Multimedia Jukebox

Multimedia Jukebox allows for creating custom lists of sounds--sound playlists--which are played on your computer's sound system while you work.

Note: It is not recommended that you use Multimedia Jukebox with a PC speaker-type sound driver, since such drivers do not allow anything else to happen on your system while they are playing sounds.

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Playing Jukebox Playlists

To begin playing a playlist:
- o   Press the Start button.   The sounds in the sound list will play until you exit Multimedia Jukebox or press Stop.   The volume of each sound can be changed using a <u>playback option</u> if your sound hardware and driver support volume adjustments.

To stop playing a playlist:
- o   Press the Stop button.

Managing Jukebox Playlists

Multimedia Jukebox displays a list of sounds in the current playlist.   If the "Scramble playback order" option is not selected, they are displayed in the order they will be played.

Most sound systems support playing waveform and MIDI sounds simultaneously, which Multimedia Jukebox will attempt to do.   However, a new waveform or MIDI sound will not begin playing until any currently playing waveform or MIDI sound has ended.

To create a new playlist:
   o   Choose New from the File menu.   You may be asked if you want to save the current playlist first. You may also be asked if you want to remove any sounds in the current playlist from your hard disk.   Only sounds which are also on a CD-ROM will be removed.

To add new sounds to the playlist:
   o   Press the Add button.   A dialog box allowing you to choose one or more sounds will appear. You can add both waveform and MIDI sounds.   Press OK when done to add the sounds you have selected to the end of the playlist.

Several options require that you select sounds in the playlist before performing an action.

To select sounds in the playlist:
   o   Click on the sound name with the mouse.   Multiple sounds can be selected by holding down the Control or Shift keys while choosing them.

To preview sounds in the playlist:
   o   Select the sounds you want to   preview.
   o   Press the Preview button.   Each sound will be played.
   o   When you are done, press Stop.

To remove sounds from the playlist:
   o   Select the sounds you want to remove.
   o   Press the Remove button.

      Note: Removing a sound from a playlist doesn't delete the sound from your hard disk.

To change the order of sounds in the playlist:
   o   Select the sounds you want to move.
   o   Press the Up and Down buttons to move them up and down.   You cannot move the topmost sound past the top of the list, or the bottommost past the bottom.

      Note: The order of the playlist matters only if the "Scramble playback order" option is *not* checked.

To   sort the playlist:
   o   Press the Sort button.   The sounds will be sorted based on their description.

      Note: The order of the playlist matters only if the "Scramble playback order" option is *not* checked.

To save the current playlist:
   o   See Saving Jukebox Playlists.

To load a playlist from disk:
   o   See Loading Jukebox Playlists.

Saving Jukebox Playlists

Multimedia Jukebox lets you save different jukebox playlists to disk.   You can also specify that one playlist be the default startup playlist.   This playlist will load and start playing whenever Windows and Multimedia Jukebox are loaded.

To save the current playlist to disk:
- o   Choose Save from the File menu.   If you'd like to save the playlist using a different filename, choose Save As.
- o   Enter a file name for the playlist, if required.   Multimedia Jukebox playlists generally use the extension .box.   If you'd like this playlist to be loaded every time Multimedia Jukebox is loaded, check the "Make default playlist" option.
- o   Press OK.

   Note: Specifying a startup jukebox playlist will insert Multimedia Jukebox into your Startup group so it can start playing sounds when you run Windows.   You can press the "Don't Autoload" button if you do not want Multimedia Jukebox to load automatically whenever you run Windows.

Loading Jukebox Playlists

Multimedia Jukebox can load different jukebox playlists.   These can be either ones you have previously saved or pre-supplied playlists.

To load a playlist from disk:
- o   Choose Open from the File menu.   You may be asked if you want to save the current playlist first.   You may also be asked if you want to remove any sounds used in the current playlist. Only sounds which are also on a CD-ROM will be removed.
- o   Choose the playlist.   Multimedia Jukebox playlists generally use the extension .box.
- o   Press OK.   You may be asked if you want to copy any sounds used in the new playlist to your hard disk.

Changing Playback Volume

Multimedia Jukebox allows the volume of sounds in the playlist to be adjusted individually.

You must select the sounds you want to change the volume of before adjusting the volume.

To select sounds in the playlist:
  o   Click on the sound name with the mouse.   Multiple sounds can be selected by holding down the Control or Shift keys while choosing sounds.

To specify the volume for sounds:
  o   Select the sounds you'd like to specify the volume for.
  o   Choose a volume.   (default) will play the sounds at the current volume your sound system's mixer is set for.   1 is the softest volume, 100 the loudest.

  Note: Not all sound cards and drivers support changing playback volume.   Also, use of some third-party decompression drivers may disable volume changes.

Other Options

To make the current playlist automatically play when it is opened:
- o Check the "Autoplay after opening" option.   Whenever the current playlist is opened, it will begin playing the jukebox list immediately.

To hide Multimedia Jukebox's icon when you minimize it:
- o Check the Hide icon when minimized option.   When the icon is hidden, the only way to restore Multimedia Jukebox is to re-launch it.

To set Multimedia Jukebox to load automatically each time you start Windows:
- o Press the Autoload button.   This will insert Multimedia Jukebox's icon into your startup group. The default startup jukebox playlist will load at this time.

To stop Multimedia Jukebox from loading automatically each time you start Windows:
- o Press the Don't load button.   This will remove Multimedia Jukebox's icon from your startup group.