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About WowAlive

This application enables you mainly to know if your internet connection is working, realms are up and if authorization server is reachable. All this information is concerning World of Warcraft. WowAlive application also offers a tool utility named WowStart to start World of Warcraft in an automated way, just a click on a shortcut, after configuration is done.

System Requirements

Operating System: Microsoft Windows Me, Windows 2000, Windows XP , Windows Vista

Memory: 256 M or more for Windows Me/2000/XP

Free hard drive space: 3M

Software Requirements

Library: The .Net framework 2.0 must be installed on the machine.

Technical Support

If you have any problems with the application, you can contact technical support by emailing:

wowalive@free.fr

Please, make sure you tell as much information as you can about the problem you are experiencing, including any errors or warning messages that may have been displayed.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the next release, please feel free to post them.

Remarks

- The application described in this document, is corresponding to versions 1.x.x.
- Three languages are available: English, French and German.
- The list of realms is updated until the end of July 2008.
- All settings, configuration and options made by the user are saved in a XML configuration file.
- **Important:** The status of realms displayed on main interface of the application is coming from realms status web page of World of Warcraft internet site.

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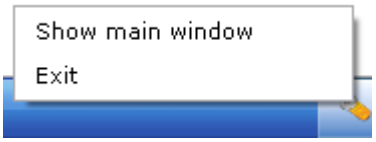
How to launch?

After installation, launch the application by double clicking on the shortcut available on the desktop.

After a while (if application is minimized), an icon is displayed in the tray.

Click now on the icon representing the application. The menu is displaying.



This menu gives to you the possibility to show the main window or to exit the application. Select the first choice. The screen described in chapter ‘Main’ is shown first.

Description

This application is composed of different screens. Here is the list of document parts with some main details. Each screen is captured and described in five following chapters.

- General: Main screen dedicated to display information about internet, authorization and realms.
- Options: This part is devoted to manage the main settings of the application.
- History: Screen available to display history of connectivity testing.
- About: Specific form in charge of giving information about WowAlive application.
- WowStart: Here can be defined user name and password used by WowStart to connect to Wow.

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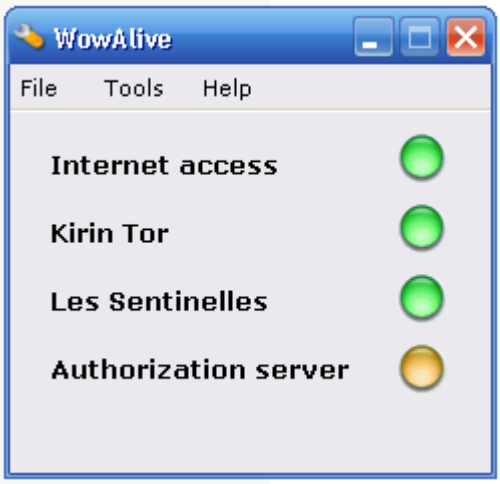
Main

This is the main screen to display following information:

1. If your internet connection is working or not.
2. Status of two realms is displayed. In addition, you can see if there is a queue for the realm.
3. Access to authorization server is working or not.



How to interpret the icon on the right?

Status	Interpretation
	Application is running to check status of internet, realms or authorization connection.
	For internet checking, this icon is showing that internet is not working. For realms, it is showing that realms are down. And at last for authorization, the server is not accessible from your PC.
	For internet checking, this icon is showing that internet is working. For realms, it is showing that realms are up. And at last for authorization, the server is accessible from your PC
?	The status of realm or authorization could not be verified. It can be that web page is not accessible or that internet is not working.
	There is now a queue on the corresponding realm.

Remark: If you let your pointer on the icon, a yellow message is displaying with some supplementary information.

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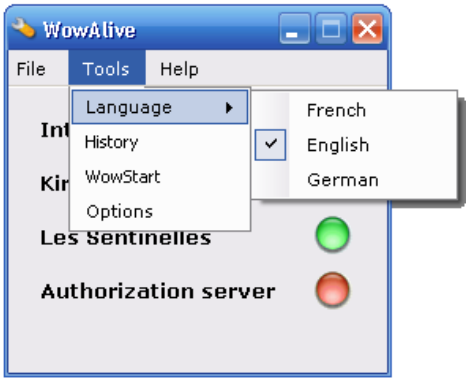
Options

'Options' are accessible from the menu. You can find them in the menu 'Tools'. Then, select 'Options'.



After selection, the screen 'General' is displayed. The following screens are available:

Name	Functionality
General 1	General settings can be defined as a position of the application, top most application, automatic update checking...
Realm 2	Two realms can be selected for control. The list of realms available for selection is different according to language choice. It is also possible to define on that form the frequency in seconds to do all checks. These realms are displayed on main interface.
Style 3	Style of icons can be selected. These icons are used to display status of realms, internet and authorization. It is also possible to change design of main form and to have another color for icon status. Icons displayed change according to selected configuration.
Parameters 4	Parameters dedicated to connection are listed here. Internet and authorization connections parameters, URL of web page to check status parameters can be modified.
Interpretation 5	Here is written what is explained in previous chapter for status interpretation.
Sound 6	When a notification is selected (a popup appears on the desktop), there is a possibility to play a sound in the same time. It can be default sound or a Wav file selected.
Notification 7	A popup can be displayed to inform user concerning a change or a confirmation about the status of internet, authorization… The rule how it is displayed can be also selected.
Connection 8	It can be required to define the setup of a proxy to access to internet. This screen is devoted to do these settings.

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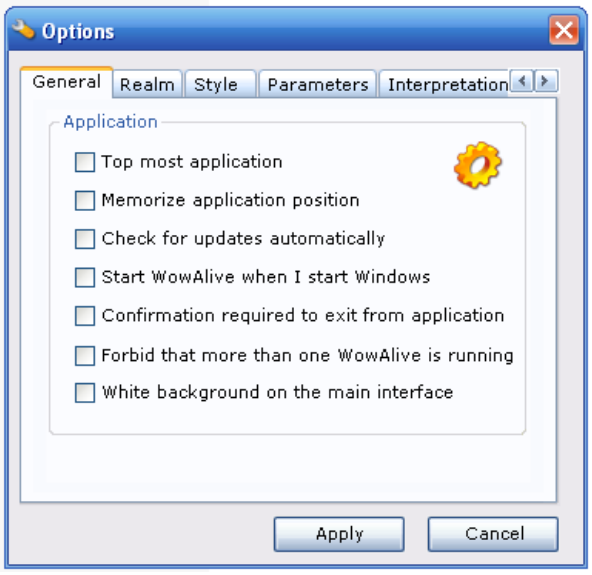

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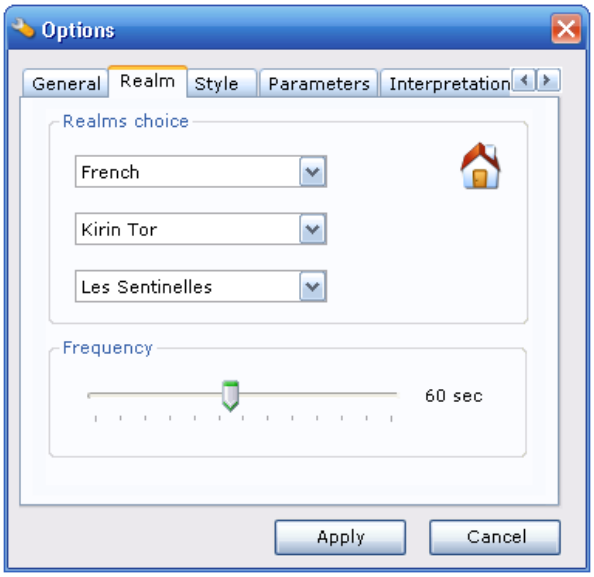

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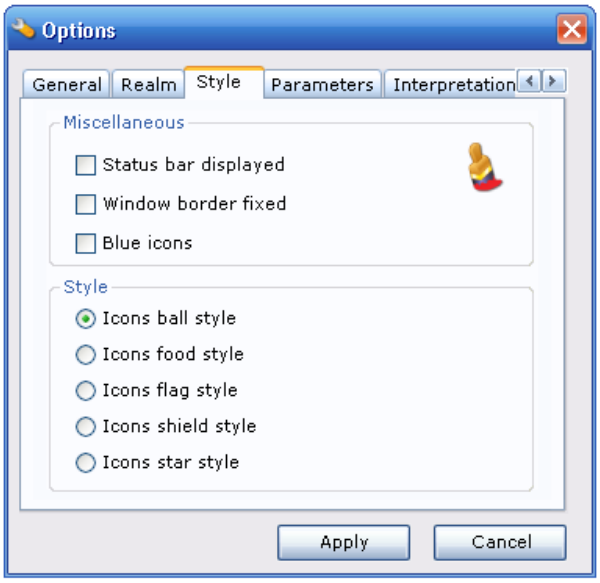

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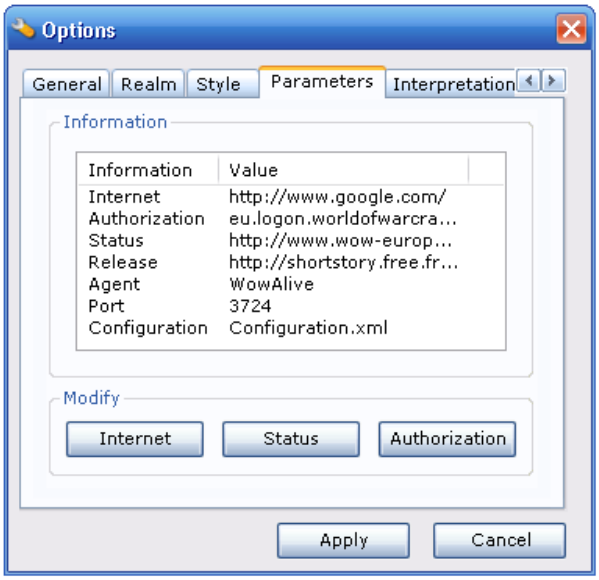

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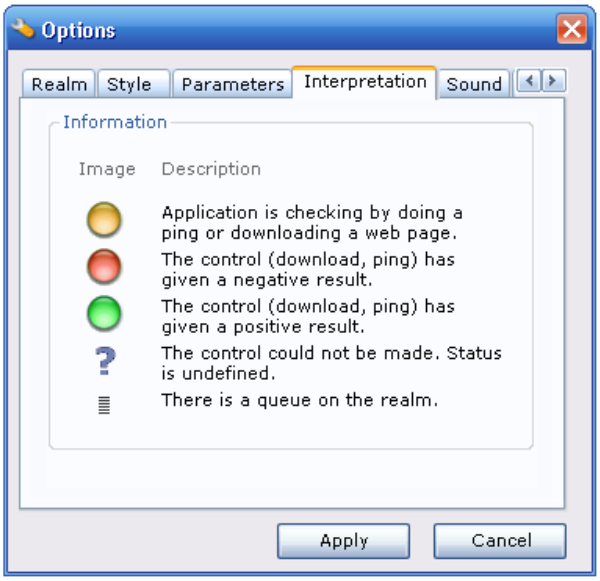
Options
Realm
Style
Parameters
Interpretation
Sound
Information
Image
Description
Application is checking by doing a ping or downloading a web page.
The control (download, ping) has given a negative result.
The control (download, ping) has given a positive result.
The control could not be made. Status is undefined.
There is a queue on the realm.
Apply
Cancel

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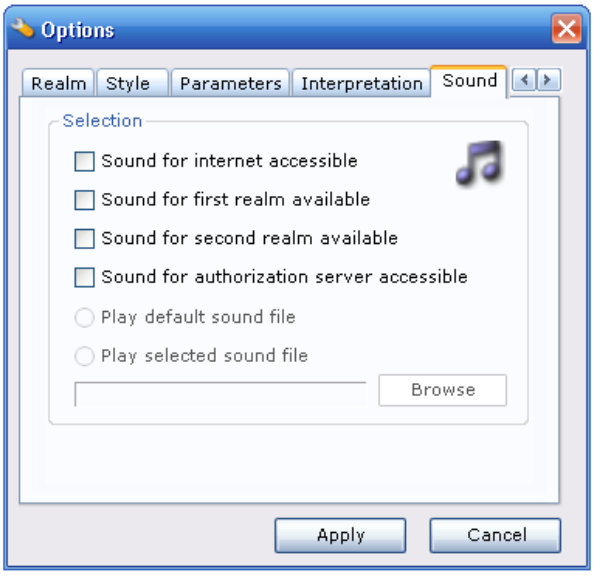
Options
Realm
Style
Parameters
Interpretation
Sound
Selection
Sound for internet accessible
Sound for first realm available
Sound for second realm available
Sound for authorization server accessible
Play default sound file
Play selected sound file
Browse
Apply
Cancel

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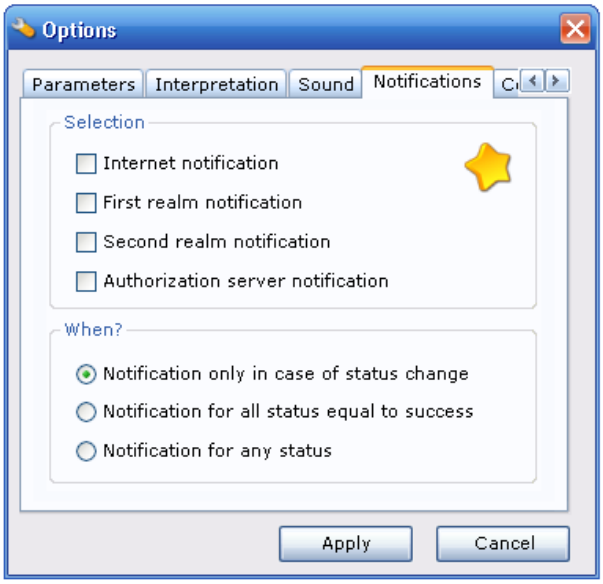
Options
Parameters
Interpretation
Sound
Notifications
Selection
Internet notification
First realm notification
Second realm notification
Authorization server notification
When?
Notification only in case of status change
Notification for all status equal to success
Notification for any status
Apply
Cancel

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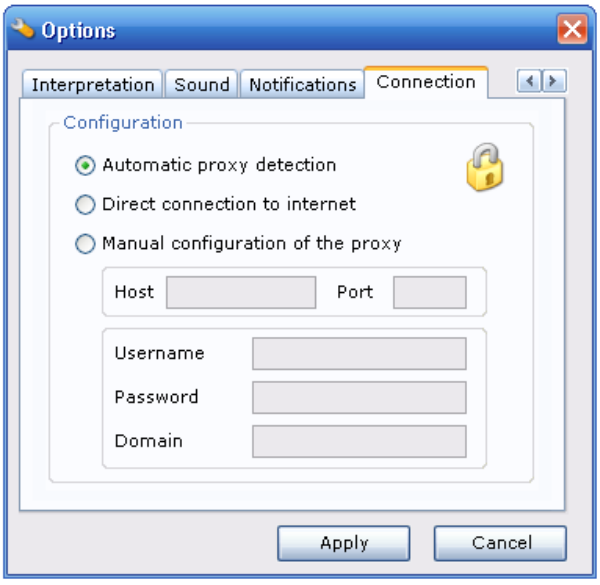
Options
Interpretation
Sound
Notifications
Connection
Configuration
Automatic proxy detection
Direct connection to internet
Manual configuration of the proxy
Host
Port
Username
Password
Domain
Apply
Cancel

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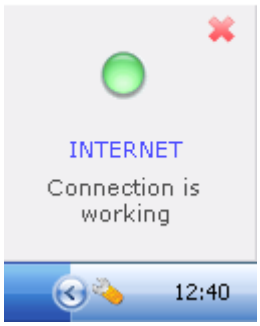
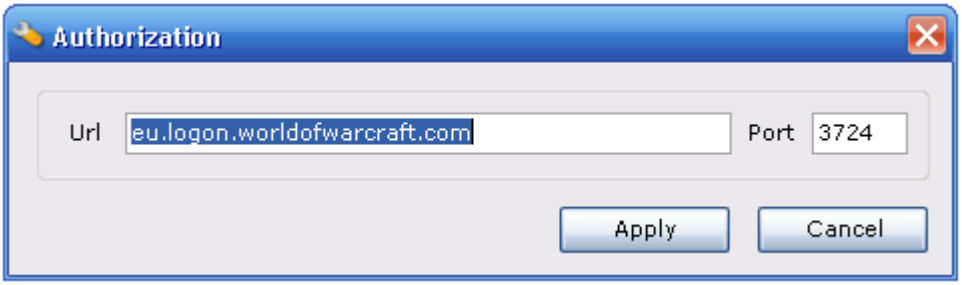


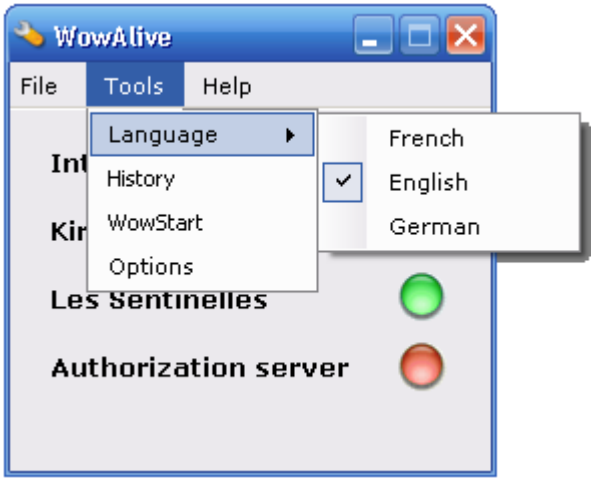
Popup example



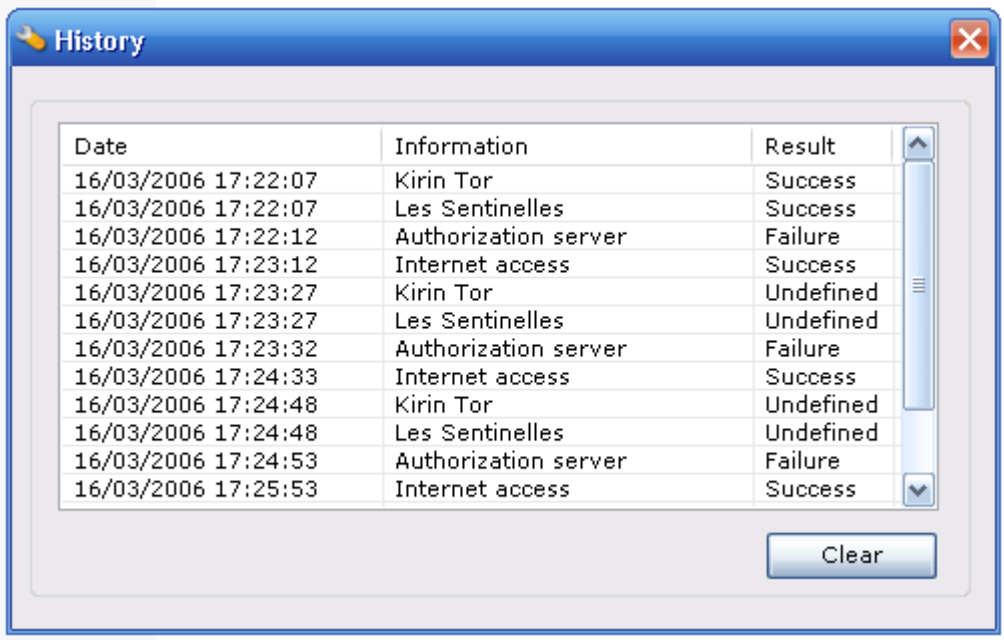
Modification of authorization connection parameters

History

'History' is accessible from the menu. You can find it in the menu 'Tools'. Then, select 'History'.



After selection, the screen 'History is displayed.



There is the history of all checks made by the application and their result.

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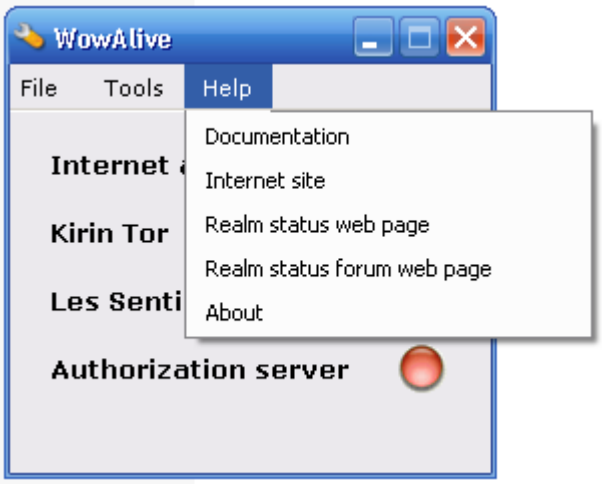
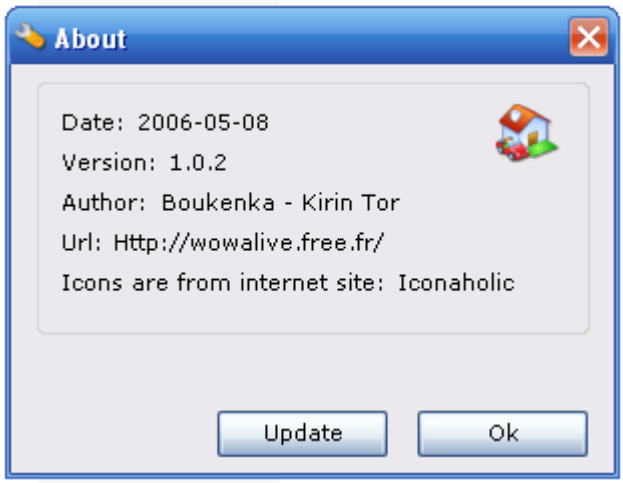
About

'About' is accessible from the menu. You can find it in the menu 'Help'. Then, select 'About'.



After selection, the screen 'About' is displayed.



The version, date, author and URL of the application are displayed. It is also possible to check if a new WowAlive release is available by clicking button named 'Update'.

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WowStart

After installation, a shortcut 'WowStart' is created on the desktop. Before clicking and using this shortcut, which starts World of Warcraft and types for you necessary information to log in, it is requested to configure this utility.

To perform the configuration, you must use ‘WowAlive’ application. Use the functionality ' WowStart '. It is accessible from the menu. You can find it in menu 'Tools '. Then select ' WowStart '. Following screen is displayed.

Type your user account and your password. Then, click on button ‘Apply’. This information will be taken into account by the utility WowStart only when you will have quit WowAlive application. In effect, after closing WowAlive application, all information is saved in a configuration file in XML format, only locally. The configuration file is used by WowStart to run.

Important: All account information (user account and password) to connect to World of Warcraft is only stored in the configuration file, locally. This information is encrypted. And this information is never sent by Internet.