

# **OptyCDPlayer**

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# Chapter 1

# OptyCDPlayer

## 1.1 Index

OptyCDPlayer 1.4

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NOTE:

If you find that OptyCDPlayer is a good program and you are looking for a programmer for your company, well I'm to your disposal ...

If you are interested, feel free to contact me at [opty@netinfo.fr](mailto:opty@netinfo.fr)

Jokers are not welcome !

## 1.2 Introduction

At the beginning of this year I purchased a CDRom drive. As I wanted to play audio CDs (CDDA) I started to search for CDplayers on Aminet.

But after some tries with a lot of players, none of these convinced me, mainly because there was no player that can do test for diskchange by themselves as I own an Apollo SCSI2 controller that don't recognize diskchange interrupts.

So I decided to program a player with a lot of features and here is OptyCDPlayer !

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This CD player is not finally a simple player. Of course you have all the functionality of a real CD player but with some special things like Title edition, Multiple program edition, and CD SAMPLING !

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It is EMailWare, so just send me E-Mail to give hellos and feedbacks about this program and all will be fine...

If your CD drive can do sampling and it is not on the CD sampler list, just tell it to me !

## 1.3 Legal stuff

OptyCDPlayer is copyrighted freeware. It may be distributed freely as long as no modifications are made to the executable and this document. A nominal fee may be asked to cover distribution costs.

OptyCDPlayer may not be used for any commercial purposes or included with any commercial product without the written permission of the author.

No responsibilities are taken for damaged CDs, CDROM drives, Amigas or any other components or data involved while using OptyCDPlayer.

Although I've done some beta testing I can't guarantee that OptyCDPlayer will not crash! If you find any bugs, let me know.

Copying is prohibited with some types of CDs so don't copy them

## 1.4 Installation

Any Amiga 68020+ running Kickstart/Workbench 2.04 or greater.

You need **MUI** 3.1 or later. See **MUI** part in this document (Hello Stefan!)

**Play16** 1.5+ for playing sample on Aminet in mus/play folder

Just copy the main program where you want

The catalog directory must be in the directory where you have put the main program or just place it in sys:locale/

The other directories supplied with this program **MUST** be in the same directory of the program.

Just dearchiving the distribution where you want OptyCDPlayer to be placed will be fine too...

## 1.5 Configuration

Configuration is made by Icon ToolTypes or Cli Arguments...

DEVICE=<device name>

put here the device of your CDROM controler. Default is "scsi.device"

UNIT=<number>

put here the unit of your CDROM. Default is unit 1.

PLAY16PATH <path>

This is the path that OptyCDPlayer will use for running play16 when it needs to play the sample. Default is "c:"

INTROTIME=<seconds>

The time played for each title in introsan mode

VOLTYPE=<type number>

The volume type supported by your CD drive. Ranged from 1 to 3. Values outside 1..3 range mean soft volume disabled. Default is 1 (normal use)

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If the volume still don't work, it's because your CD drive can't support Software modifications of the volume... Sorry

ASYNCBUFFER=<number of bytes>

The size of the asynchronous write buffer default is 4096 (should work in most case but slow down sampling). 2048 is the minimum. If a lower value is selected then non buffered write functions will be used instead...

It has been added because of some problem encountered with cpu-sucker controllers. Before, a buffer of 307200 bytes (75\*4096) was used but it's only worked if the cpu was not overloaded with the CD drive controller or by other tasks !

BUFMEMTYPE=<type of memory number>

Allow you to choose the type of memory your controller need for sampling. 0=ANY 512=24BITDMA ...

DISKIDPATH <path>

This is the path that OptyCDPlayer will use for searching disk id files. Default is "progdir:disks"

all the rest is saved at the termination of the program and reloaded at start

## 1.6 GUI description

### - The player part

It contains all the common commands of a real CD player. The list at the right contains the title that you affected for each track. Double-clicking on a title will play this title. The volume sub-panel is the software control of the volume.

### - The Title part

This panel is very easy to understand: all you will have to do is to insert the CD you want to edit, to modify each title, and to save in one of the proposed format when you have finished. The 2 buttons at the bottom are for format conversion

NOTE: The files saved are compatible with CD Descriptions of MCDPlayer and others.

### - The programs part

This panel is based on Drag&Drop facilities of MUI3. As in the title part, you must have a CD to edit your programs. You can have 8+1 programs for each CDs. The first program is for automatic playing at CD insertion. You can play a track multiple time in a program

To add an entry, just drag one item from the source to the destination.

### - Sampler part

To save a part of your CD:

- 1) Insert the CD
- 2) Choose the TRACK number
- 3) Choose the number of seconds the sampling must START
- 4) Choose the number of seconds for the sampling DURATION
- 5) Select the file to save (required)
- 6) Select the type of drive if not already done
- 7) Sub-Code is used in combination with the drive type, try different combinations until it works
- 8) Select your preferred format,channel,frequency
- 9) Click on save or Save&Play (Save THEN play)

The play button is only for an already saved sample. If the sample is in RAW format you MUST adjust correctly format, channel, frequency because Play16 don't know anything about the sample that you ask for replaying!

**\*\* WARNING \*\***

This functionality uses SCSI commands that are not documented, this may or may not work with your CD drive. Use it at your own risk. Don't forget that Copying is prohibited with some types of CDs

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Never use Amiga audio mode if you are low-powered!!!

Reported to work on:

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Toshiba XM SCSI series (SCSI)

Sony CDU 541,561,8002,8003,55S (SCSI)

Apple CD300,CD600 (SONY SCSI)

Pioneer DR-124X (ATAPI!)

IBM PS/2 CD drives (TOSHIBA SCSI)

Reported \*NOT\* to work on:

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Sanyo drives (SCSI and ATAPI)

Toshiba XM Atapi series (ATAPI)

Overdrive CD (ATAPI?)

If your CD drive is not in one of these two lists, tell it to me !

## 1.7 Bugs

- Some devices refuses CDDA already in them when first opened, they complain that the device can't be opened (!)

NOTE: This is not a bug from OptyCDPlayer and happened with all players that I've tested (MCDPlayer,PlayCD,CompactPlayer,...). Even CDfilesystems like AmiCDFS have this problem

- The software Volume don't work with some CD drives

Send bugreports at [opty@netinfo.fr](mailto:opty@netinfo.fr)

## 1.8 Future

- more catalog files

- a 68000 version ?

- Better documentation (I hate writing docs)

- Suggestions ?

## 1.9 History

- V1.0

·Initial public release

- V1.1

·VOLTYPE tooltype added to correct problems with some exotic CD drives

·Added 600(!) CD descriptions

·German catalog added

- V1.2

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- Icons was in Newicon style, now they are real icons
  - Rewritten some functions in assembler
  - Reduced code size significantly
  - Added MUI Gadget disappearing feature: when the window is too small, some gadgets start to disappear according to their importance
  - Added possibility to choose the sample file by requester
  - Added preview button in sampler window, it plays CD according sliders of the sampler window
  - Rewritten randomize function (more randomized)
  - Editor,Program, & sampler pages are allocated only when needed. Replacing Register style with a Cycle was necessary for this feature.
  - Fixed stupid bug with 'at start' prog: first title was played twice
- V1.3
- Now there is 1368 CD descriptions
  - Added ASYNCBUFFER to suppress glitches when sampling
  - Removed some scsi command failure check at initialisation and termination of sampling function because of some drive that can but refuse these command anyway.
  - Added my E-Mail address in 'About' window (Requested)
  - Added config autosave, some tooltypes are now obsolete, please remove SAMPLENAME, DRIVETYPE, SAMPLEFORMAT, SAMPLECHANNEL, SAMPLEFREQ from your icon
  - Added Drive Subcode in prefs
  - Added Volume prefs. Note that volume is not initialized anymore to 127 at each start except if no config (first start)
  - Added slider in player part for fast search in song
  - Finally, as suggested by a lot of users, I have added possibility to put disk descriptions in a Database, mainly because the little cd description files are very disk space consuming. But be careful, as it's an archive database style, I have splitted it in many files for faster access. BTW, if HD space doesn't really matter for you, old format is still recognized (load,save,...) and will never be removed as it's a standard...
  - Added button for 'Disk to DataBase' conversion
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  - Added gauge progression for DataBase manipulation and Sample save
  - Added BUFMEMTYPE for DMA controllers, value: 0=ANY, 512=24BITDMA, ...
  - Added possibility to ear \*in real time\* the sampling preview/process thru de amiga audio channels. The replay is always 8 bits even if 16 bits save was selected but you can play at 44.1khz if you have a screenmode with horizontal freq >15khz, so if you use OptyCD on a PAL or NTSC screen, don't try 44100 ! Keep in mind that this mode is very cpu consuming and will give bad result on low powered system since sampling can only be done at ~150 k/s. By the way, you will notice that channel are not always synchronised, it's because I don't know how to sync the 4 voices. Anybody can help me ?
  - Added cycle and pref saving of the output mode (in sampling part)
  - Added icons from Rudy Top
- V1.4
- Included greek catalog
  - Included finnish catalog
  - Catalog description is now compatible with catedit
  - Included italian catalog
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- Added DISKIDPATH to specify the path for disk id files
- Fixed VOLTYPE, It was not activated...
- Now value outside 1..3 range for VOLTYPE mean software volume disabled
- Removed this ugly Eject lock, I found a workaround to detect 'hard' insertion and ejection while using my special routine for universal CDDA autodetection. In fact, only CD drive that continue to give CD directory of the last \*ejected\* CD will still have some problems...
- Removed skip track bug introduced with fast search bar
- Now, 'Repeat All' works for programs too
- Possibility to make 'repeat' the 'random' mode (Random must be selected first)
- Now 'Start Prog' start at launch of program AND at CD insertion too
- The documentation is now in AmigaGuide format
- OptyCDPlayer should now work (specially programs) iconified, even when started iconified
- Found a way to synchronize Amiga voices, there should be no more distortion
- It is now \*really\* possible to insert a disk with player part not the the active one
- Math ieee library for AIFF not more needed...
- Possibility to start Random while playing (will be randomized at the next track played)
- Now if ASYNCBUFFER as a value lower than 2048 then synchronous write will be used
- Database now contains 1389 CD descriptions

## 1.10 About Play16

Play16 is copyrighted by Thomas Wenzel

Play16 is FreeWare

See its documentations for more informations...

## 1.11 About MUI

This application uses

MUI - MagicUserInterface

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MUI is a system to generate and maintain graphical user interfaces. With the aid of a preferences program, the user of an application has the ability to customize the outfit according to his personal taste.

MUI is distributed as shareware. To obtain a complete package containing lots of examples and more information about registration please look for a file called "muiXXusr.lha" (XX means the latest version number) on your local bulletin boards or on public domain disks.

If you want to register directly, feel free to send

DM 30.- or US\$ 20.-

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