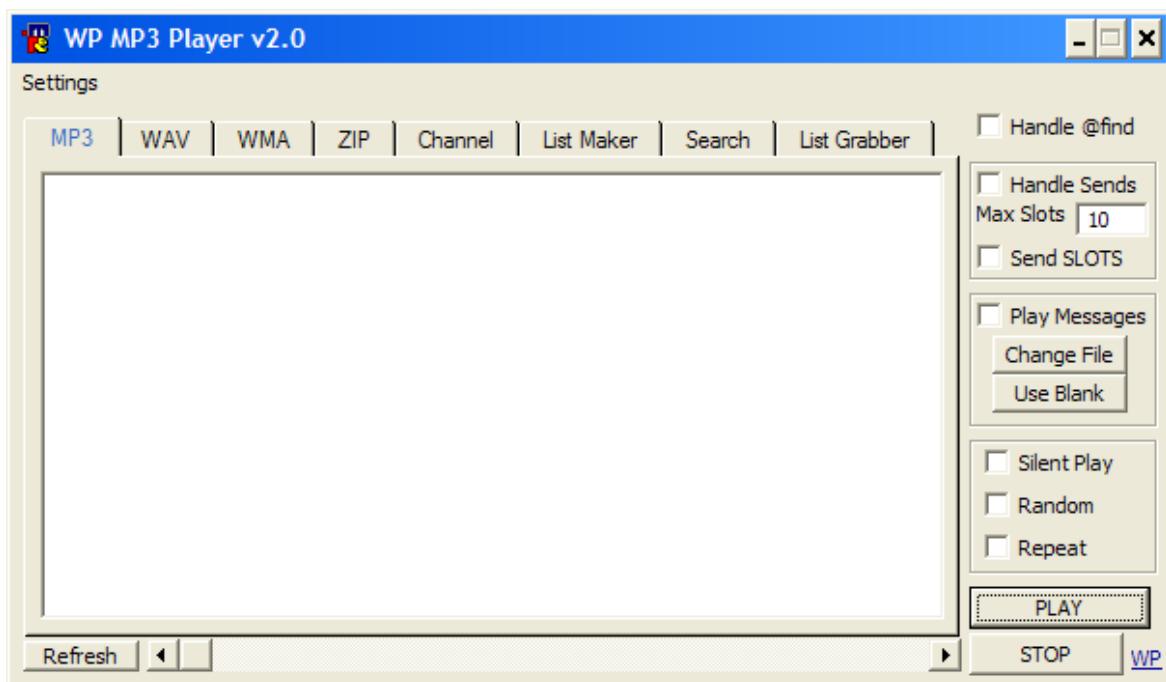## 🐢 Introduction

This file will attempt to explain how to use WP MP3 Player, a music and file-sharing script for the popular IRC chat client mIRC.
To get the most recent version of the player please go to:

http://billy.the-kid.org

Alternatively (depending on your setup) click here and select 'Save', saving the file to your mIRC folder. Please note that any pictures used in this file are taken with the default (blue) windows XP theme and may appear different on your machine. They may have also been resized for the purposes of this help file.

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Unzip the wpplayer.zip file to your mirc directory(or another directory of your choice)

To install the player either:

1) Place the WPPlayer.txt file in your main mIRC directory (we suggest C:\mirc\). In mIRC type **//load -rs wpplayer.txt**

OR

2) In mIRC type **//load -rs $qt($findfile($left($mircdir,2),wpplayer.txt,1))**

OR

3) In mIRC hold [ALT] and hit [R] to open your "Scripts Editor", click on the "remote" tab and go to File/Load… Make sure "Files of Type" is set to ***.txt** Find the WPPlayer.txt file in the Select File Window and click Open.

If you are updating WP Player then click [No] at the following box to keep your settings…

When the "Script Initialisation" warning box (fig1) appears, click [Yes] to allow initialisation.
(fig 1)
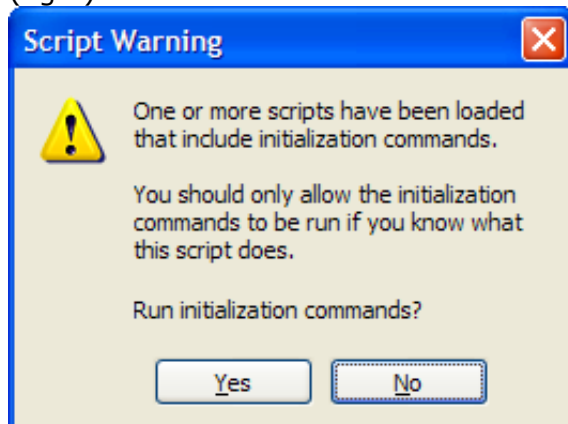
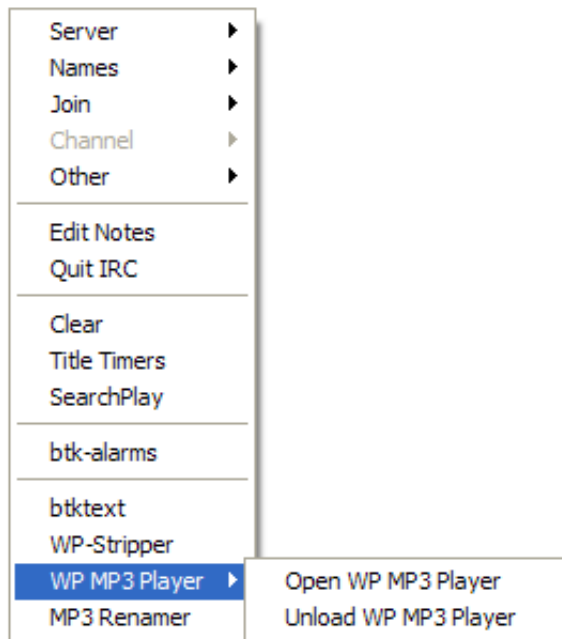If everything has been done properly you should get the following message in mIRC:

(fig2)

Right click in the status window and check you can see the WP MP3 Player section in the menu. You should also see the WP icon in the mIRC toolbar.

(fig3)

Now that you have successfully loaded the player into your mIRC you need to tell it a few things to get started. Open the player by right clicking in the status window and choosing **Open WP MP3** Player from the menu. The main player window will now open.

Don't worry about what everything does yet. We will concentrate on the set-up for the time being.
Click on the Settings menu and select Folder Settings:

(fig4)
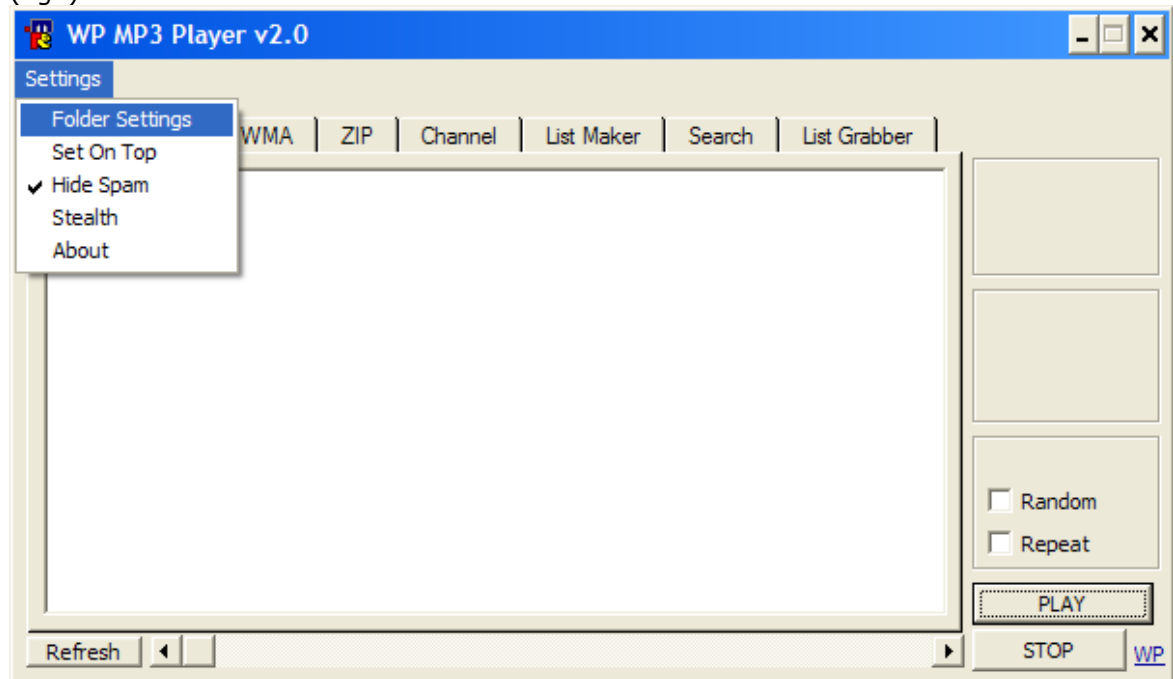
The "Browse For Folder" window will open up:

(fig5)
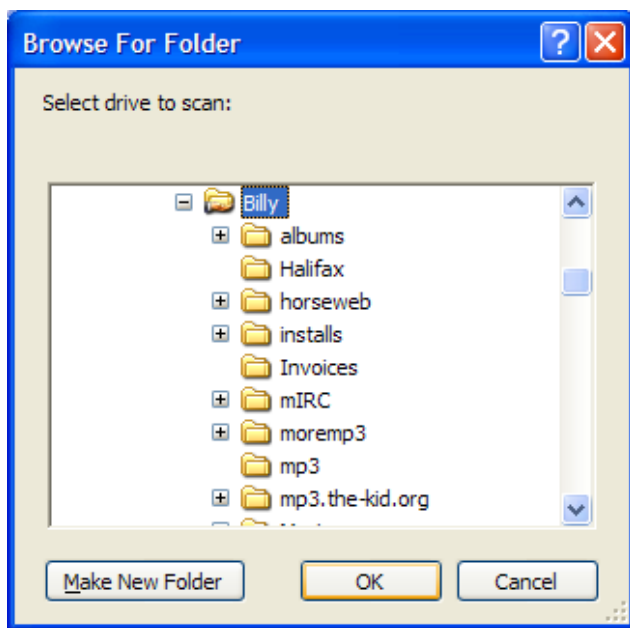
This window tells the player where you keep your music. If you have it spread out all over a drive select the drive. If you have it all within one folder (even if each album is in its own folder for example) you should select that master folder for searching, as it will be quicker.

Here I have my music saved in folders all within the Billy directory, so I choose Billy and click OK.

After a short delay (this could be a minute or so on slower machines or machines with lots of music folders) you should get the Scanning window filled with music folders, something like this:

(fig6)
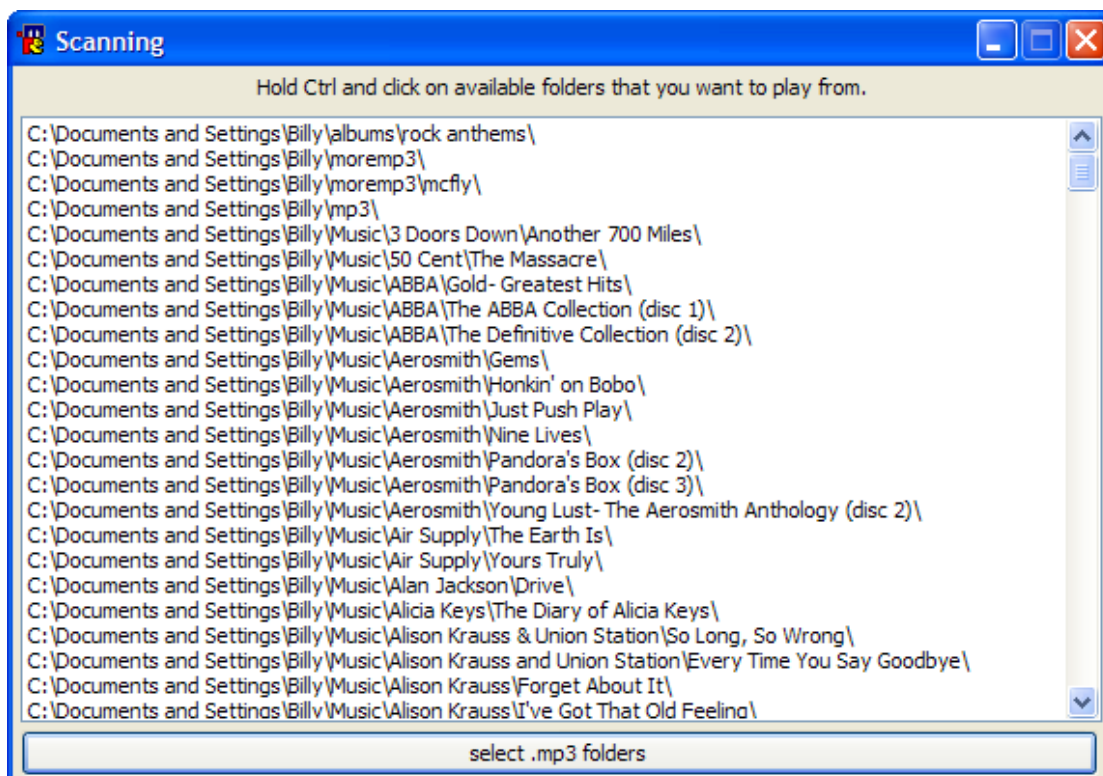
You should highlight the MP3 folders you want to use in the player and click the button at the bottom. The process will then repeat for .wav, .zip and .wma files.

If there are any file types you do not wish to be associated with the player or if there are no folders shown you wish to include, simply click the button at the bottom without highlighting any folders(folders can be un-checked by holding Ctrl and clicking the folder). You will be asked if you want to include folders from another drive,

(fig7)
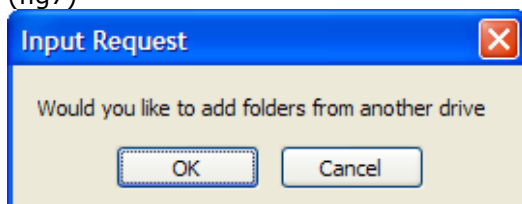
click yes or no as you wish.

Once finished the main window will refresh with your music in the lists.
the player is now set up to use your music. You can now play and share your music on IRC.

(fig8)

Your .mp3 files are in the MP3 tab
Your .wav files are in the WAV tab
Your .wma files are in the WMA tab
Your .zip files are in the ZIP tab

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MP3
This tab shows your MP3 file names in alphabetical order. You can play a mp3 by double clicking it or highlighting it and clicking the PLAY button.

WAV
As with the MP3 tab this shows all your .wav files in order for easy playing. You can play a wav by double clicking it or highlighting it and clicking the PLAY button.

WMA
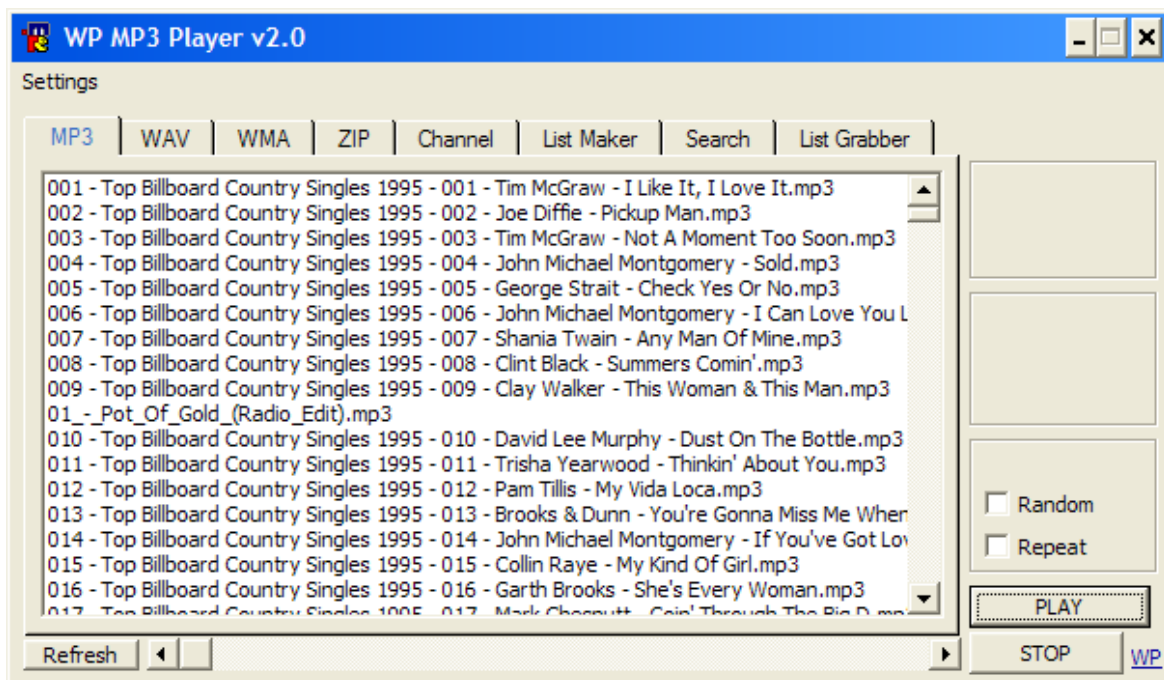As with the MP3 tab this shows all your .wma files in order for easy playing. You can play a wma by double clicking it or highlighting it and clicking the PLAY button. **Please note, this tab was added AFTER the images used in this help file were produced, so this tab doesn't appear in the pictures.

ZIP
Similarly your .zip files are shown in this tab for easy locating. You can "play" a zip to channel in the same way as above, please note you will not hear any music when playing a zip file.

Channel
This tab displays songs others have played in channels you are a member of. You can grab these songs by highlighting the song(s) and clicking the grab button. You can double click on a song to grab it but in fast channels you might grab the wrong song because of the scrolling effect. I suggest always using the Grab Button.

Netiquette point DON'T grab more than 5 songs at one time in a channel, especially from one person.

List Maker
Many people on IRC and some scripts such as Omenserve choose to grab lists to browse available music. WP MP3 Player has a built in listmaker to make your list for you. It is one of the fastest listmakers in any script that doesn't use .DLL files.

- The "Include" box :

    - Folder Names - this will show your folders in your list with the songs in each folder under the folder name
    - File Sizes (Slower) - this will show the size of each file in your list, it takes a little longer to list when adding size information
    - Bitrate/Rate/Mode(Very Slow) - this will show additional information for MP3 files, including this information will make the listmaker run at it's slowest speed as each file needs to be specially 'read' and the information extracted.
    - MP3 files - shows your .mp3 files in your list
    - WAV files - shows your .wav files in your list

- ZIP files - shows your .zip files in your list
- WMA files - shows your .wma files in your list

- List Nick - you should input the default nick for listing in this box, I recommend not changing this. People grabbing from your list can still get songs even if you currently have a different nickname.
- The "Attach Message:" section - appends a message (input the message into the box) to your list, this can be anything you wish and is ignored by automatic list-readers. The message will be saved when you close the player so you will not need to type it all out again next time you make a list.
- Make List Button - once you have set all the settings you want click this button to make your list.
- Advertise List - once your list is made you can advertise the fact to the channels you are playing in.

Search
This tab allows you to find songs on your computer by using keywords. You input your keyword(s) in the top box, hit [Enter] or click Search and any results will show in the bigger box. You can then play these songs by double clicking or selecting a song and clicking PLAY.

List Grabber
NOTE Some people zip their lists before sending, if you wish to grab from one of these lists, first unpack/extract it from the zip.

The list grabber allows you to automatically grab songs from a list unattended. This is convenient if you find yourself in someone's queue a lot or can't wait to grab each song on your own. To use it, click the SelectList button and browse to the list you want to grab from. Then click the Change button and input the name of the channel the grabbing should take place, this should be the channel both you and the person you are grabbing from are on.

Once these two steps are complete you just click Resume to start grabbing and Stop to stop grabbing. When each song is completely downloaded you will automatically send the request for the next in the list. Lines can be removed from the list by highlighting the line(s) you don't want to grab and clicking the Remove Line button.

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@finds

The player is able to respond to people in channel who use certain ways of finding songs. If you want to allow people to search your folders (only the folders set in the setup) for music then enable the Handle @find box (put a tick in it) otherwise leave it empty.

When people type @find keywords or @locate keywords the player will automatically search your folders for matches and show them in a private message that a match has been found. It will also show how to grab the song from you.
Netiquette point Don't enable @find if you do not, or are unable to, send music.

Send settings

Handle Sends - Enable this box if you want WP MP3 Player to send files to people. Leave it unchecked if you use another player for this or mIRC itself. Leave it unchecked if you do not wish to send files.
Max Slots - You should enter the maximum amount of sends you want to be able to send at any one time, the default level is 10 I would not recommend going much higher unless you have a very good (fast) internet connection. This box will 'grey out' when Handle Sends is checked.
Send Slots - This is an advanced setting. It basically sends information about your files to other players. WP MP3 Player does not handle slots information itself, however players such as Omenserve use this information for their own settings, the information sent is as follows:

1. Number of Slots (set in Max Slots)
2. Number of free slots (Total minus slots in use)
3. Time until next free slot (Always NOW unless all slots are in use)
4. Number of people waiting in queue (Always 0 as WP does not use a queue system)
5. Maximum number allowed in queue (Always 999 for the same reason)
6. Send speeds in use (Always 0, which is the fastest you can send a file. WP always sends files as fast as possible by default)
7. Number of files in your list
8. Total bytes of files in your list
9. Server Mode (Always 0 which means Normal. other scripts use 2 for server priority and 3 for servers only. This is another queue related item)
10. Date your list was made in special format (based on the number of seconds elapsed since 00:00:00 GMT, January 1, 1970!)
11. Time you have been connected to the Network
12. Name of the script you are using(WP-MP3-Player)

Although optional some stricter channels will not allow you to remain in channel unless SLOTS are being sent. This entire section has been added in response to these file-sharing channels. You will not see your slots information sending to channels as it is sent in a hidden format.

Play Message Settings

Play Messages - Enable this box if you want to show channels the songs you are playing If you do not enable it nobody will see you are playing music instead you will receive a message like:
`[[[private]]] Now Playing Iron Maiden-Death On The Road-Run To The Hills.mp3`
in the window you are playing in. NOBODY else can see this message so don't worry!

If this box is checked the message to channel will look something like:
`[2:39PM] <billythekid> Now Playing Iron Maiden-Death On The Road-Run To The Hills.mp3 which is a 6.81MB mp3 file. ▌▌▌ WP MP3 Player`

finally if you have checked Handle Sends as well as Play Messages playing the same song will look something like:
`[2:39PM] <billythekid> Type !billythekid Iron Maiden-Death On The Road-Run To The Hills.mp3 To get this 6.81MB mp3 file. ▌▌▌ WP MP3 Player`

Change File - Clicking this button will allow you to change the file used for the play messages. The basic format will stay the same but the message between the pink and yellow blocks) can be altered to whatever you want. By default the player uses the file wpNOplaymessages.txt (created when you load the player) which has no lines in it. You can add to this file at will or load other play message files, (the player creates a wpplaymessages.txt file on loading), txplay play messages are fully compatible with WP MP3 Player. The format is one play message on each line of the file. When a song plays it will randomly choose a line to display.
Some recommendations:

· Information about your connection(if you have been having router troubles, sends are off etc)
· Funny quotes
· mIRC codes can be used like $time $server $network $me $script $uptime

Use Blank - This setting lets you play to a channel but without any extra information in the play message section.(this is the default setting).

The CTCPs (the way the scripts communicate) will also be sent when play messages are enabled to allow others to see in their players what you have played. This happens whether blank messages are chosen or not.

Play Settings

Silent Play - This shows songs being played to channel (if enabled) but does not actually play the songs, good if you are serving but listening to something else non-mIRC.

Random - This plays random songs from the currently active tab (MP3 WAV ZIP or Search). When one song stops playing the next begins, unless playing in Silent mode, then a new song is played every 3 minutes.

Repeat - This plays the same song over and over again. Only for die-hard fans!! When Silent Play is enabled this option is unavailable.

PLAY - Click this button to play the currently selected song.

STOP - Click this button to stop playing a song.

Other Options

Set On Top - In the Settings Menu, clicking this will set the player on top of all other windows on your computer. Click again to turn off (there will be a tick next to it if set to on top).

Refresh - This button on the bottom left of the player will update the tabs with any new music that might not have been there when the player was opened. For example songs imported from another directory or grabbed songs that do not download to one of your set folders but need moved after, say, a virus check.

The WP link - Clicking this link will automatically come to the latest version of this help-file (online).

About WP MP3 Player - In the Settings Menu, this shows a small 'credits' window.

Hide Spam - In the Settings Menu, checked by default. This will hide other peoples play messages and list ads from displaying in channel. Handy if you play in a channel which has a triviabot or other chatting goes on, this helps you to see it all and keep up.

Show in MSN Messenger - In the Settings Menu, checked/unchecked depending on how it was last set before closing. This simply shows the songs you are listening to in MSN Messenger, much like media player can.

Hotlink grabbing - This is built-in to the player. If you have Hide Spam UN-checked or someone has sent you @find results, you can double click the song you want to get in most cases, so you dont need to copy/paste requests.
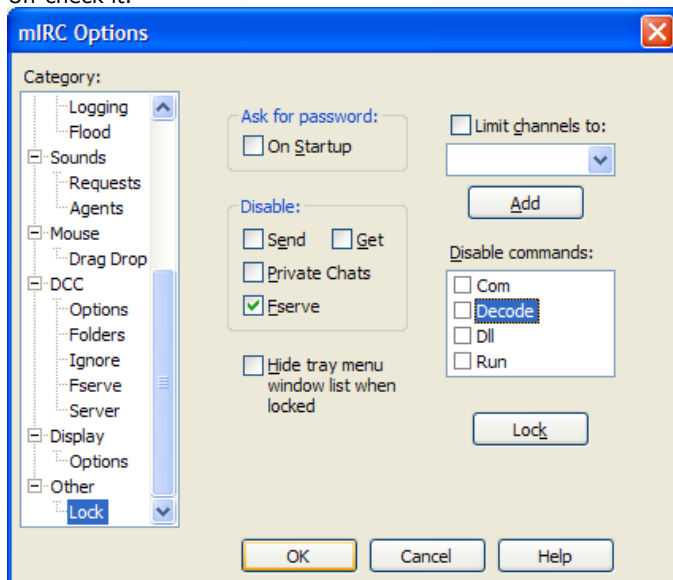
Stealth Settings
NOTE mIRC 6.17 (17-02-2006) will not allow Stealth to work properly by default, to get it to work properly follow these instructions... (Previous versions of mIRC are not affected)

In mIRC hold Alt and hit O, this should open the options dialog go to Other/Lock:

Where Decode has the check mark,
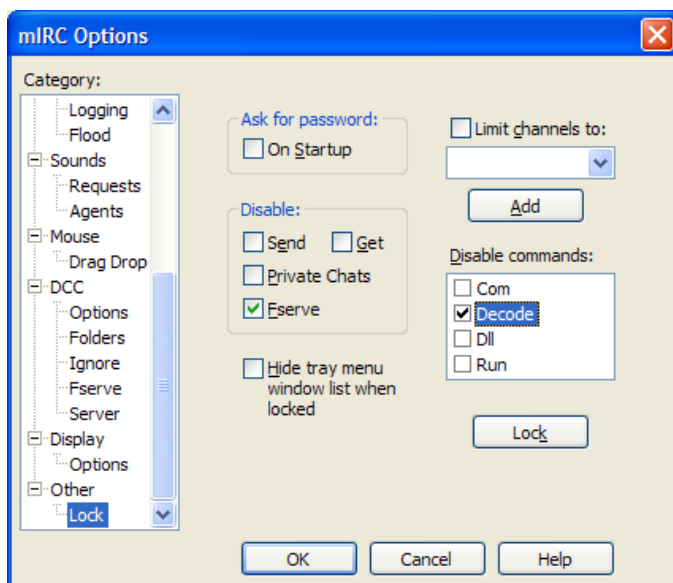
Un-check it.

And click OK.
Now Stealth will be functional.

Stealth mode is used to search for and download music where only those getting/sending the file are able to see what is being grabbed. In stealth mode messages are sent differently, as encoded messages, to the channel.

For example if I have stealth mode activated and type @find billythekid in channel, the message is intercepted by the player and sent as a special "CTCP" event. To any non-compatible player user the message in channel would now look something like [yournick:#IRCWavPlayers SEARCH] +8FEL;'ET:&5K:60`

Anyone with a compatible player sees nothing and simply sends results in the normal way.
If you wish to grab a song in stealth mode you simply type/paste the line into the box in the same way as usual, the player intercepts this message and sends another "CTCP" type message to the person you wish to grab from.

If your request is successful you should get some kind of reply, although this is not always the case.
During stealth mode any messages pertaining to your own grabs/@finds are shown only to you, with the <<PRIVATE>> prefix.

Files can also be grabbed in stealth mode, just activate stealth and grab in the usual fashion, either clicking songs in the Channel tab, list grabbing or typing !nick file.mp3 in channel. All these are intercepted by the player and sent stealth when activated.

To activate stealth mode go to Settings/Stealth, a check will be placed beside the word Stealth.

NOTE Not all players are compatible with Stealth mode, currently I only know of Omenserve and WP MP3 Player which use this method. Therefore your @finds may obtain less results than a normal channel (non-stealth) @find. In the spirit of Stealth, you will not be able to see what people are searching for when they are using stealth, also you may think you are spontaneously sending files to people, because you cannot see the request to grab. Don't worry, this just means that stealth mode is working well.

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Frequently(-ish) Asked Questions

Q. Why am I sending files when nobody is requesting them?
A. The person you are sending to has requested the songs by stealth

Q. How do I play on more than one channel?
A. Right click in the channel you wish to play in and select an option from the menu.

Q. How do I play in another network?
A. Right click in a window of the other network and select from the menu. The player will automatically associate itself with the new window.

Q. Someone said my SLOTS information was wrong?
A. Make a list using the listmaker. Some aspects of the SLOTS ctcp have no value until a list has been made, see the slots section for details.

Q. I am sending to ten people, how can I send to more people or set up a queue?
A. To send to more than 10 people set the number in the 'max slots' box to a higher number, before clicking 'send SLOTS'. WP MP3 Player does not support the use of a queue at this time. People will be sent a message when your slots are full.

Q. How can I speed up my sends?
A. WP MP3 Player automatically sends each file as fast as your mIRC can handle under it's current settings. You can help mIRC by adding the following lines in options(alt+O)/Connect/Options/Perform for all networks.

        pdcc on
        fsend on

this will ensure your mIRC always sends and gets as fast as it can.

Q. Is this a list server?
A. No. WP MP3 Player is not a list server as such. A list server makes a list of your files and works from that list. WP Player works from the actual files on your machine and as such is always up to date, when a list server is only as up to date as the most recent list. WP Player will serve your list(if you have one) for you.

Q. I have non-mp3, wav, zip, wma file extensions that I wish to serve, can WP handle these?
A. Not at this time. WP Player is primarily a mIRC music PLAYER. It's a serving script secondly. This is because mIRC is a chat program. It might be where all the files are first but it is not the best way to actually file share. If you are interested only in getting/serving files and never playing your songs then you might be better off with the Omenserve list server script or a P2P program such as BearShare. WP Player is a music script so it supports music files only at this time. Since .ogg files are still fairly uncommon on windows platform machines it

is not supported at this time. This will probably be introduced in a later version though.

Q. I can't hear my songs?
A. Check that Silent Play isn't selected. If it's not check the status window of the network you have the player associated with for error messages. Check your speakers.

Q. I have a question or suggestion not covered in this help file?
A. That's not a question! If you have questions about the script or ideas for things you would like to see in it, email me at billy[at]the-kid[dot]org you know what to do with that address....

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