

RESOURCE METER (WIN98)

Applications can tax today's hardware, not to mention something you bought in the past. Keep a close eye on your resources with Windows 98's Resource Meter. When loaded, this utility appears in the taskbar and gives you one-click access to the overall general health of your system. Follow these steps to locate and load this valuable tool:

1. Click the Start button and select Programs.
2. Choose Accessories, System Tools, Disk Resource Meter.
3. Click OK to bypass the dialog box.
4. Double-click the Resource Meter icon in the taskbar to view your resources.
5. Click OK to return Resource Meter to its minimized state.

Resources is a factor of RAM and the number of programs running that require these resources. When the resources drop below about 60% it's time to reboot in order to regain the resources used. You might also consider removing programs from Startup except Anti-virus, Firewall, etc. Other programs can have their icons placed on the taskbar for easy start should you need to open them.

RESOURCE CHECK IN XP (PERFORMANCE)

1. Rightclick the taskbar and select Task Manager to bring up the Windows Task Manager.
2. Click on the Performance tab to see the CPU usage and Page File usage graphs.

If CPU usage is above 50%, then the AOL user may be more prone to resource issues that affect AOL connectivity.

See Screen capture below:

