

# Ragtime

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**Add songs** to your instrument with the shortcut on your desktop. Place them in the song type folder you would like to see the songs appear on your BandPlay screen **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 at the very bottom of the screen in very small print (part of the copyright strip at the bottom). c:\Program files\BandPlay\ will have folders for the following: .mpg movies in the **Movies** folder. Any .jpg or .gif files in the **Adverts** folder. Any new advert files must be the proper size. In C:\1Ragtime\Manuals you will find blank bitmaps. Use these as your canvas to keep the size correct. They will be played like a slide show when enabled in the configuration panel. **Kadverts** only display during Karaoke mode. Karaoke must be enabled in the configuration panel to recognize .kar files. An error message will be displayed if not. **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.** You can change the password combination here. And delay between Attract songs and banners. The Ragtime.cfg file is located in the Bandplay folder A copy is located in the Manuals folder. The directions are located on the bottom half of the screen when you open this file by double tapping. It should open in Notepad and you can make the changes there. You can open Mighty Mouse for an on screen keyboard from the Program menu. Be sure to minimize the screen to less than the top half of the screen because Mighty Mouse always appears at the bottom half of the screen and cannot be moved. You must touch the screen where you want to make the changes. Watch for the cursor position before making changes. Be careful not to make any mistakes. **Coin op and Bill acceptor** values are entered in this file. Open the Ragtime.cfg file and look for the line labeled Cash. The first number is the number of credits given for the amount of money inserted. If you want to change the credit value simply find the line with the number of credits per bill or coin inserted. Change this figure to equal what you want it to be. For example if the line under [CASH] says 1 120 121 1 The first digit represents how many credits to issue for the bank note represented by 120 121 1. You don't need to know what that means, just that if you change the first 1 to 2 you will now get 2 credits for whatever bank note gave you 1 before. The line which reads .25 255 represents .25 credits for the ASCII character which is represented by 255. This will most likely be your lowest coin accepted. In this case a U.S. quarter. If you are in the U.K. it will probably read .20 255. This line is for coin acceptors. This is only used with a bill acceptor. If you have an electronic coin acceptor then you want to address the line under the [COIN-OP BYTE]. It will probably say something like .5 255 2. This means 1 pulse will equal 5 cents. Also of course, 1 quarter will equal 5 pulses. The electronic coin op will already be set to give the correct number of pulses for all coins. If you change the .5 to .10 in this line the price will then be .50 cents per credit because all coins will be doubled in value. The electronic pulse ASCII 255 with a delay or 2 seconds before it vends credit. There is a line that allows the use of a mechanical coin op for one pulse equals so much credit. It can be found at the bottom of the [CASH] section and will probably read 1 254 0. This means that 1 credit is issued for ASCII character 254. Changing the 1 to .25 will make one pulse equal .25 credits. Use this for 4 quarters equal one credit The zero is for off. Placing a 1 here would enable this feature. It is only used when a mechanical coin op is the only coin device installed. Entering the combination as described below allows you to turn off and on various features. TOD is for **Time Of Day** for the attract mode turn on and shut off. The others choices are self explanatory.

## Combination Lock System -

At the bottom of the Ragtime.cfg configuration file, is a field labeled [COMBINATION] - the entry here "12" 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. **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 - "12". After that, you then press the third button, which is the entire Ragtime Logo located near the bottom-left hand corner of the screen. 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. 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** **2. Attract Mode** Plays sequentially or randomly whatever files are in the attract folder. (no sub folders are allowed) **4. T.O.D.** 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. **5. Pause Enable** - Allows you to pause play anytime by touching the **R** in Ragtime. **6. Abort Enable** - Allows you to abort any current selection by touching the Freeplay/credit sign 4 times. **7. Banners** **8. Adverts** and **9. Videos.** **Selecting** any of these will turn on this feature. **6. Special Run** - Selecting this will allow playback of all songs in your Special Folder located in the BandPlay Root Directory. Allows choice of Folders containing song files. The **S** or **R** in the little box represents Random or Sequential. **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! Attract mode on or off, T.O.D., Free Play, etc. 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. 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!

## To Shut down correctly:

Enter the combination to enter the configuration panel. Choose Shut down. Then touch the screen in the lower left hand corner to bring up the Start menu. Choose shut down.

**Note:** If you unplug your unit without shutting Windows down correctly, you may need to unplug the USB cable momentarily on the back of the computer for your touch screen to work again. You must do this with the computer on. If you end up with an error message stating that Windows did not find a mouse attached you must shut down the computer, attach a keyboard (don't attach a mouse) and then use the keyboard to select the little box that says "don't show this message again".