Installing MiKT_EX and MusixT_EX on Windows 2000

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This document describes the process of installing $MusixT_EX$ and $MiKT_EX$ 2.1.8. The installation procedure has been tested on Windows 2000. No guarantees are given about its applicability to any other versions of either Windows or $MikT_EX$.

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1. MiKT_EX 2.1

1.1. Where to get it

You can obtain MiKTEX on the WWW either at a CTAN site such as ftp.dante.de, ftp.tex.ac.uk or their mirror sites, or directly from www.miktex.org.

1.2. Downloading

- 1. From the download site of your choice, download setup.exe.
- 2. Run setup.exe and click "Download".
- 3. Click "Small", "Large" or "Total" to select the size of your MiKT_EX installation. The "Small" installation is sufficient for using MusixT_EX. The "Total" installation is STRONGLY DISCOURAGED (see below).
- 4. Follow the prompts to finish downloading the install files.

1.3. Installing

- 1. Run setup.exe again and choose "Install".
- 2. Select the size of your installation (recommended: "Small") and enter the path to the directory where you saved the install files during download.

Note: In $MiKT_EX$ 2.1.8, the "Total" option will automatically install a copy of $MusixT_EX$. Allowing this to happen is strongly discouraged for three reasons:

- \rightarrow This version of MusixT_EX won't work as desired, since it does not contain musixflx.exe
- \rightarrow It may be an outdated version
- \rightarrow It will be installed in the texmf tree where any customisations you choose to undertake may be overwritten if you decide to upgrade to a more recent version of MiKT_EX later.

To end up with a working $MusixT_EX$ installation, your best bet is to install a "Small" $MiKT_EX$ and then add $MusixT_EX$ manually according to the procedure described in this document. If you later find that you need some of the things in the "Total" $MiKT_EX$ package, it's easy to add them using the "Packages" tab of the $MiKT_EX$ Options dialogue. However, if you allow Setup to install its incomplete $MusixT_EX$ version in $c:\texmf$, you will have to remove it manually – or manually replace it with a working installation and run the risk of having it overwritten during a subsequent $MiKT_EX$ upgrade.

- 3. Accept the option to install a shared MiKTEX environment. (This is the default setting.)
- 4. Accept c:\texmf as the installation folder unless you have a good reason to put your $MiKT_EX$ installation somewhere else. Ditto in the next screen for the shortcut folder name.
- 5. If you are installing a T_EX package for the first time, you must create a localtexmf tree. If you like for instance, if you prefer to keep your personal data files on a separate partition you can create the localtexmf tree on a different partition from the texmf tree. Alternatively, just accept the default path and directory name for the localtexmf tree.
- 6. Accept the default option not to incorporate existing texmf folder trees. You don't have any if you're installing a TEX package for the first time.
- 7. Click "Next" to start the installation process.

1.4. Making a local binaries directory

MusixT_EX and related preprocessors come with their own .exe files, which must be placed in a directory where your operating system can find them. It's a good idea to create a separate directory to receive these files (as well as any other T_EX-related executables you may later find you need) rather than dumping them into c:\texmf\miktex\bin where they'll be all mixed up with the basic MiKT_EX binaries and difficult to find again if you need to upgrade them.

To make a local binaries directory:

- 1. Create a new directory on your hard drive, e.g. c:\texbin.
- 2. Now tell Windows where it is. There are three different options for doing so:
 - 2.1. The old-fashioned way:

Open your autoexec.bat and add the line: set path=%path%;C:\texbin to the end of the file. (This will preserve any pre-existing path statements in your autoexec.bat, but will also work if the file is empty to start with.) Save the change and reboot.

2.2. The Windows way: In Control Panel, open the System Properties dialogue box. Select the Advanced tab and click on *Environment Variables*. You will see a dialogue box in which you can edit the User Variables and the System Variables.

If you want your local binaries directory to be accessible to all users on your computer, you need to edit the *Path* statement in the System Variables. To do so, select the *Path* variable in the System Properties list and click *Edit*. (You will notice that MiKT_EX has already added c:\texmf\miktex\bin to the System Path.) In the *Variable Value* text box, place the cursor at the end of the Path entry and add the string ;c:\texbin. Click OK as often as necessary to exit System Properties. You do not need to reboot for the change to become effective.

Note: If tampering with the System Path makes you nervous, you might want to select the entire System Path string and copy it into a text file before you make your change, so that you can restore the original entry if anything goes wrong. But don't be overly scared – even if you make a complete mess of the Path statement, your computer won't come to a grinding halt. Windows won't be able to find command-line programs any more, but the operating system as such will still function.

2.3. If you are the only person using your computer and/or if you have a strong aversion to altering the System Path, you can create a User Path instead. To do so, click New below the list of User Variables. In the Variable text box, enter the word Path. In the Variable Value text box, enter the string c:\texbin. Click OK as often as necessary to exit System Properties. You do not need to reboot for the change to become effective.

2. MusixT_EX and friends

2.1. Where to get them

$2.1.1.\ \mathrm{Musix}T_{E}X$

You can obtain MusixTEX from the software pages of the Icking Music Archive (http://icking-music-archive.org/software). Look for a file called musixtex.zip.

2.1.2. Additional packages

In addition to basic MusixT_EX, a package of extensions and preprocessors is available which you may find useful or even indispensable for your music typesetting. All these add-ons are now bundled in the archive muswin.zip, which is also available from the software pages of the Icking Music Archive and which contains the following packages:

- musixlyr, for typesetting vocal music with lyrics
- musixser, which offers the option of entering music one voice at a time
- PMX, a preprocessor for MusixTEX which simplifies the process of music coding
- M-Tx, a preprocessor for PMX which includes the option of entering lyrics
- the psslur-K archive containing utilities for Postscript slurs.

Please note that muswin.zip may not always contain the most recent versions of any of these packages. Updated ("beta") versions of individual packages may be found separately on the software pages of the Icking Music Archive: http://icking-music-archive.org/software/indexmt6.html. As the updates may contain essential improvements, fixes, etc., it is recommended to check whether more recent versions are available before installing the contents of muswin.zip.

2.2. Installing

- 1. Use your favourite unzipping tool to unpack both musixtex.zip and muswin.zip into the same temporary directory, for example c:\musixtemp.
- Unzipping muswin.zip yields several subsidiary zip archives: pmx*.zip, mtx*.zip, musixser*.zip, musixlyr*.zip, and psslur-k.zip. Unzip each of these archives into c:\musixtemp.

You should now find that several new subdirectories have been created in your temporary directory: bin, doc, dvips, metafont, pmxab, prepmx, scor2prt, tex, and tfm.

- 3. In your localtexmf tree, create a series of subdirectories to receive MusixTEX files.
 - 3.1. In localtexmf, create a subdirectory called tex. In tex, create a subdirectory called generic. In generic, create a subdirectory called musixtex. You should now have a directory path that looks like this:

c:\localtexmf\tex\generic\musixtex.

(Note: Strictly speaking, you can skip the directory generic if you like. I put it in for the sake of tradition and symmetry – it reflects both the structure of the local texmf tree under previous versions of $MiKT_{EX}$ and the structure of the texmf tree under $MiKT_{EX}$ 2.1. What is crucial is that the musixtex directory MUST be located below the localtexmf\tex folder for T_{EX} to be able to find the $MusixT_{EX}$ macro files. In other words, a path such as c:\localtexmf\tex\musixtex or c:\localtexmf\tex\music\musixtex would be fine, but c:\localtexmf\anyotherdir\musixtex will not work.)

- 3.2. In localtexmf\fonts\source, create a subdirectory called public. In public, create a subdirectory called musixtex. You should now have a directory path that looks like this: c:\localtexmf\fonts\source\public\musixtex.
- 3.3. In localtexmf\fonts\tfm, create a subdirectory called public. In public, create a subdirectory called musixtex. You should now have a directory path that looks like this: c:\localtexmf\fonts\tfm\public\musixtex.
- 3.4. In localtexmf, create a subdirectory called doc.

- 4. Move the MusixTEX files from your temporary directory to their destined locations.
 - 4.1. Move all *.exe files from c:\musixtemp\bin to your local binaries directory if you created one while installing MiKTEX. If you prefer not to use a local binaries directory, move the *.exe files to c:\texmf\miktex\bin.
 - 4.2. Move all *.tex and *.sty files from c:\musixtemp\tex to c:\localtexmf\tex\generic\musixtex.
 - 4.3. Move all *.mf files from c:\musixtemp\metafont to c:\localtexmf\fonts\source\public\musixtex.
 - 4.4. Move all *.tfm files from c:\musixtemp\tfm to c:\localtexmf\fonts\tfm\public\musixtex.
 - 4.5. Move the file psslurs.pro from c:\musixtemp\dvips to c:\localtexmf\dvips\base (if this directory doesn't exist in your localtexmf tree, create it).
 - 4.6. Move everything in the c:\musixtemp\doc directory to c:\localtexmf\doc.
- 5. Go to the MiKT_EX Options dialogue and refresh the File Name Database to tell MiKT_EX about all its beautiful new files.
- 6. Read the documentation.

To refresh the $MiKT_EX$ File Name Database: In your Start menu, navigate to Programs / MiKTeX / MiKTeX Options, select the "General" tab, and click "Refresh Now".

MusixT_EX, PMX, M-Tx, Musixlyr, Musixser and the K type PostScript slurs* are now installed and ready to use. There will be some files left over in your temporary directory, but you don't need any of them for running MusixT_EX on a Windows platform.

3. Type 1 Fonts for MusixT_EX

For creating PDF and Postscript versions of MusixT_EX output, Type 1 fonts frequently provide better results (and smaller output files) than the bitmapped fonts which are part of the regular MusixT_EX package.

3.1. Where to get them

MusixTEX Type1 fonts are available from the software page of the Icking Music Archive in the file musixps.zip.

3.2. Installing

1. Unzip musixps.zip into a temporary directory. Make sure the directory structure remains intact when unzipping (check "Use folder names" in WinZip, type "unzip -a musixps.zip" if running pkzip).

When correctly unpacked, the Zip archive will yield three subdirectories: dvipdfm, dvips, and pfb. The first two directories will each contain a file called musix.map. The pfb directory will contain the Type1 font files. Of the files in the top-level directory, you should read the files readme.txt and readme_mik.txt. The batch files can be used to automate the installation process if you edit the settings for texmf, localtexmf and your local binaries directory to reflect the location of these directories on your system. You can also install the fonts by hand as follows.

2. Make sure that your texmf and localtexmf trees contain the following directories (if any of

^{*} As of the writing of this document, the version of psslurs.tex included in muswin.zip contains a bug which is fixed in a newer version available separately on the Icking Archive software page. To replace the faulty file, download musixps92a.zip, unzip, and, in c:\localtexmf\tex\generic\musixtex, overwrite the existing psslurs.tex with the bugfix version. (The bugfix version is dated 23.06.2002.)

them don't exist, create them now):

- 1.1. c: $localtexmf\fonts\type1\musixtex$
- 1.2. c:\texmf\dvips\config
- 1.3. c:\texmf\dvipdfm\config
- 2. Move the files from your temporary directory to their destined locations.
 - 2.1. Move all *.pfb files to c:\localtexmf\fonts\type1\musixtex.
 - 2.2. Move the file musix.map which is in the dvips subdirectory of your temporary directory to c:\texmf\dvips\config.
 - 2.3. Move the file musix.map which is in the dvipdfm subdirectory of your temporary directory to c:\texmf\dvipdfm\config.
- 3. Edit the config files.
 - 3.1. In c:\texmf\dvips\config, open config.ps in a text editor and add the line: p +musix.map
 - 3.2. In c:\texmf\dvips\config.pdf in a text editor and add the line: p +musix.map
 - 3.3. In c:\texmf\dvipdfm\config, open the file config in a text editor and add the line: f musix.map
- 4. Refresh the MiKT_EX File Name Database.

4. Type M PostScript slurs

4.1. Where to get them

If you wish to use Hiroaki Morimoto's PostScript slurs, you may download the most recent version from http://homepage1.nifty.com/kuuku/notation/index-e.html in a gzipped TAR archive called musixpss-0.50.tar.gz. (WinZip can unpack this archive format.)

4.2. Installing

In order to use these slurs, you must first install MetaPost in your T_EX system. Here's how to do this in Mik T_EX 2.1:

- 1. Go to the MikTEX Options dialogue box and select the "Packages" tab.
- 2. Select your Download Site.
 - 2.1. Click on the "Change" button next to the "Download Site" text box.
 - 2.2. In the "Change Download Site" dialogue box, choose "Internet" if you don't have the installation files for the full MikT_EX installation anywhere on your computer, or select the local folder that contains the installation files.
 - 2.3. Click "Finish" to set the download site.
- 3. Now select the packages you want to install.
 - 3.1. Go to the directory tree in the "MikTEX Packages" pane. Expand "Formats" by clicking on the plus sign next to the word, then do the same for "ConTeXt" and "MetaPost".
 - 3.2. Click the check box next to "MetaPost" to select the package. Make sure that both subfolders, "MetaPost base" and "MetaPost executables" are selected.
 - 3.3. Click "Apply" to install the MetaPost package.
 - 3.4. Refresh the MikT_EX File Name Database.

Now you're ready to install the actual slurs.

1. Use WinZip (or another unpacker than can handle tarballs) to unpack musixpss-0.50.tar.gz into a temporary directory, e.g. c:\musixtemp.

- 2. Move musixpss.tex to c:\localtexmf\tex\generic\musixtex.
- 3. Move musixpss.mp to c:\localtexmf\metapost\generic\musixtex (you will probably need to create these subdirectories first if they don't exist in your localtexmf tree).
- 4. Move musixpss.exe to your local binaries directory if you have one. If you prefer not to use a local binaries directory, move the file to c:\texmf\miktex\bin.
- 5. Move the documentation file musixpss_e.html from c:\musixtemp\doc_en to c:\localtexmf\doc\musixtex.
- 6. Refresh the MikTEX File Name Database.

5. Upgrading an existing MusixT_EX installation

To upgrade an existing MusixT_EX installation, download the latest version of MusixT_EX from the same place you got your previous versions and unzip to a temporary directory. Then simply overwrite the old MusixT_EX files with the new ones, following the same procedure (described in 2.2 above) as when you installed the package for the first time.

6. Writing/compiling MusixT_EX source files

To create input files, all you really need is a text editor. However, there are many T_EX editors (a.k.a. $T_{E}X$ shells) available that make the job a bit easier by providing syntax highlighting, toolbar buttons for easy access to $T_{E}X$ executables, etc. Some of these editors are freeware, and many are preconfigured for MiKT_EX by default. (None, however, will come preconfigured for a MusixTeX installation. You will need to **carefully read the documentation** of the editor you choose in order to set it up to work with the MusixTeX executables.)

When compiling MusixTEX files, you will be invoking tex.exe, musixflx.exe, the preprocessor executables pmxab.exe and mtx.exe, an output viewer (which, in MiKTEX, is yap.exe), and other utilities such as dvips, dvipdfm, etc. "Configuring your editor" to work with these programs means setting up a way to start these programs and run them on your source file without having to exit the editor. This will typically involve a toolbar button, dropdown list entry, or keyboard shortcut for each program you wish to invoke. Your editor's online help will tell you how to set these things up. It's up to you to find this information in the online help; it will certainly be there to be found, but may go by different names ("TEX Programs", "User Tools", "Compiler Type", etc.) in different editors.

Browse the links at http://www.miktex.org/links.html as a starting point to find a T_EX editor you like. Some of the more popular ones include WinEdt (many bells and whistles; shareware; turns into increasingly annoying nagware after 30 days), TeXnicCenter (many bells and whistles; freeware; **WARNING:** the last beta this writer tested had a tendency to overwrite a standalone MusixT_EX source file with a default LaT_EX master file and did this without warning, without saving a backup, and without any visible means of disabling this behaviour), and WinT_EX2000 (not quite as many bells and whistles, but more than enough for MusixT_EX; easier to customise than WinEdt; not free, and refuses to start after 30 days' free trial). There is also the powerful freeware Crimson Editor (http://www.crimsoneditor.com), which supports a number of different programming languages and may support MusixT_EX syntax one day if someone creates the necessary custom syntax files; meanwhile the setting for LaT_EX, while not ideal, will serve for MusixT_EX purposes.