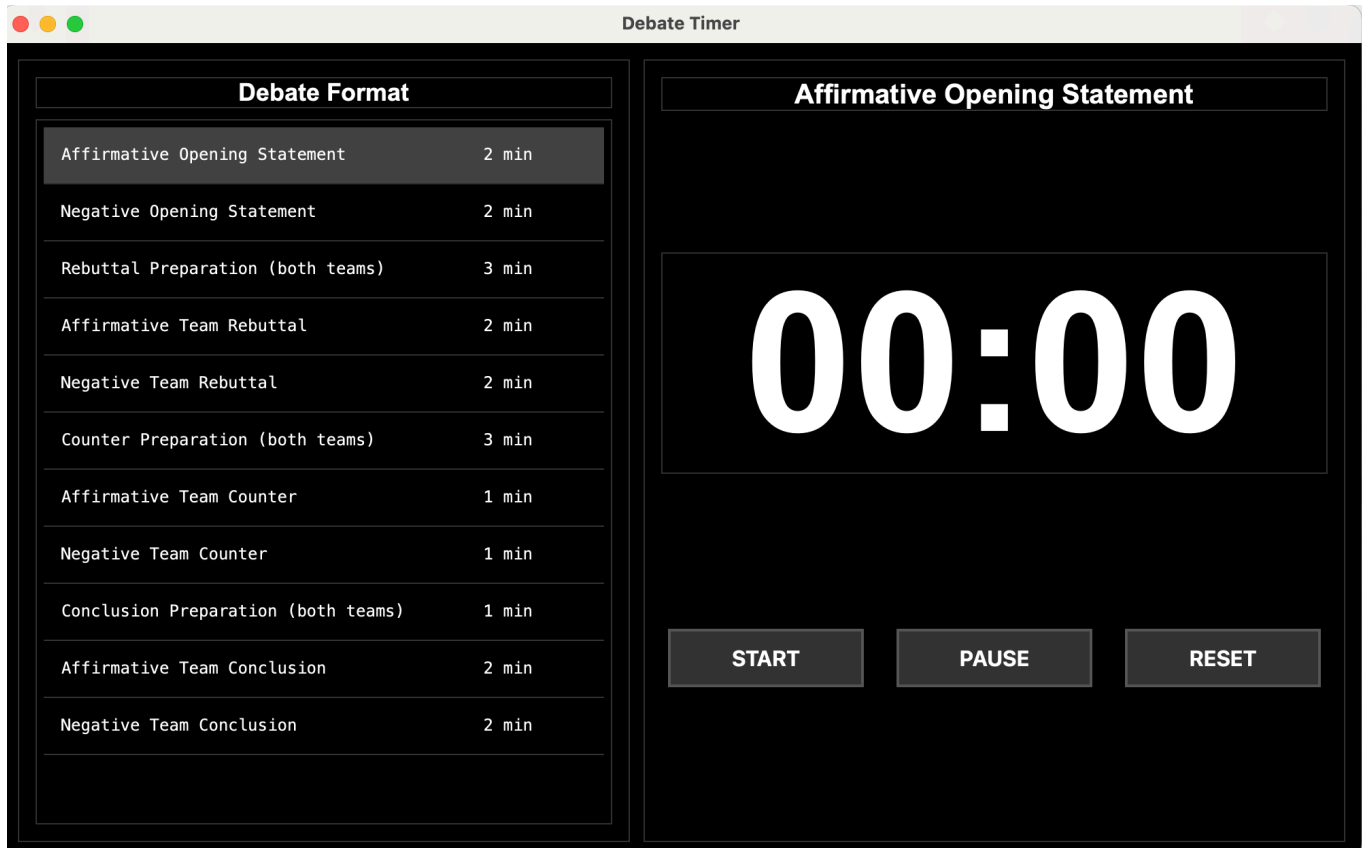


Debate Timer - User Guide for Mac



Installation

1. Download the App

- You should have received a file called `Debate Timer` (no extension)
- This is a standalone application that doesn't require Python or any additional software

2. First Time Setup

- When you first try to run the app, macOS may show a security warning: *"Debate Timer cannot be opened because it is from an unidentified developer"*
- To allow the app to run:
 - Right-click (or Control-click) on the `Debate Timer` file
 - Select "Open" from the context menu
 - Click "Open" in the security dialog that appears
 - The app will now run and won't show this warning again

3. Optional: Move to Applications

- You can drag the `Debate Timer` file to your Applications folder for easy access
- You can also create an alias on your Desktop or Dock

Using the Debate Timer

Interface Overview

The application has two main sections:

- **Left Panel:** Shows all debate segments in a two-column format (segment name and duration)
- **Right Panel:** Shows the current segment, large timer display, and control buttons

Basic Operation

1. Select a Segment

- Click on any segment in the left panel to select it
- The selected segment will be highlighted
- The right panel will show the segment name and reset the timer to 00:00

2. Start Timing

- Click the "START" button to begin timing
- The button will change to "RUNNING" while the timer is active
- The timer counts up from 00:00 toward the segment's time limit

3. Pause/Resume

- Click "PAUSE" to temporarily stop the timer
- Click "START" again to resume from where you paused

4. Reset Timer

- Click "RESET" to return the timer to 00:00
- This also changes the timer color back to white if it was red

Debate Format

The timer includes these standard debate segments:

Segment	Duration
Affirmative Opening Statement	2 minutes
Negative Opening Statement	2 minutes
Rebuttal Preparation (both teams)	3 minutes
Affirmative Team Rebuttal	2 minutes
Negative Team Rebuttal	2 minutes
Counter Preparation (both teams)	3 minutes

Segment	Duration
Affirmative Team Counter	1 minute
Negative Team Counter	1 minute
Conclusion Preparation (both teams)	1 minute
Affirmative Team Conclusion	2 minutes
Negative Team Conclusion	2 minutes

Visual and Audio Cues

- **Time Up:** When a segment's time limit is reached:
 - The timer display turns red
 - A bell sound plays (if audio is enabled)
 - The timer stops automatically at the time limit
- **Timer Display:** The large digital display shows minutes:seconds (MM:SS)

Tips for Debate Moderators

1. Pre-Debate Setup

- Test the application before the debate begins
- Ensure your Mac's volume is at an appropriate level for the bell sound
- Position your screen so debaters can see the timer if desired

2. During Debate

- Click segments in order as the debate progresses
- The timer automatically resets when you select a new segment
- Use the pause function if you need to address interruptions

3. Managing Flow

- You can jump to any segment at any time by clicking it in the left panel
- The red timer display clearly signals when time is up
- Use preparation segments to give teams thinking time

Troubleshooting

App Won't Open

- Make sure you've followed the "First Time Setup" security steps above
- Try right-clicking and selecting "Open" instead of double-clicking

No Bell Sound

- Check your Mac's volume settings
- The app will still function normally with visual time-up cues

Timer Not Visible

- The app works best in full-screen or maximized window mode
- Drag the window corners to resize if needed

Need to Quit

- Use Cmd+Q or select "Quit" from the menu bar
- You can also click the red close button in the window's top-left corner

Support

This is a standalone application - no internet connection required. All timing and functionality works offline, making it perfect for debate venues with limited connectivity.

For the best experience, run the application in full-screen mode so the timer display is clearly visible to all participants.