

AutoSonic Essentials

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This is intended as a brief guide to aid in the setup of AutoSonic. At this time, the biggest obstacle in the path to successful AutoSonic work is Mac OS 9's Java framework, the Mac Runtime for Java (MRJ) extensions and their associated files. Mismatched versions and missing files are responsible for the majority of the AutoSonic trouble reports. Most of this guide is focused on the MRJ extensions...

General Information:

For the sake of simplicity, it may appear easier to remove one set of MRJ extensions. Do so at your own risk however: AutoSonic may work without the loose MRJ extensions* but, there is no guarantee that other applications will be operate correctly without the loose MRJ extensions.

Do:

- Backup the initial v2.2 MRJ Libraries folder.
- Run the Apple MRJ 2.2.5 updater available on the Sonic Studio website in the Downloads section. Note that the loose MRJ extensions should be updated to v 2.2.5, although AutoSonic may still function if they are left as version 2.2.
- Keep the computer dedicated to AutoSonic, or SSHD/AutoSonic at very least. Installing AutoSonic on a "jack of all trades" computer may result in crashes and failures that are nearly impossible to isolate due to the heavy amount of system alteration. In other words, the computer in question should be restarted using the "Base" Extension Manager setting if possible.
- Regular high or low level formatting of the hard drive used to store your sound files is highly recommended.

Do Not:

- Do not trash all existing MRJ files before updating to MRJ 2.2.5. The Apple MRJ 2.2.5 updater does not update or restore every file in the "MRJ Libraries" folder. If the contents of the MRJ Libraries folder are erased, some crucial files *will not be replaced* during the update. Symptoms of this are crashes during the startup of AutoSonic, Audio Worker refusing to launch, et cetera.

Note: "Loose MRJ extensions" refers to the "MRJ Symantec JITC" and "MRJLib" files located outside of the "MRJ Libraries" folder in System Folder > Extensions. It is important to note that identical files exist inside the "MRJ Libraries" folder (Extensions > MRJ Libraries/...).