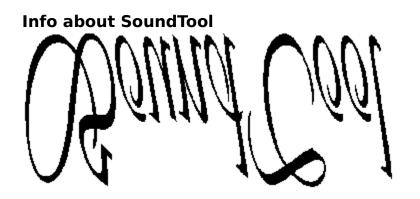
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# for Microsoft Windows Version 3

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SoundTool is a simple utility to manipulate sampled 8-bit sound data.

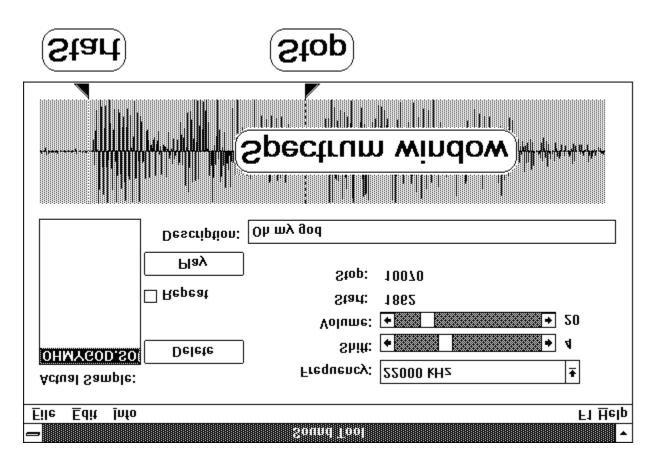
It relies on the dynamic link library DSOUND.DLL (  $\bigcirc$  1990-1991 by <u>Aaron Wallace</u>) to play a user selected part of the complete sound sample.

SoundTool can cut, copy and paste parts of a sample to the clipboard and perform various modifications to the whole sound sample or to a part of the sample.

To use SoundTool efficiently a  $\bigotimes$  is necessary. Some functions cannot be used without such a beast.

# The SoundTool window

After firing up SoundTool the following window is displayed:



## Items in SoundTool window:

The window contains the following controls and displays:

actual sound	a listbox which displays a list of loaded sounds. You can select one to be the 'actual sound' by clicking with the mouse on it.
Delete	delete the actual sound from memory by clicking with the mouse on this button. The sample is lost if you don't save it into a file before you select this option!
Play	You can play the selected part of the actual sound by clicking with the mouse on this button.
Animate	When this checkbox is checked, pressing the 'Play'-button replays the sound and, while playing, the played part is colored in red; you can stop playing by pressing any key. This will set the 'Stop' slider to the position where you pressed the key. Because the sample is played in small chunks corresponding to one pixel in the spectrum windo, you will get a bad sound quality;how bad it is, depends on the length of your sample. Animate is a helpful tool to locate a specific location in a sample by listening and pressing a key.

Repeat	When this checkbox is checked, pressing the 'Play'-button replays the sound forever; you can stop playing by pressing any key or by clicking the checkbox again while sound is playing. Do not press any other keys or try to switch to another application while the sound is playing, you can find yourself caught in an endless loop.	
Frequency	Select the frequency which is used to play the marked region of the sound by dragging the slider in the scrollbar or by clicking on the arrows at the end of the slider.	
Shift	Select a frequency shift with this scrollbar.	
Volume	Change the sound volume by dragging the elevator of this slider.	
Start	This is the left indicator in the spectrum window. It is used to indicate the first byte of a selection. You can change it's position by pressing the mouse button in the left-pointing triangle beneath the sprectum window or near the left of the vertical dotted line in the spectrum display. Drag the slider into the position you desire and release the mouse button.	
Stop	This is an indicator for the last selected byte; you can move it using the mouse in the same way as described above.	
Description	This text string describes the sound by up to 95 characters.	
Spectrum window	This display shows the spectrum of actual sound. The two sliders near the bottom ( <b>Start</b> and <b>Stop</b> ) can be moved by clicking on them and moving the mouse. The left slider indicates the start of a selection, the right one marks the end of the selection.	

## Menu Items:

SoundTool displays a menu bar near the top of it's window where the following menu items can be found:

F	il	le	

File			
⇒ File Open	Loads the seleted sound file into memory and updates the listbox.		
-	It is possible to load	d one of the following sound file types:	
	⇒ 8-Bit raw *.SC	OU 8-Bit sampled raw sound bytes without any	
		header.	
	•	lows when standard header format is defined:	
	⇒ <b>Sound</b> *.SN	ND 8-Bit sampled sound bytes with header. These	
		files can actually be in two formats:	
		1. files created by Aaron Wallace's SOUNDER	
		including a short header.	
		2. files created by SoundTool including a longer	
		header (see description of file formats below).	
		SoundTool automagically detects which kind of	
		SND file it is reading.	
	$\Rightarrow$ <b>NeXT</b> *.N2	XT one of the sound formats used by the NeXT	
		computer. These files must contain raw 16-Bit samples which are reduced internally by	
		SoundTool to 8-Bit. The NeXT µLaw-format is	
		not supported yet.	
	⇒ SUN Audio *.Sl		
		These files contain 8-Bit samples in $\mu$ Law-	
		format which are reduced by SoundTool to 8-Bit.	
	⇒ ANSI *.T>	(T Text format. The file must contain integers in	
		the range 0255 separated by blanks, tabs or	
		newlines. It is possible to create a text file of	
		this structure e.g. with Microsoft Excel by	
		specifying a function like '255*sin(x)+1)'.	
		Example for a legal file format:	
		127 200 220	
		230	
		255	
		220 220	
⇒ File Save…	Writes the raw sour	nd spectrum of the actual sound to a file. The	
		e explained above (File Open).	

#### Edit

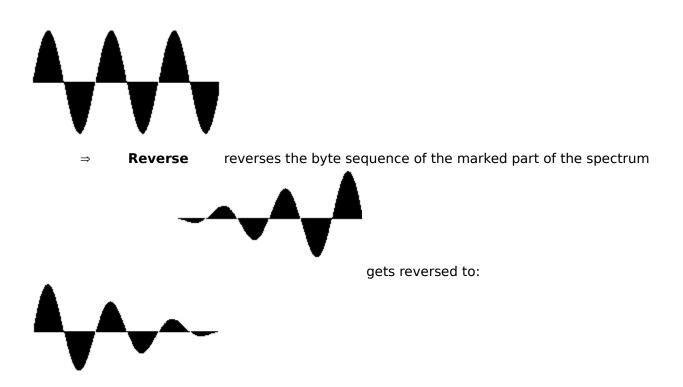
#### ⇒ Repeat last command

This option repeats the last command which is often easier then the access through the popup menu tree

- ⇒ Edit Selection
  - ⇒ Flip

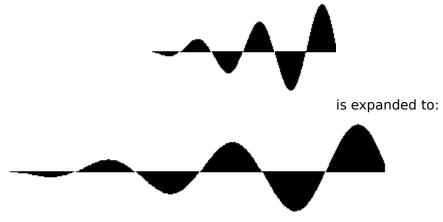
flips the marked part of the spectrum in vertical direction

gets flipped to:



 $\Rightarrow$  **Expand** doubles each byte of the marked part of the spectrum, uses linear interpolation to produce a smooth result.

This has the same effect as a local decrease of frequency.



 $\Rightarrow$  **Shrink** collapses every two bytes of the marked part of the spectrum; uses average of the two bytes

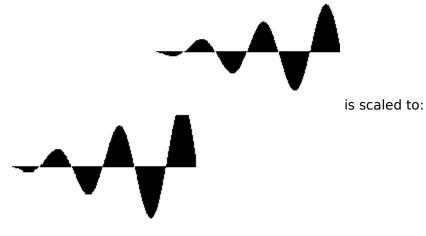
This has the same effect as a local increase of frequency.



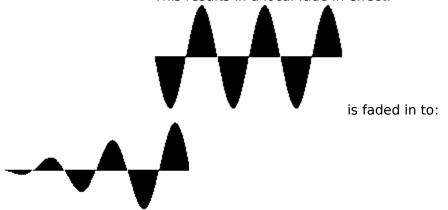
is shrinked to:

 $\Rightarrow$  **Amplify to nnn%** scales each bytes in the selected area of the spectrum by a factor of nnn/100 .

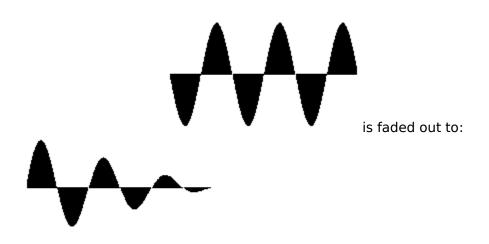
This results in a local in- or decrease of amplitude (sound volume). If the sound amplitude would exceed the limits  $(\pm 127)$  the result is clipped to these limits. The Amplification rate can be set by the menu option 'Preferences-Amplification...'



 $\Rightarrow Fade In fades the bytes in the selected area of the spectrum by an linear increasing factor raising from 0 to 100 % of the original value. This results in a local fade in effect.$ 



 $\Rightarrow \quad \textbf{Fade Out} \quad \text{fades the bytes in the selected area of the spectrum by an} \\ \text{linear decreasing} \quad \text{factor raising from 100\% to 0\%.} \\ \quad \text{This results in a local fade out effect.} \\ \end{cases}$ 



 $\Rightarrow$  **Echo** produces echos in the marked part of the spectrum, starting at the position of the left slider. If necessary the sample length is enlarged to avoid truncation of echos. The echo parameters can be set by the menu option 'Preferences-Echo...'

⇒ Copy ⇒ Cut ⇒ Delete	copies the marked part of the spectrum to the clipboard cuts the marked part from the spectrum to the clipboard deletes the marked part from the spectrum
<ul> <li>⇒ Edit Clipboard</li> <li>⇒ New Sound</li> <li>⇒ Insert</li> </ul>	pastes the clipboard contents into a new sound slot, updates listbox inserts the clipboard contents at position marked by left slider in
<ul><li>⇒ Append</li><li>⇒ Overlay</li></ul>	spectrum window appends the clipboard contents to the end of the actual spectrum overlays the clipboard contents beginning at the position marked by left slider in spectrum window; useful for echo effects. If necessary the overlay is clipped to the length of the actual sample.
Record	Starts sampling of Sound data. (Only applicable if you have an A/D-

board and matching RECDLL.DLL installed).

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Echo	enter the number of echos and the delay between echos:
	If the delay between echos is too small you will get something that
	sounds like a direct feedback.
Record	enter the number of samples to record and a loop delay count to
	adjust the recording frequency. (Only applicable if you have an A/D-
	card and matching RECDLL.DLL installed).
Amplification	enter the amplification factor which is used by the menu option
	"Edit-Selection-Amplify to nnn%.
	Echo Record Amplification

#### Info

- how the hell did you manage to display this help text ? same boring stuff as usual ⇒ F1 Help
- ⇒ Info...

# File formats

SoundTool can save sound samples in various formats:			
8 bit raw format	this is nothing more but a stream of contigout bytes without any header.		
ANSI format	this is the same like the above raw format, but in a human readable form, one byte per line.		
Sounder SND:	has been defined by Aaron W	/allace and is used by his program header of 32 bytes of which 8 bytes are	
SoundTool SND:	<pre>contains more informations i char szMagic[6] = { ´S´, GLOBALHANDLE hGSound;</pre>	<pre>O(, U(, N(, D', 0x1a ) /* not used */ /* length of complete sample */ /* first byte to play from sample /* first byte NOT to play from /* frequency */</pre>	
	<pre>char szName[96]; The part of this header which the one used for clipboard training</pre>	<pre>/* name of sound */ n follows the magical string is identical to ansfer.</pre>	

## Clipboard data exchange structure

SoundTool registers a clipboard format "CF\_SOUND" which can be used to exchange sound data between applications. Clipboard data in "CF\_SOUND" format consists of a structure which contains general data, followed by the bytes which build the actual sound spectrum.

The following data structure is used for clipboard transfer and inside SoundTool:

```
#define DESCR LEN
                 96
                            /* max. length of a filename */
typedef struct sound tag
 {
  GLOBALHANDLE hGSound;
                            /* not used for clipboard transfer */
  DWORD dwBytes;
                            /* length of complete sample */
  DWORD dwStart;
                            /* first byte to play from sample */
  DWORD dwStop;
                            /* first byte NOT to play from sample */
  unsigned short usFreq;
  unsigned short usSampleSize;
  unsigned short usVolume;
  unsigned short usShift;
  } SAMPLE;
```

 $\tt usFreq$  must have one of the following values: { 5500, 7330, 11000, 22000 }

## Examples for clipboard data exchange

The following two code fragments from soundtool show how to copy and paste sound data to/from the clipboard.

```
static SAMPLE Sound;
BOOL CopySound ( HWND hWnd )
/* copy a sound sample to the clipbaord */
{
  GLOBALHANDLE hGSample;
  SAMPLE FAR * lpSample;
  BYTE HUGE * lpCopySound;
  BYTE HUGE * lpSound;
  BOOL bReturn;
  DWORD dwBytes;
  bReturn = FALSE;
  dwBytes = min( Sound.dwBytes, (Sound.dwStop - Sound.dwStart) );
  if( NULL != (hGSample =
               GlobalAlloc( GMEM MOVEABLE, sizeof(SAMPLE) + dwBytes )) )
     {
     if( NULL != (lpSample = (SAMPLE FAR *)GlobalLock( hGSample )) )
       {
        lpCopySound = sizeof(SAMPLE) + (BYTE HUGE *)lpSample;
        lpSound = (BYTE HUGE *)GlobalLock( Sound.hGSound );
        lpSound += Sound.dwStart;
        lpSample->dwBytes = dwBytes;
        lpSample->dwStart = 0;
lpSample->dwStop = dwBytes;
lpSample->usFreq = Sound.usFreq;
        lpSample->usSampleSize = Sound.usSampleSize;
        lpSample->usVolume = Sound.usVolume;
lpSample->usShift = Sound.usShift;
        lstrcpy( lpSample->szName, Sound.szName);
        while( dwBytes-- )
          {
           *lpCopySound++ = *lpSound++;
          }
        GlobalUnlock( Sound.hGSound );
        GlobalUnlock( hGSample );
        if( OpenClipboard( hWnd ) )
          {
           EmptyClipboard();
           SetClipboardData( wFormat, hGSample );
           CloseClipboard();
           bReturn = TRUE;
                                /* yes, we finally did it ! */
          }
        else
          {
           ;/* cannot open clipbard, tell user about problem */
          }
       }
     else
```

```
{
         ;/* cannot lock sample structure, tell user about problem */
     }
   else
     {
      ;/* cannot allocate sample structure, tell user about problem */
     }
  return( bReturn);
}
BOOL PasteSound ( HWND hWnd )
/* pastes sample from clipboard into next free slot */
{
  GLOBALHANDLE hGSample;
  SAMPLE FAR * lpSample;
  BYTE HUGE * lpCopySound;
  BYTE HUGE * lpSound;
  BOOL bReturn;
   DWORD dwBytes;
  bReturn = FALSE;
   if ( wSounds >= MAXSOUNDS )
     {
      /* cannot paste any more sounds, tell user about problem */
     return( bReturn);
     }
   if( FALSE == OpenClipboard( hWnd ) )
     {
      /* cannot open clipboard, tell user about problem */
     return( bReturn);
     }
   if( NULL != (hGSample = GetClipboardData( wFormat )) )
     {
      if( NULL != (lpSample = (SAMPLE FAR *)GlobalLock( hGSample )) )
        {
         if ( NULL != (Sound.hGSound =
                      GlobalAlloc( GMEM MOVEABLE, lpSample->dwBytes )) )
           {
            if( NULL != (lpSound =
                         (BYTE HUGE *)GlobalLock( Sound.hGSound )) )
              {
               lpCopySound = sizeof(SAMPLE) + (BYTE HUGE *)lpSample;
               Sound.dwBytes = lpSample->dwBytes;
               Sound.dwStart = lpSample->dwStart;
Sound.dwStop = lpSample->dwStop;
Sound.usFreq = lpSample->usFreq;
               Sound.usSampleSize = lpSample->usSampleSize;
               Sound.usVolume = lpSample->usVolume;
Sound.usShift = lpSample->usShift;
               lstrcpy( (Sound.szName), lpSample->szName );
```

```
dwBytes = Sound.dwBytes;
           while( dwBytes-- )
            {
             *lpSound++ = *lpCopySound++;
             }
           GlobalUnlock( Sound.hGSound );
           bReturn = TRUE; /* we finaly arrived here */
          }
         else
           {
           /* cannot lock destination array, free it */
           /* and tell user about problem */
           GlobalFree( Sound.hGSound );
          }
        }
      else
        {
         /* cannot alloc destination array, tell user about problem */
        }
      GlobalUnlock( hGSample );
      }
    else
      {
      /* cannot lock clipboard structure, tell user about problem */
      }
   }
  CloseClipboard();
  return( bReturn );
}
end of sample code
/*
                                                         */
```

## Adding a DLL for recording sound samples

SoundTool contains a mechanism that makes it possible for a Windows-pogrammer to incorporate recording subroutines by writing a DLL which conforms to the following interface. Whenever SoundTool is started, it looks for a file 'RECDLL.DLL'. If a file of this name is found in the directory where SoundTool resides, it is loaded into memory and the menu of SoundTool offers two items to call into this DLL:

- Record
- Settings  $\rightarrow$  Record...

To be callable from SoundTool the DLL must have at least two exported functions with ordinal numbers @3 and @2:

**@3** This routine is called when the menuitem 'Record' is selected. The routine must confirm to the following calling sequence:

BOOL FAR PASCAL RecordSample( HWND, SAMPLE FAR \* );

The routine should global-allocate memory for the sampled data, record the sample and fill the SAMPLE structure with the corresponding data. The pointer to this structure is set up by SoundTool and must not be changed or modified. Just set all elements of the structure according to the definition above (Clipboard transfer).

**@2** This routine is called when the menuitem 'Settings  $\rightarrow$  Record...' is selected. The routine must confirm to the following calling sequence:

BOOL FAR PASCAL RecordSetup( HWND );

The routine should ask the user for all the recording parameters needed, and save them in the library data segment. The library is released when the user quits SoundTool, so it is advisable to store needed Parameters in 'WIN.INI'. These parameters can be loaded when LibMain is called at load time of the library.

The following examples shows excerpts from my sample RECDLL which uses an 8-bit A/D converter to sample audio data at up to 40 kHz. The library **must** be named RECDLL.DLL and **must** contain at least the two exported ordinals @2 and @3.

**RECDLL.DEF** file showing EXPORTS with ordinal numbers.

LIBRARY EXETYPE CODE DATA	RECDLL WINDOWS	PRELOAD MOVEABLE DISCARDABLE MOVEABLE SINGLE
2	1004	MOVEABLE SINGLE
HEAPSIZE	1024	
EXPORTS		
WEP		<pre>@1 RESIDENTNAME ;necessary for Windows</pre>
Recor	dSetup	<pre>@2 ;necessary for SoundTool</pre>
Recor	dSample	<pre>@3 ;necessary for SoundTool</pre>
Recor	dDlgProc	04 ;used internally by RECDLL

**RecordSetup** routine gets called by SoundTool and asks user for parameters.

BOOL FAR PASCAL RecordSetup( HWND hWnd )

```
{
  FARPROC lpProcDialog;
  BOOL bReturn;
  lpProcDialog = MakeProcInstance( (FARPROC)RecordDlgProc, hInst);
  bReturn = DialogBox( hInst, "RECORD_DLG", hWnd, lpProcDialog);
  FreeProcInstance( lpProcDialog );
  return( bReturn ); /* return TRUE if OK */
}
```

**RecordSample** routine gets called by SoundTool and returns the actual data.

```
BOOL FAR PASCAL RecordSample( HWND hWnd, SAMPLE FAR * pSound )
{
  GLOBALHANDLE hGSound;
  BYTE HUGE * lpSound;
  BYTE HUGE * lpSoundStart;
   DWORD dwElapsed, dwStartTick, dwStopTick, dwBytes, dwFrequency;
   BOOL bReturn;
  bReturn = FALSE;
   dwBytes = dwRecordBytes;
   if( NULL != (hGSound = GlobalAlloc( GMEM MOVEABLE, dwBytes )) )
     {
      if( NULL != (lpSound = (BYTE HUGE *)GlobalLock( hGSound )) )
       {
         pSound->hGSound = hGSound;
         pSound->dwBytes = dwBytes;
         pSound->dwStart = 0;
         pSound->dwStop = dwBytes;
pSound->usFreq = 22000;
         pSound->usSampleSize = 0;
         pSound->usVolume = 20;
         pSound->usShift = 4;
         MessageBeep(0);
         lpSoundStart = lpSound;
         dwStartTick = GetTickCount(); /* ms */
         if( nRecordDelay )
           {
            outp( (usPort+1), 0x0000 ); /* start conversion */
            while( dwBytes-- )
              {
               /* get a byte from A/D converter */
               *lpSound++ = (BYTE) inp( usPort );
               outp( (usPort+1), 0x0000 ); /* start next conversion */
               _asm
                 {
                  mov cx, nRecordDelay
                                                      /* loop counter */
                  WaitLoop:
                  loop WaitLoop
                                                       /* empty loop */
                 }
              }
           }
```

```
else
        {
         outp( (usPort+1), 0x0000 ); /* start conversion */
         while( dwBytes-- )
           {
            /* get a byte from A/D converter */
            *lpSound++ = (BYTE)inp( usPort );
            outp( (usPort+1), 0x0000 ); /* start next conversion */
           }
        }
      dwStopTick = GetTickCount(); /* ms */
      MessageBeep(0);
      lpSound = lpSoundStart;
      dwBytes = pSound->dwBytes;
      while( dwBytes-- )
       {
         if ( *lpSound > 127 )
            *lpSound -= 128;
         else
            *lpSound += 128;
         *lpSound++;
        }
      GlobalUnlock( hGSound );
      /* elapsed time in milliseconds */
      if( dwStopTick < dwStartTick )</pre>
         dwElapsed = 0xffffffff - dwStartTick + dwStopTick;
      else
         dwElapsed = dwStopTick - dwStartTick;
      dwFrequency = (DWORD) (1000.0 * ((double)pSound->dwBytes /
                (double)dwElapsed));
      pSound->usFreq = (unsigned int)dwFrequency;
      wsprintf( szBuffer, "Recorded at %u [Hz]", dwFrequency );
      lstrcpy( pSound->szName, szBuffer );
     bReturn = TRUE;
     }
   else
     {
     /* cannot lock new sound bytes */
     GlobalFree( hGSound );
     }
else
   /* cannot allocate memory for new sound bytes */
return( bReturn );
```

**RecordDigProc** routine gets called by RecordSetup and asks user for parameters.

}

{

}

}

{

BOOL FAR PASCAL RecordDlgProc( HWND hDlg, unsigned message, WORD wParam, LONG lParam)

```
int nDelay;
DWORD dwBytes;
switch( message )
 {
  case WM COMMAND:
      if( ID OK == wParam )
        {
         GetDlgItemText( hDlg, ID RECORDNUMBER, szBuffer, sizeof(szBuffer )
               );
         dwBytes = (DWORD)atol( szBuffer );
         GetDlgItemText( hDlg, ID RECORDDELAY, szBuffer,
               sizeof(szBuffer ) );
         nDelay = atoi( szBuffer );
         if( nRecordDelay != nDelay )
          {
            nRecordDelay = nDelay;
            wsprintf( szBuffer, "%d", nRecordDelay );
            WriteProfileString( szAppName, szRecordDelay, szBuffer );
           }
         if ( dwRecordBytes != dwBytes )
           {
            dwRecordBytes = dwBytes;
            wsprintf( szBuffer, "%lu", dwRecordBytes );
            WriteProfileString( szAppName, szRecordBytes, szBuffer );
           }
         EndDialog( hDlg, TRUE );
        }
      else if( ID CANCEL == wParam )
        {
         EndDialog( hDlg, FALSE );
        }
     break;
   case WM INITDIALOG:
     wsprintf( szBuffer, "%lu", dwRecordBytes );
     SetDlgItemText( hDlg, ID RECORDNUMBER, szBuffer );
     wsprintf( szBuffer, "%d", nRecordDelay );
     SetDlgItemText( hDlg, ID RECORDDELAY, szBuffer );
     SetFocus( GetDlgItem(hDlg,ID RECORDDELAY) );
      return( FALSE );
     break;
  }
return( FALSE );
```

LibMain routine gets called by LIBENTRY.ASM when the DLL is loaded.

}

```
GetProfileString( szAppName, szRecordBytes, "?",
                  szBuffer, sizeof(szBuffer) );
if( '?' == szBuffer[0] )
  {
   /* no entry found, use default */
  dwRecordBytes = 50000;
  wsprintf( szBuffer, "%lu", dwRecordBytes );
  WriteProfileString( szAppName, szRecordBytes, szBuffer );
  }
else
  {
  dwRecordBytes = (DWORD)atol( szBuffer );
  }
GetProfileString( szAppName, szRecordDelay, "?",
                  szBuffer, sizeof(szBuffer) );
if( '?' == szBuffer[0] )
  {
   /* no entry found, use default */
  nRecordDelay = 0;
  wsprintf( szBuffer, "%d", nRecordDelay );
  WriteProfileString( szAppName, szRecordDelay, szBuffer );
 }
else
  {
  nRecordDelay = atoi( szBuffer );
  }
GetProfileString( szAppName, szRecordPort, "?",
                  szBuffer, sizeof(szBuffer) );
if( '?' == szBuffer[0] )
  {
  /* no entry found, use default */
  usPort = 0x300;
  wsprintf( szBuffer, "%u", usPort );
  WriteProfileString( szAppName, szRecordPort, szBuffer );
  }
else
  {
  usPort = (unsigned int)atoi( szBuffer );
  }
if( cbHeapSize > 0 )
   return( TRUE );
```

```
GlobalVariables used by RECDLL
```

}

```
DWORD dwRecordBytes; /* number of bytes to record */
int nRecordDelay; /* delay loop count */
HANDLE hInst; /* library instance handle */
unsigned int usPort; /* A/D converter port address */
char szBuffer[80]; /* avoid buffer on stack DS != SS */
char szAppName[] = "SoundTool";
char szRecordBytes[] = "RecordBytes";
```

```
char szRecordDelay[] = "RecordDelay";
char szRecordPort[] = "RecordPort";
```

#### Makefile used to create RECDLL

#### RECDLL.DLG used to create RECDLL.RC

```
RECORD DLG DIALOG LOADONCALL MOVEABLE DISCARDABLE 9, 26, 186, 42
CAPTION "Recording Parameters"
STYLE WS BORDER | WS CAPTION | WS DLGFRAME | WS POPUP
BEGIN
    CONTROL "&Number of samples:", -1, "static", SS RIGHT | WS GROUP |
                  WS CHILD, 10, 8, 74, 10
    CONTROL "", ID RECORDNUMBER, "edit", ES LEFT | WS BORDER | WS TABSTOP |
                  WS CHILD, 90, 8, 32, 12
    CONTROL "&Delay count:", -1, "static", SS_RIGHT | WS GROUP | WS CHILD, 8,
                   22, 76, 10
    CONTROL "", ID RECORDDELAY, "edit", ES LEFT | WS BORDER | WS TABSTOP |
                  WS CHILD, 90, 22, 32, 12
    CONTROL "&Cancel", ID CANCEL, "button", BS PUSHBUTTON | WS GROUP |
                  WS TABSTOP | WS CHILD, 134, 6, 46, 14
    CONTROL "&OK", ID OK, "button", BS DEFPUSHBUTTON | WS TABSTOP | WS CHILD,
                  134, 24, 46, 14
END
```

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