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What is Sound Shuffler?

Sound Shuffler is a Windows utility which allows you to choose ten of your favorite StartUp sounds, and ten of your favorite Exit sounds, then randomly chooses them each time you Start and Exit Windows.

It was designed for those who get tired of hearing the same Startup and Exit sounds over and over and over and over....

Sound Shuffler consists of two separate programs:

1. Sound Shuffler Setup Program (SSCONFIG.EXE)
2. Sound Shuffler (SOUNDSHF.EXE)

1. Sound Shuffler Setup

This program is used to pick your ten favorite StartUp and Exit WAVs. Once you have your selected sounds set up, you probably won't need this program much (that is until you get sick of the 20 WAVs you picked and decide to change them).

2. Sound Shuffler

This is the program that actually shuffles the Windows Startup and Exit sounds.

Installation

Beginning with version 1.5, Sound Shuffler is distributed with an automatic installation program (INSTALL.EXE). This program should do the following:

1. Copy Sound Shuffler files to a directory which you specify. If the directory you specify does not exist, it will be created.
2. Create a Windows program group called "Sound Shuffler" and add the following programs to the group:
 - Sound Shuffler Setup
 - Sound Shuffler
 - Sound Shuffler ReadMe
 - Sound Shuffler Help
3. Ask you if you want your Startup and Exit sounds shuffled automatically. If you choose yes, Sound Shuffler will also be added to your Windows Startup group.

Note: Sound Shuffler requires VBRUN300.DLL

If for some reason you are distrustful of installation programs, you can perform the above steps yourself to get Sound Shuffler installed on your machine.

Sound Shuffler Setup Program (SSCONFIG.EXE)

This program is used to pick your favorite StartUp and Exit WAVs.

Choosing a WAV file:

Use the **Browse** button to locate one of your favorite WAV files. After doing this, the filename should be displayed in the "Current Selection" box. If you would like to listen to the sound at this point, click the **Test** button. Now click one of the numbered buttons next to the text box where you want this sound to be stored. After doing this, the sound's filename should appear in that box.

Setting the Shuffle Mode:

Sound Shuffler supports three shuffle modes:

Random: Sounds are randomly chosen from your Startup and Exit lists.

Random (No Repeat): Same as above, but you won't hear the same sound twice in a row.

In Order: Sounds will be chosen in the order they appear on your Startup and Exit lists.

To set the shuffle mode, choose one of the above selections from the Mode menu

Sound Shuffler Program (SOUNDSHF.EXE)

This is the program that actually shuffles the sounds for Windows StartUp and Exit. Sound Shuffler does this by modifying your WIN.INI file. If you are not comfortable with the idea of a program messing with your WIN.INI file, this program probably isn't for you.

To have your Startup and Exit sounds shuffled automatically, it is recommended that this program be placed in the Windows Startup Group (folder). Sound Shuffler only runs long enough to change your Startup and Exit sounds, and then it terminates, you shouldn't have to be concerned with it hogging resources.

Registration

Sound Shuffler was designed as Shareware. If you like it and plan on continued usage, you should consider becoming a registered user.

For registration instructions, hit the "Registration" button in the Sound Shuffler Setup program (SSCONFIG.EXE), then click the "How Do I Register?" button.

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Thank you for your interest in Sound Shuffler

Windows Startup Group

This is an area where Windows searches for programs to run upon startup. Any programs it finds here, it runs automatically.

