

Time Chime User Guide

Purpose

Time Chime is a clock application that plays audible signals at optional times. The sounds and numerous other features can be customized using a simple interface.

Compatibility

Time Chime can be installed and executed on all smartphones running on Symbian S60 3rd or 5th edition, or Symbian^3. Compatible handsets are manufactured by Nokia, Samsung, LG, and Sony Ericsson. Touch-screen and keypad operation are equally supported.

Installation

The distribution package can be installed directly by using the PC install program, or after uploading the .sis file to the phone. Refer to your phone's User Guide for details on installing.

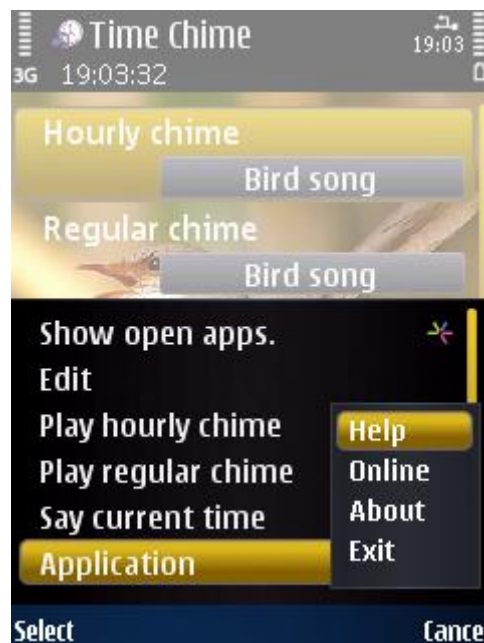
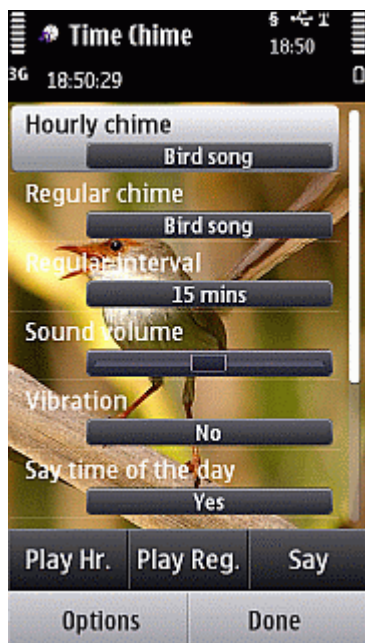
General

The main view of Time Chime displays current settings and lets you change them (see details further below).

Application commands are available as menu items (on key-based phones) or as toolbar buttons (on touch-screen phones). Using the commands you can test the selected audio signals.

The *Play Hr.* and *Play Reg.* commands play the hourly and the regular-interval sounds, respectively. The *Say* command spells the current time using speech synthesizer.

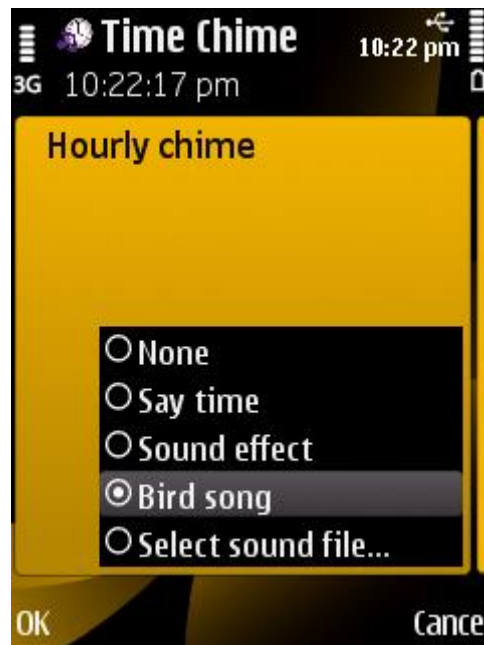
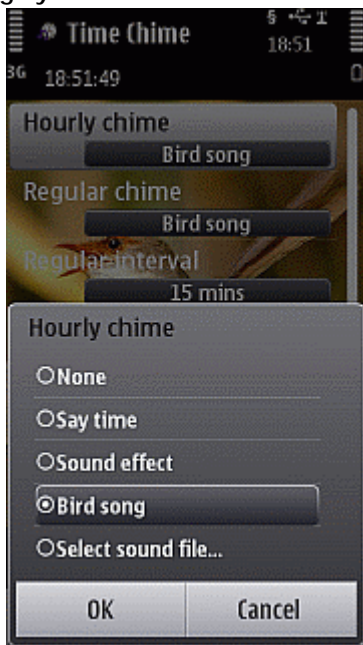
To stop playing a sound, issue a *Play* command while the sound is playing.



Settings

The behaviour of Time Chime can be configured using the main view controls, listed below:

- **Hourly chime:** Select the signal type which will be played every hour.
- **Regular chime:** Select the signal type which will be played at regular time intervals.
- **Regular interval:** Select the time interval for regular signaling.
- **Sound volume:** Set the volume for sounds.
- **Vibration:** Set the option to vibrate the phone at signal times.
- **Say time of the day:** Set the option to add the time of the day to signaling via speech. (This setting is available only if the phone's language is English.)
- **Signals active from:** Set the earliest time when signals are played.
- **Signals active until:** Set the latest time when signals are played.
- **Run as system application:** Turn the option on to prevent exiting Time Chime by the operating system.



Signals

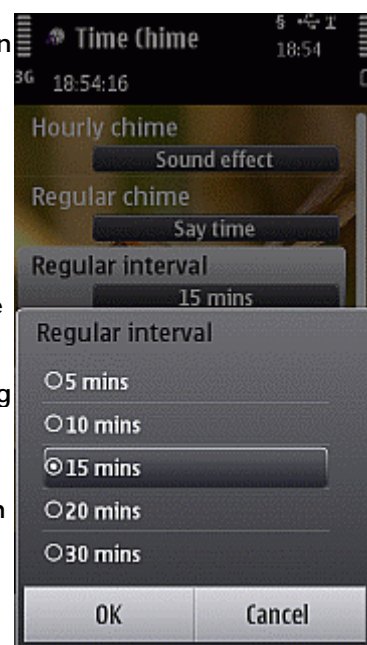
Time Chime plays audible signals every hour. Additional sounds can be played at regular time intervals.

Various signal types can be selected separately for the hourly and regular chimes. The application comes with some default sounds that include beep effects and bird voices. The provided default signals can be replaced by custom sound files.

An additional signal type which can be selected is saying the time via the speech synthesizer engine built into the phone. If the voice quality appears to be too low, then select a signaling option other than saying the time. Note that the full time is pronounced only if the phone's language is English, otherwise the time is spelled using numeric digits only.

If you do not want to play either the hourly or the regular signal, select None in the respective control. You can also specify at which times of the day the signals are active.

Note that Time Chime needs to be running in the background to play timely signals. Therefore, when you are done with changing settings, do not exit the program, instead just press the Done button, or switch to another application.



Time Chime FAQ

General

Q: Why do I need Time Chime?

A: It can be useful at many occasions when the phone signals the time by sound. In this way so you are notified about how time elapses, without the need to look at the device.

Q: How does Time Chime differ from other similar applications?

A: Time Chime is very easy to use, while it provides many customization options, like separate sounds for hourly and regular signals, ability to play pre-defined sounds or your own files, vibration and volume settings, specifying active times, and saying the time via speech-synthesizer.

Q: Which phones is Time Chime compatible with?

A: Time Chime can be installed and executed on all Symbian S60 3rd and 5th edition smartphones. Compatible handsets are manufactured by Nokia, Samsung, LG and Sony Ericsson.

Q: Won't Time Chime disturb phone calls?

A: No, the signals are not played when a phone call is active. Signals are also automatically off when you activate a silent profile.

Q: Can I silence Time Chime at nights?

A: Yes, by using the *Signals active from/until* controls you can set the time interval when sounds will be played.

Sounds

Q: Can I use my own sound file?

A: Yes, absolutely. Open the control for Hourly or Regular chime, and press on the *Select sound file...* item

Q: How to test the sounds?

A: To play the currently active sound, use the *Play hourly/regular chime* commands, available in the Options menu, or as the toolbar buttons *Play Hr.* and *Play Reg.* on touch screen phones. The *Say* command spells the current time using speech synthesizer.

Q: How to stop playing a sound?

A: To stop the currently playing sound, just issue again any of the sound playing commands of Time Chime.

Speech

Q: Why is the speech low quality?

A: Time Chime uses a speech synthesizer that comes with the phone. The voice quality of the speech engine is given, and can not be improved by the application. If the built-in voice is not appropriate in your case, then please select a signaling option other than saying the time.

Q: Why does the Say command speak numbers?

A: On phones whose language is other than English, the time is spelled using numeric digits only. Translations to full time speech are not available in the current version of Time Chime.

We at CellPhoneSoft hope you enjoy using Time Chime, and find it useful in making your smartphone a more pleasant experience. Thank you for using our product!