

## CHAPTER 9: Multimedia

### Introduction:

Today, the computer is not only used in processing documents and managing IT systems, it is also widely used for multimedia. You can now play your favorite audio CD and watch videos.

### In this chapter, you will learn how to:

- Play multimedia like audio and video
- Create a playlist

### Situation:

Your friend Kim gave you a copy of William Hung's album "Inspiration" as your birthday present. This album does not only contain audio tracks but also music videos of the songs. You are inspired by the songs so you want to play it while doing your research project. Furthermore, you like watching the music videos when taking a break from your research work.

### Tasks:

1. Play audio tracks.
2. Create a playlist of your favorite tracks.
3. Play videos.
4. Create a playlist of your favorite videos.

### Solution:

1. To play the songs of William Hung, insert the CD into the CD drive.
2. Click *Start Applications->Programs and Applications->Sound & Video->KsCD*. This will launch the KsCD application. Press the "Play" button to start playing the CD.



3. To go to a particular track click the down button on the drop down menu and select the track number. You can also use the Previous and Next button to move between tracks.

The problem with KsCD is that you cannot create playlist. If you want to create a playlist on your audio CD, you can use XMMS. XMMS can also play MP3s.

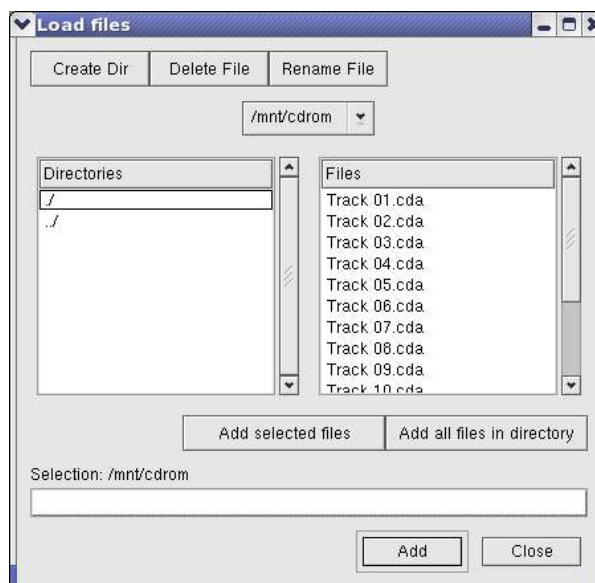
4. Click *Start Applications->Programs and Applications->Sound & Video->More Sound & Video Applications->XMMS*.



The default window shown is the main window. To show the Playlist Editor, right click anywhere the main window and check "Playlist Editor".



5. To open the audio tracks, click "FILE" button on the "Playlist Editor". On the "Load files" dialog box, go to the "/mnt/cdrom" directory and click "Add all files in the directory". Click "Close" button to exit dialog box.



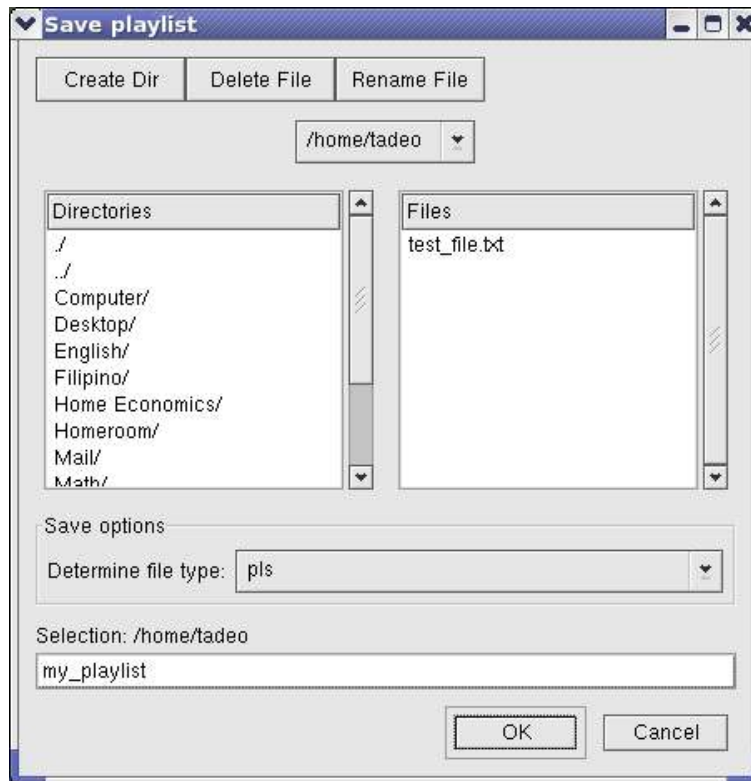
- Press "Play" button to play the selected track. To go to a particular track, double click the track on the playlist editor. You can also use the Previous and Next button to move between tracks.



- To remove a track on the playlist editor, select the track and press the right mouse button. From the menu, select *Remove->Selected*. Do the same with all the tracks you want to remove.



8. Now, you wanted to save the current playlist. To save a playlist, Click on the “LOAD LIST” button and select “SAVE LIST”. On the “Save playlist” dialog box, select “pls” on the “Determine file type” drop down menu and type “my\_playlist” on the edit box. Click “OK” to save the playlist.



9. You decided to take a break and watch the music videos included in the CD. Before opening the music video, shutdown the XMMS first by clicking on the Exit button. Then launch the video player, click *Start Applications->Programs and Applications->Sound & Video->More Sound & Video Applications->Media Player*.



10. To play the video CD, right click on the player window then from the menu select *VCD->Open disc*. This will start playing the video.



**Summary:**

You are now able to:

- Play multimedia like audio and video.
- Create a playlist.