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TOPIC -----

The SimpleSound application, which resides in the Apple Menu Items folder on Power Macintosh 7500, and 8500 (with System 7.5.2 update) systems, creates sound files that must be opened with SimpleSound in order to be played. Double-clicking on these sound files does not play back from the Finder, but launches SimpleSound instead. These sound files cannot be dropped on the System Folder and used as an alert sound.

DISCUSSION -----

On the Power Macintosh 7500, and 8500 computers, the Sound & Displays control panel replaces the current Monitors, Sounds, and AV Setup control panels, providing a simplified interface that makes all of the video, monitor, and sound input and output much more accessible and usable. It does not provide the utility to add sounds to the System file. Sounds can be recorded to the System file using the SimpleSound application.

Sound Types =====

SimpleSound can create two types of sounds.

SimpleSound Documents -----

The first type of sound files that can be created are those that are identified by the Finder as SimpleSound documents. These are recorded directly to disk as standard AIFF files. The AIFF files can be opened and used by QuickTime-compatible applications, such as MoviePlayer and Avid VideoShop, as well as standard Macintosh sound editing applications (such as SoundEdit 16).

To create an AIFF sound file, open the SimpleSound application and click on

SimpleSound in the Apple Menu Items. The Alert Sounds window appears.

Select New from the File menu and record a sound as before. The standard File dialog box appears and lets you save the sound to disk.

System Sounds

The second is "System" sounds -- standard Macintosh sound files that can be played by opening them in the Finder. SimpleSound can save these directly into the System file of the current System Folder. SimpleSound cannot save these directly as "System" sound files to the Finder.

Steps for Creating Clickable "System" Sound Files

This addresses an issue on how to create clickable "System" sound files. To use SimpleSound to create System sounds, do the following:

Step 1

To open the SimpleSound application, choose SimpleSound in the Apple Menu Items. The Alert Sounds window appears.

Step 2

Click the Add... button.

Step 3

Record a sound and click the Save button.

Step 4

Quit all open applications.

Step 5

Open the System file of the current System Folder.

Step 6

Drag the newly recorded sound to another area.

You now have a clickable "System" sound file. These files can be dropped back on to the System Folder to be used as an alert sound.

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