

MUSIC QUIZ*



Music Quiz is a program where up to 4 players can challenge each others music knowledge. The program plays a song and then provides 4 answers of which only one is correct. The player who pushes his button fastest must answer. The faster you are, the more points you get.

Music Quiz does not provide the music but uses your own mp3 collection through your own playlists. This way everybody can guess his or her favorite music.

INSTALL

Copy the program file into a folder of your choice. Call it from there. Done. You might prefer to create a link in your start menu or your desktop using your windows knowledge.

The Music Quiz program uses your mp3 songs. The songs have to be listed within m3u playlists. You can select different playlists. The songs are randomly chosen out of the selected list.

I do not have mp3 files. Too bad, you can't play Music Quiz.

I do not have m3u playlists. No problem. Get a copy of the program mp3tag from <http://www.mp3tag.de/>. Use it to create playlists.



You can customize the user interface of the Music Quiz program. Double click the background picture to select a different picture (size 1280x1024 pixel). Double click the player pictures to load your own pictures (size 170x230 pixel). Double click the player name to enter your own name. Leave the player name blank to delete the player panel. Double click the program title ("Music Quiz" line at window top) to maximize the window. The player names and pictures will be saved and automatically displayed the next time you start the Music Quiz program.

I used the Budmo Jiggler font for the title line. If this is not installed on your computer you might want to do that. It's prettier. But the program will work without it.

* Translated by Frank Siegert. I am not a natural English speaker. If you find any nonsense or bad English please don't let me appear like a donkey and mail those errors so I can correct them. Thank you!

BUZZER



You can use your USB Playstation buzzer with Music Quiz. Playing with buzzers doubles the fun! You can get buzzers – even without playstation games – for instance at eBay.

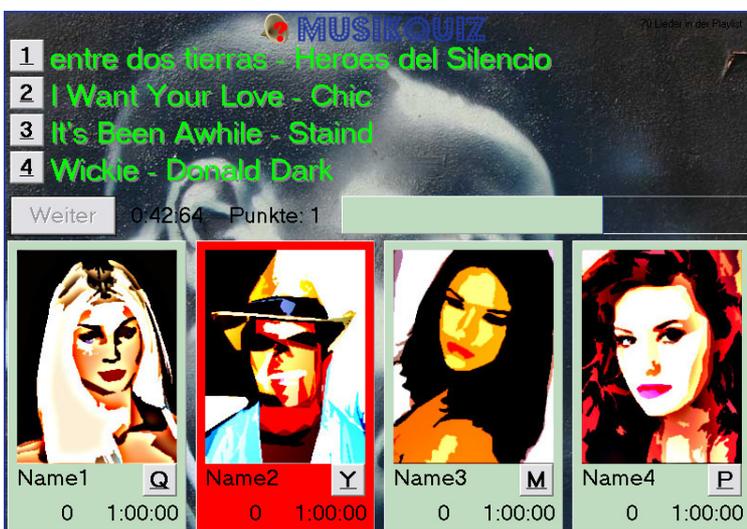
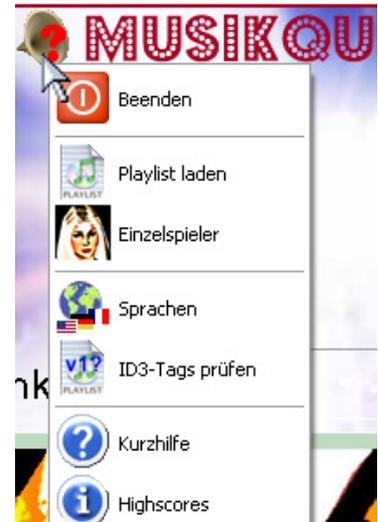
Every player takes a buzzer and presses his or her red button upon request from the automatic dialog after plugging in.

PLAY

Click the program icon to activate the program menu. Select load playlist. Or simply press the start button. In either case you get a open dialog to select a playlist. As soon as the playlist is selected the quiz starts. As song is being played and the display doesn't change. After 10 seconds 4 different titles are displayed and 10 seconds later the performers are also displayed.

At any time while the song is being played all players may press their letter key (Q, Y, M or P). Is a player key pressed even within the first 10 seconds the 4 titles are being shown directly after pressing the key (titles only, not the artists). The music stops and the active player has about 3 seconds to press an answer key (1 to 4). A progress bar counts this down.

For a correct answer the candidate gets the displayed points. This is 3 points within the first 10 seconds, 2 points within the 10 following seconds and one point after that.



The fastest click is being displayed on the player panel.

For wrong answers you also get points. That is the displayed points as negative. The song continues after a wrong answer and the other players (and only them) can now take their turn.

If you don't answer within the progress bar time you also get minus points but you may continue to play (for instance if someone else guessed wrong or more information is displayed).

The song will continue to play after every answer – wrong or right. Click the

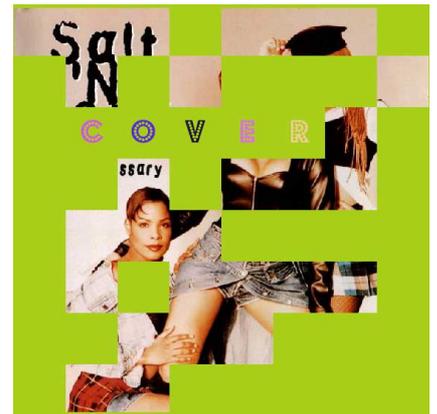
next button (or hit the enter key) to play the next song. You can also click the next button (or hit the enter key) if no one wants to guess.

The player with most points wins. You chose the maximum points or playing time yourself.

GUESS A COVER

With version 2.5 you get the opportunity to guess CD covers. Create a subfolder “cover” where you stored the Music Quiz program. Copy your JPG cover images into this folder. The images should be square and have at least 600 x 600 pixels. The Music Quiz program does not provide cover images. A good source for cover images is your own CD collection or <http://www.cdcovers.cc/>. The image file name must be “artist – title”. Mind the space minus space combination between artist and title.

Guess a cover works just like guessing music. Every 10 songs a cover will be presented. Alter this frequency editing musikquiz.ini.



VIDEOS



With version 3.0 you get the opportunity to guess Videos. Create a subfolder “video” where you stored the Music Quiz program. Copy your Videos into this folder. The Music Quiz program does not provide videos. A good source for videos is <http://www.youtube.com>. You can download YouTube videos using the website http://javimoya.com/blog/youtube_en.php. But you will have to convert the videos into an established video format (like wmv). This you can obtain using <http://media-convert.com/convert/>. While converting use the option „split“. Doing so you limit the video time and size and avoid boring video

watch sessions.

The video file name must be “artist – title”. Mind the space minus space combination between artist and title.

In addition to all your video files you need the VLC media player Version 0.8.6 or higher to be installed on you computer. You can get a free version right here: <http://www.videolan.org/vlc/>. Do install the ActiveX-Component because this is what Music Quiz needs to play your videos.

SINGLE PLAYER MODE

You can select the single user mode from the main menu (click program icon for menu). Now one player plays the clock. You have about 2 minutes for guessing. Guess as many songs as you can. Only the time before guessing counts toward the 2 minutes. After guessing the song will continue to play and this does not count toward the 2 minutes.

After your 2 minutes your accumulated points will be saved in a highscore list. This highscore list can be displayed using the main menu.

LANGUAGES

You can change the language using the main menu. Select "Sprachen" (this is German which you want to get rid of and means languages). You need a language file to change the language. An English language file can be obtained where you got this documentation.

You can also create your own language file in case your mother tongue is not English. Just take the file English.ini and edit it line for line with your favorite text editor. Then save your new language file (like latin.ini). And send a copy to my mail address (see below) so I can offer it at my website. Go ahead and translate this documentation too!

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