

MediaMaestro LE

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Welcome to *MediaMaestro LE*!

MediaMaestro LE is a limited edition of the popular multimedia presentation software *MediaMaestro*.

With *MediaMaestro* you can create full-featured interactive multimedia presentations for personal, business and home office use. Make impressive presentations containing video, animation, images, text, sound and music.

MediaMaestro is intuitive and easy to use. The 'drag and drop' interface lets you put stunning presentations together in just minutes. Interactive presentations can be created for use in point of sale, training etc.

Standard business presentations can be made more interesting by adding video sequences and still images along with text, sounds and music. Video formats supported include avi, mpg* and dat (Video CD)* (*requires MPEG decoder board). Image formats supported are bmp, tif, pcx, gif, jpg and Photo CD. Sound and music files in wav, midi and CD Audio format can be added to presentations.

A flexible text function, screen underlays, transition effects, pre-defined templates and backgrounds, ready-made sample presentations as well as a complete media clip library are included in *MediaMaestro*.

A runtime version of *MediaMaestro* is provided for distribution with presentations.

Limitations of this version:

1. With *MediaMaestro LE* you may create as many frames as you like in your presentation. However, in each frame you may only use 10 media items instead of an unlimited number. If you try to enter more than the limit of 10 items per frame, a warning message will appear.
2. When saving a presentation, only the first 3 frames will be saved. If the presentation you created contains more than 3 frames, a warning message will appear.
3. The Compile option has been grayed out. In the full version of *MediaMaestro*, the Compile option allows you to compile presentations so that they can be copied to another computer system, viewed on a network or written onto CD and then played with the *MediaMaestro Runtime Player*.

Compiling a presentation optimizes performance and allows for system independent viewing.

Sample Presentations

A number of sample presentations are included on the *MediaMaestro LE* CD so you can see all the possibilities of creating multimedia presentations with *MediaMaestro*. These presentations can be viewed with the *MediaMaestro Runtime Player* - just click on the Runtime Player icon in the *MediaMaestro LE* program group and select the desired demo presentation.

The sample presentations were compiled with the "All" setting to adjust to all operating environments. This means that they can be run on all systems with screen resolutions up to 1280 * 960 pixels and from 16 colors to 24-bit color. However, the display time may be slower on some hardware configurations than if they had been compiled for a specific configuration.

The sample presentations are located in the "Demos" directory and are further subdivided into "256-col" and "full-col" directories. If your graphics adapter supports full color, select the presentation file "English.odb" from the subdirectory file of your choice in the "Full-col" directory. If your system supports 256 colors or if you want a slightly faster display, select a presentation file from the "256-col" subdirectory.

Note: Due to the special structure of the sample presentations, care must be taken when copying items from a sample presentation into a new presentation. You must copy all media items from the sample presentation into the directory of the new presentation so that they can be found when the presentation is played.

----- Order Form

If you would like to purchase the full version of *MediaMaestro*, fill out the enclosed post card and send it to us today! If there is no post card included with this version of *MediaMaestro LE*, fill out the electronic order form by following the instructions given below.

The full version of *MediaMaestro* includes:

- the unlimited version of the *MediaMaestro* software
- the Compile option to optimize presentations
- a free runtime player for distribution with compiled presentations
- a media clip library including royalty-free images, sounds, music and animation clips
- sample presentations, user tutorial, pre-defined backgrounds and buttons
- a complete User's Guide.

To fill out the electronic order form:

1. The Order Form is located in the subdirectory entitled: Software\English\Readme\Register.wri.
2. Copy the file from the CD to your hard disk.
3. Open the file in Windows Write.
4. Fill in the requested information and print it out.
5. Send it to us by post or by fax to either of the following addresses:

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----- System Configuration

Hardware:

Minimum:

80386 /SX IBM PC compatible computer
4 MB RAM
Hard disk with 10 MB free disk space
VGA /Super VGA video adapter
Windows-compatible mouse other pointing device
Double-speed CD-ROM drive

Recommended:

80486 66 MHz IBM PC compatible computer
8-16 MB RAM
Hard disk with 50+ MB free disk space
Hi-color or true color video adapter
Windows-compatible mouse other pointing device
Double-speed CD-ROM drive

To take advantage of MediaMaestro's multimedia functionality, the following optional hardware is recommended:

Windows compatible sound card
MPEG decompression board

Software:

Microsoft DOS 3.1 or higher
Microsoft Windows 3.1 and higher

MCI (Media Control Interface) drivers for:

- all installed optional hardware
- CD Audio
- Video for Windows*
- Autodesk Animator*
- MIDI

* provided on the MediaMaestro LE CD in the Driver directory

Some drivers, such as the CD Audio driver, are provided with Microsoft Windows. Other drivers which are hardware specific, such as the MIDI driver, are provided when you purchase a sound board.

User's Guide

The User's Guide has been provided on CD for your convenience in the form of an on-line Help document which can be viewed by calling the "Help" function from within each application.

The User's Guide is also provided as a text file in the Windows Write format and is automatically copied to your hard disk during installation of the *MediaMaestro* software.

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Credits

The sample clip media in the *Sounds*, *FLI* and *MIDI* subdirectories was provided by Aztech New Media.

The sample wave files in the *Intros* subdirectory were provided by Metatec, Inc.

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