

SFX

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Chapter 1

SFX

1.1 Loader : IFF-8SVX

IFF-8SVX

Description :

loads IFF-8SVX Samples

incl. Loops

Multi-Channelsamples

8/16 bit Samples

Compressed Data

This is the most wide spread sound-file format on the Amiga. It's build like any other IFF file making it a very flexible format whilst retaining compatibility. Right now it supports multioctave-samples, mono/stereo samples and one type of compression. The IFF-8SV format is one of the few that saves loops. SFX also supports quadrosamples, 16-bit and combined samples. Here's an explanation of all the expanded features.

I got the description of the combined samples from the freeware program SoundBox by Richard Körbner. This format saves the full 16-bit data of a sample. Is this sample loaded into a standard program (supporting only IFF-8SVX) then it loads as a standard 8-bit sample. If a program however knows this format it loads it as a 16-bit sample. The trick in this is to save the lower eight bits of the 16-bit sample in an extra chunk. This chunk carries the mark 'LBDY'. The higher eight bits are stored in the usual 'BODY' chunk. When SFX saves a sample in the 16-bit format it creates a 'BITS' chunk of the following structure :

```
struct chunk_bits
{
    char id[4];    /* 'BITS' */
    ULONG len;    /* 4L */
    ULONG bits;   /* 8/16 bit so far supported */
};
```

In addition the 'CHAN' chunk has been extended. With a data value of 30, it is a quadrosample.

Prefs :

none