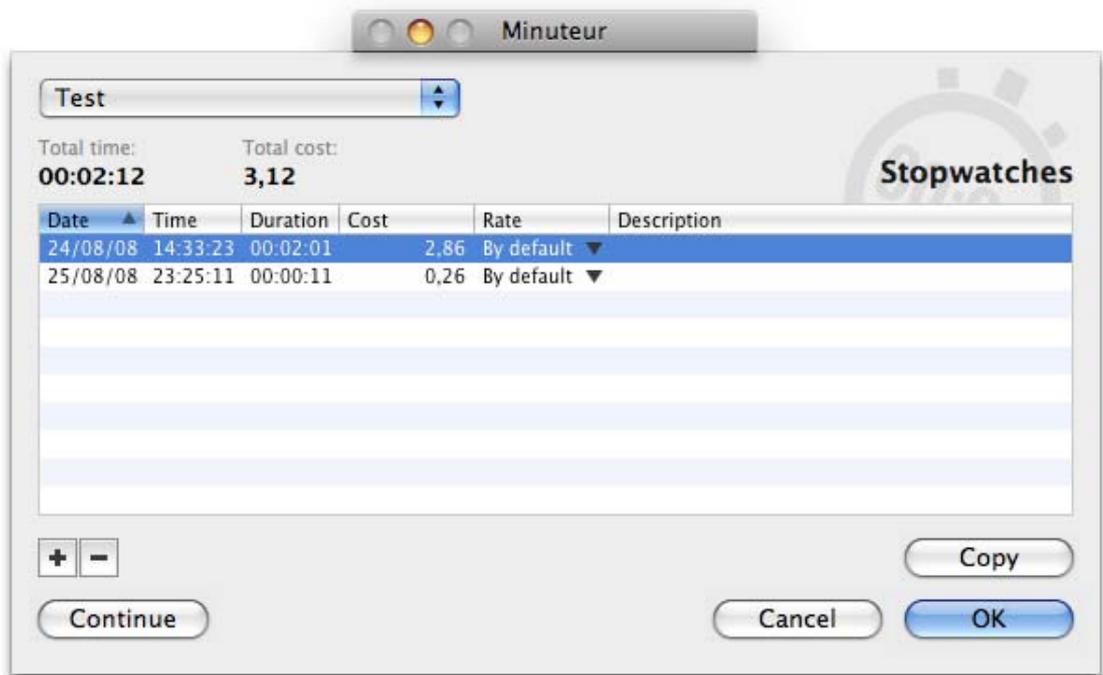
To start a stopwatch, click the stopwatch start button (blue) or press Return/Enter while holding down the Option (Alt) key.

You can pause at any time by clicking the Pause button (yellow) or by pressing Return/Enter or space bar.

To stop the clock, click the Stop button (red) or press Alt-Return/Enter.

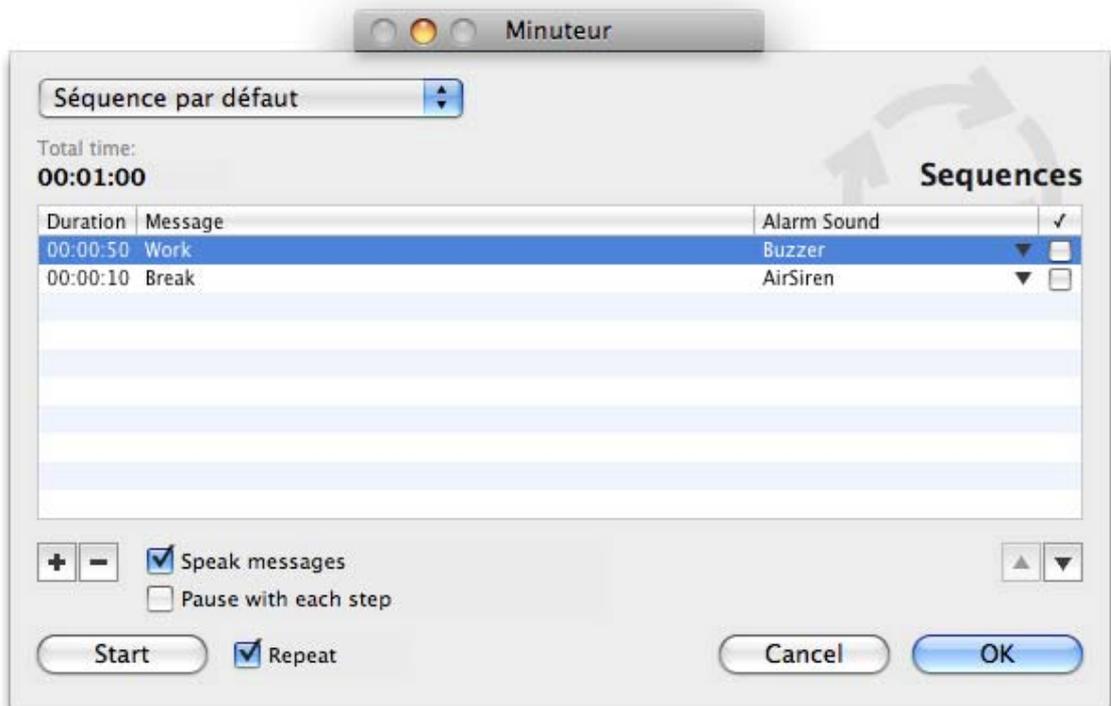
By default, at the end of a time opens the dialogue of stopwatches. If you choose not to display window of stopwatches, Minuteur starts as a first step to break. To confirm Stop, press again Stop.

## Stopwatches window



The "Copy" button copy the contents of the list and totals in the clipboard in a format tabulated to recover in another application.

## Sequences window



If the check box on the right of a line is checked, the step is added to the list of current stopwatches. The options was saved with each sequence.

# Preferences

## Appearance

Keep Minuteur on top keep Minuteur's window always on top.

If **Only if Minuteur is running** option is checked, The window remains on top only when Minuteur is running.

**Show the loudspeaker icon** displays an icon to hear or not mechanical noise when Minuteur is running.

**Show the sequences icon** allows direct access to sequences recorded.

**Show information about the current stopwatches list or sequence** displays various information on the main window.

**Also show total time and cost...** as its name suggests.

**Show the date and time in title bar** shows the date and time in the title bar of the Minuteur's window.

**Use big digits for the counter** displays the counter with big digits. The counter displays while four figures: minutes and seconds or hours and minutes when the time displayed exceeds 1 hour.

**Show the remaining time bar** displays a floating window indicating the remaining time.



This window is displayed only when a settlement is underway. It is still visible and closes automatically after alarm or cut-off countdown.

**Color** to choose the background color of Minuteur.

**Transparency** set the transparency of the main window.

**Tick-tock** active or not mechanical noise when Minuteur is running.

**Sound effects** active or not the sound of the various elements of the interface.

## Alarms

**Countdown beep** sounded before a series of beeps 4 during the last seconds before the alarm.

**Bring Minuteur to the foreground** place window timer in the foreground to attract attention and make it possible to interact directly on the interface.

**Reduce the sound volume of iTunes** automatically over-ridden iTunes volume during alarms and spoken announcements.

**Alarm sound** can choose the sound of alarm among those available.

**Volume** adjusts the sound level of alarm over the general sound level.

**Auto set the system volume when smaller than 10%** back system volume automatically when it is below 10% so as not to miss the alarm.

**Loop alarm sound** repeat the alarm sound loop until the user stops it.

**Repeat alarm sound every n seconds/minutes** repeat the sound alarm all n seconds or minutes until the user stops it.

**Visual alarm** can choose a visual alarm.

**Growl notifications** can set different notifications possible. Requires that the application Growl is installed on your machine.

## Stopwatch

**Price/hour.** Enter here your different hourly rates. That rate is used by the lists of stopwatches.

**Do not show the stopwatches window when stopwatch is stopped** avoids displaying the stopwatches window when stopwatch is stopped. Check this box if you have no use for this list. The times are nevertheless added to the current list, without comment.

## Speech

Translate translate or not the Minuteur ads in the language displayed by Minuteur. This option requires additional language kit.

If you do not have a kit in your language, leave this option disabled so that all ads should be in English.

See the links below for more information:

[www.cepstral.com](http://www.cepstral.com) and [www.convenienceware.com](http://www.convenienceware.com)

**Speak the delay at the start** speak the delay at the start of timing.

**Speak remaining time** speak the remaining time before the alarm according to the defined interval.

**Speak elapsed time** speak the elapsed time since the start according to the defined interval.

## Hot Keys

**Use hot keys to control Minuteur** active or not all shortcuts defined.

You can assign hot keys to control Minuteur since any application. These hotkeys are, however, available only when Minuteur is launched and are not in conflict with other hot keys previously defined by other applications.

## Others

**Quit Minuteur when the main window is closed** permits to quit Minuteur rather than hide when the main window is closed.

**Do not confirm on quit** displays no warning when quit, even if Minuteur is running.

**Dynamic Dock icon** displays the counter in the Dock icon.

**Show the remaining time bar** displays a progress bar in the Dock icon.

**Show Minuteur status in menu bar** displays the icon Timer in the menu bar and allows access to main functions.

**Prevent sleeping** prevents system sleeping as Minuteur is running.

**Show help tags** display or not bubbles help on some elements of the interface.

**Without seconds** will not have to enter seconds to launch a timer.

**In fullscreen, display on:** lets you choose what screen displayed the full screen when several screens are available. Minuteur will respond to all normal keyboard commands.

**Auto start in full screen mode** to start automatically in full screen mode.

**Check for updates every week** automatically checks for a new version of Minuteur.

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## History

**Version 5.0.2** from 2nd September, 2008.

- Fixed a bug with the hourly rates list in preferences caused a crash when all the lines were erased.
- Following an encoding problem with usernames with accents, the registration system was changed. However, a key valid for previous versions do not work anymore. Minuteur will ask you to enter a new key.

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