
phoneAlarm v2.x

Quick Start guide

phoneAlarm Features

phoneAlarm is your complete communication control panel. It provides you with repeating notifications whenever a message is waiting for you and allows you to answer these with the minimum of effort.

In addition you can configure powerful phone profiles to easily change all important settings manually or automatically depending on the time, power/sync state, location or Outlook Appointment category.

Many of the more powerful features are located in sub menus or on the Extras tab in settings. Once you have the basic functions working – read the User Guide (available on website) to learn more about getting the most from phoneAlarm.

10 Minute Quick Start

Install:


1. Download the latest version from: <http://www.pocketmax.net/phoneAlarm.html>

Download and run "pa_Setup.exe" if installing from Windows PC via ActiveSync. On a Mac, or over-the-air, download the CAB file, then copy this to the device and on device click the file in File Explorer to install it.

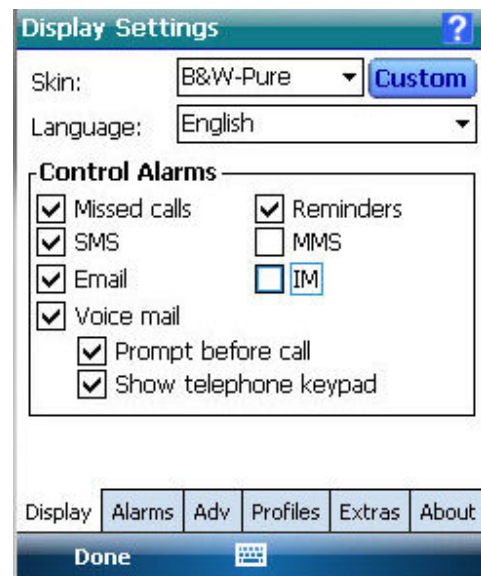
After installation you will be asked to reset the device – then phoneAlarm should be shown on the Today-screen (if you have many Today plugins you might need to scroll down).



Default Skin – see our website for many others

To Open the Settings to configure phoneAlarm: click the  button or else via *Start Menu / Programs / phoneAlarm*

2. Select your preferred skin, 4 or 5 are installed already, and there are over 50 more free skins to choose from on our website.
3. Select language (during installation you choose which languages from over 17 should be installed). You need to exit settings for new language to be applied.
4. In "Control Alarms" box, select which alarms you would like to have repeat (any options which are not checked are NOT controlled by phoneAlarm)



NOTE: All alarm settings controlled by phoneAlarm should NOT to be configured via System *Sounds & Notifications* panel!! They will be set to a silent sound in system.

5. Leave all settings on this page on default values until you see that the alarms are working correctly!

Afterwards you can customize these to define your preferred alarm repeat settings.

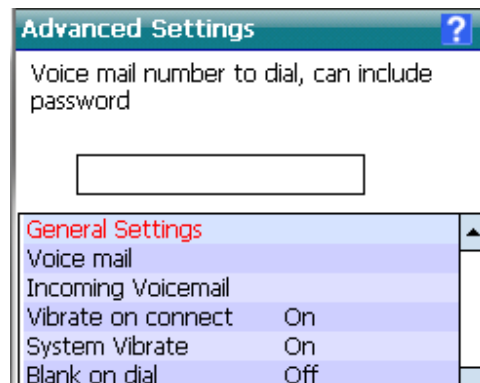


6. Configure the Voice mail number if this is not yet filled. This is the number you usually dial to access your voicemail.

To include password you need to check with your operator for the correct format:

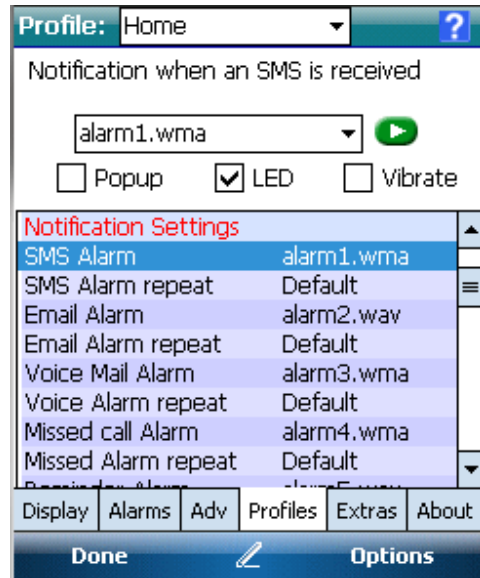
Example: 12345ppp#p1234# (p=pause)

7. If alarms are not activating as expected, change the **"Use broker for alarms"** flag. For most devices it is best when this is OFF.



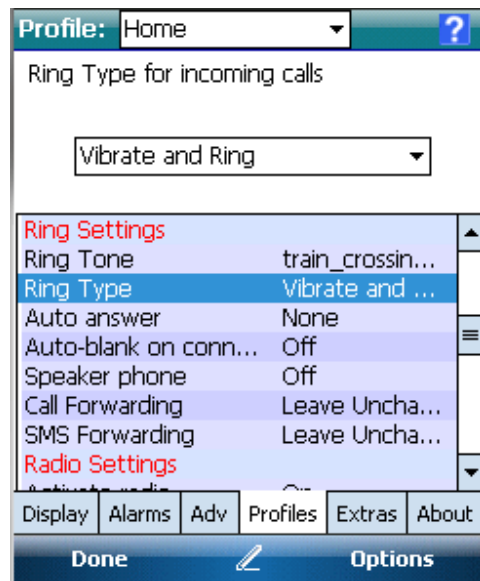
- On the Profiles tab, for Home profile (selected on 1st line of dialog) scroll down to the *Notification Settings*

Set your preferred sounds for each alarm type, and whether LED should blink and/or vibrate. Ignore the *Alarm Repeat* options for now (leave set to default).



- Scroll down to *Ring Settings* and select your preferred *Ring Tone* and *Type*

phoneAlarm is now ready for first use!!



For more information on the individual settings please read the **User Guide** and don't forget to backup your settings when you have finished customization!

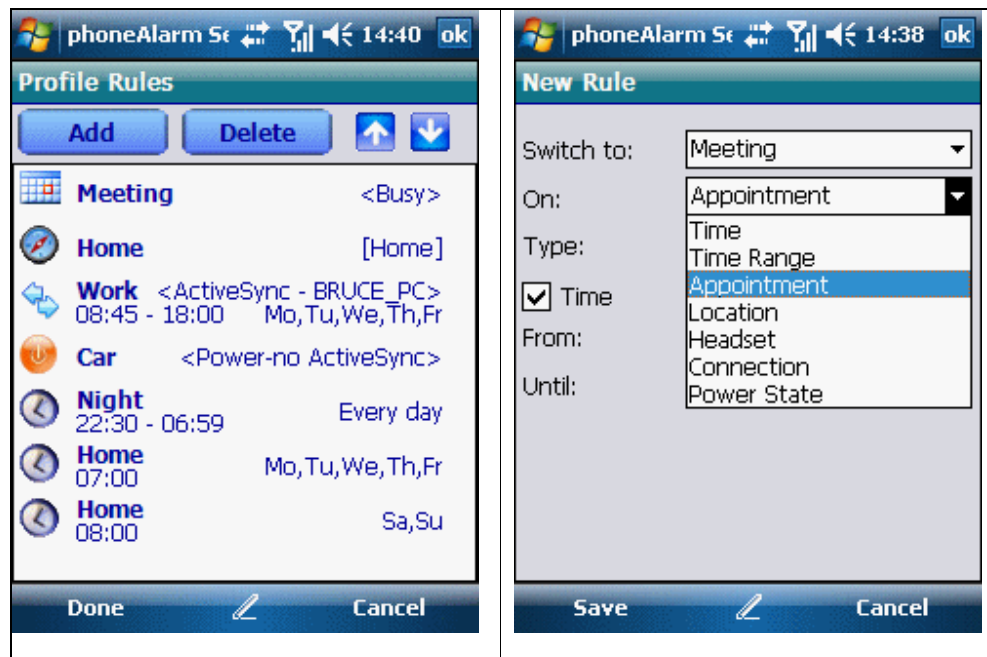
Frequently asked questions

How do I activate automatic profile switching?

Automatic Profile Switching

One of the most useful features of phoneAlarm is the automatic profile switching which can be used to change most device settings dependent on the time, events such as "in Cradle" or "external Power", connected network or an Outlook appointment.

To access these settings select "Automatic Switching" on the Profile Settings *Options* menu, opening screen 1 below.



You can choose from 7 different profile switching events, (as shown in menu above). Appointment switching will activate the specified profile when an appointment with the specified status or category is active (if you have overlapping appointments only the first will be used - and All day appointments are ignored). The status <Busy> and <Out of Office> correspond to the *Status* in the Appointment.

The "Connection" switch allows switching profiles when connected to a specific network or computer, when roaming (not connected to your preferred network) or generally when an ActiveSync connection is present.

“Power State” will switching when power cable is attached without ActiveSync being started, or when the battery power drops below a certain threshold (low battery profile will be deactivated as soon as power cable is attached).

After selecting the wished-for Profile and the time or event, press the **Save** button to save the setting.

In addition in the **PRO** version, you can select that profile will activate when you arrive at a specific location and optionally change to a specific profile as soon as you leave that location.

At the end of an event or Outlook appointment the profile will automatically switch back to the base profile. If the current profile is locked, then no automatic switches will occur until the lock is manually removed.

Profile switching priority

Profile switching priority is dependent on position in the list. Items are processed from the top of list until the first active item is found.

Time-based rules are an exception – they DON'T change the profile immediately – they only set the new base profile to activate when no rule is active. Time based profiles can be anywhere in the list and will still activate (placing them at the bottom is usually clearer).

See the following example for help in understanding the logic.

#1: Meeting profile will ALWAYS be activated when a <Busy> appointment is present in calendar

#2: When current location is “Home” group and not in a meeting, then Home profile will be activated.

#3: During working hours, work profile will be activated if you connect using ActiveSync to the computer “Bruce_PC”. If you are still connected at 18:01 the profile switch to home by default unless one of the other rules is active.

#4: Device will switch to Car profile if power cable is attached and not in meeting or “Home” group.

#5: Between 22:30 and 07:00 the next morning, device will switch to Night profile if no other rule is active. If you want device to ALWAYS switch to Night profile regardless of other settings – the “Time-range” rule must be at the top of the list. Between 7:00 (8:00 on weekends) and 22:30 the device will always switch to Home profile if no other rule is active.



1	 Meeting <Busy>
2	 Home [Home]
3	 Work <ActiveSync - BRUCE_PC> 08:45 - 18:00 Mo, Tu, We, Th, Fr
4	 Car <Power-no ActiveSync>
5	 Night 22:30 - 06:59 Every day
6	 Home 07:00 Mo, Tu, We, Th, Fr
7	 Home 08:00 Sa, Su

NOTE: If you placed any other rule below #5 – it will never activate between 22:30 and 07:00. Even if it was another time-range with time from 05:00 – 06:00 for example.

To lock a profile (for example when you are on Holiday or in the church / cinema or in a plane), *click and hold* on the Profile icon -> then from the pop-up menu, select *Lock* or *Timed Lock*. A timed lock is automatically removed after the specified period. Lock must be manually removed, or if you manually switch profile it will also be removed. You can also choose "Timed-switch" which will switch to a specified profile and lock until the specified time – at which point the previous profile will be restored.

While the profile is locked ALL automatic profile changes are disabled. Manual profile change always occurs even if the profile is locked and will remove the lock! Manual change also sets the new base-profile.

In addition – manual switches activate 'sticky' profile by default, so that the rules engine doesn't switch straight back to the active profile according to rules engine logic. This means that until the currently active rule ends – your manual selection will remain active. You can reactivate rules engine logic at any point by click & hold on the Profile icon and selecting "*Remove sticky profile*".

When an automatic profile change is scheduled during a phone call – the profile change is cached and executed when you hang-up. This prevents flight mode activating in the middle of a call!

My registration code isn't accepted!

Check that your device Owner Name wasn't changed! Otherwise email "support@pocketmax.net" with product name, your device Owner Name (UPPER / lower case is important) and details of when and where you purchased.

How to upgrade to newer version?

Users with v1.62 or earlier can upgrade for 50% discount via our website or the portal where you originally purchased. Free upgrades are included for all v2.0 users until the next major version (v3.0).

NOTE: If upgrading from a version before v2.0 you MUST FULLY uninstall first, also most WM 5.0 devices will automatically uninstall the previous version.

If you have problems with upgrading – perform a soft-reset and then try again to install (there is a known issue with Microsoft WM 5.0 installation program that it crashes if not enough memory is available!)

Do I use system "Sounds & Notifications" to configure settings?

NO!! For all alarms that are controlled by phoneAlarm (SMS, Email etc.) – these settings are controlled by phoneAlarm via profiles (sound in system is set to "phoneAlarm" which is a silent file) and will be changed automatically

How to backup settings?

On Profiles tab, click Options menu / Backup / Restore and export your settings – these are saved in pa_Export.txt. This will copy all important files to a Storage Card automatically (select RESTORE to copy them back overwriting current settings with saved). This saves all registry settings, rules, location data and Network snapshots.

How do I activate logging?

To start recording: Go to the About screen and click on the phoneAlarm icon - then activate BASIC / DETAIL logging option. (only activate Signal logging option when requested).

After the problem has occurred, send the *phoneAlarm.log* in the *\Program Files\phoneAlarm* directory to: support@pocketmax.net

Please include a brief description of the problem, and the time when it occurred!

Disable logging via About screen when not required as it can have a noticeable affect on performance!! On upgrade logging is always disabled and the old log file is deleted.

Bluetooth file transfer doesn't work

To transfer files via Bluetooth the Infra-red option ("*Activate IR*") in current profile must be activated!!

Voicemail alarms are not working

If voicemail isn't working correctly (especially if you only get an SMS alarm) you need to setup the telephone numbers correctly for **Voice mail** and **Incoming Voicemail** in the Advanced Settings. [more info soon....]

I want to use Ringo (or another 3rd party ringtone manager)

No problem, simply select "<3rd Party>" for the Ringtone sound AND RingType or for the SMS sound – then phoneAlarm will not manage this setting.

For SMS – phoneAlarm will read the sound setting from registry – to get the custom setting that 3rd party manager has selected, then correctly repeat the alarms. On Treo, MIDI sounds are NOT supported for SMS alarm!

NOTE: If you use "<3rd Party>" for sound, you MUST set this in ALL profiles.