

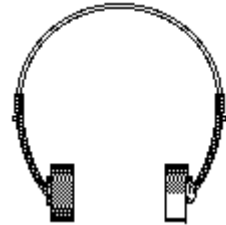
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An Introduction To The RMI Player

Welcome to the RMI Player. You can use this application to play back MIDI (.MID) files and Wave (.WAV) files. If you have a CD-ROM drive, the RMI Player can also play audio CDs and the audio tracks on CD-ROMs.



The application features an easy-to-use interface including tapedeck-style audio controls and standard Windows menus. Also, notice the animated accordionist (pictured left), who will play the accordion to let you know that the RMI Player is playing back a file.

You can minimize the RMI Player while a file is playing so that you can work in other Windows applications while listening to music. There is also a Play All feature so that you can have the RMI Player automatically play back several files in a row. Congratulations on your purchase and happy listening!

Special Thanks to Ethan Perry and David Fogel for graphics and programming assistance.

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The Play, Stop/Pause, And Rewind Buttons



After you have opened a file, simply click on the Play button to listen to it.



Click on the STOP/PAUSE button to stop playback of a file. Then either click on the PLAY button to continue listening from where you left off, or click on the REWIND button first and then the PLAY button to start listening from the beginning of the file.



Once you have clicked on the STOP/PAUSE button, you can click on the REWIND button to return to the beginning of a file.

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The Open Command

Selecting the Open command in the File menu causes a dialog box to pop up. You have a choice of filetype, drive, directory, and filename.

Filetype: Select the *.MID filetype for MIDI files, and the *.WAV filetype for Wave files. The other option *.CDA, is only used with a few special RMI CD-Audio files, so you will probably not need to select it.

Drive and Directory: Change the drive and directory settings until you have selected the directory which contains the files you want to play. All available files of the current filetype (*.MID or *.WAV) are displayed in the Filename window of the dialog box.

Filename: Click on the name of the file you wish to open. Click on the OK button to open the file.

Once you have opened a file, its name appears in the filename window of the RMI Player and under the Selection Menu. Clicking on the PLAY button will enable you to listen to the file.

The Open CD command

The Open CD command is for playback of audio CDs and CD-ROM audio tracks. You can only use this command if you have a CD-ROM drive.

If there is a CD-ROM drive connected to your computer, selecting this command will enable the Track Menu. Track 1 appears in the filename box of the RMI Player, and you can play CD tracks with the PLAY, STOP/PAUSE, and REWIND buttons just as you would MIDI or Wave files. The Track Menu contains a list of all the tracks on the CD, so you can select each track for playback. Also, the Selection Menu will contain the option "CD."

Please note that CD-ROMs have non-audio data on their first track, so you will not hear anything if you play back Track 1. For CD-ROMs you must select one of the other available tracks. On regular audio CDs, Track 1 contains audio just like the other tracks.

The Close command

Selecting the Close command closes the current file. Its name is removed from the filename window of the RMI Player and the Selection Menu. The filename window remains blank until you select another file from the Selection Menu or Open a new file.

The Close All command

The Close All command closes the current file and removes all the other files from the Selection Menu.

The Turn Off Animation command

On computers with small amounts of memory installed or slow processors, there may be occasional problems. If you hear mistakes and missing notes during music playback, this may be the reason. The animated accordianist takes up a lot of these resources, so selecting the option to Turn Off Animation should free up enough memory and processor time to eliminate mistakes during playback.

Please note that the animation is automatically turned off whenever you minimize the RMI Player application, so there is no need to shut off the animation unless you hear mistakes while viewing the animated accordianist.

The MIDI Output command

The MIDI Output command allows you to choose which of the MIDI outputs available on your computer is used for playback of MIDI files. On most computers, you will have three choices: your sound card's MIDI port, your sound card's MIDI synthesizer, and the MIDI Mapper. If you're unsure of which output to use, you should probably select your sound card's synthesizer as the output.

The Exit command

Selecting the Exit command closes the RMI Player application.

The Select Menu

The RMI Player Select Menu includes a list of the files that are open, a Play All option, options to read and save play list files, and a CD option if you have a CD-ROM drive:

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Open Files in the Select Menu

When no files are opened, the menu displays a No Selections Opened message. When you have opened at least one file, the piece that is currently selected has a check mark next to it. All files you open later are added to the Select Menu in the order that they are opened.

Once you have opened a file, you can select it from the Select Menu without opening it again. The new selection has the check mark next to it in the Select Menu, and its filename appears in the RMI Player filename box, ready for playback. Only when you close the file do you need to use the Open command to be able to play the file again. Otherwise, you can switch between files by selecting them from the Select Menu.

The Play All command

When the Play All command has been selected, the RMI Player plays all the MIDI and Wave files in the Selection Menu in order. You can use this feature as a juke box, by opening the files you want to hear in the order you want, selecting Play All, and then minimizing the application. The RMI Player will play the files from beginning to end without stopping while you work in another Windows application!

The Read Play List command

The Read Play List command loads a selection of WAVE and MIDI files that you have previously saved with the **Save Play List command**.

The Save Play List command

The Save Play List command lets you save your current selection of WAVE and MIDI files to a play list file. You can load the play list file later with the **Read Play List command**.

The CD option in the Select Menu

After you've used the Open CD command (if you have a CD-ROM player), the Track Menu is enabled, and the option "CD" is added to the Select Menu. This allows you to switch to MIDI and Wave files, which disables the Track Menu, and then return to CD track playback. By selecting the "CD" option from the Select Menu, you again enable the Track Menu and have the option of selecting audio tracks from CDs.

The Track Menu

The Track Menu can only be used if you have a CD-ROM drive. After the Open CD command has been selected from the File Menu, the Track Menu is enabled.

The Track Menu lists each track by number. Selecting any of these tracks puts that track in the filename box of the RMI Player so that you can play it back using the PLAY, STOP/PAUSE, and REWIND buttons.

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The Help Menu

The Help Menu includes the Help option and the About option.

The Help option loads up the How to Use the RMI ThemePaks Help File which you are currently using.

The About option gives you information about the RMI Player.

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A Step By Step Tutorial

Once you have loaded up RMI Player, follow these instructions:

1. Select Open from the File Menu.
2. In the dialog box which appears, select the drive which contains the directory with the ThemePak files. The MIDI files are in the AUDIO directory, so select that directory.
3. Make sure the filetype is *.MID. Click on the file you wish to hear. Click OKAY.
4. Click on the PLAY button to hear the file! You can use the STOP/PAUSE button to stop the piece. Click on PLAY again to continue from where you left off, or click REWIND first, and then PLAY to start again from the beginning of the file.

You can use this same set of steps to select any other MIDI or Wave files by locating them in their directories and selecting the appropriate filetype.

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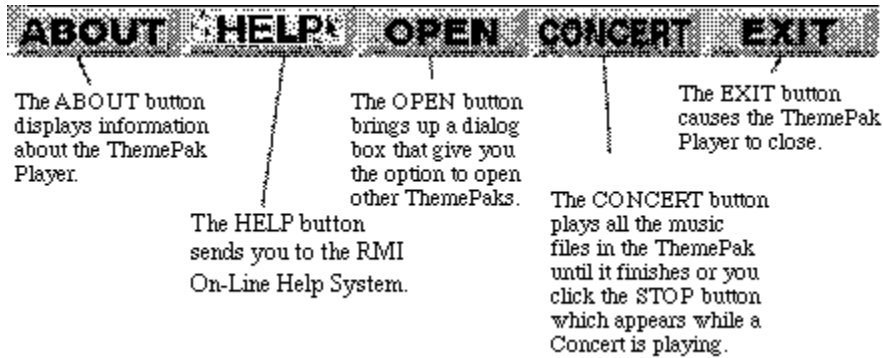
Welcome to the RMI ThemePaks (TM)! Each member of the ThemePak family consists of a collection of the world's best loved music, representing a familiar theme. You also get a matching, colorful music player, and an online reference manual. ThemePaks are specially selected from the world's largest library of MIDI music.

Your ThemePak includes notes about each piece of music which appear whenever you click on the name of the piece to listen to the music. ThemePaks also include a Concert feature, which allows you to listen to all the files in a row. That way you can minimize the ThemePak and work in another Windows application while listening!

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Minimum System Requirements For The RMI ThemePaks (TM)

The RMI ThemePaks require:

A 386SX PC or higher

2 megabytes of RAM (4 megabytes recommended)

Windows 3.1

A General MIDI compatible sound board and driver software

A 256 color graphics card is recommended.

A CD-ROM drive is optional.

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