

SongPlayerCLI

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Chapter 1

SongPlayerCLI

1.1 SongPlayerCLI - Main Menu

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1.2 SongPlayerCLI - Introduction

SongPlayerCLI.

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Introduction

This utility is a simple means of controlling SongPlayer via the CLI (or Shell). If you have SongPlayer installed on your system, then you can use this utility straight after installation. If however you do not have SongPlayer, you will have to install it. It can be found on

most recent Amiga Format CD-ROMs, and on AmiNET.

SongPlayer by Stephane TAVENARD is a powerful utility for playing sound files, and supports most sound formats. This utility is designed to help you play MP3s (MPEG1-III) in your playlist, but can be used to play any sound files in the playlist.

After installation, you can then control your version of SongPlayer via the CLI interface, be it one you have started from Workbench, or the standard AmigaDOS window you get when you boot with no startup sequence (this is the intended use).

I hope you find this utility useful. I know I do! I am always booting from no startup sequence, because I am starting to like the CLI more than my Magellan 2 Workbench!! (shock! horror!)

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1.3 SongPlayerCLI - About The Author

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About The Author

Well, I'm 16 years old, and I live in Shrewsbury in the UK. There is a photograph of me in the archive, named Author.jpg (it is a JPEG file so you will need a suitable viewer to look at it) and whilst I may not be the best looking guy in the world, it don't matter, 'cos looks don't mean shit, it's personality that counts in my book!! And everyone tells me that I have a great one of those, with a good sense of humour etc. etc. Indeed, some people even think I have a sexy voice!!! :o)

I got my first Amiga (the A1200 I have now) in 1994, and started upgrading it in 1996. The first upgrade was a 772Mb hard drive and an 8Mb RAM board, from Gasteiner. The 8Mb RAM was soon limiting however, so I persuaded a mate to buy me a 68030 accelerator board from Eyetech. It came with two SIMM sockets, so I filled them up with 8Mb each, giving me 16Mb RAM. Nice!!

However, the power of the '030 wasn't enough either, so earlier this year I upgraded to a Blizzard 1260 Turbo board. The 68060 processor is shit-hot and my Amiga is faster than ever. And I like it!!!

I still have the 16Mb RAM, although I am trying to find a 32Mb SIMM for cheap. My next upgrade will probably be a tower followed by a PPC board. Then I will get a graphics card, so that I can view large files without Workbench taking up all of my fucking Chip RAM :o(

* Apologies for any bad language in this documentation file. I could easily edit it out, but what the fuck happened to free speech? :o)

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1.4 SongPlayerCLI - Legal Stuff

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Legal Stuff

This software is MAILWARE. If you use it regularly, please e.mail the author at mail@gazchap.btinternet.co.uk and let him know. You will then be classed as a registered user and will receive updates before they are uploaded to Aminet. Please include your e.mail address and system specs in your registration e.mail.

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1.5 SongPlayerCLI - Requirements

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Requirements

To make good use of the SongPlayer CLI Controller you will need:-

- An Amiga (durrrrr)
 - A version of Workbench with RexxMast installed and running.
 - rexxreqtools.library in your LIBS: directory (not included)
- Search for RexxReqTools.lha on Aminet. It should be in util/rexx
- Magic User Interface (not actually needed for this, but SongPlayer itself uses it.)
 - SongPlayer (only tested on v1.53, send me your version if it works!)
 - A Shell/CLI (should have come either in ROM or with Workbench)
 - Some sound files/playlists to use it with!!!
- A mouse isn't particularly required unless you want to control SongPlayer with it, but that would defeat the object of using this program, would it not?

1.6 SongPlayerCLI - Installation

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Installation

At the moment it is only possible to install the CLI controller manually but I am busy working on an Installer script to do the job for you.

keep an eye open for updates!

To install the software manually, follow these instructions:-

- Copy all files from the Rexx directory of the archive into your REXX: assign. Keep the SpCLI directory structure!!.
- Copy these files somewhere into your system path (C: is good):-
- RunSongPlayer
- SpCLI
- Edit the RunSongPlayer text file so that it points to your

SongPlayer executable. For example, by default the file contains:-

```
Run >NIL: C:SongPlayer
```

But if your SongPlayer was contained in Tools: you would change it to:-

```
Run >NIL: Tools:SongPlayer
```

And then save the file and exit.

- If they are not already set, make sure both the files have their S protection bit set. To do this, go to a CLI window and type:-

```
Protect RunSongPlayer +SRWED <RETURN>
```

```
Protect SpCLI +SRWED <RETURN>
```

- Installation complete! See the [Usage](#) section now!

1.7 SongPlayerCLI - Usage

SongPlayerCLI.

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Usage

Making use of the program couldn't be simpler. The 'SpCLI' file you copied during installation is the core of the program. Go to a CLI and type 'SpCLI help' and you should be presented with a list of the commands.

Here is the list of commands (some are linked, as they need further explanation):-

PLAY - Plays the current file.

STOP - Stops the current file.

ADD - Adds a file to the playlist.

FIRST - Selects the first file in the playlist.

PREV - Selects the previous file in the playlist.

NEXT - Selects the next file in the playlist.

LAST - Selects the last file in the playlist.

RANDOM - Selects a random file from the playlist.

SELECT - Allows you to select a file based on its ID.

FIND - Prompts you for a search string to find a title.

COUNT - Counts the number of files in the playlist.

INFO - Gives information on the current file.

LIST - Outputs a list of all files in the playlist.

SHOW - Shows the SongPlayer interface.

HIDE - Hides the SongPlayer interface.

QUIT - Exits SongPlayer completely.

HELP - Displays the help text.

1.8 SongPlayerCLI - Add

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Command: **ADD** <path>

The **ADD** command allows you to add new files to the end of the current playlist.

You can either enter the filepath directly in the command, or leave

it blank and a file requester will pop up.

For example, I could type:

```
SpCLI ADD DH3:Music/LockNLoad_BlowYaMind.mp3
```

And then that file would be added to the end of the playlist, and

SongPlayer would automatically play it.

1.9 SongPlayerCLI - Select

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Command: SELECT <id>

This command enables you to select a specific file in the playlist.

Pass the ID number as parameter <id> and it will automatically jump to that file. If you leave <id> blank, you are prompted.

But how do I get the ID numbers???

Simple! There are two commands that give out ID numbers, LIST and **FIND**.

LIST just outputs a list of all of the files in the playlist, preceded by a number. For example:-

```
· (1) Travis: Turn
· (2) Alice DeeJay: Back In My Life
· (3) Eminem: Brain Damage
(etc. etc.)
```

So, if you wanted to select 'Brain Damage' as the file to play, you would enter '3' at the prompt (minus the quotes) Like so:-

```
Enter ID Number: 3
```

```
Current File: (3) Eminem: Brain Damage
```

There ya go! **FIND** does much the same thing, but allows for more specific searches. See its page for more information.

1.10 SongPlayerCLI - Find

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Command: FIND <string>

The FIND command allows you to search through the TITLES of your playlist files for a specified string. You can either pass this string directly as a parameter, e.g.:

SpCLI FIND "Brain" - don't forget those quotes!

or you can leave it blank and the program will prompt you for a search string. Using the "Brain" example above, if my playlist looked like this:

- (1) Travis: Turn
- (2) Alice DeeJay: Back In My Life
- (3) Eminem: Brain Damage
- (4) Wamdue Project: King Of My Castle
- (5) REM: Shiny Happy People
- (6) Lou Bega: Mambo Number Five
- (7) The Prodigy: Smack My Bitch Up
- (8) Eminem: Just Don't Give A Fuck
- (9) New Order: 1963

I would get this back in return:

- (3) Eminem: Brain Damage

1 matche(s) found.

Enabling me to use the **SELECT** command to jump straight to that file!

Note that it does not search for whole words, it searches for occurrences, so if I typed my search string as 'm' I would get this:-

Enter search string: m

- (2) Alice DeeJay: Back In My Life
- (3) Eminem: Brain Damage
- (4) Wamdue Project: King Of My Castle
- (6) Lou Bega: Mambo Number Five
- (7) The Prodigy: Smack My Bitch Up

5 matche(s) found.

Simple huh? :o)

1.11 SongPlayerCLI - Help

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Command: HELP <command>

This command gives you instant help on any command used by SpCLI. You can pass the command you are needing help with as a parameter, e.g:

SpCLI HELP SELECT

Which will display the help text for the SELECT command.

Alternatively, you can leave <command> blank and a general help text will be displayed, containing brief help on all the commands.

1.12 SongPlayerCLI - History

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History

Here is a relatively comprehensive history of the program.

v1.52 (16-04-2000)

- Added argument passing to the ADD command.
- Added argument passing to the FIND command.
- Added argument passing to the SELECT command.
- Added argument passing to the HELP command, now you can get HELP on any command at any time!
- The ADD command now has a file requester!!

v1.51 (15-04-2000)

- Implemented the ADD command.
- Tidied up the ARexx scripts.
- Made the output to the CLI more 'organised'
- First public release.

v1.49 (22-12-1999)

- Implemented the FIND command.
- Implemented the SELECT command.
- Implemented the RANDOM command.

v1.4 (16-12-1999)

- Implemented the LIST command.
- Fixed stupid bug in the NEXT command.

v1.36 (09-12-1999)

- Implemented the COUNT command.
- Implemented the INFO command.

v1.3 (04-12-1999)

- Implemented the HIDE command.
- Implemented the SHOW command.

v1.2 (02-12-1999)

- Implemented the QUIT command.
- Optimised the ARexx scripts a bit.

v1.1 (27-11-1999)

- Implemented the FIRST command.
- Implemented the LAST command.

v1.0 (25-11-1999)

- Implemented the PLAY command.
- Implemented the STOP command.
- Implemented the NEXT command.
- Implemented the PREV command.
- First version, not released.

1.13 SongPlayerCLI - Credits

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1.14 SongPlayerCLI - Greetz

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Greetz

A big hello to:-

Boom^, Lockpick, YT2095, AmiMan^, ZimZum, Zorbo, Bingley,
Horney Reaper 2000, Sweetie, Shex, operato, Cav, AmiGay, sTiLsKiN,
StealthX, b0ing, SpiritX, ^GeiR, Tux^, ^LOKI^, LuCiFeR-S^D, Gadge,
FantaProd, EcheXiO, MrFlibble, r!K, HotCakes, Kihl, and the rest
of the Satanic Dreams Software crew!

Hugz and kissez to the following:-

HoneyBear, Amy, Fizzle, Nikki. :o)

Really painful and slow Death to the following:-

Jeeves.

1.15 SongPlayerCLI - Final Words

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Final Word(s)

"The path of the righteous man is beset on all sides, by the inequities of the selfish, and the tyranny of evil men. Blessed is he, who in the name of charity and goodwill, shepherds the weak through the valley of darkness, for he is truly his brother's keeper, and the finder of lost children. And I will strike down upon thee with great vengeance, and furious anger, those who attempt to poison and destroy my brothers. And you will know my name is the Lord, when I lay my vengeance upon thee."

Ezekiel 25:17.

Samuel L. Jackson, Pulp Fiction (1994)

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