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What is Sound Shuffler?

Sound Shuffler is a Windows utility which allows you to choose up to 1000 WAV files for each of the following system sounds:
a. Windows Startup
b. Windows Exit
c. Asterisk
d. Critical Stop
e. Default Beep
f. Exclamation
g. Question

Sound Shuffler then randomly chooses one of each every time you start Windows.

As an added bonus, Sound Shuffler also lets you choose up to 1000 Wallpapers and 1000 Screen Savers and shuffles them as well!

It was designed for those who get tired of hearing the same event sounds over and over and over and over....

Sound Shuffler consists of two separate programs:
1. Sound Shuffler Setup Program (SSCONFIG.EXE)
2. Sound Shuffler (SOUNDSHF.EXE)

1. Sound Shuffler Setup
This program is used to pick your favorite WAVs, BMPs and SCRs.

2. Sound Shuffler
This is the program that actually shuffles the Windows system sounds, Screen Savers and Wallpapers.

Installation

Sound Shuffler is distributed with an automatic installation program (INSTALL.EXE).   This program should do the following:

1. Copy Sound Shuffler files to a directory which you specify.   If the directory you specify does not exist, it will be created.

2. Create a Windows program group called "Sound Shuffler" and add the following programs to the group:
>   Sound Shuffler Setup
>   Sound Shuffler
>   Sound Shuffler Help

3. Ask you if you want your system sounds shuffled automatically.   If you choose yes, Sound Shuffler will also be added to your Windows Startup group.

Note: Sound Shuffler requires VBRUN300.DLL
Note: Sound Shuffler version 2.0 works for Windows 3.11 only

If for some reason you are distrustful of installation programs, you can perform the above steps yourself to get Sound Shuffler installed on your machine.

Sound Shuffler Setup Program (SSCONFIG.EXE)

This program is used to pick your favorite WAV files, Wallpapers, and Screen Savers.

Choosing an Event:

Simply click on the desired event in the Event column.

Choosing a file for the Current Selection:

Use the Browse button to locate one of your favorite files.   After doing this, the   filename should be displayed in the "Current Selection" box.   If you would like to listen to the sound at this point, click the Test button.   Now click one of the numbered buttons next to the text box where you want this sound to be stored.   After doing this, the sound's filename should appear in that box.

Adding a file to the List:

After choosing a file (see above), just click the Add button to add it to the list.   If you would like to add every file in that directory to the list, Click Add All.

Removing a file from the List:

To remove a file, simply click the file on the list and click Remove.   This will not delete the file from your computer.   To remove all files for an event, click Remove All.

Setting the Shuffle Mode:

Sound Shuffler supports three shuffle modes:
   Random: Sounds are randomly chosen from your Startup and Exit lists.
   Random (No Repeat): Same as above, but you won't hear the same sound twice in a row.
   In Order: Sounds will be chosen in the order they appear on your Startup and Exit lists.

To set the shuffle mode, choose on of the above selections from the Mode menu

Sound Shuffler Program (SOUNDSHF.EXE)

This is the program that actually shuffles the Sounds, Wallpapers, and Screen Savers. Sound Shuffler does this by modifying your WIN.INI file.   If you are not comfortable with the idea of a program messing with your WIN.INI file, this program probably isn't for you.

To have your sounds shuffled automatically, it is recommended that this program be placed in the <u>Windows Startup Group</u> (folder).   Sound Shuffler only runs long enough to make a few modifications to your WIN.INI file, and then it terminates, you shouldn't have to be concerned with it hogging resources.

Registration

Sound Shuffler was designed as Shareware. If you like it and plan on continued usage, you should consider becoming a registered user.

For registration instructions, hit the "Registration" button in the Sound Shuffler Setup program (SSCONFIG.EXE), then click the "How Do I Register?" button.

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Thank you for your interest in Sound Shuffler

Windows Startup Group

This is an area where Windows searches for programs to run upon startup.   Any programs it finds here, it runs automatically.