

Makin' Tracks

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String Section

Thank you for trying *String Section*. *String Section* is a utility for managing the text strings embedded in a standard MIDI file (type 0, 1 or 2). Any MIDI file from any source, including sequencers (DOS or Windows), notation programs or third party sources can benefit from *String Section*, since many of these programs ignore text strings, or make use of them in a minimal way. *String Section* can be used to add to a file copyright notices, instrument, patch or combo information, track information, lyrics, or any other notes, comments or annotations that you wish. In this way, a MIDI file can be self-documenting (as long as you have *String Section* to view **all** the strings!).

With *String Section*, you can add new strings of any type, edit existing strings and remove unwanted strings. The screen shows only the strings, together with track headers and time signature changes. Thus managing strings can be done without distraction from the note and controller events in the file.

Installation only requires you to copy the zip archive to a directory, unzip it with PKWare's unzip 2.04g, and add the program's icon to a Program Manager group of your choice. There are four files in the archive: strsect.exe, ss.hlp, readme.wri and zapped.mid. *String Section* comes with an on-line help file which should provide enough information to use the program to improve your MIDI files. The help file also contains registration information for this shareware program. You may, if you wish, register via the CompuServe Shareware database, using ID 4406. Registration of *String Section* ensures you free future updates, and program support if you have problems, (e.g. files that String Section will not read) or tasks that you would like String Section to perform that it does not. A sample MIDI file (zapped.mid) is included to let you try out *String Section* if you do not already have MIDI files on your system.

Good luck with *String Section*! If you need to contact me, I can be reached via CompuServe, ID 71201,426; via Internet with rth@cs.nmsu.edu, or at the above US mail address.

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