Step by step

Main window

Menu:

File | Open configuration :   Open an old project (*.eab files).
File | Save applet configuration :   Save your current applet configuration. (*.eab files).
File | Quit :   Exit Easy Applet Builder.

Tools | Wav2Au :   Launch the wav2au converter. Select a wav file and then a au destination file. The converter will convert your sound wav file into a valid Netscape au sound file, readable by Java(tm) applets.
Tools |Options :   Set a few options (See below for details).
Tools | Register :   Show the register window to enter the registration code.

Applets samples | Choose applet :   Show a preview of the selected applet in the default browser.
Applets samples | All applet s page: Show a page with all the samples.

Help | Main help: Show the help window.
Help | Live Support: Launch an interactive wizard which will help you to solve your problem.
Help | Tutorial: Show the help window, tutorial section.
Help | About: Show the about window.

Buttons:

Show preview in …:   Show a preview in your default browser of the applet you are currently cutomizing.
…:   Launch the preview location chooser window.
HTML: Open the 'HTML and needed files' window, where you will get the HTML code and copy the needed files.

You will find below the parameters from step 1 and 2.
A parameter can be :
- Required :   you must specify a value, but there is often a default value.
- Optional :   a value is not needed.
- Not for this applet :   the parameter does not concern this applet.

The parameters in step 1 and 2 are the most common parameters to the applets. Parameters in step 3 are parameters specific to an applet. To see them in details choose in the list in the help window and click "specific parameters help" or use the small help buttons in step 3.

Note : Java(tm) applets support JPEG (*.jpg) and GIF files (*.gif) as image files, and AU files (*.au) as sound files. You can use the Easy Applet Builder wav2au converter to convert your wav files into au files.

Preview location chooser window

Here you select the page in which you will display the applet. The first item in the list is always 'blank page'. Note that you have to paste the applet HTML code the first time in your own page if you want to get a preview directly in this page, otherwise Easy Applet Builder is not able to place the code in the file.

Add…:   Browse and choose a web file (.html or .htm) to add it in the list.
Remove: Remove a location from the list.

Options window

Recall application size next time: If you check this the application size will be saved and recalled next use.
Recall application position next time: Same as above, but about the application position.
Hot track in explorers: Show a hand cursor and blue highlight in the explorer on the left and on the applets list.
Show hints in text fields: Show the textfields text in a hint.

Color manipulation

Right click on the color areas:
   Copy: copy the color area into the clipboard memory.
   Paste: paste a color from the clipboard memory.
   Classic color box…: same effect as left click.
   Set hexadecimal color…: enter yourself the hexadecimal format of the color: #abcdef.
   Pick bacground from…: choose a html or htm file then Easy Applet Builder will try to pick the background color from this page. This will not work if the page uses an image as background. This does not work with frames.

Configurator

Step 1: general properties

Width : The applet width (pixels).
Height : The applet height (pixels).
Background color : The applet background color.
Background image : The background image (usually automatically centered).
No Java message : This message will be displayed if Java(tm) is not enabled on the user browser.
On load sound : The location of the sound which will be played when the applet starts.
Loop : Check " Loop " to loop the onload sound. This sound will be terminated only when the browser quits the current page.

Step 2: mouse events

On mouse over StatusBar message : This message will be displayed in the browser status bar when the mouse pointer is over the applet..

On mouse over sound :   The location of the sound which will be displayed when the mouse pointer enters on the applet area.

On mouse over background color :   The background color when the mouse pointer is over the applet area. (check " enabled " to enable the background color change).

Enabled :   Check this to enable the background color change.

Message :   The text to display over the applet area (automatically centered).

Message height :   The text height (pixels).

Enabled :   Check this to enable the message display.

Message color :   The text color.

Message font name :   Select the font name.

Message font style :   Select the font style.

On click sound :   The location of the sound which will be displayed when the user clicks on the applet.

On click link :   The page URL where the browser links when the user clicks on the applet.

Target :   The target of the link :
- "_blank" : show in a new unnamed top-level window
- "_self" : show in the current frame
- "_parent" : show in the parent frame
- "_top" : show in the top-most frame

Step 3: specific parameters

Step 3 contains the specific parameters. You can view a complete description of the parameters of each applet. Click Help>Main Help, then select the applet in the listbox and click " specific applet parameters ", or click the small help button in step 3.

Reset all values to sample values button: All the parameters from the current applet will be reset to the default values. These values are the initial values, which are the values of the applet sample.

Show advanced parameters button: Allow you to show or hide advanced parameters.
   Locking the applet on the domain name : read carefully the instructions written there.
   Note: The "registration_code" parameter will be replaced by the "reg_domain" parameter in the HTML code.
   Your domain name will be encrypted and put as the value of this parameter.

HTML and needed files window

Save needed files into… : Copy the needed files (applet class files, image, sounds…) in a selected directory.

Copy into clipboard :   Copy the HTML code shown in the small memo into the windows clipboard, then you can paste it in the html file where the applet will stand.

Save as text :   Save the HTML code as a text file.

Save .html preview page :   Save the HTML web page you eventually previewed before.

Archive all files in a .jar :   Check this if you want all the files (classes, images, sounds ...) to be archive in one archive file. This speeds up the loading of your page because the browser needs only one file to download.