

Mini-CD by Slick Software

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This CD player is designed to be as small and unobtrusive as possible, without losing any of the features required of any useful CD playing program. It consists of three panels which may be turned on or off as required.



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What to do if it doesn't work

The Mini-CD player program was written in WinForth and may be regularly used only after making a nominal payment of ten units of your currency to:

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Butterfly

This butterfly represents the program icon and identifying trademark of any Slick Software Windows program. It sits quite still on the left panel and occasionally closes and opens its wings.

Track Information

If the **CD Info** button on the right panel is clicked, a dialog box showing the following information about the current CD is displayed:

1. Current CD audio driver selected.
2. Status of the CD player. Can be **Playing** or **Stopped**.
3. Total number of playable tracks.
4. Track number currently selected.
5. Total CD playing time in minutes and seconds.
6. Current track length in minutes and seconds.
7. Scrollable list showing all the track playing times.

Click the mouse on the OK button to clear this dialog box.

Mini-CD Setup

If the **Setup** button on the right panel is clicked, a dialog box showing all the following possible setup options is displayed:

Auto Start

If this is set, the player will attempt to play the CD in the CD-ROM drive as soon as the program has loaded.

Auto Replay

If this is set, the player will start playing from track 1 as soon as the last track has ended.

Butterfly Flaps

If this is set, the butterfly will occasionally close and open its wings.

Always on Top

If this is set, the Mini-CD player will always appear above any other window on the screen.

Save on Exit

If this is set, the current panel status will be saved as the Exit button is clicked.

Stop on Exit

If this is set, the CD will stop playing if the Exit button is clicked.

Startup Panels

The **Left** or **Right** panel can be selected to appear on or off when the program is loaded.

Click on the **OK** button to save any changes made, or click on the **Cancel** button to continue without saving changes.

Track % complete

While the CD is playing, a blue bar slowly moves across the red background indicating the track percentage complete.

Track & Time display

If an audio CD is found in the CD-ROM drive and the CD is not playing, the window shows the total number of tracks and the total playing time.

If a CD is currently playing, the track number and elapsed track time are shown in the window and updated every second.

If the next or previous track buttons are clicked, the track number and length of the selected track are shown.

Track time is always shown in minutes and seconds.

Track programming

Clicking this button displays the track programming dialog box.

If an audio CD is found in the CD-ROM drive, the track number and play time of all the tracks on the CD are displayed in the left-hand list box. All the tracks included in the current program are shown in the right-hand list box.

To Add a track to the end of the program, select a track from the left-hand list box, and click the **Add** button. To remove a track from the list of programmed tracks, select it from the right-hand list box and click the **Remove** button. To remove all the tracks from the program, click the **Clear Program** button.

Click the **Enable Program** button to clear the dialog box and enable any program consisting of one or more selected tracks. Click the **Disable Program** button to clear the dialog box without enabling the program. Enabling a program disables the Shuffle button if it is currently enabled.

To start playing a program, stop the CD (if playing) and click the Play button. The next and/or previous track in the program can be played by clicking the next and/or previous track button.

About Mini-CD

Clicking this button will display a dialog box showing the motivation for this program, and address of the author.

Random shuffle play

Clicking this button enables the **shuffle** mode if not already enabled, and disables it if it is. **Shuffle** mode selects a random track to play when the current track has finished playing.

Shuffle play disables any track program currently enabled.

Right panel button

Clicking this button toggles the right panel on and off.

The button arrow is painted red if the panel is on:
The button arrow is painted blue if the panel is off:



Stop playback

If the CD is playing when this button is clicked, the CD stops playing and shows the number of tracks and total playing time in the track time display window.

If the CD is not playing when the button is clicked, the CD is ejected if possible.

Pause playback

If the CD is playing when this button is clicked, the playback is paused and the button remains depressed. Clicking any other button while the **pause** button is depressed, resumes playback.

Clicking this button while the CD is not playing or not found in the CD-ROM drive, has no effect.

Next track

If an audio CD is found in the CD-ROM drive and the CD is not playing when this button is clicked, the next track is shown in the track and time window. Click the Play button to start playing this track.

If the CD is playing when this button is clicked, the next track number and length are shown briefly before the CD starts playing that track.

Previous track

If an audio CD is found in the CD-ROM drive and the CD is not playing when this button is clicked, the previous track is shown in the track and time window. Click the Play button to start playing this track.

If the CD is playing when this button is clicked, the previous track number and length are shown briefly before the CD starts playing that track.

Play track

Clicking this button with a audio CD in the CD-ROM drive, closes the CD door if open, and starts playback.

1. If a track program is enabled, the next track in the program is played.
2. If the shuffle play button is enabled, the next random track is played.

The Mini-CD can be configured to Auto Start playback when loaded, and Auto Replay when the CD has ended.

Clicking this button while CD is playing, has no effect.

Exit Mini-CD

Clicking this button Exits the Mini-CD player.

The Mini-CD can be configured to do the following on Exit:

1. Save the panel status if **Auto Save** is enabled.
2. Stop playback if **Stop on Exit** is enabled.

Left panel button

Clicking this button toggles the left panel on and off.

The button arrow is painted red if the panel is on:
The button arrow is painted blue if the panel is off:



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Collins dictionary definition of Slick:

Slick (slik) adj. Adroitly devised or executed.

Collins dictionary definition of Adroit:

Adroit (a'droit) adj. Skilful or dexterous.

Mini-CD Help

If you don't remember what this button is for, then your memory is like a sieve !!

What to do if it doesn't work

If you do not have an MPC standard CD-ROM drive and an 8 or 16-bit sound card with speaker(s) installed, you are wasting your time. Mini-CD will never play.

If you have all this but cannot get Windows to make any sound, check that the installed sound card has installed its driver file in the Windows drivers list:

1. Select **Control Panel** from the Windows Main group.
2. If you do not have the **Sound** icon, refer to your sound card handbook.
3. If you do have the **Sound** icon, check the playback volume on the sound card.

If you have all the required hardware, can play Windows sound files but cannot get the CD to work, check that the CDAudio driver has been installed:

1. Select **Control Panel** from the Windows Main group.
2. Select the **Drivers** icon from the Control Panel.
3. If you do not have the **[MCI] CD Audio** driver installed, click the Add button.
 - 3.1 Select the CD Audio driver from the list of drivers and click OK.
 - 3.2 Insert the Windows system disk for the driver file to be copied.
4. Click the OK button and restart Windows to install and enable the driver.
5. Try the Mini-CD again.

If all this is OK, but it still doesn't work, check that the file **MMSYSTEM.DLL** exists in the Windows \SYSTEM directory.

If you've done all this, but it still doesn't work, then your guess is as good as mine !!

