

Surf's Up! version 3.5

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Introduction

Surf's Up! allows Windows users with a supported sound card or the Windows' speaker driver to attach sounds to their icons.

While there are other programs that attach sounds to Windows' events (dialog boxes, etc.), they don't allow you to attach sounds to individual programs. PC users have been jealous of the Macintosh's ability to use sounds in a wide variety of events. When Microsoft came out with the multimedia standard for Windows, expectations were high, but reality soon showed that sound support in Windows was minimal to say the least.

Enter Surf's Up!

With this program, you can choose your own favorite WAV files, or let **Surf's Up!** randomly choose one on its own, for each program in your shell (whether you use Progman.exe, Norton, or any other desktop shell). You can even configure **Surf's Up!** to play a sound based on file associations. So if you double-click on a file in file manager, you will hear the same sound as you would if you had run the application that created it.

Also, unlike many other programs currently out on the market, **Surf's Up!** isn't running all the time using up your memory, slowing down your system, or conflicting with other sound programs. It plays its sound then exits cleanly.

Surf's Up! is actually two programs, the sound player (SURFSUP.EXE) and the configuration program. The only program that you need to use to set up your icons is the configuration program SURFIN35.EXE.

Installation

Unzip all the files to one directory (for example: C:\SURFSUP), and move the files VBRUN300.DLL and THREEED.VBX to your Windows directory (C:\Windows). Then add an icon to the Program Manager (or whatever shell you are using) for the file SURFIN35.EXE and label it "**Surf's UP!**". If the file VBRUN300.DLL wasn't included with this package, look for it where you got this program, or on just about any BBS around the country.

O.K. So How Do I Use Surf's Up!?

To run **Surf's Up!**, double-click on the **Surf's Up!** icon and follow this tutorial. In it, we will setup a sound for NOTEPAD.EXE.

Phase One

First, click on the leftmost button (the one with a picture of a file). This will bring up a list of all of your programs in the current directory. Now switch to your Windows directory (ie. C:\Windows). To move around in this list, double-click on drives ([A:]), or directories ([Windows]), or go back one directory level by clicking on ([.]).

Once you are in the correct directory, find the program NOTEPAD.EXE and highlight it by clicking your mouse on it. The left button (the one with a green check mark on it) is the "OK" button, the button with a red "X" on it is the cancel button, and the center button (which should be disabled at this point) is for listening to WAV files. Click on the "Check mark" button.

Now, you should be back at the original screen. Notice that the second line holds your program name and the third line holds the complete path to the program.

Next, click the second button (the one with the musical notes on it). This will bring up the same list as before, except this time it will only list sound files (*.WAV), and also, the center button (the one with the ear) is activated.

This time, highlight the file TADA.WAV, in your Windows directory. Once it is highlighted, click the center "Ear" button and you should hear the sound. If there are any WAV files in the current directory, you can select "*" from the list. By doing this, you are instructing Surf's Up! to randomly select a WAV file from that directory to play for this program. If you want, you can listen to other sounds until you find one you like then click the "Check mark" button.

Now, you are back at the original screen again. Notice how the fourth line (the one labeled "Wave file:") now contains the name of the sound file you chose. Click on the "Save" button (the one with a disk on it) to save the configuration for this file.

In the future, to configure other programs, just follow the above directions for each additional program.

Phase Two

Note: This section deals with adding an icon to Program Manager. If you are using a different shell, such as Norton or WinDesk, skip down to the section labeled "Installing on Other Shells"

What we just did was tell **Surf's Up!** what sound to play for NOTEPAD.EXE. We now need to add an icon to Program Manager so it knows that it needs to look for a sound.

Find the drop-down list box labeled "Group Names". Select the group that you want to add your new "Notepad" icon to, for example "Main". Now, fill in a title for this icon in the space provided labeled "Icon Title:". This is the title that will appear under the icon in the group box you selected. Click on the button with the "Program Manager" picture on it. This will add an icon to the Program Manager for Notepad that will first play the sound you specified.

Try it now. Switch to the Program Manager and open the group "Main" (or whatever group you chose in the example above). The upper-left icon should be the Notepad icon. Double-click on it and you should hear the sound you selected as Notepad loads.

You now may have two Notepad icons in Program Manager. One is your old icon, and one is the new one you just loaded. It's a good idea to delete the old icon to avoid confusion. To do this, just click once on the old icon (be careful not to pick the wrong one!) and press the "Delete" key on your keyboard. Answer "Yes" to the box that pops up.

Attached Sounds

As mentioned earlier, you can set up sounds to be attached to certain types of files. This way, if you have icons for, say, a TXT file (for Notepad) or a HLP file (for Windows Help), when you double-click on these files, the correct sound will play for this file (the same sounds that would normally play for Notepad or Help). Before using this feature, it would be a good idea to back-up your WIN.INI file (found in your Windows Directory) because Surf's Up! writes directly to this file, and it is always a good idea to have a back-up just in case.

To change the attached sounds, click on the button with the Paper Clip. This will bring up a list of file types (extensions) that your particular Windows setup recognizes. To the right is a listing of WAV files similar to that we saw earlier. Select a file type from the list on the left and a WAV file (or *.*) from the list on the right, and click on the "Disk" (save) button. That's all you need to do.

Note: If you set a WAV file for an application, say Notepad, then set a WAV file for the file type that this application creates (in this case TXT), then the second setting will change your original WAV choice.

Applications that came bundled with Windows (Notepad, Write, Cardfile, etc) sometimes carry information in a file call REG.DAT which is located in you Windows directory. If you find that certain attached files aren't playing sounds after you have set then up, do the following:

From the Program Manager's menu, choose File then Run. Type in "Regedit.exe" then press enter (or click OK). From the list, choose the program that is not playing the correct sound and select Edit/Delete File Type from the menu. Repeat this for only those programs that are not playing the correct sounds. As before, it is a good idea to make a copy of the file REG.DAT (call it REG.BAK) in case you have any problems.

Reconfiguration

Occasionally, you may want to change the sound that plays for a certain program. To make this process easier, I added a list to the bottom of the **Surf's Up!** Installer. This list contains all of the programs you have already configured.

Scroll through this list to find the program you want to change. Once you find it, click on it once and all the information for that program will appear on the various lines.

Click on the "Sound" button and select a new .WAV file for this program, then click the "Check mark" button. Once you are back to the original screen, click on the "Save" button to save the changes you just made.

The other two buttons across the top are the "Question mark" button and the "Exit" button. Clicking on the "Question mark" button will give you information about **AddSoft** software. Clicking on the "Exit" button will end the program.

Installing on Other Shells

This section is only for those people who use a shell other than Program Manager. If this doesn't apply to you, skip down to the next section.

What we just did was tell **Surf's Up!** what sound to play for NOTEPAD.EXE. We now need to tell the shell that it needs to look for a sound when it runs the program.

Find the icon for Notepad in your shell and click on it once to highlight it. Then bring up the "Properties" information box.

You should see information for the program that is similar to the following:

File Name: C:\Windows\notepad.exe
Default Path: C:\Windows
Icon Name: C:\Windows\notepad.exe

Change this information to read:

File Name: C:\Surfsup\Surfsup.exe Notepad.exe

Default Path: C:\Windows
Icon Name: C:\Windows\notepad.exe

Note: The path used in the first line should reflect the path of SurfSup.exe, not Notepad.exe. The text in the boxes will scroll past the box's edge.

In some cases, an extra step is needed to change the icon back to its original state. Do this by clicking "Change Icon" and selecting "Notepad.exe" in the properties box (This is explained in detail in your Shell's manual). Then click "OK".

That's it, you're done! If you decide to change the sound for this icon in the future, just follow the directions above in the section labeled "Reconfiguration".

Enhancements:

- Made reconfiguration of programs easier by adding list-box.
- Speeded up execution of program by playing sound while program loads, not before.
- Added automatic icon creation for Program Manager.
- Completely revamped and simplified the interface.
- Enabled command-line switches.
- Enabled attached sounds
- Added random WAV selection

Help!

Stuck? Lost? Pulling your hair out? Or just plain stumped?

Most of the buttons in Surf's Up! have a built-in help feature. Just press the right button while it is over one of the buttons and a pop-up window will tell you what its main function is.

If you're having trouble, then I haven't done my job right. Please, feel free to contact me. If you're not happy, then you won't register, and I want you to be satisfied. You can get ahold of me in the following ways:

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