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Sounddogs.com presents its own desktop application, to bring 320,000 high-quality sounds directly to you.

The software features a Cloud Library including Online, Advanced and Fast Search, Navigation through categories and even Personal Organization building your own Sound Effects Database with Local Libraries.

A Built-in preview Player lets users listen, select sounds and direct download them in High Resolution format with full metadata.

The subscription based license system avoids dealing with browsers, payments and download links. Easily drag and drop the downloaded audios from the application directly to any DAW or Audio Editor software as Pro Tools.

### System Requirements

Apple OSX 10.7.3 or higher, running Java 8 or higher

Windows 10, 8, 7, Vista, and Server (64 bits OS)

### How to Install

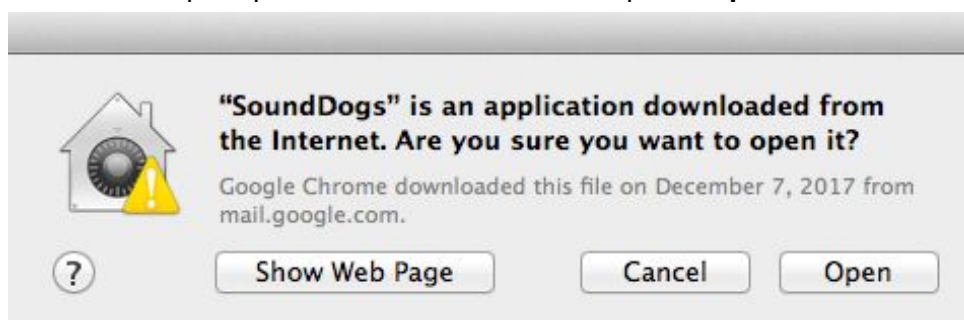
1. Download the installer "SoundDogs-1.1.2.dmg"

#### Win

2. Double click the "SoundDogs-1.1.2.exe" and follow the Setup Wizard

#### Mac

2. Double click the "SoundDogs-1.1.2.dmg" to mount it.
3. Drag "SoundDogs" icon into your Applications folder.
4. Open "SoundDogs" from your Applications folder.
5. You will be prompted with the below window, press **Open**.





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6. If this fails, you may need to select "Security & Privacy" from the "System Preferences" window. Select the "General" tab, and select the lock in the lower left corner to **allow** changes. Enter your computer username and password, then select "Unlock." In the "**Allow apps downloaded from:**" section, select the radio button to the left of "Anywhere" or the button "Open Anyway" if applicable

**Mac & Win.** Start Sounddogs and enter your License Key to activate the software, it will look something like this XX99-XXXX-XXX9-XXX9-9XX9-9XX9-99XX



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### How to use Sounddogs Desktop App

Type the keyword(s) of your search on the *Advanced Search* Section. Also Browse by *Categories*, *Subcategories* and *Libraries*

The screenshot shows the 'Advanced Search' section of the SoundDogs Desktop App. It includes a search bar for 'Keyword:', a dropdown for 'Category:', a dropdown for 'Subcategory:', and a dropdown for 'Library:' set to 'ALL LIBRARIES'. There are 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons. Below the search fields, there are links to 'Browse by Categories' and 'Browse by Libraries'.

The results will appear on your right. They can be ordered by Description, Category, Subcategory, Library, Filename, Duration (Sec), Bit Depth (BD), Sample Rate (SR) and ID.

The screenshot shows the results table of the SoundDogs Desktop App. The table has columns for No., Description, Category, Subcategory, Lib, and File Name. The results are filtered by the keyword 'car pass by fast'. The table shows 5 results, numbered 101 to 105. The 'Quick Search' bar at the bottom shows the keyword 'car pass by fast' and the 'With Selected' options 'Download' and 'Delete'. The table is showing results 101-200 of 1083.

| No. | Description  | Category      | Subcategory        | Lib | File Name   |
|-----|--|---------------|--------------------|-----|---|
| 101 | Cars Specific   Race Cars Dragster    Pass By, Fast Speed, Engine Roar Sharp, Away Sudden Decelerate, Crowd Whoos Claps Distant @ Tail, Medium Close, Exterior                     | Cars Specific | Race Cars Dragster |     | Dragster, Pass By, Fast Speed, Engine Roar Sharp, Away Sudden Decelerate, Crowd Whoos Claps, 2.wav              |
| 102 | Cars Specific   Race Cars Dragster    Pass By, Fast Speed, Engine Roar Sharp, Whine By Sudden Decelerate, Away Pops Explosions Distant, Crowd Light @ Tail, Medium Close, Exterior | Cars Specific | Race Cars Dragster |     | Dragster, Pass By, Fast Speed, Engine Roar Sharp, Away Sudden Decelerate, Crowd Whoos Claps, 2.wav              |
| 103 | Cars Specific   Race Cars Dragster    Pass By, Overmod, Top Fuel Burnout, Fast Speed, Engine Roar Sharp, Loud, Very Powerful, Crowd Excited Distant @ Tail, Medium Close, Exterior | Cars Specific | Race Cars Dragster |     | Dragster, Pass By, Overmod, Top Fuel Burnout, Fast Speed, Engine Roar Sharp, Loud, Very Powerful.wav            |
| 104 | Cars Specific   Race Cars Dragster    Pass By, Burnout, Fast Speed, Gearing Pops Explosions, Engine Roar Sharp, Loud, Very Powerful, Medium Close, Exterior                        | Cars Specific | Race Cars Dragster |     | Dragster, Pass By, Burnout, Fast Speed, Gearing Pops Explosions, Engine Roar Sharp.wav                          |
| 105 | Cars Specific   Race Cars Dragster    Pass By Top Fuel Burnout, Fast Speed, Up Gear Up, Engine Roar Sharp, Sputter, Very Loud, Powerful, Away Short, Medium Close, Exterior        | Cars Specific | Race Cars Dragster |     | Dragster, Pass By Top Fuel Burnout, Fast Speed, Up Gear Up, Engine Roar Sharp, Sputter, Very Loud, Powerful.wav |

The order of the columns results can be rearranged for your convenience



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Filter the results adding keywords to the *Quick Search* box:

The screenshot shows the SoundDogs Desktop App interface. On the left, there is a sidebar with a 'SoundDogs' tab and a 'Local' sub-tab. Below this is an 'Advanced Search' section with fields for 'Keyword:', 'Category:', 'Subcategory:', and 'Library:'. The 'Keyword:' field contains 'car pass by fast'. Below these fields are 'Browse by Categories' and 'Browse by Libraries' links. A 'Search' button is also present. The main area displays a table of search results with columns 'No.' and 'Description'. The table contains four rows of results, each with a number and a detailed description of sound effects. At the bottom of the main area, there is a 'Quick Search' box containing 'car pass by fast corolla', a 'With Selected:' dropdown, and 'Download' and 'Delete' buttons. The 'Quick Search' box is highlighted with a red circle.

| No. | Description  |
|-----|--|
| 1   | Cars Specific   Race Cars Various    Toyota Corolla Modified,Pass By,Very Fast Speed,Approach Hard Accelerate,Pass By Coasting Nice Engine Roar,Away Decelerate Muffler Roar Rumble,Medium Close POV,Exterior,BG Traffic,Take 2                |
| 2   | Cars Specific   Race Cars Various    Toyota Corolla Modified,Pass By,Accelerate Medium Fast,Away Very Fast Jerky Acceleration,Decelerate Revs,Medium Close POV,Exterior,BG Traffic   |
| 3   | Cars Specific   Race Cars Various    Toyota Corolla Modified,Pass By,Approach Accelerating Very Fast,Pass By Engine Low Rumble Sputtering,Away Accelerate Press Release Constant,Nice Muffler Roar Rumble,Medium Close POV,Exterior,BG Traffic |
| 4   | Cars Specific   Race Cars Various    Toyota Corolla Modified,Pass By Drifting Series x9,Approach Accelerates Fast,Stop Tires Skid Screech,Accelerate Fast Burnouts,Medium Close,Away Accelerate Fast,Distant Stop Skids Idle,Exterior,MS       |

Navigate through results with up/down arrows and through pages results with left/right arrows

Click on a result to preview it in the bottom player.

The screenshot shows the SoundDogs Desktop App interface with a preview player at the bottom. The preview player displays a waveform of the selected sound effect. The selected sound effect is 'Corolla,Pass By Drifting Series x9,Approach Accelerates Fast,Stop,2766.wav'. The preview player also shows the current time (00:00:33.478) and the length (00:02:08.197). The preview is in low quality, and a message at the bottom left says 'Preview is loaded! Previews are in low quality. Please download original wav file to select, extract and export sound channel.'



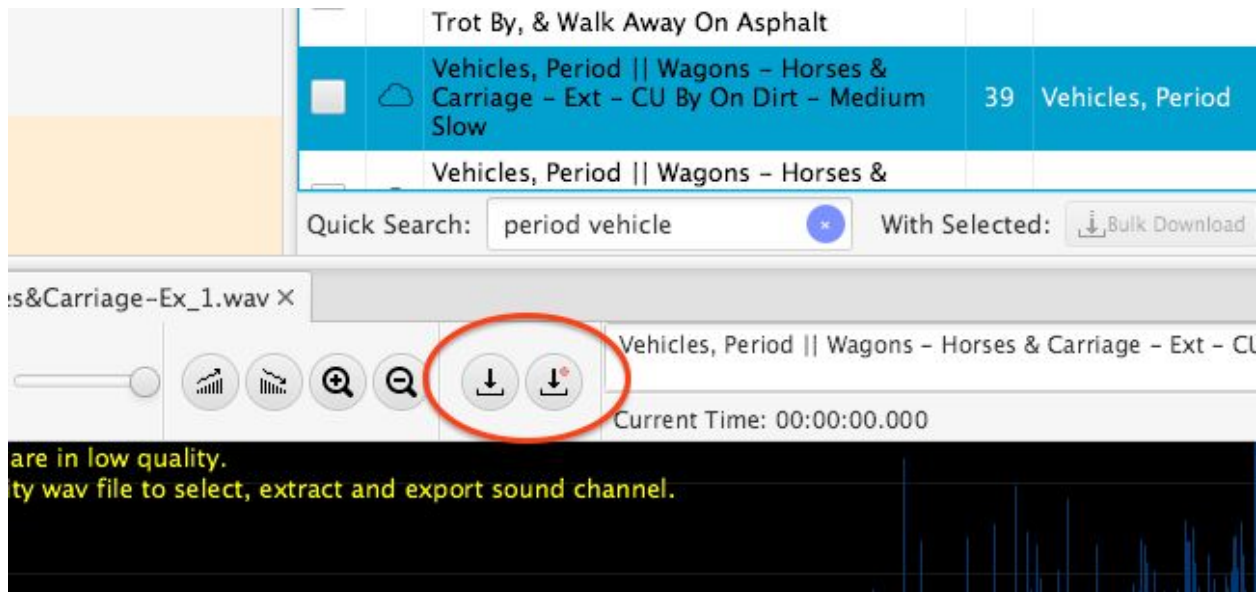
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*Pin current Audio* using the shortcut ⌘P (Mac) or CtrlP (Win) to attach it to the player, so you can keep it open when select another one from the results



### To Download a sound:

Select it and Click the Download Button.



You can also do the same thing:

- Using the shortcut ⌘D (Mac) or Ctrl D (Win)
- Clicking on the menu command: **"File-->Download"**
- Through the right click menu on the file, clicking on **Download**.

Most of the key functions of this App will be available to be performed by these 3 ways mentioned before.



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Select one or more results and download them all by clicking on the *Bulk Download* icon situated on the bottom bar or using the shortcut ⌘B (Mac) or Ctrl B (Win)

|                                     |  |    |                  |  |          |                                 |   |    |    |
|-------------------------------------|--|----|------------------|--|----------|---------------------------------|---|----|----|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Vehicles, Period    Wagons – Horse & Carriage – Ext – Medium Distant By – Slow Horse Foot Clops W Carriage Squeaks &     | 8  | Vehicles, Period |  | 10107273 | Wagons-Horse&Carriage-Ex_34.wav | 2 | 16 | 48 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Vehicles, Period    Wagons – Horse & Carriage – Ext – Distant Long Trot In & CU By On Asphalt, Slow, W Prancing Movement | 36 | Vehicles, Period |  | 10107796 | Wagons-Horse&Carriage-Ext-D.wav | 2 | 16 | 48 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Vehicles, Period    Wagons – Horses & Carriage – CU Trot Bys – On Asphalt, Heavy Wheels Rumble                           | 31 | Vehicles, Period |  | 10103191 | Wagons-Horses&Carriage-CU_1.wav | 2 | 16 | 48 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Vehicles, Period    Wagons – Carriages Sulkies – 2 Horses & Carriage – CU By On Dirt – Fast                              | 29 | Vehicles, Period |  | 10060440 | Wagons-CarriagesSulkies-2Ho.wav | 2 | 16 | 48 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Vehicles, Period    Wagons – Horses & Carriage – Ext – CU By On Dirt – Very Slow   | 37 | Vehicles, Period |  | 10107552 | Wagons-Horses&Carriage-Ext-.wav | 2 | 16 | 48 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Vehicles, Period    Wagons – Horse & Carriage – Ext – Distant Turn Around, CU Trot By, & Walk Away On Asphalt            | 29 | Vehicles, Period |  | 10103716 | Wagons-Horse&Carriage-Ex_20.wav | 2 | 16 | 48 |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Vehicles, Period    Wagons – Horses & Carriage – Ext – CU By On Dirt – Medium Slow                                       | 39 | Vehicles, Period |  | 10108580 | Wagons-Horses&Carriage-Ex_1.wav | 2 | 16 | 48 |

Quick Search:  With Selected: Bulk Download Delete 1 2

All files will be saved in the default current Download/Export Folder which can be chosen from the Preferences.

If you need to change the Download/Export folder, press ⌘+Shift+D (Mac) or Ctrl+Shift+D (Win) instead, and you will be able to choose a new Download/Export folder. From that point, every download and export will be saved on this last chosen folder unless you change it again.

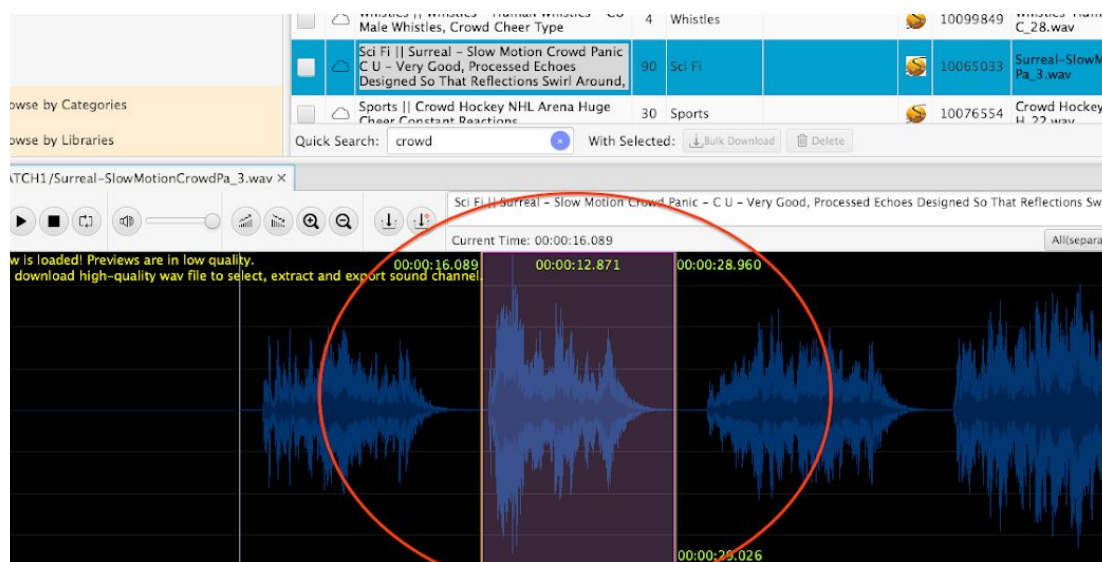
Also, you will be able to drag and drop any file from the preview player directly to any audio software as Pro Tools.





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You can *Download a selection* as well. This is useful when you don't need the whole sound but just a specific part of it. In order to select the cut, just drag the mouse over the waveform from left to right to highlight the desired area, then press ⌘D (Mac) or Ctrl D (Win) to export the selection. Or also Drag and Drop the selection directly from the app to a Pro Tools session or the finder.



Please note that when you are working on a file that is already downloaded, the command will automatically change to *Export*, so you can copy that file to a different location or project. Same thing will happen with *Download Selection* and *Bulk Download*, that will switch to *Export Selection* and *Bulk Export*.



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On the **Local Tab** you will be able to create your local libraries and organise all your sounds (either files downloaded from Sounddogs or your own local files)

Create a library clicking on the + button. Grab files from your finder and Drop them over the library name:



### Preferences

#### **-General Tab:**

**App Data Folder:** Click on Choose Path to change the path

**Sound Files Cache:** Click on Clear Cache to resetting the Sound Files Cache

**Download/Export Folder:** Click on Choose Path to change the path

**Sound Effects per page:** Choose how many results you would like to see per page: 50, 100, 150 or 200

#### **-Waveform Rendering Tab:**

**Default channel View mode:** Choose All (mixed) or all (separate)  
Select the color desired for each channel

#### **-Check for update Tab:**

Select the update mode:

**Automatically check for update everytime app opens (default)**

**I will check for update manually**





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## Shortcuts

| Menu           | Command                | Mac   | Mouse          | Windows | Mouse              |
|----------------|------------------------|-------|----------------|---------|--------------------|
| <b>File</b>    |                        |       |                |         |                    |
|                | Download/Export        | ⌘D    |                | Ctrl D  |                    |
|                | Download/Export to...  | ⌘⇧D   |                | Ctrl⇧D  |                    |
| <b>Player</b>  |                        |       |                |         |                    |
|                | Play from start        | Enter |                | Enter   |                    |
|                | Play/Pause             | Space |                | Space   |                    |
|                | Stop                   | Enter |                | Enter   |                    |
|                | Loop                   | -     |                | -       |                    |
|                | Volume Up              | -     |                | -       |                    |
|                | Volume Down            | -     |                | -       |                    |
|                | Amplitude Up           | ⌘↑    | ⇧ Mouse Scroll | Ctrl ↑  | Alt ⇧ Mouse Scroll |
|                | Amplitude Down         | ⌘↓    | ⇧ Mouse Scroll | Ctrl ↓  | Alt ⇧ Mouse Scroll |
|                | Less Time              | ⌘→    | ⇧ Mouse Scroll | Ctrl →  | Alt ⇧ Mouse Scroll |
|                | More Time              | ⌘←    | ⇧ Mouse Scroll | Ctrl ←  | Alt ⇧ Mouse Scroll |
|                | Select Full Audio      | -     |                | -       |                    |
|                | Set Start Anchor       | [     |                | [       |                    |
|                | Set Stop Anchor        | ]     |                | ]       |                    |
| <b>Library</b> |                        |       |                |         |                    |
|                | Import Local Libraries | ⌘I    |                | Ctrl I  |                    |
|                | Export Local Libraries | ⌘E    |                | Ctrl E  |                    |
| <b>Window</b>  |                        |       |                |         |                    |
|                | Pin Current Audio      | ⌘P    |                | Ctrl P  |                    |
|                | Close Current Audio    | ⌘W    |                | Ctrl W  |                    |
|                | Close All Audios       | ⌘⇧W   |                | Ctrl⇧W  |                    |
|                | Close Other Audios     | -     |                | -       |                    |
| <b>Others</b>  |                        |       |                |         |                    |
|                | Preferences...         | ⌘,    |                |         |                    |
|                | Quit Application       | ⌘Q    |                | Ctrl Q  | Quit Application   |



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| Menu                  | Command                    | Mac   | Mouse                | Windows | Mouse |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------|----------------------|---------|-------|
| <b>Playback</b>       |                            |       |                      |         |       |
|                       | Play from start            | Enter |                      | Enter   |       |
|                       | Play/Pause                 | Space |                      | Space   |       |
|                       | Stop                       | Enter |                      | Enter   |       |
| <b>Results Window</b> |                            |       |                      |         |       |
|                       | Bulk Download/Export       | ⌘B    |                      | Ctrl B  |       |
|                       | Bulk Download/Export to... | ⌘⇧B   |                      | Ctrl⇧B  |       |
|                       | Next Sound                 | ↓     |                      | ↓       |       |
|                       | Previous Sound             | ↑     |                      | ↑       |       |
|                       | Next Page                  | →     |                      | →       |       |
|                       | Previous Page              | ←     |                      | ←       |       |
| <b>Selection</b>      |                            |       |                      |         |       |
|                       | Move a Selected Area       |       | Alt + Mouse Dragging |         |       |



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### FAQs

*-What are the differences between the licenses?*

**Free version:** it will work as a search engine and management tool for your local sound effects libraries. You will still be able to explore and preview our cloud libraries but with a low resolution audio quality

Subscription version: Online access to download more than 324,000 high-quality and full metadata sound files. The previews have a better quality than the free version previews. You will also be able to use the Local mode. Subscription can be used in with three different type of licenses:

REGULAR license: \$200 per user - 2,000 downloads/year (monthly average download: 167 SFXs)

PRO license: \$500 per user - 5,000 downloads/year (monthly average download: 417 SFXs)

PREMIERE license: \$1000 per user - 10,000 downloads/year (monthly average download: 834 SFXs)

*- Is the preview the maximum quality sound?*

No, Previews are a very low quality version of the original sound. Please note that when the app is used in Subscription mode, the previews have a better quality than Free mode previews. All downloaded files will be high quality audio.

*-Can several people be signed in as the same user?*

A Subscriber user can only be signed in to one computer at the time.

*- Are mp3 files accepted for local libraries?*

No, The application only accepts WAV files

*-What are the differences between Cloud and Local library?*

Cloud library: includes all Sounddogs libraries.

Local libraries: are created with local files stored on your computer or external devices

*-Do the downloaded files have full metadata?*

Yes, all the downloaded files will keep full metadata



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