PlayWave v1.1

PlayWave is a very simple little applet that is meant to do only one thing: Be a better .WAV player than the Microsoft® Sound Recorder. To use it, just use the File Manager to "associate" .WAV files with PlayWave, not the Sound Recorder. Then, when you double-click on .WAV file names, PlayWave will come up, not the Sound Recorder.

This has two big advantages. The first is fewer mouse clicks and less mouse motion. PlayWave will play the file right away: You don't have to move the mouse and then click on the play button. Similarly, when you are done, you can just click on the close button, instead of double-clicking on the system-menu button. Result? Three clicks to check-out a .WAV file instead of five, and correspondingly less mouse motion. I know, this isn't a big deal, but then, I didn't spend a lot of time on PlayWave, either!

PlayWave's other advantage is that it lets you "loop" a .WAV file, or play it repetitively. Just perfect for irritating everyone in earshot!

Now for the caveats: First, **PlayWave is not guaranteed in any way**. It works on my machine (a 386-33 with a Sound Blaster Pro) but I've gotten very little feedback on the 1.0, or "alpha" release. Second, there are a couple of known "misfeatures". If PlayWave can't play a given .WAV file on your machine, it won't say so, it will just terminate, invisibly. That is, when you double-click on an unplayable .WAV file, nothing will seem to happen. Also, if you click on a .WAV file with a long path name, PlayWave will truncate it at both ends.

I may do something about these misfeatures someday, and I may add an About box or drag-and-drop support. I probably won't.

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Version History

Version	Date	Comments
1.0	10-14-93	Initial, "alpha" release.
1.1	2-15-94	Added support for "synchronous" devices, like the PC speaker.