

Description of files and icons found on NAUTILUS

Text File

This icon represents text files such as the articles found in the Commentary section or letters found in the Letters section. It can also represent README files that accompany software in sections like HighFive or Games & Entertainment. These files will be displayed from the NAUTILUS shell using NOTEPAD or Windows WRITE, whichever is required for the file format.

Toolbook

The ToolBook icon represents a stand-alone ToolBook book. It will be launched from the NAUTILUS shell using a new instance of ToolBook. Examples of this are the directory in the CD ROM Directory section and the Newsbytes stories in the Press Room section.

Windows App

Windows applications are represented by this icon. These are programs that were written to run directly under Windows and can generally be launched from the NAUTILUS shell.

DOS App

This icon represents the typical DOS > "greater than" prompt and indicates that the program was written to run under DOS and is not a Windows application. These applications can be launched from the NAUTILUS shell.

MPC Audio (Wave)

Wave audio (.WAV files) is the MPC standard audio format for digitized audio files. These can be played from the NAUTILUS shell if you have a sound card and the multimedia extensions to Windows installed on your system.

We put wave audio in many sections on each issue of NAUTILUS since it is the best way for us to "talk" to you.

This icon looks very much like the other sound icons (MIDI and CD Audio) but if you look closely, you'll notice that there is a W (for Wave, of course) under the speaker.

MPC Audio (MIDI)

MIDI files can generally be played from the NAUTILUS shell if you have a sound card and the multimedia extensions to Windows installed on your system. What you'll hear when playing these files from the NAUTILUS shell is often a "stripped-down" version of the MIDI file since most sound cards can't play the full MIDI file via their FM synthesizers. If you are a MIDI fanatic, you'll get much more pleasure from the MIDI files on NAUTILUS if you play them using your own MIDI sequencer software.

You'll find these files in the Sound Bytes & MIDI section on NAUTILUS.

This icon looks very much like the other sound icons (Wave and CD Audio) but if you look closely, you'll notice that there is a M (for MIDI, of course) under the speaker.

MPC Audio [CD]

CD Audio or "red book" audio is audio that is on the disc separate from the NAUTILUS shell; track one is NAUTILUS data and tracks two and following can be used for CD Audio. **DO NOT PLAY TRACK 1 AS AUDIO!** It is stored in a format exactly the same as the audio that you'll find on compact discs in your local record store. It really and truly is compact disc quality audio and can be played from the NAUTILUS shell if you have the multimedia extensions to Windows installed and have the audio from your CD ROM drive running through your sound card to a stereo or have headphones hooked up to the headphone output.

On some issues you'll find CD Audio in the Sound Bytes & MIDI section but you can typically find it in the From Windham Hill . . . section.

This icon looks very much like the other sound icons (Wave and MIDI) but if you look closely, you'll notice that there is a CD (for CD Audio, of course) under the speaker.

Display Image

.DIB (Device Independent Bitmap) files have this picture frame icon. These are images that you can display from within the NAUTILUS shell. At least one of each of the photos in the Photography & Images section is available in .DIB format for your viewing pleasure.

File - No Launch

"No Launch" files are files that cannot be launched from the NAUTILUS shell for a variety of different reasons. You can copy these to your hard drive using the Copy File... button. From there you can use your own program to run, view or listen to these files.

Since CD ROM is read only, any programs that try to write data to the directory from where they which launched (ie. databases and spreadsheets) are currently distributed in .ZIP file format. You need to copy these files to your hard drive and "un-zip" them using PKUnzip which can be found in the NAUTILUS Services section.

Let us know via Link, phone or Fax if you have any questions about icons or types of files that appear on NAUTILUS that haven't been answered here.

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