Ribbon

⊞ Open File Button

Opens a new Karaoke or Wave file

⊟ Save Wave Button

Use this button for saving a previously recorded
Wave

🖨 Print Button

Sends a text file to your printer

☰ Save Lyrics Button

Use this button for extracting the Lyrics from
a Karaoke file and saving
them to disk

⊡ Modify .KAR Button

Use this button for changing Pitch, Tempo ,
Volume and Instruments of a Karaoke File

▤ List/Compilation Button

Use this button for loading and creating a file
list or a Compilation

B Bold Text Button

Turns Bold Text display on and off

I Italics Text Button

Turns Italics Text display on and off

U Underline Text Button

Turns Underline Text display on and off

Synchro Gauge

? Help Button

Press Help Button for this file

Gauge Indicator

The Gauge Indicator helps the singer in synchronizing his/her singing with the lyrics display. The Gauge turns its color from red to green when it's   the exact time for the singer to start singing.

Midi-oke! 2.3

Midi-oke! is a Karaoke files player. While music plays through your MIDI interface the song lyrics are displayed on the computer screen. You can choose to load manually your files or you can compile an Album choosing your songs from a List for a fully automatized Karaoke Session . You can also record a Wave file from your singing performance!

What's new in version 2.3

- Midi-oke! can now be used as standard Karaoke files browser for Windows,   Netscape , etc.

- "Save Preferences" command now also stores Midi-oke! window position and default directory for opening Karaoke files

- Position within the song can be quickly changed by clicking over the progress gauge

- Converter from Format 0 Karaoke files to .kar Standard included

- Bug removed which caused interruption of song playing when using "Action Buttons" during AutoPlay

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File

Open...
Opens a new Karaoke file
Save Wave ...
Saves your recorded Wave file
Save Lyrics...
Extracts the lyrics of the song to a Text file
Print...
 Sends a text file to the local printer
Close
Closes the current Karaoke file
Exit
Exits Midi-oke!

AutoPlay

List / Album Compilation
Builds a Karaoke File List and/or Compiles a new Album
Execute
AutoPlays a Compilation

Preferences

Ribbon

Turns ribbon display on or off

Full Screen Lyrics

Turns full screen lyrics display on or off

Font & Words Color

Choose your best combination of fonts and colors for text...

Background Color

and background.

HD Recording Options

This command allows to choose resolution,
stereo/mono recording and sampling rate for
Hard Disk recording of your <u>Karaoke</u> performances.

Save Preferences

Don't forget to do it!

Help

Midi-oke! Help
You can have help or...

Informations...

...about file
...infos about the file, ...
...about program
the program, ...
...about author
and me.

About the file

Use this command for obtain informations about the <u>Karaoke</u> file:

Title and Author
General Infos
<u>Tempo</u>
Tonality
Number of Tracks

About the author

My photo and a few biographic notes about <u>Me</u>

About the program

Some notes about Midioke!

List/Compilation Window

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File

Open List
Opens a previously saved List file
Save List
Saves your current List file
Open Album
Loads a previously saved Compilation file
Save Album
Saves the current Compilation file
Make Report
Saves the Karaoke File List in readable format
Close
Brings you back to Karaoke Window

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Edit

Copy

Puts Text in the Clipboard

Cut

Puts Text in the Clipboard and erases it from Compilation

Paste

Puts a previously copied or cutted selection at the cursor position

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Buttons

APPLAUSE	BOO BOO
USER 1	USER 2

Action Buttons

File Info

File Informations

PLAY COMP

Starts Playing a Compilation

00:00	*MIDI*	◄	►	□	04:17

MIDI Files Buttons

◄	►	□	●	*WAVE*	READY

Wave Files Buttons

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Action Buttons

You can play wave files during singing for adding action to your <u>Karaoke</u> session. User buttons can be assigned to user-defined wave files by clicking with the right mouse button over them.
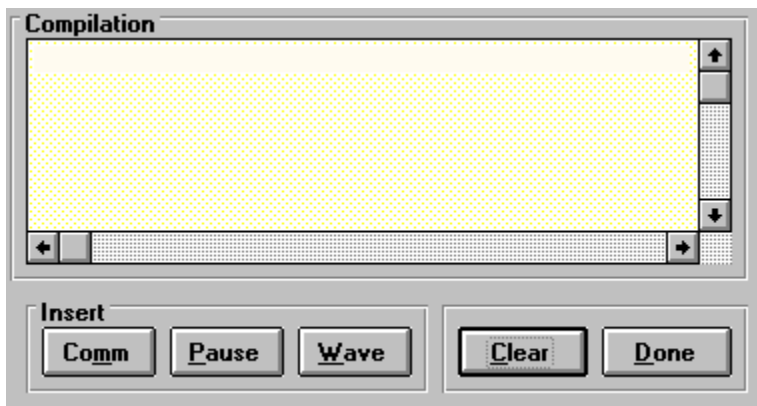
List Window Buttons

Select <u>Karaoke</u> Files for inserting in <u>List</u> or <u>Compilation</u> Window

<u>Compilation Edit Window</u>

Name	Duration	Title	Author	Path	
1999.kar	04:17	1999	Prince	c:\winprog:	
aberdich.kar	06:09	ABERDICH	-	c:\winprog:	
africa.kar	08:58	AFRICA	Toto	c:\winprog:	
against.kar	03:41	AGAINST ALL ODDS (TAKE A	Phil Collins	c:\winprog:	
allnight.kar	06:02	ALL NIGHT LONG	Lionel Richie	c:\winprog:	
always.kar	03:35	ALWAYS	Atlantic Star	c:\winprog:	
alwslvu.kar	04:26	I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU	Whitney Houston	c:\winprog:	
alwsonmm.ka	03:48	ALWAYS ON MY MIND	Pet Shop Boys	c:\winprog:	
amagrace.ka	02:48	AMAZING GRACE	Judy Collins	c:\winprog:	
amandin4.ka	00:52	LA MAMAN D'AMANDINE	-	c:\winprog:	

<u>Karaoke File List</u>

<u>Karaoke File Pre-hear Commands</u>

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Karaoke File List

The list will show in the order the physical name of <u>Karaoke</u> file, its duration, Title and Author and Path were it is located on your Hard Disk. Files can be added to the list selecting them in the file window and then pushing the **"Add to List "** button.   The standard Windows short-cuts for multiple selections apply.
If present in the application path, the list named MIDIOKE.LST is automatically loaded when the Karaoke File List Window is opened.

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Compilation Edit

Use this window for editing your Compilation . You can add Description ,
Pause and Wave Commands using the corresponding buttons, while songs
are inserted by double-clicking their titles in the List Window or in the File
Window.

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Pre-Hear Commands

A single click on the <u>Karaoke</u> file name in <u>List</u> Window will load the file for a pre-hear. Once the file is selected the "Sing" button will load it into the main Karaoke Window.

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Registration

The copy of <u>Midi-oke!</u> you received is not free. It is distributed under the <u>Shareware</u> system, which allows you to evaluate this program for **30 days**. After this period is expired, you are expected either to register your copy or stop using it.

If you like this program, there are several good reasons for <u>Registering</u> your copy of Midi-oke! :

• Although I decided to distribute a fully funcional copy of Midi-oke! (you can test all the characteristics which you will find in the registered version), the evaluation copy will not allow you to open more than two <u>Karaoke</u> files per session. This limit will be removed in the registered copy, thus allowing you to fully enjoy, for instance, the <u>AutoPlay</u> feature of Midi-oke!

• Midi-oke! is cheap. Registration will cost you **20 US$**, (or equivalent in other currencies). This means you can have a fully featured Karaoke player at a price substantially lower than similar commercial systems.

• Upon registration, you will acquire the right for a free upgrade whenever the next version of Midi-oke! will be out. Moreover, you will be granted with a 30% discount coupon for registration of next related programs (coming soon: <u>Mid2Kar</u> - a complete Karaoke files converter and editor)

• Last but not least, I spent a lot of time in writing this program. Although I enjoyed it, my <u>Wife</u> and my <u>Kids</u> probably have a different opinion about their husband/father home activity. Your support will help in making them changing their mind...

So, for registering Midi-oke! please send **20 US$** (cheqcks or bank-notes. Sorry, no Credit Cards) at the following address:

Vincenzo Palleschi
Via Francesco Pardi, 17
I-56124 <u>Pisa</u> (ITALY)

including in your letter the following essential informations:

• **Name:** (it will be shown on your copy of Midi-oke!)
• **Address**
• **e-mail:** (it is important to have this information, since I will immediately send you by e-mail the serial number needed for registering your copy of Midi-oke!)

Any suggestions will be also welcome.   The author can be contacted by e-mail at the following address:

vince@risc.ifam.pi.cnr.it

I will also consider the possibility of   realizing personalized copyes of Midi-oke! for commercial use, including for instance logos or special features suggested by the customer. The corresponding licence cost will be defined with the customer according to the specific requests.

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Edit

Modify .KAR

Editing a Karaoke File allows for tonality Transposition , tempo changes,Track muting, Patch change and volume adjustments
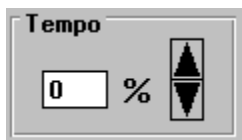
Save As...

Saves the modified Karaoke file on disk

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Modify .KAR Window

Track List

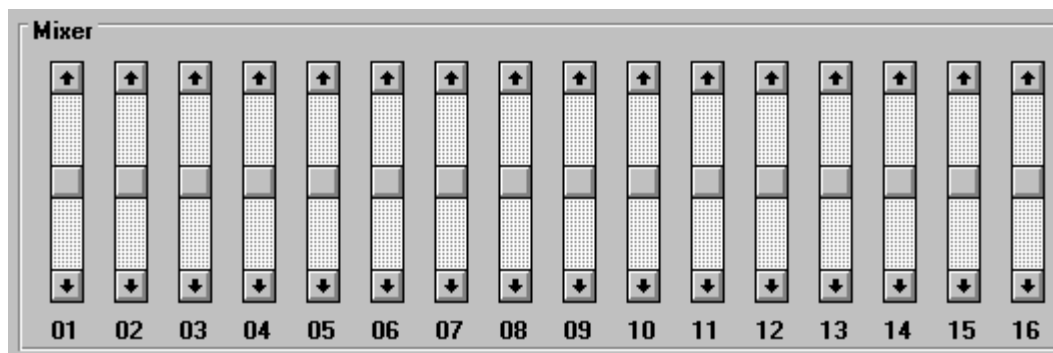| #	Track Name	Ch.	MUTE	Patch Name
1	Tempo Map	-		-
2	Soft Karaoke	-		-
3	Words	15		119 - Synth Drum
4	Melody	4	X	19 - Rock Organ
5	Synth	1		91 - Pad 3 (polysynth)
6	Bass	2		34 - Electric Bass (finger)
7	Choir	3		53 - Choir Aahs
8	Guitar	5		29 - Electric Guitar (muted)

The Track <u>List</u> Window gives information about the track name, channel and associated instrument patch. The track can be muted by double-clicking over the MUTE cell. The instrument patch can be modifyed by double-clicking over the INSTRUMENT cell.

Tempo

`0` %

Use this command for making the song <u>Tempo</u> faster or slower.

Transpose

`0` Half Tones   ☒ Do not Transpose Data on MIDI channel `10`

Use this command for transposing the song. You can choose of not transposing the MIDI data associated to a given channel (usually channel 10) for the <u>Drum tracks</u>.

Mixer

01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Use this command for balancing the <u>Volume</u> of different MIDI channels. Dragging the corresponding handle towards the bottom you can completely mute the channel.

WARNING!

All the modifications made to a .KAR file using this window are stored in a .KTF (Karaoke Temporary File) which is deleted at the end of the session. The changes made are always relative to the last modification of the file. For making the changes permanent you can use the "**Save As...**" command in the "**Modify .KAR**" Menu, or you can decide to restore the unmodifyed .KAR file by reloading it from disk.
All the changes made within the Modify .KAR Window cannot be undone, so please be extremely careful before overwriting your original .KAR file.

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MIDI Out

Picking from the list of available MIDI Out ports you can re-address the sound output through the Windows MIDI Mapper or a different port.

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Karaoke

"Karaoke" is a Japanese word meaning "empty orchestra".

MIDI interface

Midi-oke uses the MIDI mapper definitions for standard MIDI output

Album

An album (compilation) is a sequence of instructions that Midi-oke! will execute just as they would be issued by the user

List

Instead of guessing from the file name, you can choose your songs from a list which displays Title, Author and duration of your Karaoke songs

Midi-oke!

Midi-oke! has been written by V.Palleschi in January 1995. The first version of this program (Midioke! 1.0) has been awarded by IBM Italia with the IBM "Leonardo 2000" prize as the best program submitted among over 8000 competitors.

Session

You can alternate songs and wave playing in your compilation for adding more excitation to your Karaoke meetings

Wave

You can play Wave files while singing and even record your Karaoke performance on your hard disk, if your sound card allows it

Compilation

A compilation (album) is a sequence of instructions that Midi-oke! will execute just as they would be issued by the user

Action Buttons

Play Wave files during singing

AutoPlay
Automatically executes the commands in a Karaoke Compilation

Description

A comment field in your compilation. It is ignored at play time

Pause

The command Pause n adds a n seconds pause in your compilation. Default is 0 seconds.

Shareware

Shareware is a novel means of distribution quality software on a 'try before you buy' basis. The program's author makes this fully-functional program available for your trial use. If you find the package to be useful, you are requested to pay the author's registration fee. The shareware concept is based entirely on the honor system, and works quite well. (Most people are honest and won't violate the trust placed in them by the software author.) This way, you get quality software for affordable prices, and the author is rewarded for his work

Registering

Registering Midi-oke! costs 20 US$ (or equivalent in other currencies). Upon registration you will receive a personal serial number which will remove the limit of two open files per session of the shareware evaluation copy

Mid2Kar
A new complete Karaoke converter and editor. Coming soon by the same author!

Wife
Maria Rita

Kids
Lorenzo, Alessandro and Eleonora

Pisa
The wonderful city of the Leaning Tower, in Tuscany, near Florence

Me
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Transposition

Change in the song tonality, expressed in Half Tones. It is needed for adjusting the song pitch to the singer voice extension.

Patch

According to the General MIDI standard, eack Track of the MIDI file   can be associated to one of 128 different patches (Instrumental sounds), grouped in Families (Percussive Instruments, Strings, etc.).

Track

MIDI files are usually divided in different tracks, usually associated to different intrumental sounds (patches).

Mute

Expert Karaoke singers usually would like to mute the melody track of the MIDI file.

Tempo

This parameter measures how fast the 'metronome' will tick during reproduction of the MIDI file.

Drum tracks

According to the General MIDI standard, the percussion tracks are associated to MIDI channel 10. These tracks should not be transposed.

Volume

The volume associated to each MIDI channel can be scaled using the Mixer feature of Midi-oke! 2.3

Note that the scale factor can be adjusted from 0 (MIDI channel muted) to 2 times the original channel volume.

files browser

Windows operating system allows to associate given file extensions with standard browsers. From the Windows File manager it's possible to choose Midi-oke! 2.3 as default browser for .kar files.

Netscape

Version 2.3 of Midi-oke! can be used as default browser for .kar files downloaded from Internet with WWW surfers as Netscape, Mosaic, etc.

Format 0

An alternative standard used for coding lyrics in MIDI files. This format is not directly supported by Midi-oke!