**How to display album arts**

To display album art Balboa need access to album art image files and need to know the place where to search for album art files.  
So, to display album artwork, you need to

1. Provide shared access over the network to a directory with music files and album artwork on the computer that is running MPD.  
2. In the Balboa settings, enter the path to the directory with music files and album covers in the "Path to music collection" field.

I will explain this with examples.

Example 1.  
MPD runs on a server running Ubuntu 14.04. Server name is SAFAGA.  
Balboa runs on a tablet running Windows RT 8.1.  
Music files with album art on the SAFAGA server are located in directory /mnt/storage/audio/collection

In the MPD config file on the server  
  music\_directory "/mnt/storage/audio/collection"

the directory /mnt /storage/audio/collection is shared (using Samba) as audiocollection  
Thus, in order to view the contents of a directory /mnt/storage/audio/collection on a tablet running Balboa, in Windows Explorer, we have to specify the address \\SAFAGA\audiocollection

This address must be entered in the "Path to music collection" field on the Settings page in Balboa

Example 2  
MPD works on a computer running Windows 10. Computer name is SAFAGA.  
Balboa works on a tablet running Windows RT 8.1.  
The music files on the SAFAGA computer are located in the folder F:\MUSICCOLLECTION where F: - USB drive.  
In MPD config  
  music\_directory "F:\MUSICCOLLECTION"  
Drive F: shared as f.

(To do this, right-click on the F: drive. Select the “Properties” menu item, on the “Sharing” tab Click the “Advanced sharing” button and in the window that will open select the “Share this folder” check box. After that, click Ok)  
Therefore, in order to view the contents of the F: \ MUSICCOLLECTION directory on the tablet, you must specify the address \\SAFAGA \ f \ MUSICCOLECTION in Windows Explorer.  
This address must be entered in the "Path to music collection" field on the Settings page in Balboa.  
It is important that the path in the music\_directory parameter in the MPD config and the path in the "Path to music collection" field in the Balboa settings point to the same physical location of the files.

In order to input path to album arts files in to "Path to music collection" on Balboa Settings page, use following procedure:

1. On the Settings page to the right of the "Path to music collection" field, click the "Select" button.

2. In the window that opens, select the menu item “Network”.

3. In the input field, instead of "Example\\Computer \Path" enter the desired path and press the "Go" button.