

# The Sound Finder

Use the Sound Finder to browse through the hundreds of sound effects that are on the CD. You can audition the sounds and attach them to system events.

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# The Sound Finder Window

The lower portion of the Sound Finder window has four sections and a Play/Stop button. Click on their names, below, to learn more about each of them.

## Related Topics

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## Categories

Click on this section to browse through the sounds by their categories. As you scroll through the list, the selections for each category are displayed in the Selections list.

Highlight [All Categories] to display all the selections on the disc.

## **Selections**

The selections for the selected category appear here. Each selection represents a unique sound effect. Use the scroll bar to browse through all the available selections.

If the highlighted selection has an additional description, it appears in the Notes section of the Sound Finder window.

## Info

Important information about the highlighted sound effect appears in this section. Look here to see the filename of the sound effect, whether it is 8 or 16 bit resolution, how much time it takes to play in minutes, seconds and tenths of seconds, and its sampling rate.

## Notes

Usually, the category and selection names give you a general description of the selected sound effect. If any additional information is available, it appears in this section.

## **Play/Stop Button**

After selecting a file, click the Play button in the lower right corner of the Sound Finder window to hear how it sounds. This is the same as using the Play command on the File menu.

Once a file is playing, this button changes to a Stop button. Click on it to stop playing the current sound effect. This can also be used to discontinue the playing of random sound effects.

# The Menu Bar

In addition to accessing the on-line help and exiting Sound Finder, the four pull-down menus enable you to activate the commands that search, audition, and attach selected sounds to events.

Click on the name of the menu to learn more about it.

## Related Topics

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## File

The items in this menu enable you to play the highlighted sound effect, attach it to an event, or to exit the Sound Finder program.

## Related Topics

[Play](#)

[Stop](#)

[Attach](#)

[Random](#)

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## **Play**

Use Play to help you hear the sounds as you browse through the selections. You can also play a sound by double-clicking its selection, or by clicking the *Play* button in the lower right corner of the Sound Finder window.

## **Stop**

The Stop command allows you to stop the playing of a sound effect at any time. You can also do this by clicking the *Stop* button in the lower right corner of the Sound Finder window.

## **Attach**

Select this item to open the Attach dialog box and attach sound effects to system events.

## **Random**

You can use this command to randomly play, in jukebox style, all different kinds of sound effects. A checkmark appears next to the command to indicate that it is selected. The playing of sounds will continue until you deselect Random by either clicking on it again, or by clicking Stop.

## **Exit**

Click Exit to close the Sound Finder window and exit the application. A dialog box appears which asks you if you're sure that you want to quit.

## Copy

The Copy menu items allow you copy the sound effects files to the hard drive or the names of the files to the Windows clipboard.

### Related Topics

[Copy File to Hard Drive](#)

[Copy Name to Clipboard](#)

## **Copy File to Hard Drive**

You may want to use some of the sound effects files with other software on your computer. When you select this item, a standard file dialog box appears which allows you to specify the destination to which you want the file to be copied.

## **Copy Name to Clipboard**

If you want to use the name of the sound file in a document or in a dialog box, copy it to the clipboard. You can then paste it into the document or dialog box in which you want to use the file name.

## Search

The Search menu items allow you find a sound effect file without having to browse through the database sequentially.

## Related Topics

[Find](#)

[Find Next](#)

[Find Prev](#)

## **Find**

Click this item to open the Find dialog box.

## **Find Next**

When you have already found a sound effect file that matches the search criteria, the Find Next command searches for the next effect that matches your specification without opening the Find dialog box.

## **Find Prev**

When you have already found a sound effect file that matches the search criteria, the Find Prev command searches for a previous effect that matches your specification without opening the Find dialog box.

## Help

The Help menu is similar to the standard Help menu found in Windows based software.

## Related Topics

[Help](#)

[About](#)

## **Help**

Click this item to open the help file you are looking at now.

## **About**

This item displays Sound Finder's current version number and copyright information.

# The Attach Dialog Box

The Attach dialog box contains the following sections.

## Related Topics

[Sound Files](#)

[System Events](#)

[Buttons](#)

## **Sound Files**

Use the Sound Files scrolling list to browse through the files on the CD-ROM disc or on your hard drive.

When you open the dialog box, the file name of the current sound effect is highlighted. You can select another file or even switch to another drive or directory to select a different sound file.

## **System Events**

The System Events list displays all the system events and the file names of the sound effects attached to them. If the word [Nothing] is displayed near an event, it has no attached sound effect.

## Buttons

The buttons on the right start the commands that perform the necessary functions.

## Related Topics

[Find](#)

[Test](#)

[Stop](#)

[Attach](#)

[Free](#)

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## **Find**

The Find button opens the Find dialog box, which enables you to search for a specific sound effect.

## **Test**

Before attaching a file to an event, use the Test button to play the file and determine if it is indeed the sound you want to use.

## **Stop**

To stop playing a file before it is finished, click the Stop button.

## **Attach**

When you are finished selecting the file, click this button to attach the selected file to a system event. The button is not active if the selected event already has a sound attached to it. When you attach a file to an event, it is automatically copied to the hard drive.

If an error message states that there is not enough memory to attach the file, you can try to free up additional memory by closing other open applications. If that doesn't help, you must Free the file to avoid getting this error message repeatedly as you run *Windows*.

## **Free**

If you want to remove a sound file from a system event or want to assign a different file to the event, you must first free the event. When you free an event, the name of the sound file displayed near the event is removed and the word [Nothing] is displayed. The button is only active when the selected event is attached to a sound effect.

## **Help**

This button accesses the on-line help which you are looking at now.

**Done**

When you are finished, click Done to close the Attach dialog box.

# The Find Dialog Box

This dialog box appears when you either select Find in the Search menu, or click the Find button in the attach dialog box.

## Related Topics

[Search For](#)

[Look In](#)

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## **Search For**

Enter the search criteria in this text entry box.

## **Look In**

Specify whether you are looking for the search criteria in the list of category names, selection names, notes, or in all of them.

## **Info**

When a sound effect that matches the search criteria is found, the file information appears in this section. The information includes the filename of the sound effect, how much time it takes to play, whether it is 8 or 16 bit resolution, and its sampling rate.

## Buttons

The four buttons at the bottom of the Find dialog box enable you to play the found sound effect and search for other sound effects that match the search criteria.

## Related Topics

[Stop](#)

[Play](#)

[Find Prev](#)

[Find Next](#)

[Done](#)

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## **Stop**

To stop the playing of a sound effect before its completion, click the Stop button.

## **Play**

When you find a sound effect, click Play to listen to how it sounds and determine if this sound effect is exactly what you want.

## **Find Prev**

If the sound effect currently being displayed in the Find dialog box is not the first occurrence in the database of a sound effect that matches the search criteria, this button becomes active. Click it to search backward through the database for a sound effect that matches the search criteria.

## **Find Next**

After entering the selection criteria, click Find Next to start searching the database for the first occurrence of a sound effect that matches the criteria.

Continue to click the button to search for more matches until no more are found.

**Done**

Click this button to close the Find dialog box.

## **Help**

This button accesses the on-line help which you are looking at now.

