

Sonique2 Alpha Release

<http://sonique.lycos.com/sonique2/>

What is Sonique2?

Sonique2 is a media player written on top of the powerful Mantis GUI engine. Sonique2 plays audio files, displays visuals, maintains playlists, and supports advanced interface design. We retained the same high quality audio experience that has made Sonique famous through our high quality audio engine and audio enhancement features.

System Requirements

Windows 95/98/Me/NT4/2000/XP

Why release an Alpha version?

We're releasing this Alpha version of Sonique2 to give you a chance to get an idea of what Sonique2 is, and what it will be. While we still have a ways to go, this version seems to be stable enough for day-to-day use. We want to give skimmers a chance to get started, so that when Sonique2 is released, there will already be a healthy community of people writing interfaces using Mantis. This is not the final feature-set, but it is our base.

This release is not really intended to find bugs. That will be what our beta releases will be for. Bugs are not hard to find right now, and we would soon become inundated with bug reports if we started to ask for them. So, for now, we are not looking for information about bugs.

Known Issues

these are some known issues that may affect your usage of Sonique2.

- CDRaw is a plugin that reads the raw audio data from audio CD's in your CD drive - this is cool for many reasons (which i won't go into here). Unfortunately, not all drives support this mechanism, so it is possible you won't be able to play CD's with the current plugin. **If you are having problems playing CD's with CDRaw, please see the appendix below.** A more generic CDAudio plugin will be written eventually to be used on those systems that CDRaw does not work well with.
- if remotes are defined via macro includes, they will show up in the remotes menu more than once. but, only one of the entries will actually work. happy hunting!
- the skin shipped with this alpha, will **not** be the skin shipped with the final release. it is a development skin and is not feature rich. The final skin will be much more useful and appealing. ☺
- no support for wma files

Installing Sonique2

Download the installer. Run it and follow the instructions. See the known issues above for any problems.

Removing Sonique2

In the sonique2 directory, find the uninstall.exe file and run it. Select sonique2 alpha2 from the list, and click ok.

Resources

Go to <http://sonique.lycos.com/sonique2/> for links to resources. You can download skins and remotes, visual plugins, and get access to documentation to write your own!

Credits

Sonique2 was conceived and created by the original Team Sonique: Andrew McCann, Ian G. Lyman, Tony Million, Nicholas Vinen and others. See <http://sonique.lycos.com/team/credits.php> for a complete list of the originators.

The visuals that are being shipped with this Alpha were created by [CoR](#). He was kind enough to let us include them.

Most of the icons included in this install were kindly created for us by shift. Many thanks, shift.

All of the non-English languages included in this build were translated by members of the sonique community. Thanks to everyone who has contributed, a complete list of translators will be included at a later date. Any language updates can be sent to info@sonique.com.

CDRaw Appendix

CDRaw is a plugin that allows sonique2 to do raw reads of CD audio data, as opposed to simply playing the CD. This is cool for many reasons like allowing you use visuals and equalization on CD audio, and to allow for ripping of CD audio. Unfortunately, raw reading of CD's is not all that straightforward due to the many types of CD drives out there. CDRaw tries two mechanisms to read your CD, if you have windows NT4, XP or 2000, you should be able to use the native window calls (method 1) - otherwise, you'll need to use CDRaw's ASPI code (method 2).

If you are having problems with sonique2 and CDRaw, the first thing you should try to do is update your ASPI manager and drivers. ASPI stands for Advanced SCSI Programming Interface and is how sonique2 communicates with your CD drive. Adaptec developed this handy mechanism for communication with SCSI devices (like your CD drive). You can read more about it and find updated drivers at <http://www.adaptec.com/>.

Here are links to the drivers for your system. Update them at your own risk.

for **Windows 98, NT 4, Me, 2000** and **XP**:

http://www.adaptec.com/worldwide/support/drivers_by_product.html?sess=no&cat=/Product/ASPI-4.70

for **Windows 95**:

http://www.adaptec.com/worldwide/support/driverdetail.html?sess=no&cat=/Product/EZ-SCSI_5.0&filekey=aspi32.exe