MCI MIXER DOCUMENTATION

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INTRODUCTION

With the MCI MIXER driver and its support library, MMMIXER.DLL, you can add mixer control functionality to your multimedia applications!

If you are a presentation designer using a tool that allows you to send MCI strings, you now have new volume control commands at your disposal. If have any comments about the MCI mixer driver please contact Media Vision's Ken Nicholson at (510) 770-8600.

DISTRIBUTION

Media Vision is offering the virtual mixer interface to MPC developers license free in the hopes of a standard mixer interface being developed. We encourage developers to ship the following files with their products license free:

MCIMIXER.DRV MMMIXER.DLL MVMIXER.DRV

If you are shipping these files, please let us know. We may wish to assist you in promoting your product!

INSTALLATION

The mcimixer.drv file should be in your \windows\system directory.

[mci]

mixer=mcivmixer.drv

The driver entry in your system.ini file should be:

[drivers]

mixer=mvmixer.drv

Command Set

reset <device>

mute [status]

set <device> <linetype> <linespec> <control> [channel] [to]

<value>

KEYWORD DESCRIPTIONS:

the <device> parameter must be either a valid mci device name or a valid alias

the eype> parameter must be one of the following key words:

LINE_IN
LINE_OUT
DEVICE_IN
DEVICE_OUT

the clinespec> parameter is dependent upon the <linetype parameter>.

For "line_in" and "line_out", <linespec> must be a number between 1 and the number of lines (input or ouput) supported

by the mixer.

For "device_in" and "device_out", <linespec> must be a one of the standard 3-letter names for device types:

name:	Description:	
N/C	No Connection	
AAT	Analog Audio Tape	
AMP	Amplifier	
AUX	Auxillary	
CDA	Compact Disk Player	
DAT	Digital Audio Tape	
EQU	Equalizer	
LPA	Phonograph	
MIC	Microphone	
MIX	Mixer	
MUS	Musical Instrument	
RAD	Radio	
SPK	PC speaker	
TEL	Telephone	
TVA	Television Audio	
VTR	Video Tape Recorder	
VDP	Video Disc Player	

WAV Digital Waveform Player UNK Unknown Device Type

the <control> parameter is an optional parameter with the default being volume. If used, this parameter must be one of the following key words:

VOLUME volume control ALC auto level control

BASS Bass
MIDRANGE Midrange
TREBLE Treble

CROSSOVER Stereo to left, right or exchange channels

LOUDNESS Bass boost for low volumes

MUTE disables audio, maintains current volume

REVERB reverb control

STEREOENHANCE increase stereo separation

CUSTOM1 CUSTOM2 CUSTOM3

the <channel> parameter is an optional parameter with the default being "BOTH". If used, this parameter must be one of the following key words:

LEFT RIGHT BOTH

- the <value> parameter must be an integer between 0 and 100 (inclusive). This value represents the percentage of the maximum allowable value.
- the <delay> parameter must be a legal integer. It represents the number of tenths of seconds that are to elapse before the specified fade operation is to begin.
- the <duration> parameter must be a legal integer. It represents the time, in tenths of seconds, for the specified fade operation to occur.
- the <filename> parameter must be a fully qualified pathname to a mixer state file (.MIX extension). Promix.exe is used to create these files.

The following are some sample MCI commands that can be used to control the mixer hardware. The program MCITEST.EXE, which is included as a sample application with the Microsoft Multimedia Development Kit (MDK), provides an easy way to try out some of these commands.

You should precede each of the commands by the following line: open mixer alias mix When you are finished sending commands, send this line: close mix To reset the mixer to the startup settings as specified in WIN.INI: reset mix To mute all mixers mute mix To instantly change the volume of a specific mixer input line to 75%: set mix line in 3 control volume to 75 which is the same as: set mix line in 3 control volume 75 set mix line_in 3 to 75 set mix line in 3 75 To instantly change the volume of a CD-ROM device on an unknown mixer input line to 75%: set mix device in CDA control volume to 75 which is the same as: set mix device in CDA control volume 75 set mix device_in CDA to 75 set mix device in CDA 75 To find out the current volume of a CD-ROM device on an unknown mixer input line to 75%: get mix device in CDA control volume which is the same as: set mix device in CDA

set mix device in CDA 75

To find out the current bass EQ setting of the AMPLIFIER output line:		
get mix device_out AMP control bass		
To instantly reduce the setting of the AUX input volume to 10% less than the current setting:		
adjust mix device_in AUX control volume -10		
To instantly connect both the microphone and the CD audio inputs to the output which goes to the record circuitry:		
connect mix device_in MIC to device_out WAV connect mix device_in CDA to device_out WAV		
To instantly disconnect the microphone input from the record circuitry:		
disconnect mix device_in MIC from device_out WAV		
To instantly change the state of the mixer to a state that was previously saved to disk:		
<pre>fade mix state c:\windows\saved.mix</pre>		
To gradually fade out the volume of the Adlib-compatible FM synthesizer input over 30 seconds:		
fade mix device_in MUS to 0 duration 300		
To wait 10 seconds then gradually fade the master volume to 50% over the course of 5 seconds:		
fade mix device_out AMP to 50 delay 100 duration 50		
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