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About this Read Me file

Welcome to the demo version of Musicator Win 2.1 (MW2.1). We hope that you'll

have fun exploring the many features and options!

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Installation

Follow these instructions to install the Musicator Win 2.1 demo on your harddisk. In order to install MW2.1, there must be at least 4 Mb available on the harddisk.

1. Insert the demo diskette into your floppy drive.
2. Launch Windows if you haven't already done so.
3. In the Program Manager, choose "Run..." from the File menu. The Run dialog box appears.
4. Type `a:setup` or `b:setup` depending on the name of your floppy drive and click "OK".
5. The installation program will start. Follow the instructions as they appear on the screen.
6. When the installation is finished, a new program group will appear in the Program Manager, with the MW2.1 icon, Waveconf icon and a Read Me file.

Initial Configuration

Important! Do the following after the Installation is completed!

If you plan to use MW2.1 along with an audio card, you must first use the enclosed audio configuration program.

1. Launch the Waveconf application from the Program Manager. The Wave Device configuration window appears.
2. Choose an input device from the Input Device list box by clicking on it. The list box displays all the currently installed drivers.
3. Choose an output device from the Output Device list box by clicking on it. The list box displays all the currently installed drivers.
4. Choose an operating mode clicking the desired radio button.

Note!
Check the documentation that came with your audio card to determine which resolutions it supports. For maximum sound quality, use 16-bit resolution. If you want to save hard disk space, use 8-bit resolution. A recording test is the best way to find out if the lower resolution works well for your purposes.

5. Click the "Browse" button to select the default directory where you want to store your audio files. The default is the MW2 directory.
6. Click "Save" to quit the Configure Audio application and save the settings you just made.
7. Choose "Ports..." from the Options menu and select the MIDI interface you are going to use from the Input and Output list boxes.
8. Exit and restart the program.
9. You are now ready to use Musicator Win 2.1!

Before you can use record and play back audio properly with MW2.1, you must first calibrate MW2.1 to the installed audio card.
This is a procedure you just have to do once, as long as you're using the same audio card. If you change the audio card, this procedure has to be repeated.

1. Choose "Audio Calibrate..." from the Options menu. The Audio Time Calibration dialog box appears.
2. MW2 will now start the calibration process, which will take about an hour. The process will stop automatically when the calibration is complete.
3. If you for some reason want to terminate this process, you can do this by clicking the "Cancel" button. You'll still have to do this calibration at one point or another in order for MW2.1 to work properly with the installed audio card.

Note!
It's important that you leave the computer alone during the calibration process. If you

disturb the calibration by using other programs etc, the MIDI and audio might not synchronize correctly.

What's new in Musicator Win 2.1?

New Sequencer Features:
- 32 Parts/Staves
- 64 MIDI Channels
- Multiple MIDI Ports
- SMPTE/MTC/MIDI Synchronization
- New integrated sequencer window with Drag & Drop editing
- Automatic or "On-The-Fly" Punch In/Punch Out
- New Line Setup makes the configuration of MIDI channels and outputs a "breeze"
- Convenient Instrument selection through a new and easy to use window
- Multiple Record Modes
- Automated Mixer with more than 128 Knobs and Faders, including Master volume
- Mixer events creates controller messages which can be viewed and edited normally
- Supports all Windows compatible interfaces and Roland S-MPU (in native mode)
- The OverView window can be customized to display just the information you want
- For easy reference, the Part name is shown above each staff in the Notation window
- More Screen setups and more User configurations
- Many new and re-designed dialog boxes to increase user-friendliness

New Notation Features:
- Now transcribes all kinds of tuplets
- Multi-measure rests
- Enhanced Bar Numbering
- Hyphens ("-") are now centered automatically when entering lyrics.
- Improved display of ties
- Each staff can now contain a maximum of 64 Voices
- Improved polyphonic intelligence makes voice editing easier and more intuitive.
- Notation can be pasted into your favorite Word Processor or DTP program.

New Feature: Wave Recording

You can now record digital audio directly onto your hard disk with MW2.1! Simply install a Soundblaster compatible or Roland RAP-10 sound card and you're ready to roll.