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DESCRIPTION:

WPLANY will detect and play any sound file through a Windows 3.1 audio device. The proper drivers for your sound card (or PC speaker) must be loaded prior to using WPLANY.

Currently supported sound types:

- SoundBlaster .VOC
- Sun/NeXT/DEC .AU
- Windows .WAV
- Sounder/Soundtools .SND
- Apple/SGI .AIF
- Amiga .8SVX .IFF

- Stereo/Mono
- 8-bit/16-bit
- ADPCM compressed

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Options

WPLANY input_file [-r speed] [-s] [-u] [-v]

input_file: Name of Sound file to play. (Required)

WPLANY gets the parameters it needs by reading the header of the sound file. The following options are provided to deal with headerless (raw) sound files:

-r: set output rate (samples/sec)

-s: sample is signed

-u: sample is U_LAW

-v: display sound file attributes

Examples:

WPLANY -?

WPLANY -V C:\WINDOWS\CHIMES.WAV

WPLANY -V -R 8000 C:\WINDOWS\CHIMES.WAV

Installation

To install WPLANY as a File Manager association:

- Start File Manager
- Copy WPLANY to a directory on your hard disk, for instance *C:\WINDOWS*.
- Select '**File**' and '**Associate...**' from the File Manager menu bar.
- In the box '**Files with Extension:**' enter '*AU*'.
- Tab to the '**Associate With:**' box and enter '*C:\WINDOWS\WPLANY*'.
- Click on '**OK**'
- Repeat for file extensions '*VOC*', '*SND*', '*WAV*', etc

Usage:

- To play a file, double-click on the file name in the File Manager window.
- To stop a file currently playing, double-click on the file name again.

Testing:

If the installation is successful, clicking below will cause WPLANY to play a sound:

[Test WPLANY \(chimes.wav\)](#)

Using WPLANY with a Web browser

WPLANY can be used as a viewer for the following MIME types:

audio/basic
audio/wav
audio/x-wav
audio/x-aiff

Troubleshooting

- *The specified device is already in use. Wait until it is free, and then try again*

Another program has acquired the WAV device. This is often caused by the use of utilities that play a sound when an application starts. Try running WPLANY with the '-v' option to delay the start of the sound.

wplany.exe -v c:\windows\chimes.wav

- *A device ID has been used that is out of range for your system*

No installed WAV devices were found on the system. Check the [installed drivers list](#). If you're using the PC speaker for audio output, you'll need the PC speaker driver... available via ftp from <ftp.cica.indiana.edu/pub/pc/win3/sounds/speak.exe>

- *Sound only plays for about 3 seconds*

If you're using the PC speaker for output, it's possible that the playback limit on the driver hasn't been set properly. Check the [installed drivers list](#); click the 'Setup' button for the PC speaker driver and set the playback limit to maximum

