

Audacious - Feature #705

re-arrange playback controls

February 26, 2017 23:36 - Liviu Andronic

Status: Closed	Start date: February 26, 2017
Priority: Minor	Due date:
Assignee: John Lindgren	% Done: 100%
Category: plugins/gtkui	Estimated time: 0.00 hour
Target version: 3.9	
Affects version: 3.8.2	

Description

A couple more minor UI requests... I have always been a fan of Sonata for minimalistic and elegant interface. (Unfortunately though they use MPD, and I keep getting bogged down with its configs.)

I would like to make some very minor suggestions that would, I believe, make sense for Audacious.

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Sonata's buttons arrangement is the only one in my experience that does not make me think twice how the playback buttons *should* be arranged, generally. They're positioned very intuitively:

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and <next> are at the extremes (left and right), in the middle comes the play/pause combo followed by the stop button. This is an arrangement that makes sense, to me at least.
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So if look at the current layout in Audacious,

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this request would boil down to moving the <next> button to the right of <stop>. Incidentally, this would make the toolbar layout consistent with the systray icon c-menu:

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History

#1 - February 26, 2017 23:41 - Liviu Andronic

Clearly the wiki formatting doesn't like me, so I'll try again:

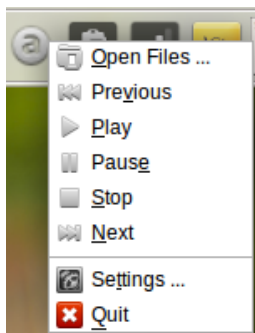
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They're positioned very intuitively: Prev and Next are at the extremes (left and right), in the middle comes the Play/Pause combo followed by the Stop button. This is an arrangement that makes sense, to me at least.

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#2 - March 23, 2017 06:27 - John Lindgren

- Category set to *plugins/gtkui*
- Assignee set to *John Lindgren*

I can see some sense to either arrangement, but I tend to agree with you if only for consistency. The Winamp interface has always had Prev-Play-[Pause]-Stop-Next, and it matches the ZXCVB key shortcuts.

Incidentally, the Qt UI has Play-[Pause]-Stop-Prev-Next, so we currently have three different layouts. Ugh.

#3 - March 23, 2017 16:43 - Liviu Andronic

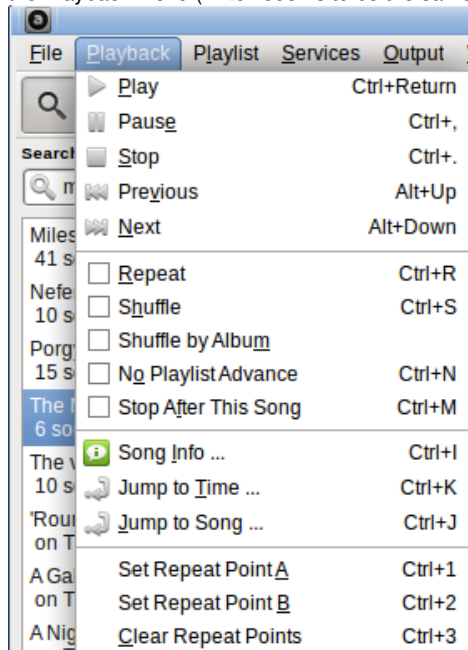
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- File *Screenshot_2017-03-23_16-36-51.png* added

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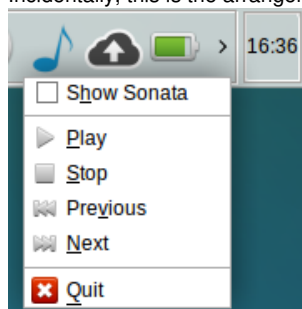
I would actually agree with you on this: I too see value in both arrangements, though in different contexts.

For the *toolbar*, I would favor exclusively the **Prev-Play-[Pause]-Stop-Next** layout. As mentioned earlier, this seems to be the most natural way of ordering the controls.

For *menus*, however, I see sense in having the Play button first in the list, like this: **Play-[Pause]-Stop-Prev-Next**. This is how things are currently in the Playback menu (which seems to be the same layout as in the Qt UI):



Incidentally, this is the arrangement used in Sonata for the systray c-menu:



So while having two different arrangements for the layout and for the menus (main or systray) would break consistency, I see value in having the Play/Pause button as the first one in the menus. In my opinion the single most useful item in the systray c-menu is the Play/Pause button, which is what one would use most often and would expect "immediate" access to it. This is why making it easily accessible on top of all other controls would make sense to me...

I hope all this blather makes at least some sense!

#4 - March 25, 2017 00:41 - John Lindgren

- Status changed from *New* to *Closed*
- Target version set to 3.9
- % Done changed from 0 to 100

Liviu Andronic wrote:

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I've updated the toolbars; I think I'll leave the system tray as-is for the time being.

#5 - March 25, 2017 11:04 - Liviu Andronic

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True! Good point -- haven't thought of that. Though I would still argue that in the systray having Play on top makes sense as much as having Quit on the bottom, whether or not the systray is located top or bottom.

Anyways, thanks for looking into this!

Files

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