

The TIME Magazine Multimedia Almanac 1996 README - January 23, 1996

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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the TIME Magazine Multimedia Almanac from SoftKey International. By registering this product you are entitled to technical support and a free copy of the SoftKey Catalog, so please take a moment to send in your registration card. For your convenience, you can also register by calling, toll free, 1-800-845-8692, 24 hours a day.

New Features include:

- All new graphical interface.
- More issues of TIME -- every article from January 2, 1989 through June 26, 1995.
- Decade by decade collections of selected historical articles -- more than 22,000 in all.
- Videos and photos illustrating memorable events of 1995 including the Oklahoma City Bombing, the outbreak of the Ebola virus, and the war in Chechnya.
- A new advanced search function that lets you search for articles by date of publication.
- Customized connection to the World Wide Web.
- The ability to print articles, photos, charts, and graphs.
- Four special multimedia reports:
 - The Race For the White House -- articles, photos, and videos of Presidential candidates from the 1900 election through the 1996 election.
 - Welcome to Cyberspace -- articles and graphs from the TIME special issue, as well as You Can Touch Cyberspace, an interactive map of routes to the information highway.
 - Environment -- articles from the 1989 Endangered Earth Issue, and an eye-opening report on what has happened to our environment over the past 25 years.
 - Diversity -- based on The Changing Face of America special issue, this section contains a slide show highlighting immigration in America with a special TIME report on Diversity that includes morphs of ethnic mixes that are changing the face of America.

System Requirements

Please be sure that your system meets the following standards:

- 68040 or Power Macintosh
- System 7.1 or higher for 68040 based Macintoshes
- System 7.5 or higher for Power Macintoshes
- QuickTime 2.1 or greater
- 8 MB of system memory (12 MB preferred)
- 16 MB of system memory to run application and connect to Time on the World Wide Web.
- 2.5 MB of hard disk space
- Double speed or greater CD-ROM drive
- Minimum 13 inch color display set at 256 colors.

If You Are Using A Previous Version of the TIME Magazine Multimedia Almanac

If you have installed any version of the TIME Magazine Multimedia Almanac, please delete it from your hard drive to avoid any potential conflicts.

Installing

The TIME Magazine Multimedia Almanac allows you to install the application to whatever location you choose on your hard drive(s). Before installing it is recommended that you remove any previous versions of Time Almanac.

Multimedia and Video Performance

"Multimedia" refers specifically to two functions of The TIME Magazine Multimedia Almanac: Picture files (which include photos, graphs, maps and charts) and Video files. Each Multimedia file is labeled with an icon indicating whether the file is an article, video, photograph, chart, map, cover, photo essay, or slide show with sound.

Picture files will be displayed when they are clicked on directly, or when accessed from lists using the Previous Item (Command - Left Arrow) or Next Item (Command - Right Arrow) keys. To close pictures, click on the BACK (Esc) key on the Toolbar.

Video files may be accessed from the Portfolio in list form, or by clicking on graphical buttons with video icons located throughout the almanac. Videos play automatically when accessed, and you can assume control of them at any time.

- Note on video performance

If the videos play with jerky motion or if the sound is not in sync with the video, try this to improve the video performance:

First, make sure you have closed all unneeded windows (i.e. unused results lists). If this does not help then do this:

- 1) Quit the application

- 2) Open up your Memory Control Panel, located in your System Folder under Control Panels.

- 3) Lower the cache size to 64K.
 - 4) If your Macintosh has 8 MB of system memory or less, go to the Memory Control Panel, turn Virtual Memory on, and set it to 16 MB.
 - 5) Restart your computer.
 - 6) If you are using a CD-ROM caching product, refer to your CD-ROM caching guide for specific information on optimum settings while running video.
 - 7) Do not load unnecessary extensions which may utilize system memory needed to perform the multimedia features of this product.
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