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Subject: Re: playing sound from within IDL  
Posted by [Andrew Cool](#) on Thu, 20 Sep 2001 22:38:06 GMT  
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John Votaw wrote:

>  
> Does anybody know how to play a portion of a .wav file from within IDL?  
> I currently output the substream with write\_wav() and then use  
> RealPlayer to hear it but this is too cumbersome. I'm running IDL 5.4  
> on a windows 2000 pc.  
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> John Votaw  
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Goto to Ronn Kling's website, and suck in Randall Frank's IDL\_TOOLS DLM  
& DLL

files, which allow asynch sound playing. Certainly works on WIN95/98.

You'll

have to suck it & see on WIN2000...

e.g.

```
sounddata = READ_WAV(my_WAV_file, rate)
handle    = SND_PLAY(sounddata, rate)
```

If you only want to play a prtion of the WAV file, then why not only  
write out  
that portion of the array? If you don't know which portion, perhaps you  
can PLOT  
the array to visually determine the area of interest?

<http://www.rlkling.com/freeware/randallfrank.html>

But I'm no expert in matters sound - you may wish to wait for an Audio  
Guru  
to respond ;-)

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