

Using the World Percussion Network: File Libraries

Several files are available on the WPN that may be of interest to you. The WPN contains files for specific computer platforms (such as IBM, Macs, and Amigas—to mention just a few) as well as text files that can be opened and read by any computer. The File Libraries are designed to store files of any type, and make them available for you to browse, select, and transfer (download) to your system. There are also facilities for you to send files (upload) from your system to a Library for others to download to their systems.

All of the WPN's files are located in the LIBRARY. In order to keep some sort of order to the large number of files, the library is broken up into smaller libraries.

From the top menu (the first menu you see when connecting to the WPN), type "L" then press the Return key to move into the Libraries area of the WPN. When you first enter the LIBRARY area, you'll see this prompt:

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F ... Find files
D ... Download a file
U ... Upload a file
S ... Select a Library
L ... Download lists of files
P ... Set your preferences
X ... Exit File Libraries
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FILE TRANSFERS—In different areas of the WPN, you will have the opportunity to transfer files from your computer to the WPN, as well as from the WPN to your computer (uploading & downloading files). File transfers can be accomplished through a wide variety of "protocols". The terminal software you're using to call the WPN may not support all available protocols. Be sure to pick one that your software supports. The ASCII and LIST protocols will only work with ordinary ASCII text files. The other protocols will work on all files.

FILE NAMES—Files can be named just like DOS files, with one to eight characters, a dot (.), and zero to three characters: FILE-NAME.EXT

WILDCARDS—Wildcards are used to specify the name of a file when you don't know the exact name of the file or you want to specify multiple files. For example: auto*.*—any filename which starts with "auto"; *.zip—all files with the extension of "zip"; patch?.zip—any filename which starts "patch" followed by any single character and with the extension "zip".

TAGGING FILES FOR DOWNLOAD—When searching through files, you don't have to download a file immediately.

Instead, you can tag it for later download.

F = Find Files—Select the F option from the Library menu if you want to list files available or search for a particular file. You can list files in alphabetical order, by date, by number of downloads or you can search by file name or keyword.

D = Download a File—Type D <filename> <optional protocol> If the file exists in any Library or if you used a wildcard in the file name, the download will start right away.

U = Upload a File—Select U to upload files. Enter the name of the file you wish to upload and select the file transfer

protocol.

S = Selecting a Library—Enter S <Library name> to select a library or enter S? to get a list of all the Libraries.

L = Download Lists of Files—Select L to download a list of all the files in a Library or all the files in all Libraries if you prefer to search for files offline.

T = Manage Tagged Files—Select the T option to download files you have tagged. If you have tagged more than one file, you can download them all at once.

P = Set Your Preferences—The preferences menu allows you to specify a preferred file transfer protocol or configure your default method of file listing and searching.

LIBRARY COMMANDS AND SUBCOMMANDS

F—Find files

List Files Commands:

F—By file name, alphabetically

D—By date, most recently added to Library

Q—Quickscan for new files

N—By number of times the file has been downloaded

Search Files:

W—By file name, or partial file name (wildcards)

K—Keyword search through file names and descriptions

C—Current Library

A—All Libraries

D—Download a file

Enter a file name, partial file name, or "wildcard" file specification to download.

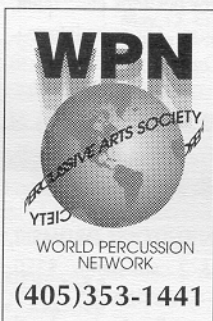
U—Upload a file

<file name>—Upload a file to this Library

*—Upload multiple files at once

M—Modify descriptions to files you have uploaded

S—Select a Library



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Select a Library by name or enter '?' for a list.

L—Download lists of files

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P—File transfer protocol for downloading

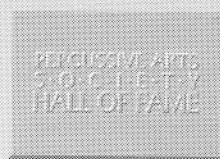
T—File List/Search type, by keyword, date, file name, number of downloads

R—File List/Search range, in the current Library or in all Libraries

C—Clear preferences, restore system defaults

X—Exit File Libraries

—Norm Weinberg



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