

Thank you for using FruityTracks music mixing software.

1. To launch this software you need following system:

- *Pentium IBM PC compatible system with min. 32MB RAM*
- *Win95/Win98 (does not work on Windows NT) with min. 16-bit display mode*
- *Internet browser (to consult the on-line help)*
- *Microsoft DirectX 5 or later...*
- *DirectSound compatible soundcard (needs accelerated DirectSound drivers for better performances)*

2. If you need help, please consult the online documentation. Clicking on help will start your internet browser and present you with the Help documentation.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

General problems

Q: I can not start the FruityTracks software because I get a DirectX error message !?

A: If you are running a Windows 95 system, than make sure you have DirectX v5 (or later) installed on your system. You need to have a sound card which is compatible with DirectX v5 (load the proper drivers). To install the DirectX v5 included on the FruityTracks CD, select the install button to the appropriate version, open and run the file. Note that both Windows95 and DirectX v5 need to be in the same language version to run correctly.

This distribution is for Windows 95. It does not work on Windows NT.

The DirectX End User installation process will require approximately 34MB of free space on your hard drive. After installation, the DirectX downloads will take approximately 7.5MB to 8MB of hard drive space.

You can find the English version on this CD. If you are running another language version of Windows95 you can find the appropriate version of DirectX here:

<http://www.microsoft.com/msdownload/directx/dxf/enduser5.0/default.htm>

Q: I've got problems with some bitmaps not appearing on the wheels or other controls.

A: That's a common problem & it just means that you don't have the latest **ComCtl32.DLL** installed (almost everything running under Windows relies on this DLL).

You can download the latest official version of the DLL from the Microsoft web site at:

<http://msdn.microsoft.com/developer/downloads/files/40comupd.htm>

...or check the ComDlgUpdate directory on the CD (that is, if you have the CD version).

You'll have to reboot after installing the update.

Q: FruityTracks crashes at startup. What should I do?

A: Some people have reported a crash when Windows is in 16Bit display. There's no reason for FruityTracks not to work fine in 16Bit display but anyway you can try to switch to 24Bit (True Color) & see if it corrects your problem.

Q: No sound at all. What's wrong?

A: If you don't get any sound be sure you've selected at least a DirectSound driver (WAV settings) or a MIDI driver (MIDI settings).

Be sure the DirectSound driver has been initialized & working. You NEED DirectX5 or later (& not the thing called 'DirectX Media 5' which is actually the DirectShow stuff).

The latest DirectSound should be included in the CD where you found FruityTracks. You can also download DirectX5 from the Microsoft web site but I'm sure you've got it already hidden somewhere on some game or magazine CD.

Q: Is FruityTracks working on WinNT?

A: No. Win95 or Win98 only.

& in fact I read somewhere that DirectX5 will NEVER work on NT4. DirectX over 3 would only work on NT5 (?).

Q: Why is the sound so strange (blips & glitches)?

A: Be sure you've got the latest DirectX drivers & not emulated DirectSound drivers. You may try to put both buffers length (WAV settings) to the max. Note that you may also try to reduce them to minimize the latency (not that important in that kind of program) (on my P200 I can go under 70ms with no underruns).

You may also have glitches problems when playing with/closing other windows or if the playing loop takes too much CPU.

Q: FruityTracks is damn ugly. Is it a joke?

A: You're probably running Windows in 256 colors or less. You've got to switch the Windows display to a true color or 16bit mode (go to the display settings).
Everything under Windows is damn ugly today in palettized modes.

Q: FruityTracks worked fine before but now it always crashes at startup. What should I do?

A: If FruityTracks doesn't work anymore, but has worked once then you may try to do a config 'reset' by running **regedit.exe** in your Windows directory. Just look for every 'FruityTracks' key & delete its contents (this is where the config is stored)..

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