

UTTimer

handbook

managing power up



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- **Introduction**

Power up in FPS games provides temporary advantages in strength or defense capabilities and anticipating power up pick up may give a team a decisive advantage while attacking or defending during games like Unreal Tournament.

UTTimer provides timer(s) to manage power up pickup in UT, such as damage amplifier, armor or belt.

The tool may also be used for other fps games that provides regenerating power ups.

An embedded editor gives the possibility to edit/add/remove timers in a configuration and to load/save configurations.

• Functionnalities

UTTimer provides inputs like keystroke or speech command to trigger timers and visual/audio indicators to help pick up power up when they become available.

The main features of the tool are :

- build and set up graphical timers (font, foreground, background, value, layout) with an editor
- manage keystrokes for each timer, to reset and start all timers ,
- keylogger option (in order to catch keystroke while gaming)
- voice command recognition (multilanguage)
- keystroke generation upon thresholds (warning, elapsed timer)
- audio message activation upon thresholds (warning, elapsed timer)
- store/load/modify timers configurations

• Development package

Initially written in java, the tool has been rewritten in python language with some more features : uglier interface but more portability.

UTtimer has been developped on python 3.11 and tested on two platforms: linux AMD64 (fedora 38) and windows 11.

The following packages are mandatory:

- **playsound** (linux)
- **winsound** (Windows platform)
- **colorama** (colored print)
- **pyaudio** (microphone management) => `sudo dnf install python3-pyaudio`
- **SpeechRecognition** (speech to text)
- **pyautogui**
- **lxml**

- keyboard

- **Installation**

- **Prerequisites**

Download zip for your platform (linux or windows) and install as standalone.

- **Linux**

Unzip archive UTTimer.zip in the desired location (\$HOME/UTTimer for instance).

- **Windows**

Unzip archive UTTimer.zip in the desired location (c:/UTTimer for instance).

- **Exploitation**

- **UTTimer**

A config.ini file is mandatory alongside the application. It should be located at the same folder as the application and a parameter "config_dir" must be given with the configuration file folder (where the application stores the configuration files once created)

Its content are describe below for each platform

- **Linux**

In a terminal, launch UTTimer.bin as shown below. No configuration is loaded. Cf §User guide to use the tool.

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[psy@localhost UTTimer]$ ll
total 115056
drwxr-xr-x. 2 psy psy      0 27 févr. 10:
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drwxr-xr-x. 2 psy psy      0 7 mars 08:
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drwxr-xr-x. 2 psy psy      0 14 mars 13:
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drwxr-xr-x. 2 psy psy      0 24 mars 03:
drwxr-xr-x. 2 psy psy      0 30 mars 06:
drwxr-xr-x. 2 psy psy      0 31 mars 17:
[psy@localhost UTTimer]$ pwd
/media/share/share/tools/UTTimer
[psy@localhost UTTimer]$ ./UTTimer.bin
playsound is relying on another python subprocess. Please use 'pip install pygobject' if you want playsound to run more efficiently.
no file log, default stdout
WARNING:UTTimerManager:Configuration file Z:/share/tools/UTTimer/newConfigFile_20220331_171153.xml doesn't exist anymore
ALSA lib pcm_dmix.c:1032:(snd_pcm_dmix_open) unable to open slave
ALSA lib pcm.c:2664:(snd_pcm_open_noupdate) Unknown PCM cards.pcm.rear
ALSA lib pcm.c:2664:(snd_pcm_open_noupdate) Unknown PCM cards.pcm.center_lfe
ALSA lib pcm.c:2664:(snd_pcm_open_noupdate) Unknown PCM cards.pcm.side
ALSA lib pcm.c:2664:(snd_pcm_open_noupdate) Unknown PCM cards.pcm.surround71
ALSA lib setup.c:547:(add_elem) Cannot obtain info for CTL elem (MIXER,'IEC958 Playback Default',0,0,0): Aucun fichier ou dossier de ce type
ALSA lib pcm.c:2664:(snd_pcm_open_noupdate) Unknown PCM cards.pcm.hdmi
ALSA lib pcm.c:2664:(snd_pcm_open_noupdate) Unknown PCM cards.pcm.modem
ALSA lib pcm.c:2664:(snd_pcm_open_noupdate) Unknown PCM cards.pcm.modem
ALSA lib pcm.c:2664:(snd_pcm_open_noupdate) Unknown PCM cards.pcm.phoneLine
ALSA lib pcm.c:2664:(snd_pcm_open_noupdate) Unknown PCM cards.pcm.phoneLine
ALSA lib pcm_dmix.c:1032:(snd_pcm_dmix_open) unable to open slave
ICMics Found on this Computer:
['Intel 82801AA-ICH: - (hw:0,0)', 'Intel 82801AA-ICH: MIC ADC (hw:0,1)', 'sysdefault', 'pipewire', 'default', 'Audio interne Stéréo analogique', 'speech-dispatcher-dummy', 'Audio interne Stéréo analogique Monitor']

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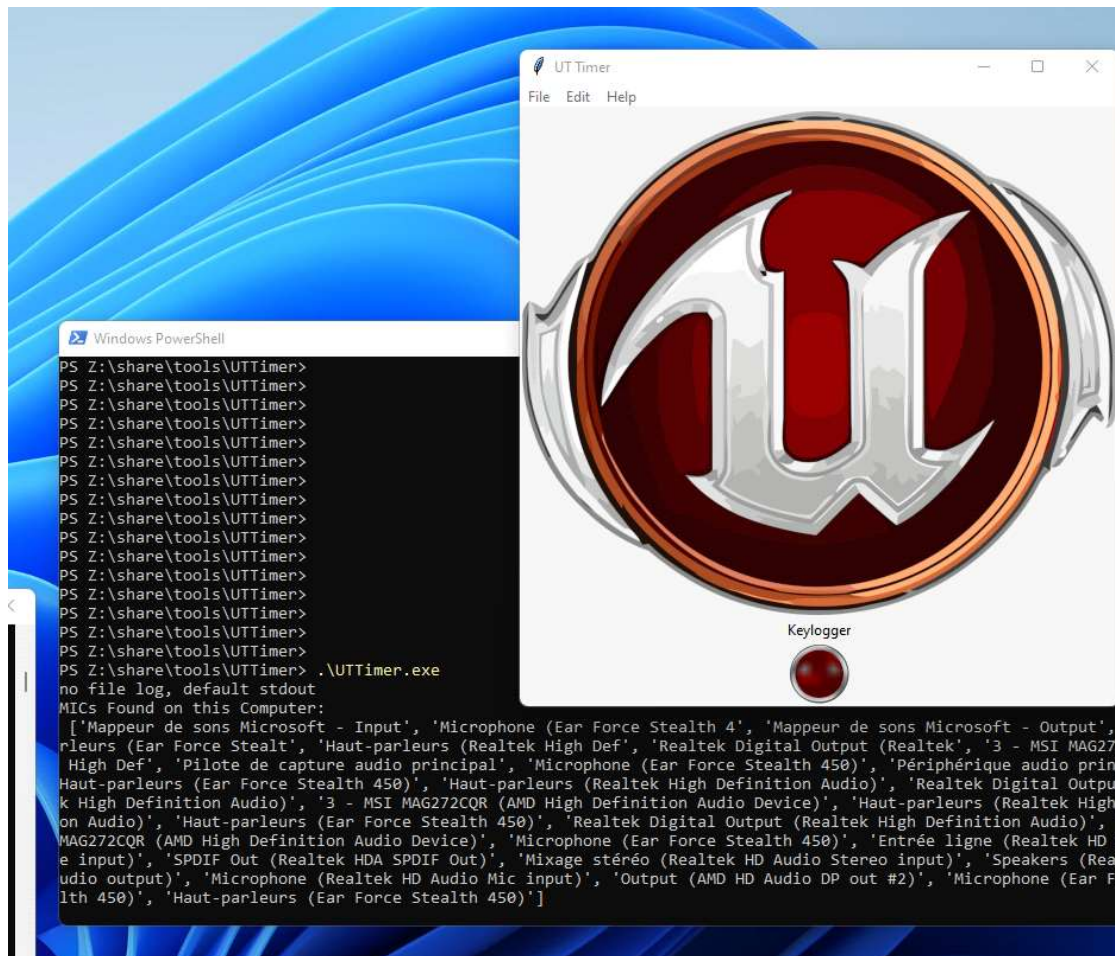
config.ini content (example):

[APP]

config_dir : /home/psy/Documents/UTTimer

• Windows

In a powershell console, launch UTTimer.exe as shown below. Cf §User guide to use the tool.



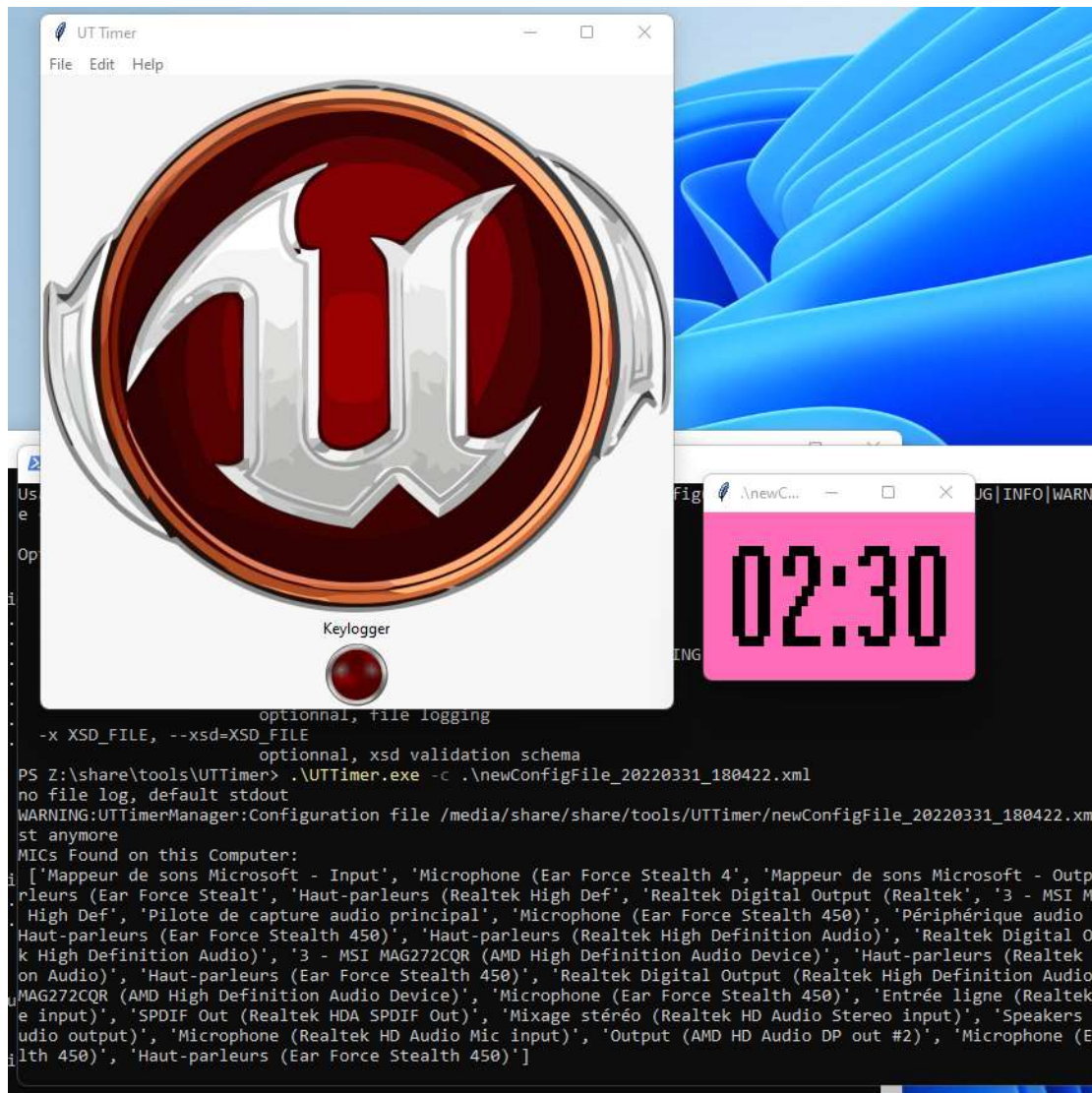
You could also double click on the icon associated to UTTimer.exe in the installation directory.

config.ini content (example):

[APP]

```
config_dir : c:\users\Documents\UTTimer
```

To load a specific configuration at startup, launch UTTimer (whatever the platform) with the following argument '-c' :



- **KeyLogger**

A keylogger catches keystroke (whatever application has focus, and particularly during a game). Thus, keystroke may be associated with timer while gaming.

- **Linux**

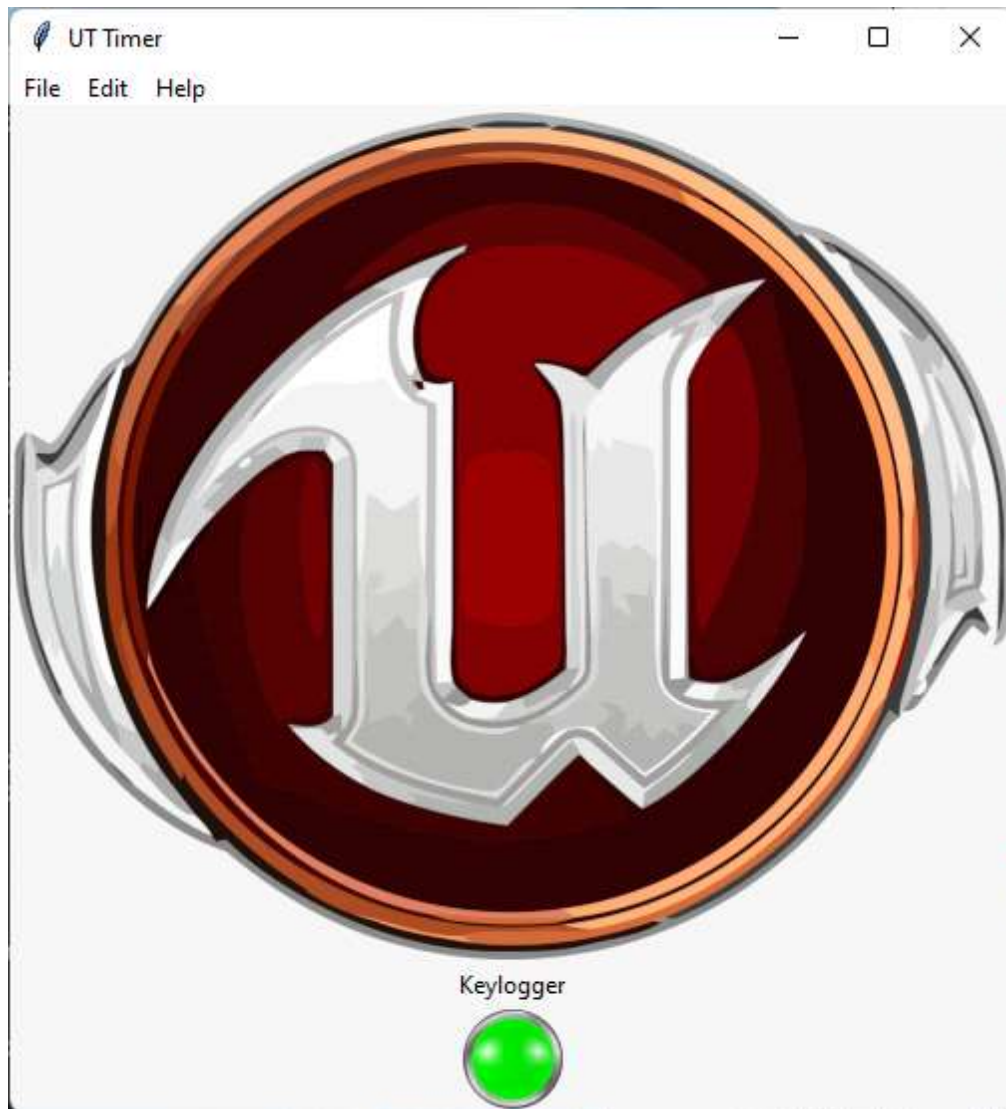
the keylogger fonctionnality must be used with root privileges (sudoer for instance).

If the tool launched without root privileges and keylogger activated in the configuration, the key logger indicator is red.



- **Windows**

keylogger is available if configured as active (cf § Miscellaneous frame).



- **Logger**

UTTimer provides logging features (ERROR, WARNING, INFO, DEBUG) that may help to analyse potential bugs.

Under Linux, launch UTTimer.bin (resp. UTTimer.exe for windows) with -h options for further explanation

- **User guide**

After launching UTTimer without a configuration (i.e with no argument '-c'), the following window pops up :



- **Timer construction**

The next step is to build the timer(s).

Select File→New configuration as shown below



The following window pops up, displaying a notebook with «General information» tab :

configuration edition: C:\Users\Psy\Documents\UTTimer\newConfi...

General Information

General keys
start all timers key: reset all timers key:

General colors
Timer color: Warning color: Elapsed color:

Timers Disposition
Detached ☐ Vertical ☒ Horizontal ☐

Timers Font
system bold , size: 80 Font...
13:37

Speech to command
Active Speech to command: ☐ Language:
Start all timers command: Reset all timers command:

Miscellaneous
Internal Keylogger: ☐

By default, a name is given for the new configuration and is displayed in the window title (here, newConfigfile_20220328_210655.xml). This name may be changed afterwards.

Note : if a configuration is previously created or loaded, modified and not saved, it will be erased.

- **Creating a timer**

The next step is to add a timer. Click on Add Timer button and a new tab is displayed with a default name « power up 0 » as shown below.

configuration edition: newConfigFile_20220403_144711.xml

General Information power up 0

Timer

Active: ☐ Name: power up 0 Remove timer

Key

Active Key: ☐ Key: ☐

Audio file: {{wav files} *.wav} Browse... Play Remove Record

Duration

Timer duration (mm:ss): 2 : 30

Background color

02:30 Color...

Elapsed Time

Audio file: {{wav files} *.wav} Browse... Play Remove Record

Enable gen key: ☐ Gen key: ☐

Warning

Audio file: {{wav files} *.wav} Browse... Play Remove Record

Enable gen key: ☐ Gen key: ☐

Threshold warning (s): 10

Speech to command

command:

Close Apply Save Save as Add timer

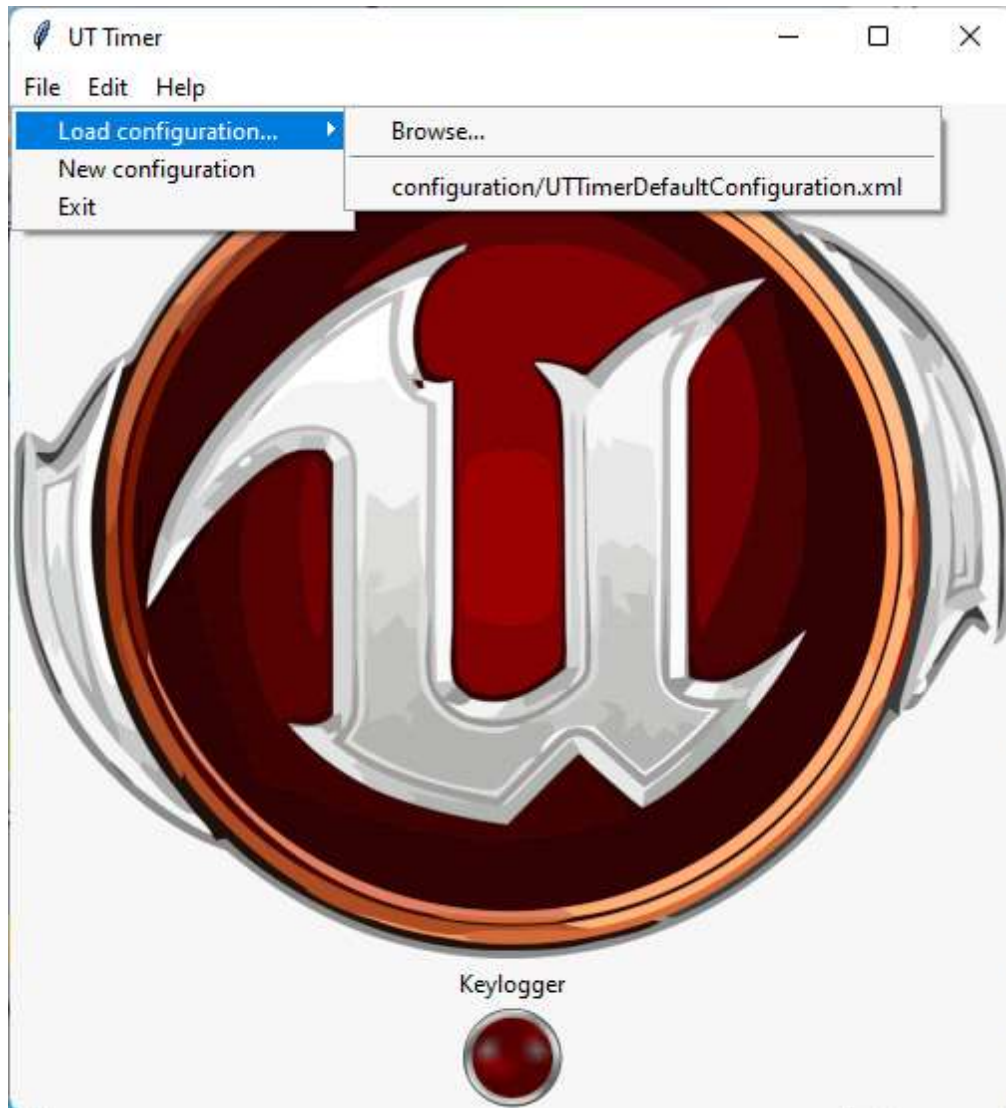
At this point, you can save the configuration (to default subdirectory configuration) or to save as a new configuration name in a specific directory or add/delete timers.

The different parameters of «General Information» tab and «timer» tabs are detailed in §Configuration edition below.

- **Configuration load**

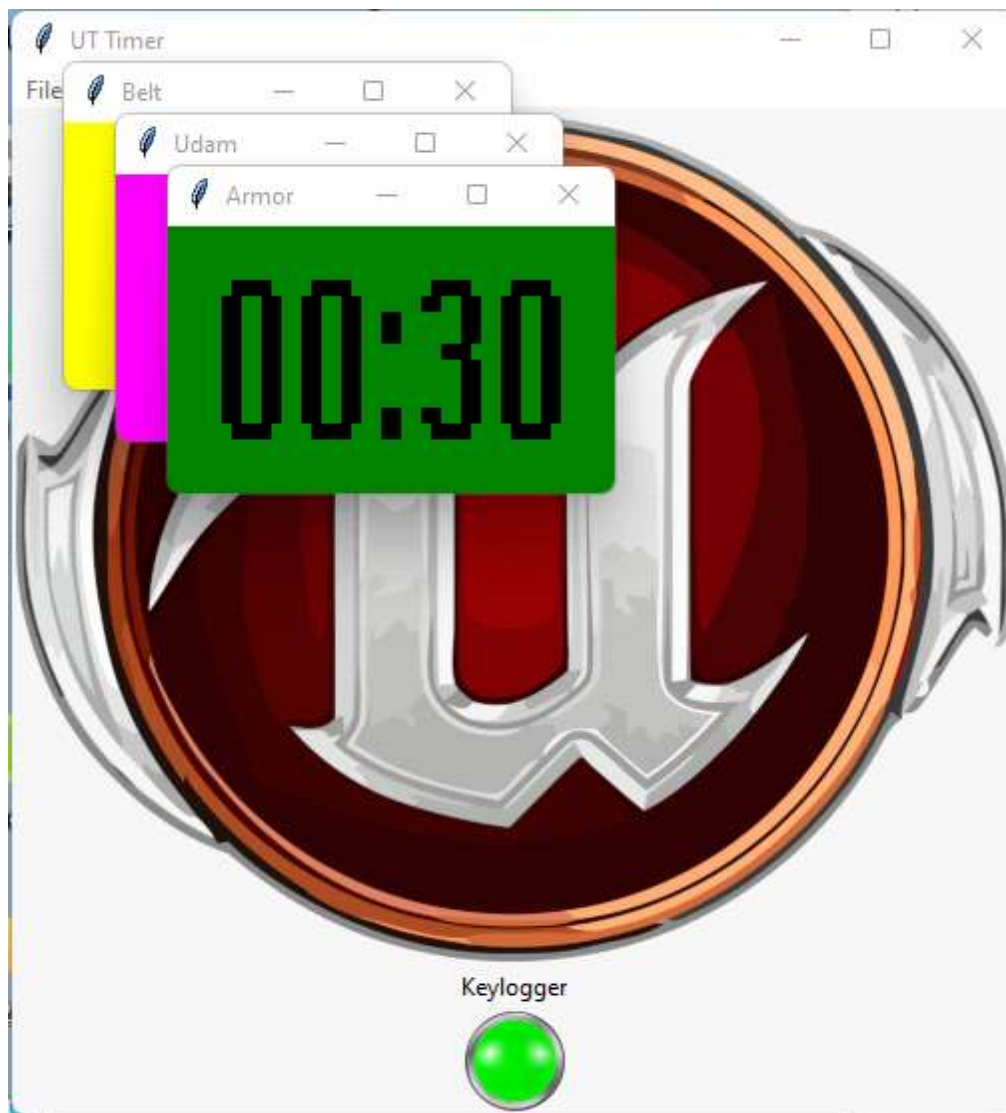
Once a configuration is saved, you could load it later or load another previously saved configuration.

Select File→load configuration. Recent configurations are proposed as shown below. File configuration may be also browsed with a file chooser (« Browse... » option)



Depending on the chosen configuration, active timers are displayed.

In the example below, three active detached timers (Belt, Udam and Armor) are displayed, with an active connected keylogger



- **Timer activation**

Three methods are available to activate or reset timer(s) :

- keystroke on focus : if timer key is setup and active and the timer window or main window has focus
- keylogger : specific key stroke (cf §Keylogging)
- voice command : if speech recognition is activated and a word is associated (internet is required since it uses google speech)

The three methods can be setup in §Configuration edition below.

When detached, a running timer looks like :



A running timer reaching warning threshold (here 10s) looks like :



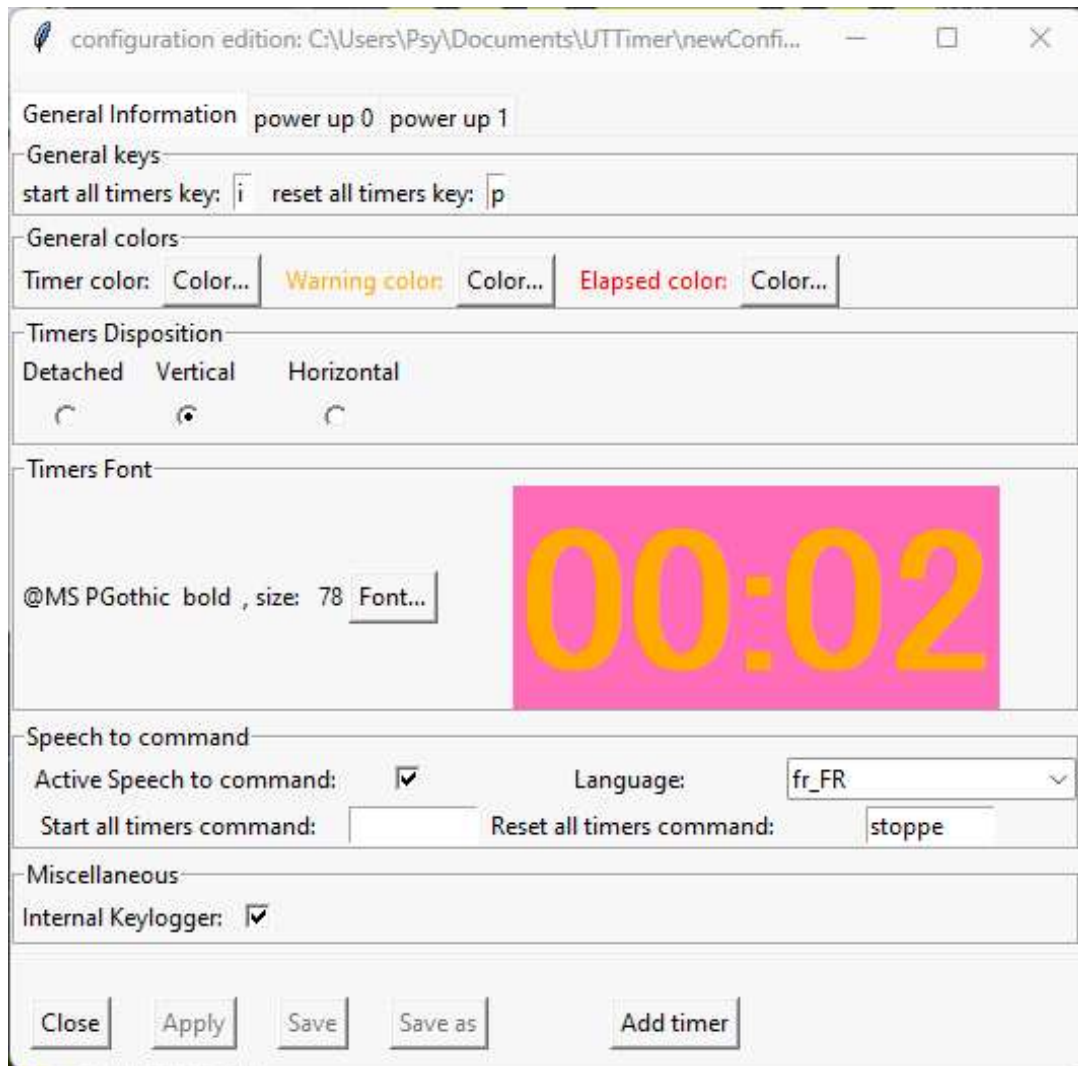
An elapsed timer looks like (underscore indicates it's the last timer to elapse):



- **Configuration edition**

Once loaded, a configuration can be edited. Select Edit→configuration.

The following configuration editor pops up.



A notebook is presented with a general information tab, followed by timers tabs.

« Apply », « Save », « Save as » buttons are disabled by default. If any parameter is modified, command buttons become available.

If « Apply » button is used to apply, parameter is stored in memory and applied to timer 's current configuration.

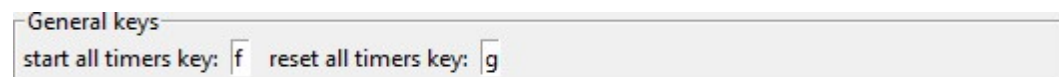
If « Save » or « Save as » buttons are used to save a configuration, modified parameters are stored on disk in the chosen configuration file and applied to timer current configuration (if not applied before).

- **General Information tab**

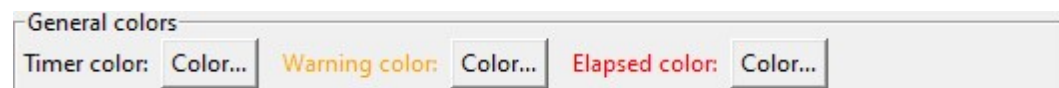
The tab comprises several frames.

- ***General keys frame***

A keystroke could be created to start all timers simultaneously (useful for start of game). Idem to reset all timers simultaneously.

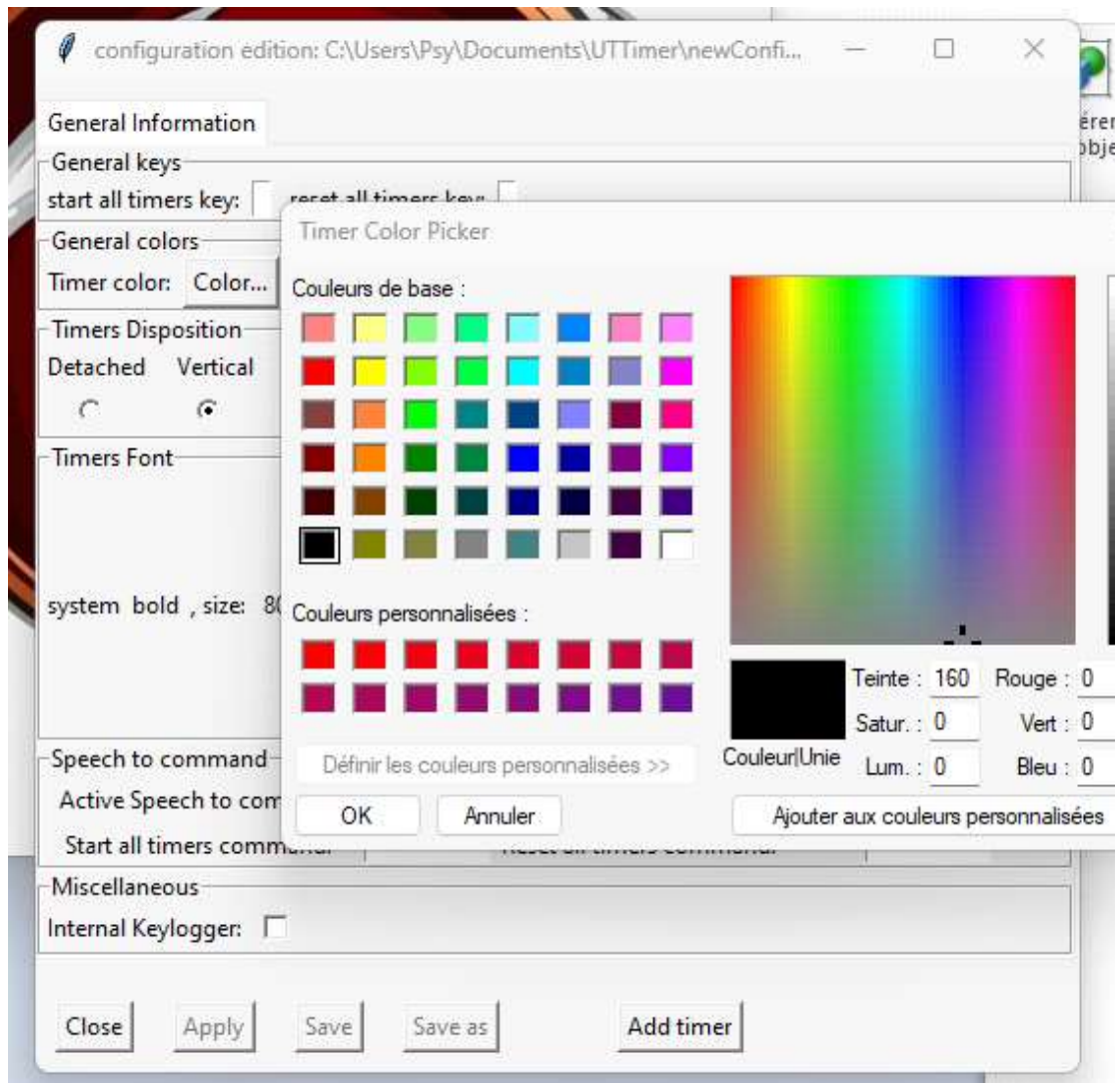


- ***General colors frame***



Three colors may be choosed for default foreground font color, warning foreground font color and elapsed foreground color.

Click on Color button to modify the corresponding foreground color. The following color picker pops up.



Click « OK » to choose the selected color or « Cancel » to cancel the operation (and yes I'm french -:)).

Examples of detached timer with specific foreground colors :

- **Running timer**



- **Warning threshold**



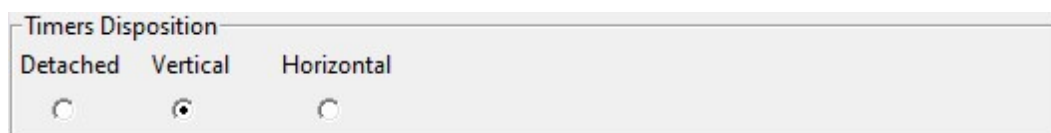
- **Elapsed timer**



Note the underscore below the two points separating minutes and seconds : it indicates this timer is the last one to reach its deadline.

- ***Timers disposition frame***

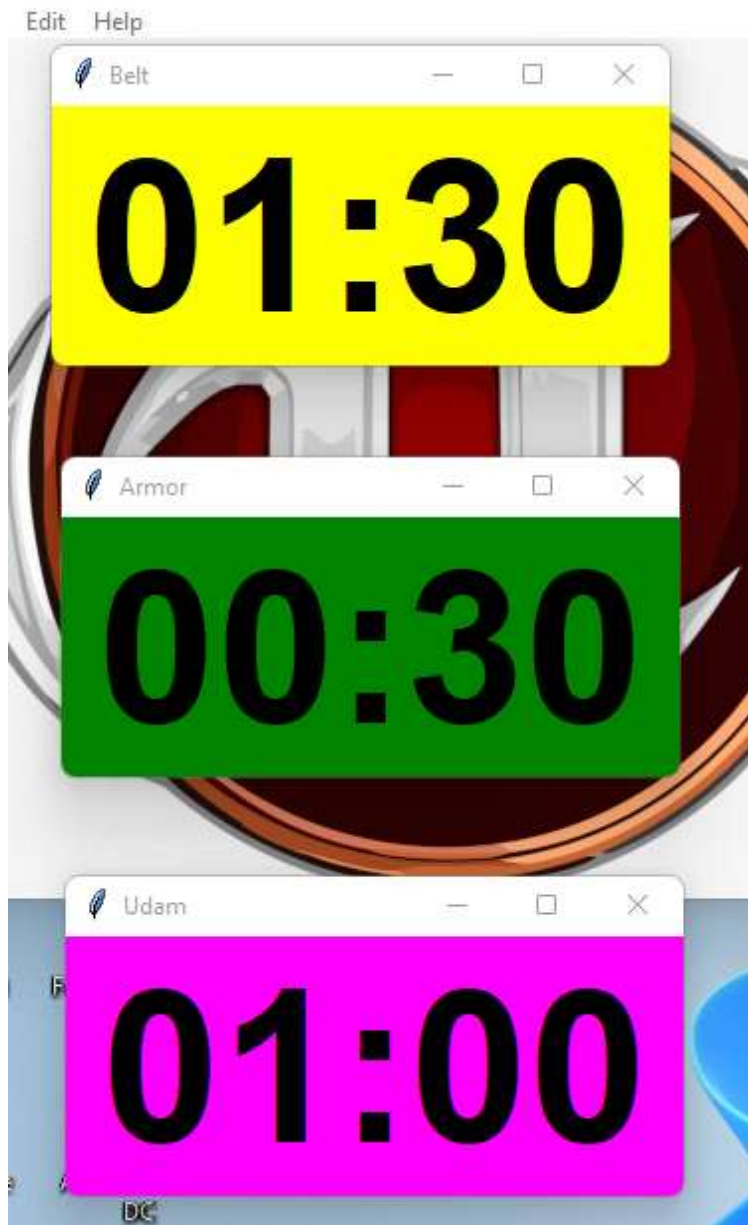
Three dispositions are available :



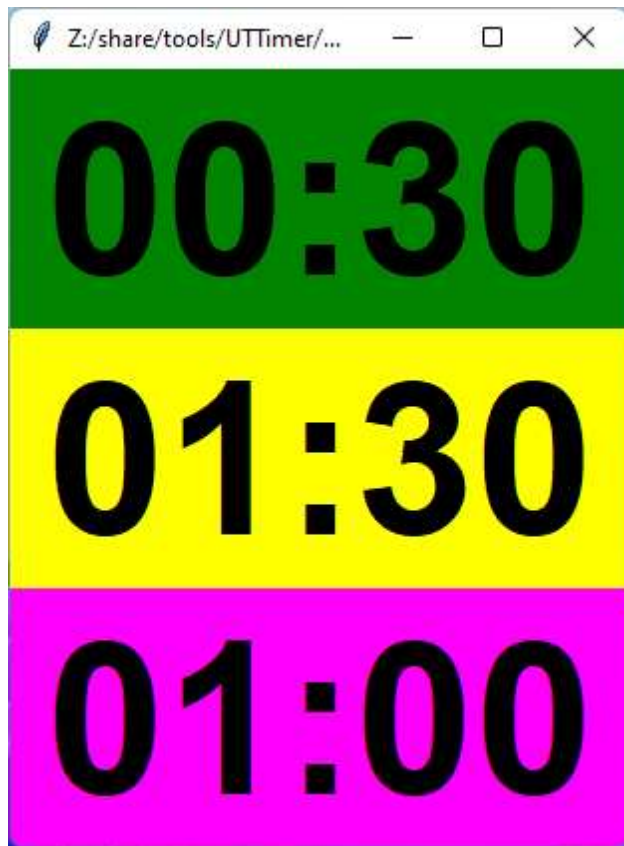
- ***detached***

Timers are displayed through independant windows that could be moved

elsewhere in the screen.



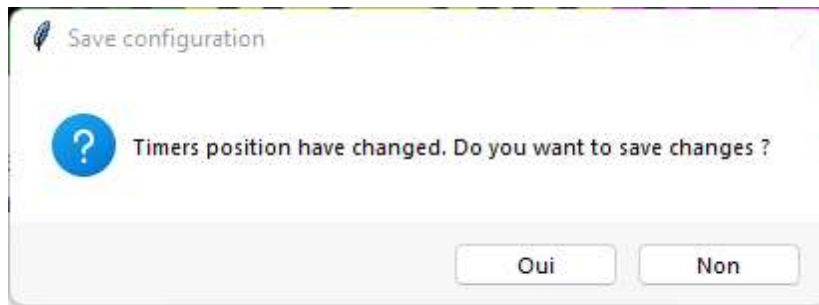
- ***Vertical***



- ***Horizontal***



Note : attached timers position in vertical or horizontal layout could be changed by drag and drop. If the position has changed, a popup asking to eventually save the modification is proposed as shown below

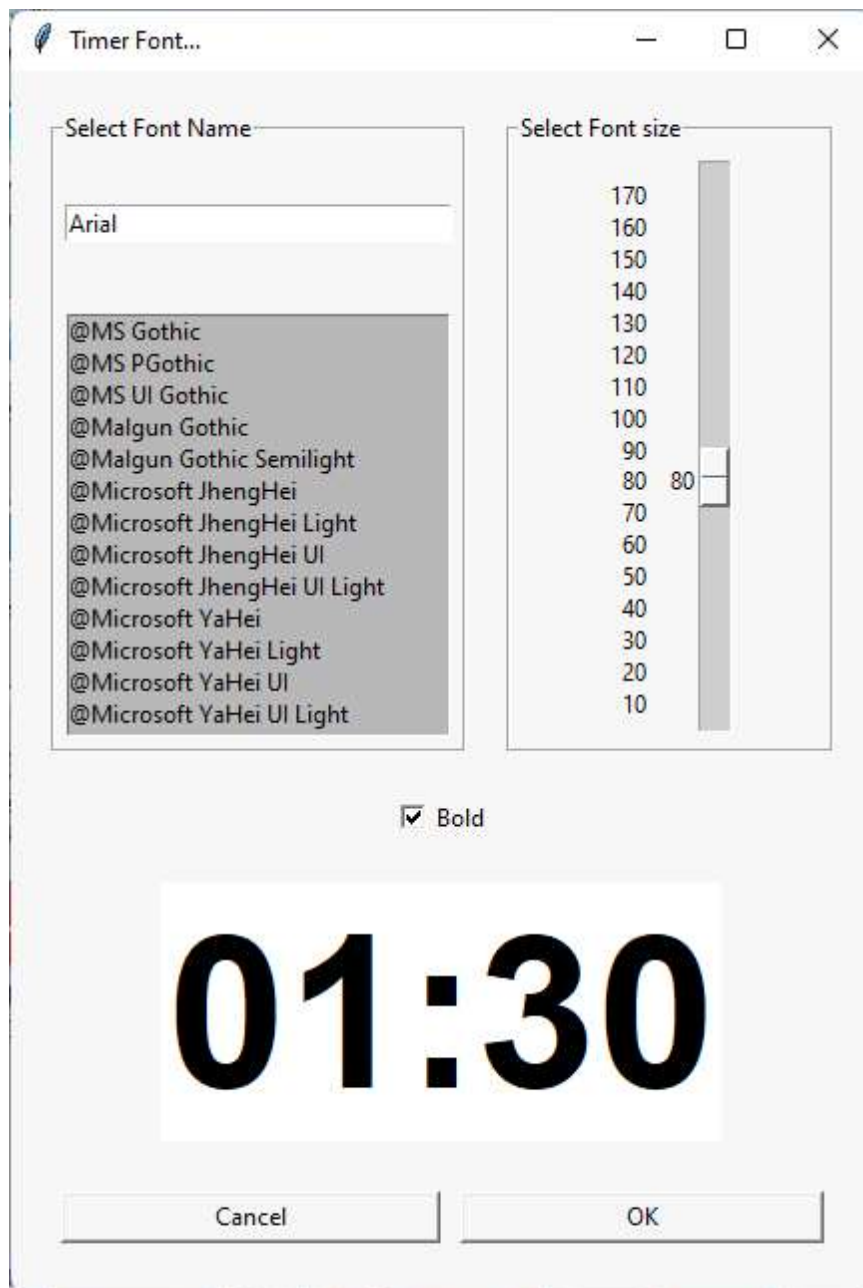


- ***Timer font frame***

Font may be configured with «Font » button. A font chooser is displayed as shown below.

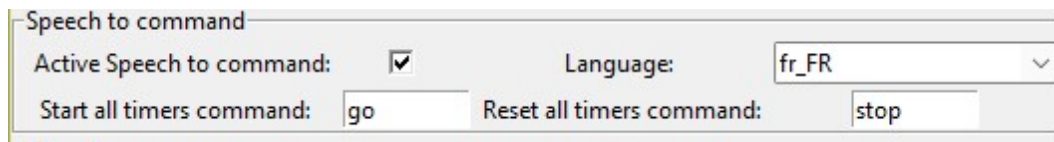


Font name, size and weight can be selected.

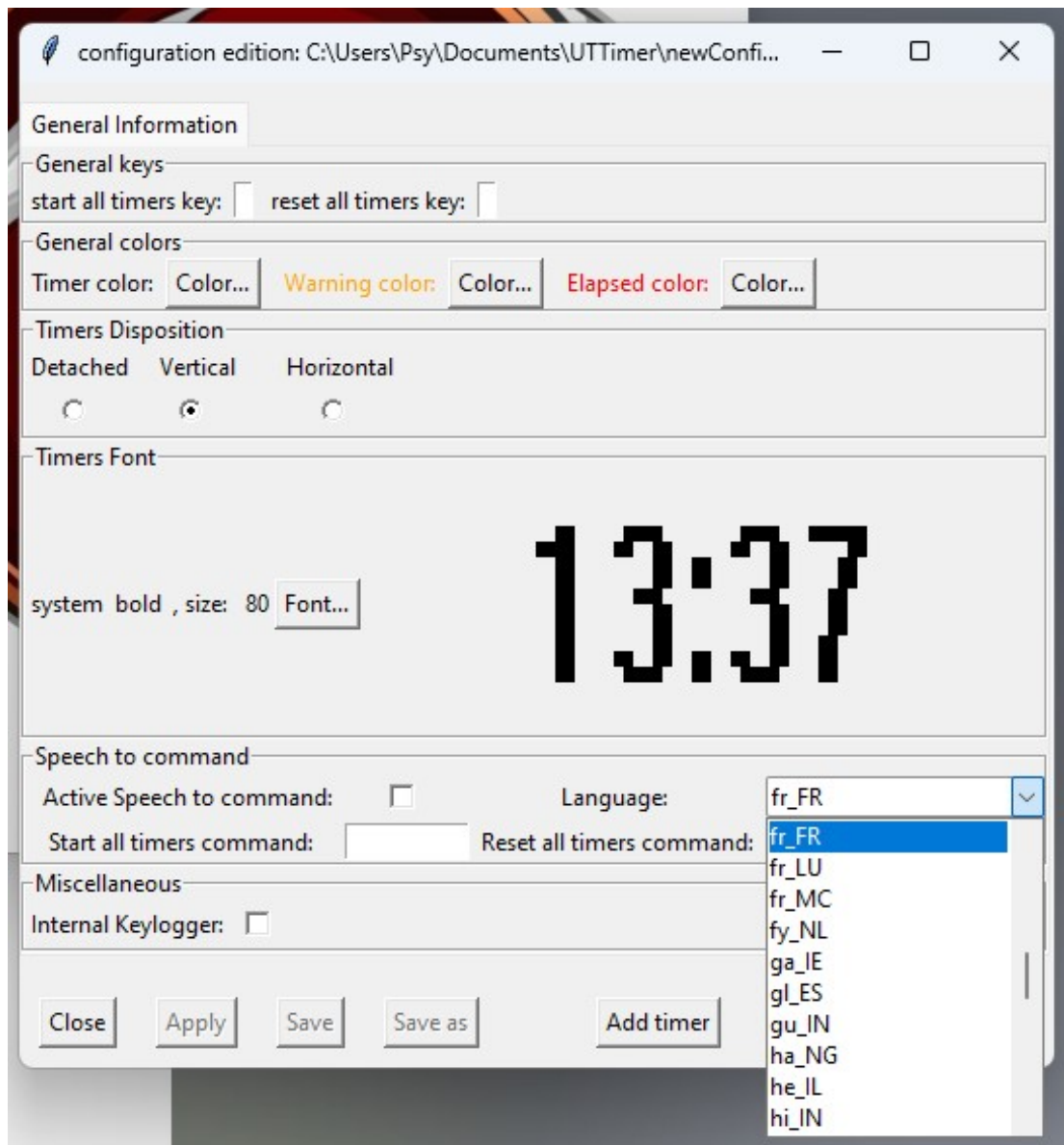


- ***Speech to command frame***

Speech may be activated/disabled.



Language may be chosen depending on location and specific region.



Command words may be chosen for starting/reset all timers. A preliminary training is recommended to find the best word that could be easily recognized.

Miscellaneous frame

Keylogger functionality is configurable (cf §Keylogging).



Timer tab

The timer tab comprises several frames.

configuration edition: newConfigFile_20220403_144711.xml

General Information power up 0 power up 1

Timer

Active: ☐ Name: power up 1 Remove timer

Key

Active Key: ☐ Key: ☐

Audio file: {{wav files} *.wav} Browse... Play Remove Record

Duration

Timer duration (mm:ss) : 2 : 30

Background color

02:30 Color...

Elapsed Time

Audio file: {{wav files} *.wav} Browse... Play Remove Record

Enable gen key: ☐ Gen key: ☐

Warning

Audio file: {{wav files} *.wav} Browse... Play Remove Record

Enable gen key: ☐ Gen key: ☐

Threshold warning (s) : 10

Speech to command

command:

Close Apply Save Save as Add timer

- **Timer frame**

Timer

Active: ☒ Name: Armor Remove timer

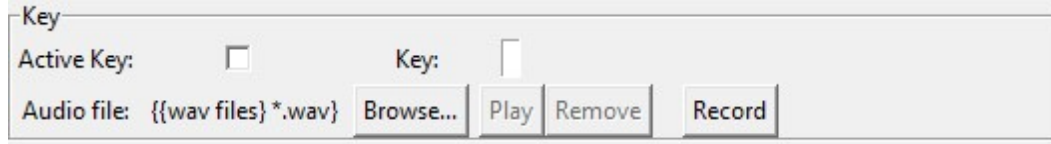
Timer may be activated or disabled.

Name is configurable and timer may be removed with « remove button » (tab

disappears from configuration editor if timer is removed)

- **Key frame**

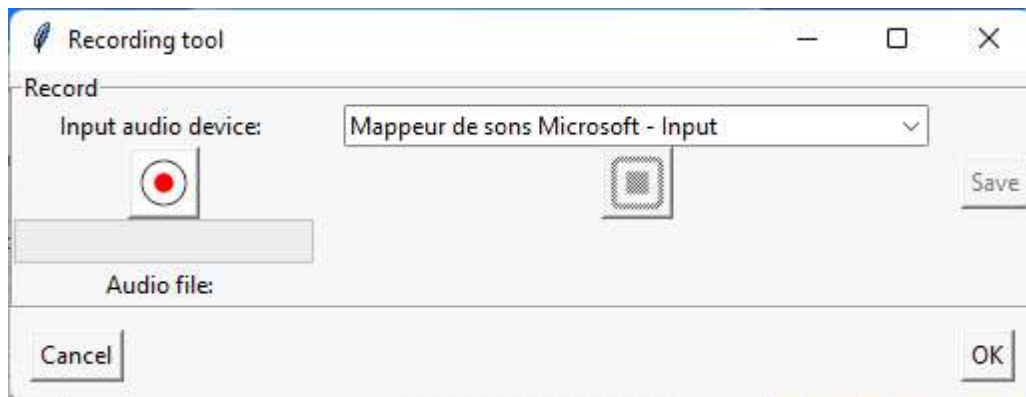
Key may be activated or disabled and keystroke may be set (one character)



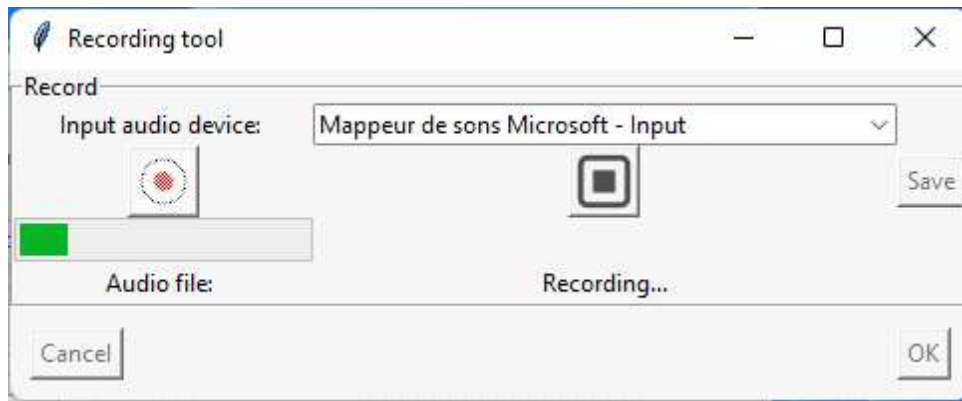
When timer is triggered, an audio message may be played.

Audio message can be browsed, played (m4a, mp3 or wav on linux platform, wav audio files only on windows platform), removed or recorded (wav audio files).

To record an audio file, use « Record » button . The following window pops up:

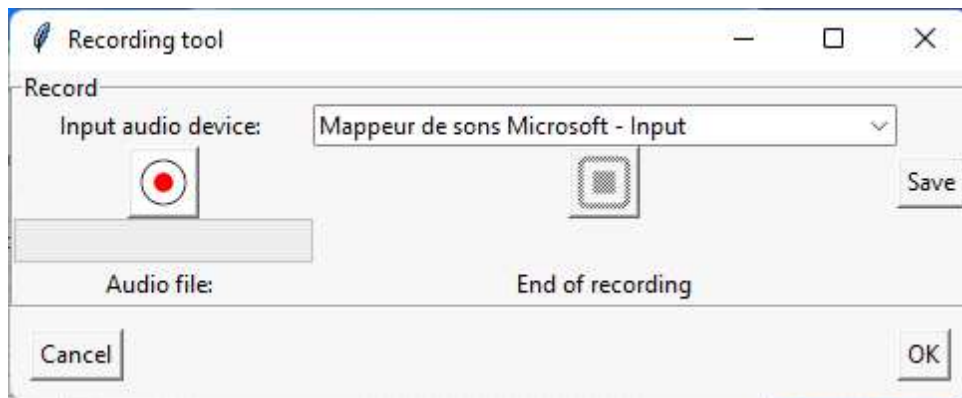


Select appropriate input device (generally the first or with MIC in the name of input device) and push red button to record your audio message.

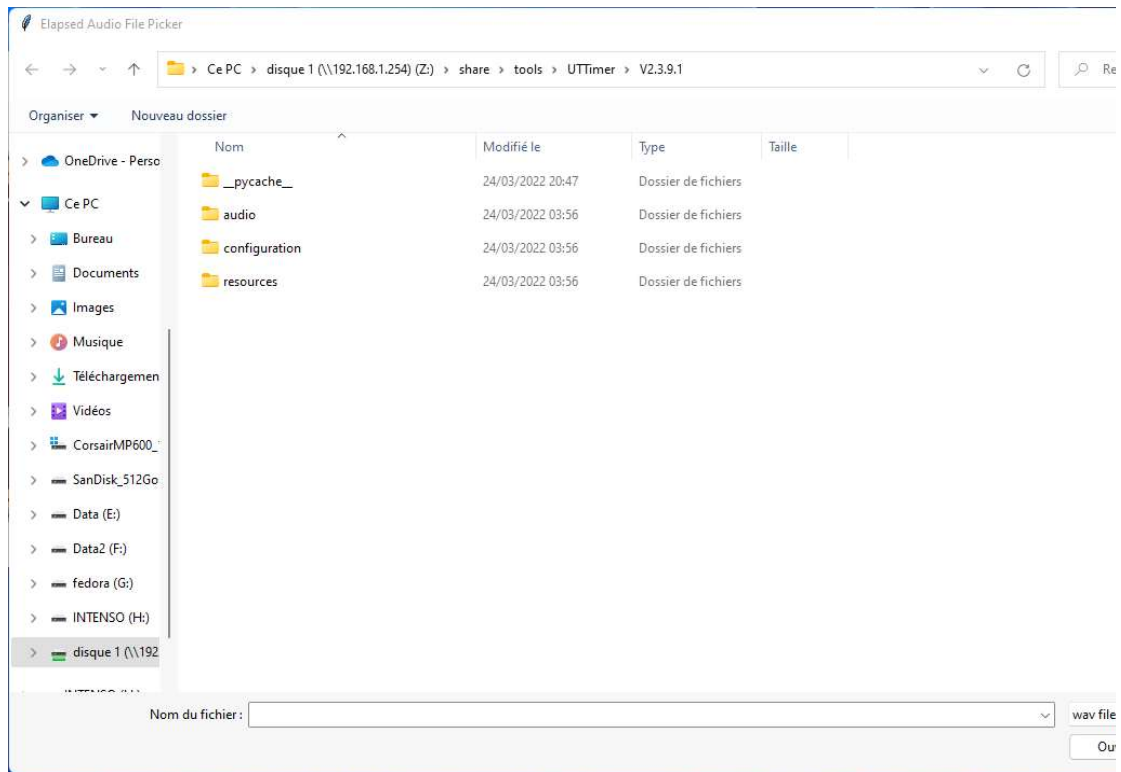


A green bar fluctuates while recording, thus indicating voice detection.

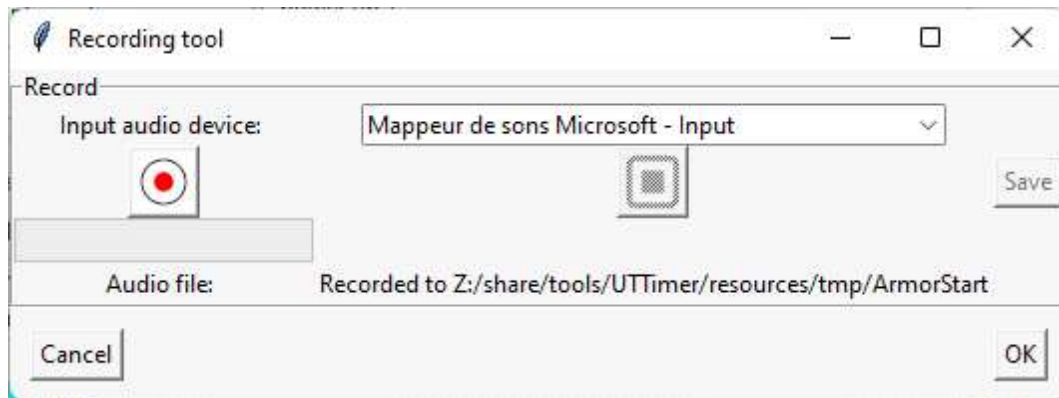
To stop recording, use the black button. The window content changes as shown below:



The audio message may be saved using « Save » button with a file chooser.



Once chosen, the recording tool window looks like:



File may be then associated with OK button (recording tool window closes) and filename is displayed at the left of the browse button of Elapsed Time frame as shown below.

configuration edition: newConfigFile_20220403_144711.xml

General Information power up 0 power up 1

Timer

Active: ☐ Name: power up 1 Remove timer

Key

Active Key: ☐ Key: ☐

Audio file: ArmorStart.wav Browse... Play Remove Record

Duration

Timer duration (mm:ss) : 2 : 30

Background color

02:30 Color...

Elapsed Time

Audio file: {{wav files} *.wav} Browse... Play Remove Record

Enable gen key: ☐ Gen key: ☐

Warning

Audio file: {{wav files} *.wav} Browse... Play Remove Record

Enable gen key: ☐ Gen key: ☐

Threshold warning (s) : 10

Speech to command

command:

Close Apply Save Save as Add timer

Duration frame

Minutes and second are configurable

Duration

Timer duration (mm:ss) : 0 : 30

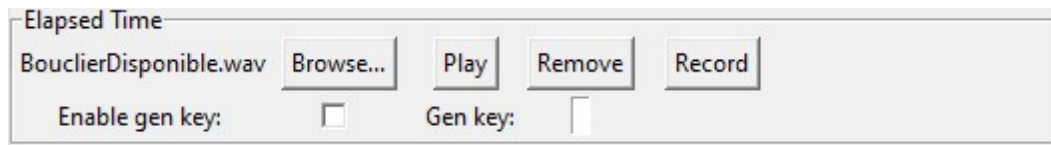
Background color frame

Background color

00:30 Color...

A color picker is available with « Color... » button to modify timer background color

Elapsed time frame

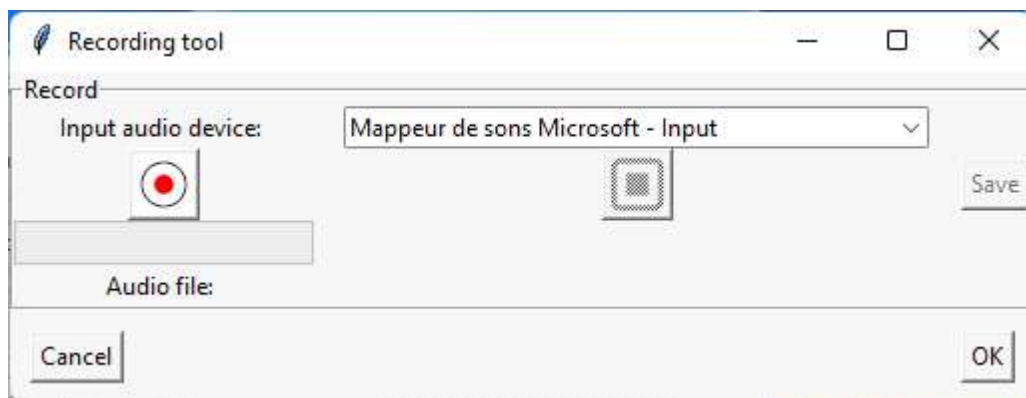


When timer duration is elapsed, an audio message may be played and a fake keystroke may be generated.

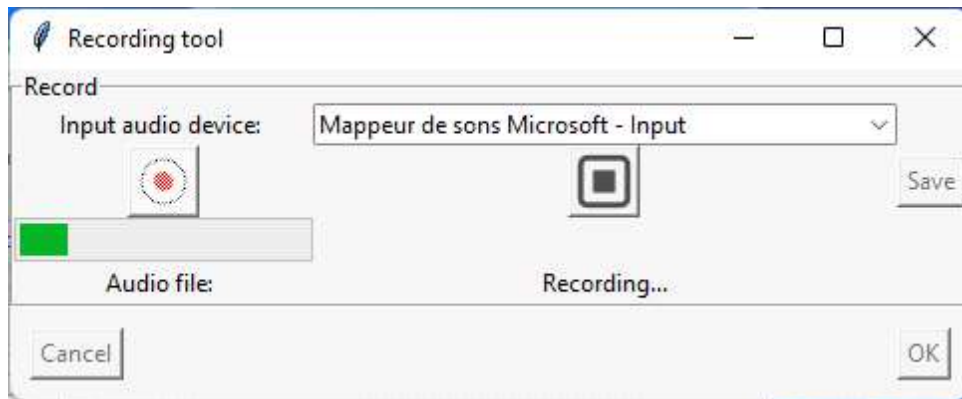
Audio message can be browsed, played (m4a, mp3 or wav on linux platform, wav audio files only on windows platform), removed or recorded (wav audio files).

Key event may be activated and if so, generated when timer duration elapsed. It may be useful to trigger a message for the team during gaming if game allows it.

To record an audio file, use « Record » button . The following window pops up:

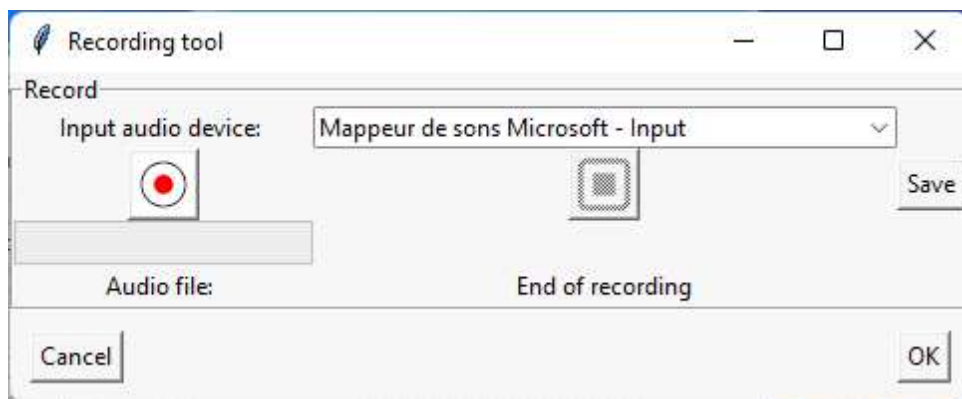


Select appropriate input device (generally the first or with MIC in the name of input device) and push red button to record your audio message.



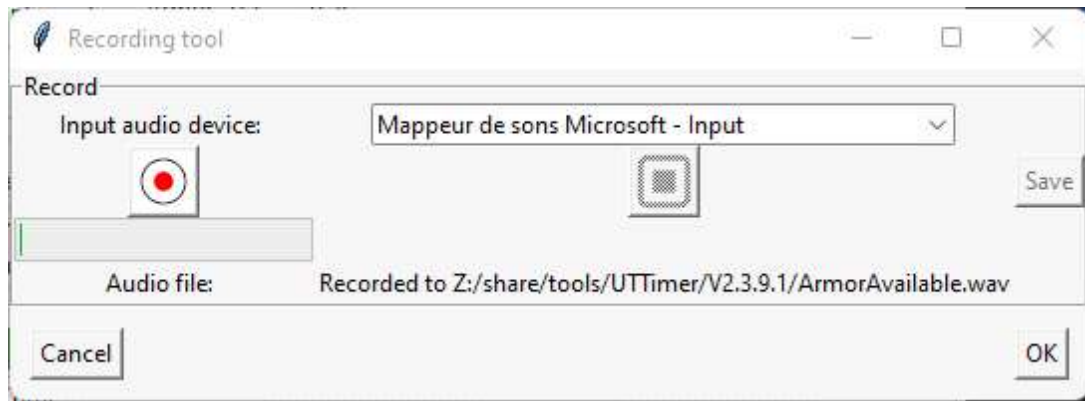
A green bar fluctuates while recording, thus indicating voice detection.

To stop recording, use the black button. The window content changes as shown below:



The audio message may be saved using « Save » button with a file chooser.

Once chosen, the recording tool window looks like:



File may be then associated with OK button (recording tool window closes) and filename is displayed at the left of the browse button of Elapsed Time frame as shown below.

configuration edition: newConfigFile_20220403_144711.xml

General Information power up 0 power up 1

Timer

Active: ☐ Name: power up 1 Remove timer

Key

Active Key: ☐ Key: ☐

Audio file: {{wav files} *.wav} Browse... Play Remove Record

Duration

Timer duration (mm:ss) : 2 : 30

Background color

02:30 Color...

Elapsed Time

Audio file: ArmorAvailable.wav Browse... Play Remove Record

Enable gen key: ☐ Gen key: ☐

Warning

Audio file: {{wav files} *.wav} Browse... Play Remove Record

Enable gen key: ☐ Gen key: ☐

Threshold warning (s) : 10

Speech to command

command:

Close Apply Save Save as Add timer

Warning frame

When warning threshold is reached, an audio message may be played and a fake keystroke may be generated.

Warning

BouclierBientotDisponible.wav Browse... Play Remove Record

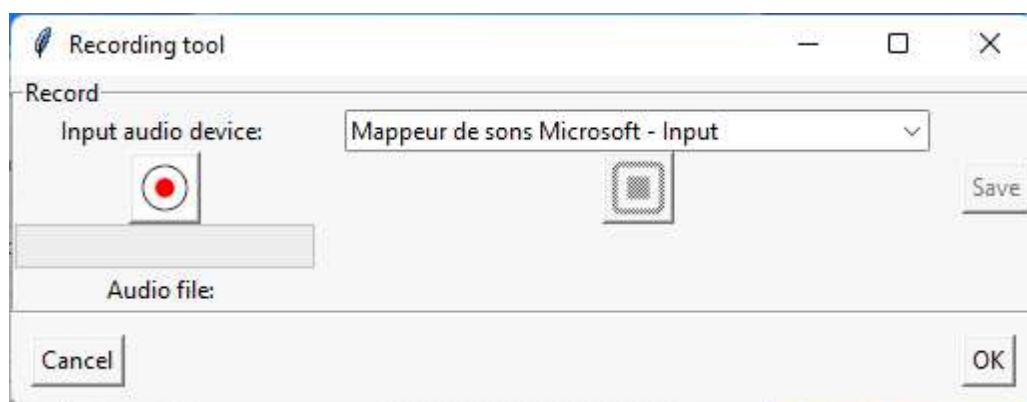
Enable gen key: ☐ Gen key: ☐

Threshold warning (s) : 10

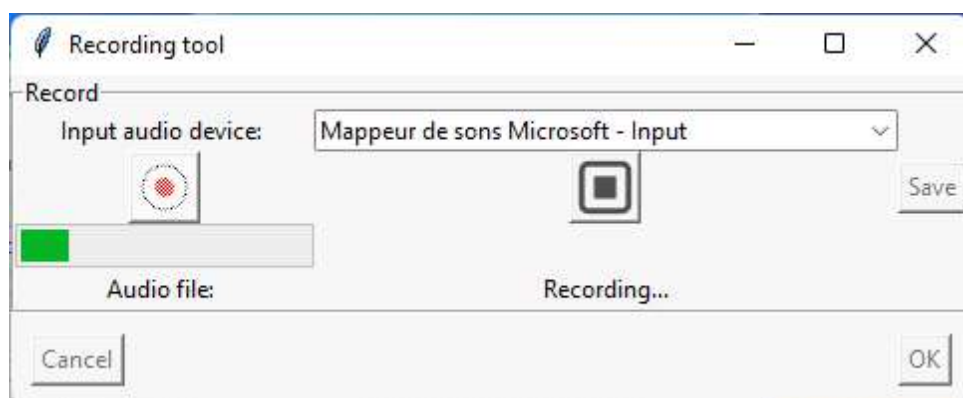
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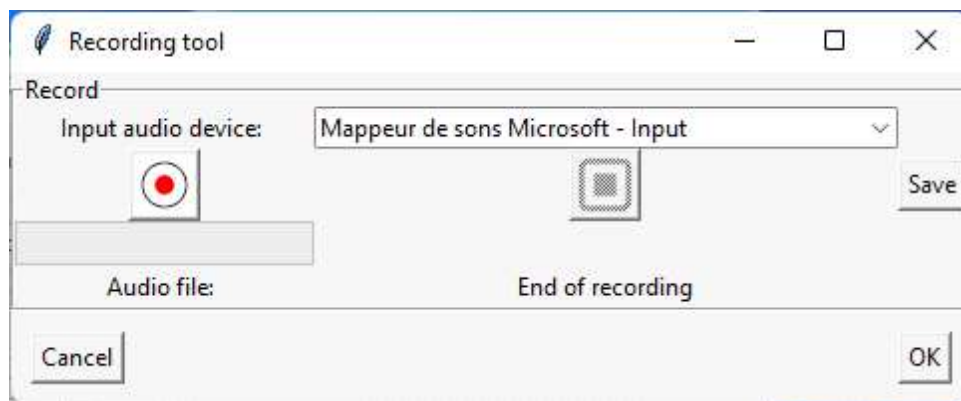
Select appropriate input device (generally the first or with MIC in the name of input device) and push the red button to record your audio message.



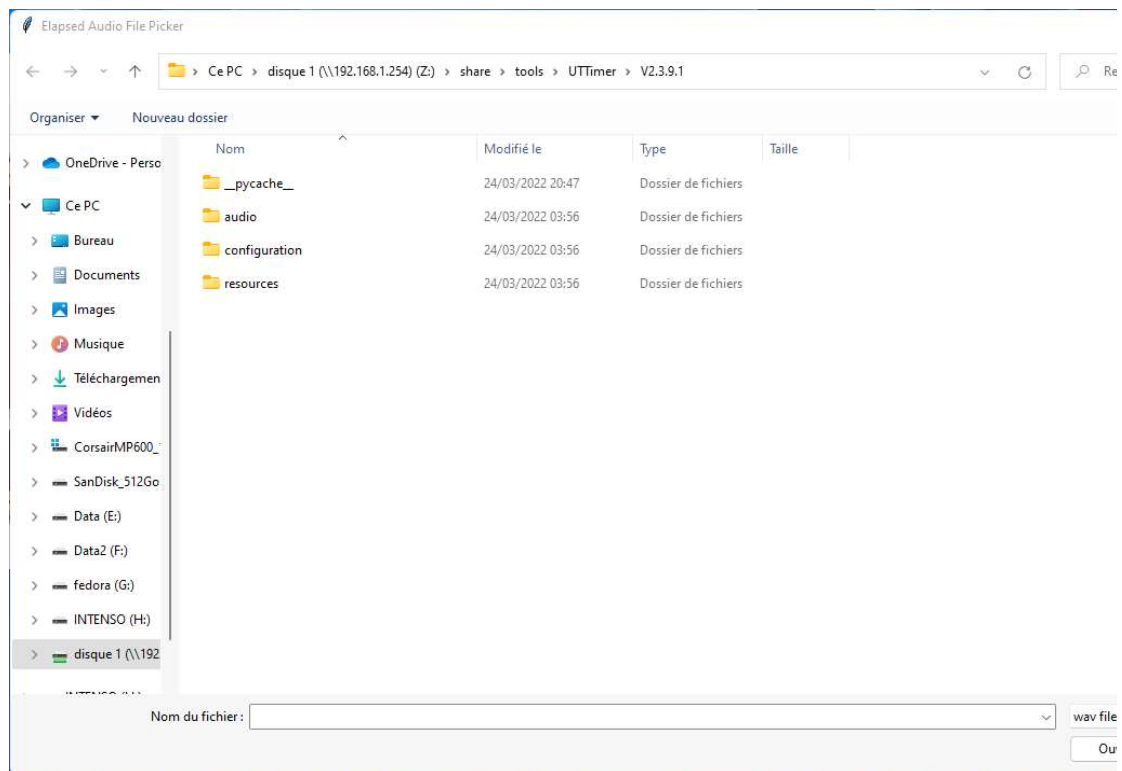
A green bar fluctuates while recording, thus indicating voice detection.

To stop recording, use the black button. The window content changes as

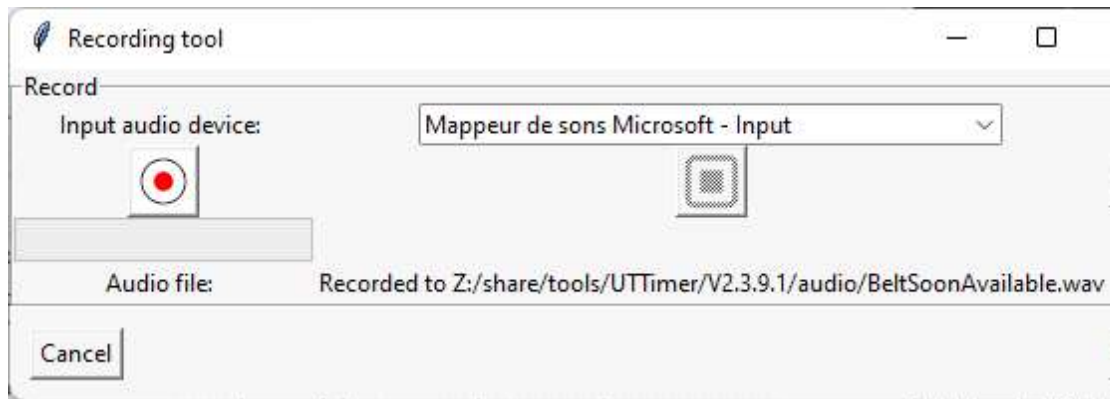
shown below:



The audio message may be saved using « Save » button with a file chooser.



Once chosen, the recording tool window looks like below:



File may be then associated with OK button (recording tool window closes and filename is displayed at the left of the browse button of Warning frame as shown below.

configuration edition: newConfigFile_20220403_144711.xml

General Information power up 0 power up 1

Timer

Active: ☐ Name: power up 1 Remove timer

Key

Active Key: ☐ Key: ☐

Audio file: {{wav files} *.wav} Browse... Play Remove Record

Duration

Timer duration (mm:ss) : 2 : 30

Background color

02:30 Color...

Elapsed Time

Audio file: ArmorAvailable.wav Browse... Play Remove Record

Enable gen key: ☐ Gen key: ☐

Warning

Audio file: BeltSoonAvailable.wav Browse... Play Remove Record

Enable gen key: ☐ Gen key: ☐

Threshold warning (s) : 10

Speech to command

command:

Close Apply Save Save as Add timer

- **Speech to command frame**

A word can be associated to command timer activation or reset.

Speech to command

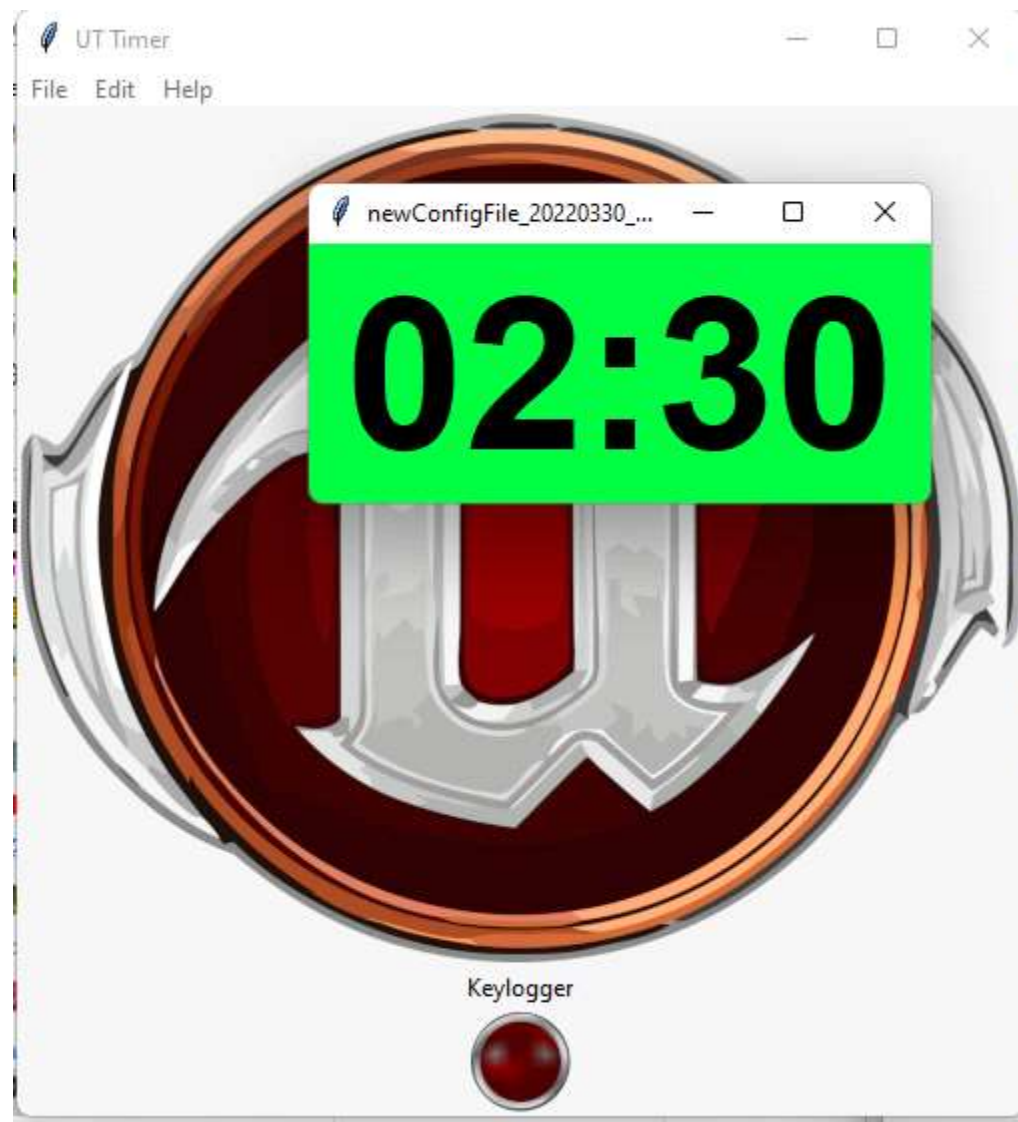
command: bouclier

A preliminary training is recommended to find the best word that could be easily recognized by the tool.

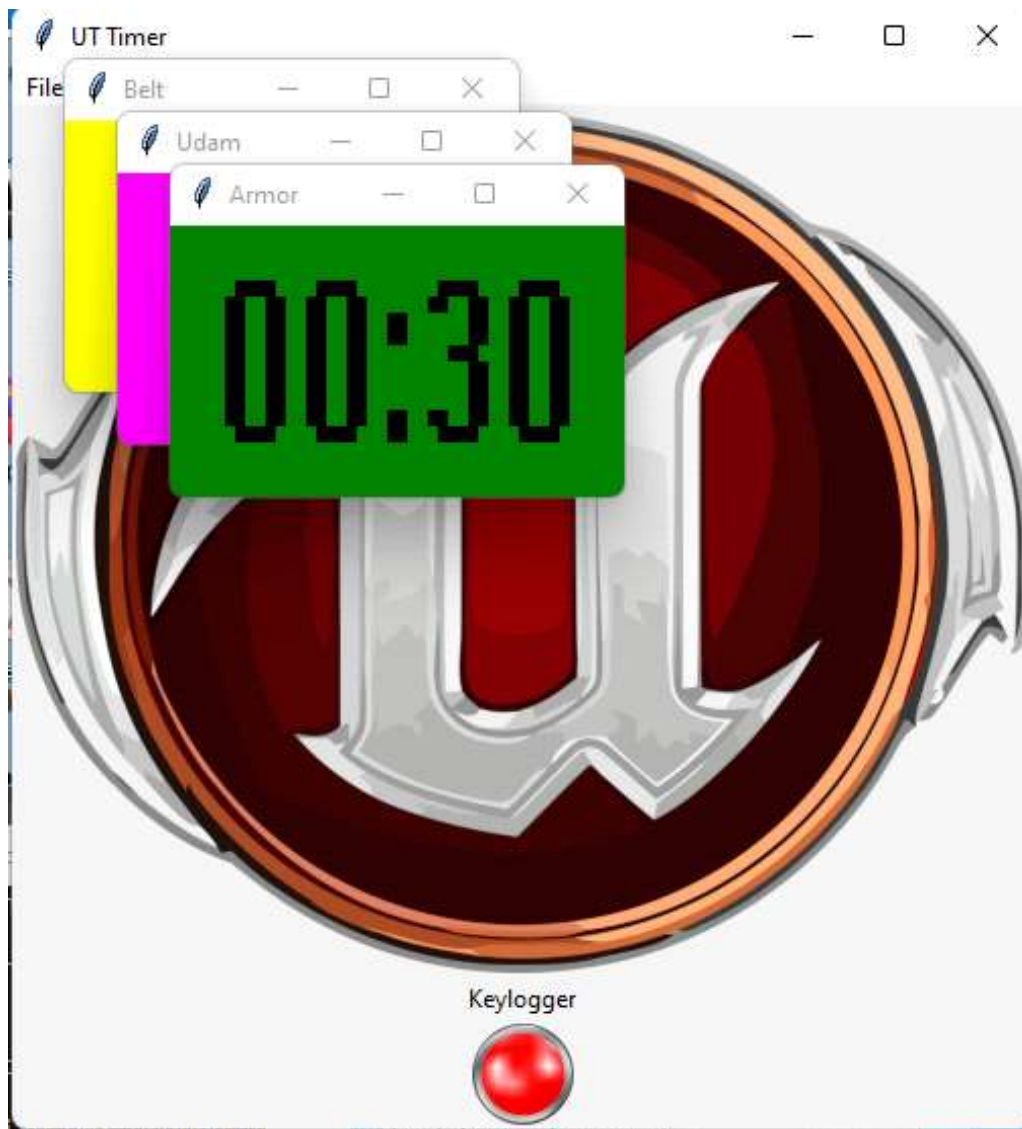
- **Keylogging**

A keylogger functionality is provided with UTTimer (cf \$KeyLogger for exploitation information).

If the configuration has no active keylogger, the status is given by a faint red led at the bottom of main window as shown below.



If the configuration has an active keylogger but keylogger is not available (under linux, it should be executed with root/sudoer privileges), the status is given by a bright red led at the bottom of main window as shown below.



If the configuration has an active keylogger, the connected status is given by a bright green led at the bottom of main window as shown below.

