

Ragtime

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About the Folders:

The setup of the folders should be obvious. Please note the Banners folder - you can put as many banners as you want here - they will show up at the bottom of the display, at timing designed in the Ragtime.cfg file (see below). As far as the labels for the top ten song styles or sections that are at the top of the screen, there is a Photoshop (.psd) file you can use to design these. The name of the resulting .bmp file MUST be the same as the folder name!

Song lists:

While the queue on the right side of the screen displays up to 10 songs, you can enter up to 99 songs. Note that you can see how many songs are queued up at the very bottom of the screen in very small print (part of the copyright strip at the bottom). You'll find the current catalog reference number there, too. Place your favorites in the appropriate folder here on your hard drive. Any songs placed here will be shown in the play list.

ShortCut Keys:

There are just 2 keystroke/keystroke combinations that the kiosk uses.

Q or q - The Q key will quit out of the currently played song. Hitting this while no music is cued or playing does nothing. **DO NOT HOLD DOWN THE Q/q KEY.** Wait until the song has ended and the next song is cued up and playing.

ALT-O (or ALT-o) - That's hold down the ALT key and press O or o. This puts the kiosk into free-mode. This is actually a toggle, so if you hit this combination again, the kiosk will return to wait-for-money mode. Also works in the Configuration Applet. Running from the main screen will be disconnected in the release version.

ALT-R - Toggles "Special Run" Mode in the Configuration Applet.

X or x - Exits the Configuration Applet.

M or m - Mouse Cursor Toggle(also in the Configuration Applet).

CTRL-Q - Exits the program.

The Ragtime.cfg file:

This file holds the configuration information for the software, including COM port setup and delay settings. There is a clear legend for this information at the bottom of this file starting just after [EOF]. This information must remain in their proper positions, exactly as the current .cfg file shipped with the software. **Keep a copy somewhere in case you render the program useless without it.** Mostly concerns coin op version. You can change the password combination here. And delay between Attract songs and banners.

Combination Lock System -

At the bottom of the Ragtime.cfg configuration file, is a field labeled [COMBINATION] - the entry here "1212" is the default combination to open up the configuration screen. The number can be any number that is a "1" or a "2", and can be any length. It doesn't take many digits to make it a combination that would take millions of tries to figure out.

How to enter combination -

The box on the screen that contains the Song Time Remaining and time is button "1" - the box right top the right of this, where the current playing song's name is displayed, is button "2". All you do is touch (or click) those buttons to accumulate a string consisting of the [COMBINATION] field's entry - "1-2". After that, you then press the third button, which is the entire Ragtime Logo located near the bottom-left hand corner of the screen. Or type , . / on the keyboard After that, the Configuration screen will open, and you can start "Special Run" mode or "Free" mode, etc. You can only enter this combination when the Song Library List is off the screen. You can hit the big, Red Reset button to get rid of the Song Library List at any time. You can check out the legend, which is literally the bottom half of the .cfg file, to see what the other fields are for.

By clicking out the above combination and then clicking on Ragtime you enter the Configuration screen. From here you have a variety of choices.

1. Free Play

A. Select for free

2. Attract Mode

A. Plays sequentially whatever files are in the attract folder. (no sub folders are allowed)

3. Special Run

Allows choice of Folders containing song files.

(Must have folders, not sub folders below)

4. T.O.D.

A. Allows choice of time to play the attract mode.

If only one song is in the attract folder it will be the only one that plays. If, for example, you set the clock at 06:30 on and 06:30 off you will have an alarm clock. No snooze though.

Banners

You May copy the blank banner (1Ragtime/Manuals/Extra Banners/Blank Button and Banner to a paint program and design your own. You may have as many as you like. If you want to change the "wallpaper" find the **1Ragtime/your unit/Source/RagtimeBase.bmp**. You may also change the buttons for the songs. Please keep the buttons and the folder names the same. Keep the button bitmaps in the corresponding folder. There is a copy of the originals stored under 1Ragtime/Manuals/Empty catalog folders and original bitmaps. Don't change the size of the bitmaps!

Ragtime.ini

This file stores all personal preferences such as what was selected in the configuration file when you closed the program last. Attract mode on or off, T.O.D., Free Play, etc. If you reach an impass just delete this file. It will be regenerated the next time you close RagKiosk.