Sounds and Sights
Quick Start Guide
(Requires Windows, Version 3.1 or later)
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OPENING FILES

Files must be opened before they can be displayed, played, run, etc. Choose **FILE** from the menu bar then the respective OPEN drop down menu choice. If you have selected to open a picture, it will be automatically displayed.

DISPLAYING PICTURES, PLAYING WAV SOUNDS, RUNNING SLIDE SHOWS, ETC.

You must subsequently choose **RUN** from the menu bar, and then one of the drop down menu choices to play WAV files, slide shows, and script files. Pictures are displayed without the need for further action. Depending on the speed of your PC, it may take a few seconds to display a picture. Alternately, for WAV sounds, slide shows, and script files, you may press F2, F3, or F4 respectively in lieu of RUN, and one of the drop down menu choices.

HELP FILE

For help and instructions on how to use the various features of Sounds and Sights, press the **HELP** button, and then choose **HELP TOPICS** from the popup menu. The help system will be invoked, and the Contents page of Sound and Sights's help will be displayed. The on-line help file is the documentation for Sounds and Sights.

SHORTCUT KEYS

Sounds and Sights uses keyboard short cut keys to eliminate the need to press many buttons and/or make popup menu choices. These shortcut keys are:

F2	Play the previously opened WAV sound(s).
F3	Run the previously opened Slide Show.
F4	Run the previously opened Script.
F5	Increase the brightness of the displayed picture.
F6	Increase the contrast of the displayed picture.
F7	Increase the sharpness of the displayed picture.
F8	Toggle aspect ratio of the displayed picture

Shift - F5,F6,F7   Decrease, brighness, contrast, and sharpness respectively.

Ctrl - I	Zoom in the preset percentage.
Ctrl - O	Zoom out the preset percentage.
Ctrl - N	Zoom back to normal (100%).
Ctrl - H	Flips a picture horizontally
Ctrl - V	Flips a picture vertically.
Ctrl - R	Rotates a picture 90 degrees.

FEATURE OVERVIEW

Pictures are pictures files in any of the formats supported by Sounds and Sights. These include GIF, BMP, PCX, TIF, BMP, WMF, WGF, and more.

Sounds are WAV files. (Special compressed WAV files are not supported).

Slide shows are a collection of pictures selected from the same subdirectory. Slide shows can be repeated, but the selected list of pictures is only "remembered" for the current Sounds and Sights session. To change or modify a slide show, simply choose another group of pictures, and then press the PLAY button.

Script Files are made with the editor in Sounds and Sounds, and are a list of pictures and sounds to be displayed and/or played in a prescribed order. The picture and/or sound files referenced in the script file may reside anywhere on your disk drive(s). Script files themselves are disk files, so the script can be saved and subsequently loaded and played whenever desired.

DEFAULTS

Sounds and Sights uses default paths to pictures, sounds, and script files. These can be set in the Defaults Window, or in the open dialog windows of the respective file types. Also, Sounds and Sights will display certain messages before selected operations are performed. After you gain proficiency with Sounds and Sights, you may wish to turn these messages off. Uncheck the appropriate box in the Defaults Window. To display the Defaults Window, choose **FILE** from the menu bar and then **DEFAULT SETTINGS** from the drop down menu.

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