Help for Voice Blaster Jr 2.3 (Unregistered)

Play any combination of multimedia <u>wave</u>, music <u>midi</u>, and other <u>mci supported</u> files such as Video for Windows! This program is shareware and is not registered! <u>Register</u> to receive registered version of Voice Blaster Jr, Voice Blaster Sr, Voice Blaster 2.0 for Dos, and a bonus Voice Blaster Quick Play program. Four great programs for one registration fee of \$19.95! Now <u>Register</u> via phone with your credit card!

General help for playing wave and midi files

Summary of Dialog buttons

Drag Drop features

Registering Instructions

Millennium Software Products

Invoice/Order Form

Registering Instructions

Voice Blaster Jr is a shareware product of <u>Millennium Software Products</u>. You may feel free to make copies of this program and pass them to friends for their evaluation (you must pass this help file with the program). *If you make use of this software you are expected to pay a registration fee.* The future versions of this program should contain added features and bug fixes. Also, any new software written by this author will be offered to all registered users at a discount, so send in your registration today and receive the latest version of this program!

Make sure you check out the new Repeat file function that comes with the latest registered version of Voice Blaster Jr!

We lowered our registration fee, and added more features! To better support you, and to give you more value for your money, when you register this program, you will receive:

Voice Blaster Jr (registered), Voice Blaster Sr, and Voice Blaster for Dos

NOW REGISTER VIA PHONE WITH YOUR VISA OR MASTERCARD CALL (513) 839- 4674 FOR IMMEDIATE SHIPMENTS!

See <u>INVOICE</u> for an invoice which may be printed out to make it easy to fill out the required information for registering.

For one small registration fee of \$19.95 US Dollars. You get THREE programs for one price! Plus you will also receive Voice Blaster Quick Play, and Speek programs as a bonus!

YOU WILL RECEIVE:

At least 90 days support for registered products via E-Mail (CompuServe), mail, and phone support

New product release notices and discounts directly from Millennium Software Products

NOTE: These programs are completely finished and will be shipped immediately:

Voice Blaster Jr for Windows 3.1 (registered version)

A Manual

Latest version of Voice Blaster Jr with Creative Labs <u>voc</u> file support
Play any combination of voice (.voc), wave (.wav), and midi (.mid) music files
Windows installation program for easy installation of all VB files

<u>Repeat</u> looping to hear each (.wav) file continously without any interuptions until Stopped
Assorted quality recorded sound files including nature sounds of streams and wilderness
One year support for registered products via E-Mail (Prodigy and CompuServe) or US mail
New product release notices and discounts directly from Millennium Software Products

And

Voice Blaster Sr for Windows 3.1

A Manual

The **Voice Blaster Sr** program with the following features

Voice Blaster Jr file play dialog

Record digitized sound into wave files (.wav multimedia standard), unlimited lengths SB Pro Mixing functions to record from internal CD in, Line in, or Mic inputs Convert from .voc to .wav file formats
File Delete dialog for easy multimedia file maintenance
Quality recorded sound files

Voice Blaster V2.0 for Dos (requires Sound Blaster compatible cards)

A Manual

Play any combination of voice (.voc), and Creative Labs music (.cmf) files

Play compressed and uncompressed voice (.voc) files

Record voice (.voc) files

Dos program with Windows like interface (dialog boxes, list boxes, pull down menues)

On-Line Help

Program controls are simular to VB Jr for Windows

Very easy operation

Queue files from multiple drives and directories

Fully supports latest Sound Blaster Pro and SB 16 cards with stereo voice files

Volume Controls for Sound Blaster Pro and SB 16 series cards

Speek program that will load the SBTALKER driver, speek a file, and unload the SBTALKER driver automatically

Voice Blaster Quick Play Option program						
Voice Blaster Quick	<u>Play</u> is offered for fre	e, a bonu	s!			
Make your checks p	ayable in U.S. dollars	to Mark	E Co	wan		
Please send your ch	neck or money order v	with the fo	llowi	ng information:		
Amount Enclos Shipping Addro Where you red Any E-mail add Phone (not ma Version of Win	ess eived the unregistere dress you may have	ed version		3 1/2 DSHD		
	lust Accompany Orde MasterCard _		(Che	eck or money order)	to: I	Mark E Cowan)
Credit Card #				Expiration	Date	»:
Name on Card		Sign	ature			

All registration fees include shipping and state tax in the United States and Canada Include \$2.50 for U.S. priority mail for 2nd day shipping International ground/ship shipments include \$2.00 extra for shipping (U.S. dollars) International air shipment include an extra \$10.00 (U.S. dollars)

Send all registrations to:

Millennium Software Products P.O. Box 163

West Alexandria, OH 45381 USA

Registered users will be notified when we bring out new programs and sound file products. We can only develop and support these new programs if we receive your donation.

Thank you for considering this program!

Support

Support is handled via US Mail or E-Mail using BBS. Phone support is given for a total connection time of at least 30 minutes, depending on the problem. Support to registered users will be given for at least 90 days, maybe more. If a problem cannot be solved due to incompatabilities, the registered user will have the option of returning his registered materials for a full refund.

CompuServe: 70303,2050 America On-Line: MCOWAN1 (voice phone) (513) 839-4674

I may remain on America Online, depending on the amount of registrations I continue to receive in the near future. I feel support to my customers is the number one priority. Without them, I cannot continue to provide future releases and new programs to broaden and grow my business.

Vendors

See the file *VENDOR.DOC* for detailed program information as described in the Summer 1992 *Summer Shareware Seminar.* If this file cannot be located, please contact the author, we will be glad to send you this file and any other information you require to evaluate this program for submission into your catalog or CD Rom Disc.

Contacting the Author

All suggestions, questions, or bug reports may be sent to the author at address below:

CompuServe # 70303,2050 Voice Phone: (513) 839-4674

Millennium Software Products P.O. Box 163 West Alexandria, OH 45381 USA

Please contact us anytime for any reason, even if you decide not to register this product. Give us your ideas about what you would like to see!

General help for playing wave and music midi files

Voice Blaster Jr lets you queue up and play any combination of music <u>midi</u>, multimedia sound <u>wave</u>, and other <u>mci supported</u> files. Windows with multimedia or Windows version 3.1 is required since the audio functions use the multimedia drivers.

Any sound card that has the Windows multimedia drivers installed will work with this program. You must have the Multimedia Drivers installed for you card or speaker before you can play the sound files with Voice Blaster Jr. Some of these cards are the Sound Blaster, Sound Blaster Pro, Sound Blaster 16, Thunder Cards, Pro AudioSpectrum Series, and any other cards which have Windows multimedia driver support for music or digitized sound.

There is a driver now available from Microsoft which will allow this program to play <u>wave</u> files over the PC speaker. You can download the necessary files from CompuServe, search for **SPEAKER** in the Microsoft support forums.

Contact the manufacturer of your audio card if you do not currently have the Windows multimedia drivers, or if your drivers are older than Jan 1992, chances are there are updates available via BBS or US mail.

Creative Labs and Media Vision both have BBS for downloading the latest drivers.

File Play

Use the round radio buttons on the right to select the file type, or enter the file type in the edit box (*.mid, *.wav, or *.mci).

You may queue up files by double clicking them with the mouse, or by selecting a filename and pressing [enter] in the File list box. You may queue up any combination of all supported files, and you may change directories and queue up more files, since the directory information for each file is also stored. You may also move into the 'Queue' list box and deselect a file the same way you select one.

There are three new options available that control the playing of sound files. The first is <u>Loop</u>. Select the Loop check box to continuously play the files currently in the Queue. One file is played after the other continuously until either you Exit or click the Clear button.

If you select the <u>Random</u> check box before clicking the <u>Play</u> button, each file played from the queue will be played at random instead of the sequence of selecting. You can select both Loop and Random, and all the files currently in the queue will be played at random continuously.

If you select the <u>Repeat</u> option, each file that is played will be played continuously from start to finish until you stop the playing of that file. The looping from start to finish is done completely with no interruptions. If you have a file that does not fade out at the end, you will not be able to hear the loop. Nature sound files are great for this feature, because the file is repeated continuously with no interruptions. (Repeat option is only in the registered version)

Now you are ready to play the files. Press Play and start hearing the sound and music files. In VB Jr, you can minimize the program and run other Windows applications, and if you are running on a 386 or higher, you can even run other Dos programs while listening to music and sounds!

You can also press Pause to pause a playing sound or music file, and then press Continue to resume playing the file. Also, you may run two sessions of VB Jr and play sound files in one, and music files in another at the same time (as tested on a Sound Blaster Pro)!

Currently VB Jr 2.3 (registered) will only play raw uncompressed .voc files. This is due to the fact that Creative Labs will not release the details of their sound compressing algorithms. We hope to have

compressed file support in future revisions of VB Jr.

Windows 3.0 version

Please see <u>Registering Instructions</u> for how to receive the Voice Blaster Sr for Windows 3.0. This program allows you to set up sound or midi music files to be played when Windows is run. This program uses a Windows 3.0 DLL library written by Creative Labs called "SNDBLST.DLL". This library is not compatible with Windows 3.1, and should only be used for Windows 3.0 support.

Millennium Software Products Company

Millennium Software Products is a company dedicated to quality and superior *Multimedia* and *Educational* software. We hope you enjoy our products, and hope you will register so that we can tell we about our new and exciting products. The author of the Voice Blaster Products Mark E Cowan can be easily contacted via E-mail:

CompuServe # 70303,2050

Please send comments and orders to:

Millennium Software Products P.O. Box 163 West Alexandria, OH 45381 A file format for storing MIDI songs. In Windows with Multimedia, MIDI files have a .MID filename extension.

A Microsoft standard file format for storing waveform audio data.	WAVE files have a .WAV filename
extension.	

A Creative Labs standard file format for storing waveform audio data. VOC files have a .VOC filename extension, and may have data compression.

Summary of dialog buttons and their functions

Open
All
Play
Clear
Exit
Stop
Pause Continue

Loop

Random

<u>Autostart</u>

Repeat

Select this button after typing in th box.	e desired filename in the fi	lename edit box to add a fi	le to the Queue list

Select this button to add *all* the filenames that is currently in the **File** list box to the Queue.

Select this button the start playing the files that are currently in the Queue.

Select this button to stop the currently played file and remove all remaining files that are in the queue

Select this button to clear all files currently in the queue and quit the Voice Blaster program.

Select this button to stop the current file that is playing, and begin playing the next file

Select this button to pause a current playing file

Select this button to begin playing a file which was previously **Paused**

Creative Labs

Creative Labs has a BBS with the latest SBMIXER. EXE and multimedia drivers for Windows 3.1 available for downloading at (405) 770-6660

Creative Labs are makers of audio cards including:

Sound Blaster Sound Blaster Basic Sound Blaster Pro Sound Blaster 16

And numerous Multimedia Upgrade Kits

Media Vision

Media Vision have at least two BBS numbers for downloading software drivers:

(510) 770-0968 2400 Baud (510) 770-0527 up to 9600 Baud

Media Vision are makers of audio cards including: Pro AudioSpectrum Plus Pro AudioSpectrum 16 Thunder Board for Windows Audioport And numerous Multimedia Upgrade Kits

Voice Blaster Quick Play

Voice Blaster Quick Play is a program written to receive an optional passing parameter that is the filename you wish to play. If the filename is found, VB Quick play will run minimized while playing the specified file. After the file is played, VB Quick Play automatically exits. An excellent program to use to add .WAV file support in your Windows applications. The calling Window will remain active while the .WAV file is being played in the background in a minimized window. An example is:

Select File, then Run, and then enter "c:\windows\vbqplay.exe tada.wav"

This program currently only supports .WAV files. A site license is available for multiple packages.

Help on Drag Drop Features

You can select and play any supported sound file via the **Drag Drop** function that is built into Windows 3.1 and Voice Blaster Jr. You can drop one file, or a group of files to be played immediately after dropping them into VB Jr.

Dropping files into VB JR using the Window's File Manager

- 1 Run the VB Jr program, and if you wish, you can minimize VB Jr
- 2 Run the File Manager
- 3 Select a file or group of files within the File Manager
- 4 Move the mouse over one of the selected files, press and hold down the left mouse button
- 5 While holding down the left mouse button, move the cursor over the VB Jr icon (minimzed)
- 6 While the mouse is over the VB Jr icon (minimized), or anywhere in the VB Jr program, release the mouse button
- 7 The sound files are now added to the Play queue and the Play button is automatically activated

Remember, you can drop files into the VB Jr program window, or over the VB Jr icon if minimized, but the VB Jr program must be running (maximized or minimized).

Invoice/Order Form

Remit to:

Voice Blaster Jr 2.3 Registration Form

Payable to: Mark E Cowan in US dollars

Mark E Cowan

To print this invoice, select Print Topic from the Windows Help File menu.

Millennium Software Products

P.O. Box 163 West Alexandria, OH 45381 Your Name: Company: Address: City, State, Zip: E-Mail address: Phone (optional) Qty Unit Price Total Voice Blaster Jr Registration (also receive VB Sr) \$19.95 Optional US Priority Shipping (two days) \$2.50 International Ground/Ship Shipping \$2.00 International Air Shipment \$10.00 **Total Enclosed** PAYMENT INFO: (Must Accompany Order) _____ Visa ____ MasterCard ____ Check or money order (payable to Mark E Cowan) Credit Card # _____ Expiration Date _____ Name on Card _____ Name on Card Signature
Requested Disk size 5 1/4" 1.2MB 3 1/2" 1.44MB _____ Windows version you use Win 3.1 _____ Other Audio Card used _____ Where did you receive the Shareware version of Voice Blaster Jr:

Note that Voice Blaster Jr 2.3 (unregistered) has been delivered and accepted by the customer. Upon reciept of this paid invoice, a manual, current disk, and all programs described above will be sent. Three programs packages will be sent which includes:

Voice Blaster for Dos V2.0, Voice Blaster Jr (reg), and Voice Blaster Sr

Voice Blaster Jr and Voice Blaster Sr are Copyrighted 1993 by Mark E. Cowan Voice Blaster for Dos is Copyrighted 1989 - 1993 by Mark E. Cowan

Activate (check) this check box to use loop mode playing. In loop mode, files in the queue remain there after being played. Playing one file after the other is continued forever or until you click the Clear button or Exit the program

Activate (check) this check box to use random mode playing. In random mode, each new file to be played from the queue will be selected at random as apposed to sequential

Activate (check) this check box to have this program select all the files in the last directory used, and Playing them automatically the next time this program is run

Activate (check) this check box to Play each file selected from the queue in a continuous loop. Each file when selected will play continuously looping from the beginning to the end of the .wav file uninterrupted until you click Stop or you Exit the program. Hear nature sounds continuously like you are really there! Try it!

Help and Tips on Repeat Option

How would you like to hear a water stream in the wilderness continuously while you work on your computer, or simply listen to the soothing sound of crickets and tree frogs at night like you are really there!

With the Repeat option, each file selected will be played in a continuous loop until you either Stop the file, or Exit the program. As long as the wave file does not fade out, there will be no audible interruptions as the file playing is looped.

This is not to be confused with the Loop Option, which simply plays each file once one after the other continuously until you <u>Clear</u> the queue.

Help on MCI file types

Any file type that has a MCI device driver installed, such as a Video for Windows (.AVI) file. This allows for this program to support future defined file types supported by MCI device drivers. Voice Blaster uses the defined element (file extention) and calls the MCI driver for that file type. All supported file extentions can be found under [mci extentions] in WIN.INI file.