

# Working with soundtracks

The soundtrack is background music that plays during your karaoke song. It can be an instrumental recording, a real song with vocals removed, or a MIDI song converted into an appropriate format. You can work with soundtracks in MP3 or WAV formats.

To choose the soundtrack, click **Load Primary Soundtrack** on the toolbar or select the **Load Primary Soundtrack** command from the **File** menu. Karaoke Creator can use up to three soundtracks:

- **Primary**: Complete song.
- **Vocal-removed**: Song without vocals.
- **Vocal-only**: Contains only singing.



Loaded soundtracks can be changed using the **Current Soundtrack** button (  ) or the **Current Soundtrack** command from the **Play** menu.

The soundtrack is displayed in the **Soundtrack Panel**. To play the soundtrack, use the toolbar buttons or commands from the **Play** menu. For more details on playing files, see the [Playback Controls](#) section.

To replace the soundtrack with a different file, choose the **Load Soundtrack** command again for that soundtrack. All synchronization information will be retained.

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## Playback Controls

To play the soundtrack, use the toolbar buttons or commands from the **Play** menu. During playback, the cursor moves as the playback position changes. Also, if the **Highlight lyrics during playback** option in the **Synchronize** menu is selected, Karaoke Creator highlights words in the lyrics editor.

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|  | Start | Ctrl+1 | Starts the playback from current cursor position |
|  | Pause | Ctrl+2 | Pauses the playback and resumes it               |

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|  | Stop                     | Ctrl+3 | Stops the playback. Cursor stays at the last played position.           |
|  | Rewind                   | Ctrl+4 | Moves the playback position 10 seconds backwards                        |
|  | Forward                  | Ctrl+5 | Moves the playback position 10 seconds forward                          |
|  | Playback speed           |        | Allows to change the playback speed                                     |
|  | Play from start          | Ctrl+6 | Moves the cursor to the start of the file and starts the playback       |
|                                                                                  | Play current word        | Ctrl+7 | Plays the current word (starts 1 second before and ends 1 second after) |
|                                                                                  | Play current word (loop) | Ctrl+8 | Plays the current word in loop                                          |

**Important information:**

If you start dragging word labels during playback, Karaoke Creator enters word adjustment mode. It will loop around current label position, allowing you to get perfect synchronization. This feature can be controlled in **Tools / Settings** under **Synchronization / Loop playback when dragging labels**. You may adjust the time margin that will be used for playback.

**TIP:** If the song is fast-paced and you have trouble synchronizing it, use a lower playback speed. Note that the sound might be slightly distorted.