

# Quick Start Guide

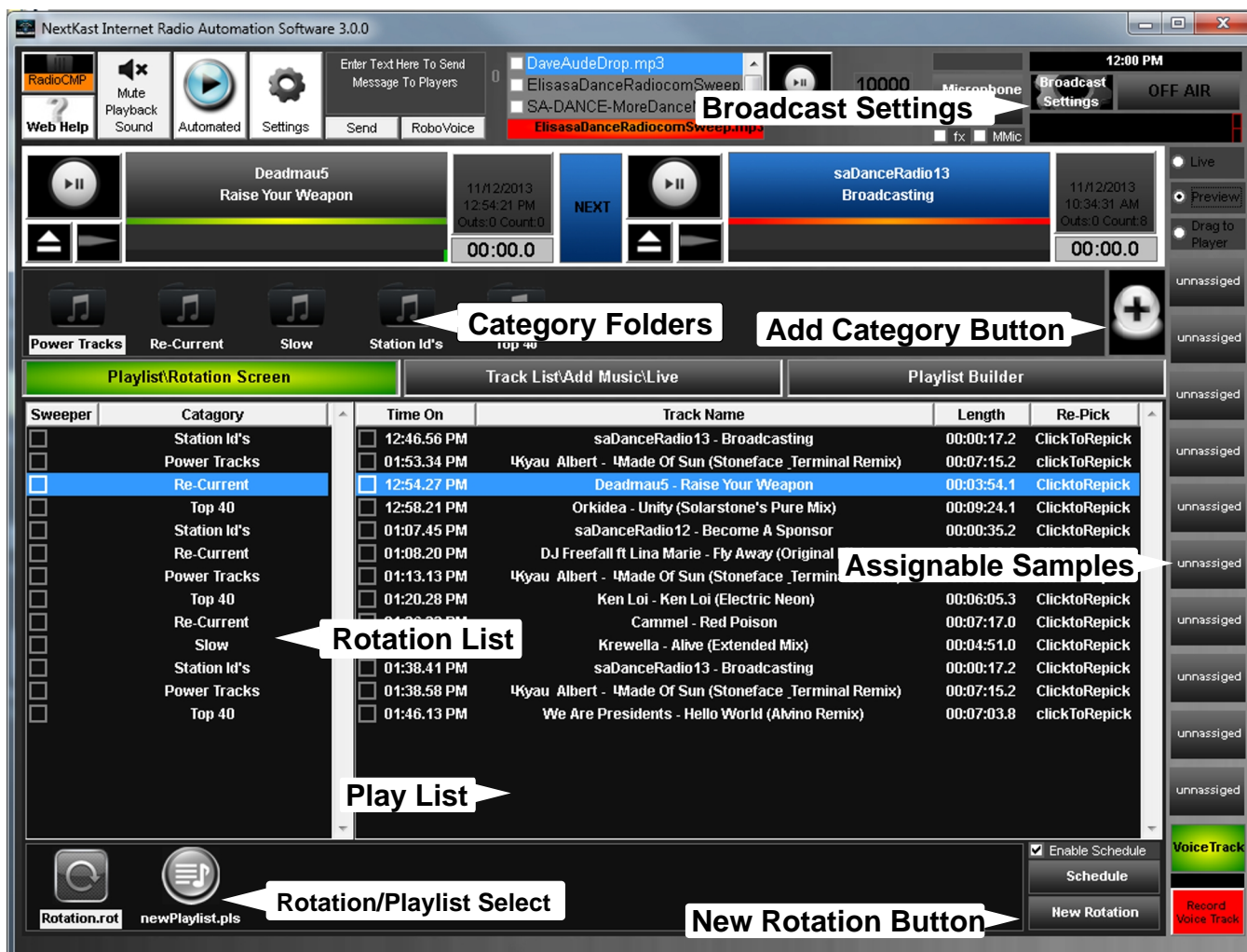
## Overview

NextKast Internet Radio Automation Software is specifically designed to get your internet radio station up and running fast and sounding professional in the least amount of time. Although it is possible to manually create play lists, it mainly offers a system of setting up a rotation and then allowing the software to automatically create play lists from that rotation.

Here are the steps to get started:

1. Create music category folders and import your music
2. Check .mp3 tags of each track to make sure it is accurate
3. Create a new rotation
4. Drag and drop the categories in the order you would like and create a rotation
5. Let the software do all the work and continuously create the play lists and play them
6. Connect to your Icecast, Shoutcast, or Live 365 server to transmit your station to the world.

Here is the main screen and what each section is named



The screenshot shows the NextKast Internet Radio Automation Software 3.0.0 interface. The interface is divided into several sections, each labeled with a callout box:

- Broadcast Settings**: Located at the top right, showing the current broadcast status (OFF AIR) and time (12:00 PM).
- Category Folders**: Located in the middle left, showing a list of categories like Station Id's, Power Tracks, Re-Current, Slow, and Top 40.
- Add Category Button**: A plus sign button located next to the Category Folders.
- Rotation List**: A list of tracks with columns for Time On, Track Name, Length, and Re-Pick. The current track is Deadmau5 - Raise Your Weapon.
- Play List**: A list of tracks located below the Rotation List.
- Assignable Samples**: A list of samples located on the right side of the interface.
- Rotation/Playlist Select**: A button located at the bottom left, next to the Rotation.rot and newPlaylist.pls files.
- New Rotation Button**: A button located at the bottom right, next to the Enable Schedule, Schedule, and New Rotation buttons.

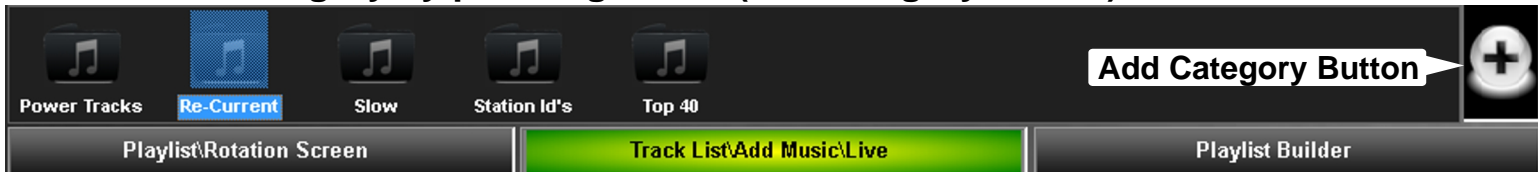
# Create Category Folders

The first step is to create a category for all the different types of music/content you want to use. An example for a top40 station would be categories like this

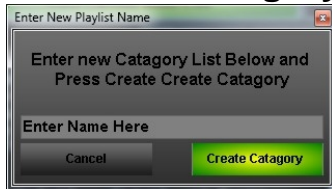
- New – Latest song releases
- Re-Current - Songs that were hits but still popular
- Slow - Slow Songs
- Power Tracks - Very popular Songs that Play More Often
- Station Id's - Your station Id's
- Commercials- Advertisements

As you will see, breaking up your music content into categories will help create a sound for your station

**Create each category by pressing the '+' (add category button)**



**Name the category from the dialog**



**Repeat for each category you would like to create**

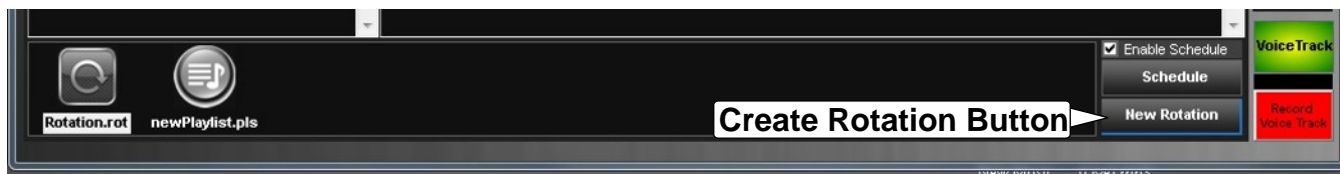
**Add music by Dragging song files into the Track list/ Add Music Screen or using the '+' Dialog. The Music Will Be added to the active Category**



**Final Step is to check the .mp3 tags by selecting each song, update any in-accurate information by re-entering correct information and pressing the 'update mp3 tag' button. This step is not mandatory but will help make sure song separation works properly. Only Song Name, Artist name, And Album are important.**

# Create New Rotation

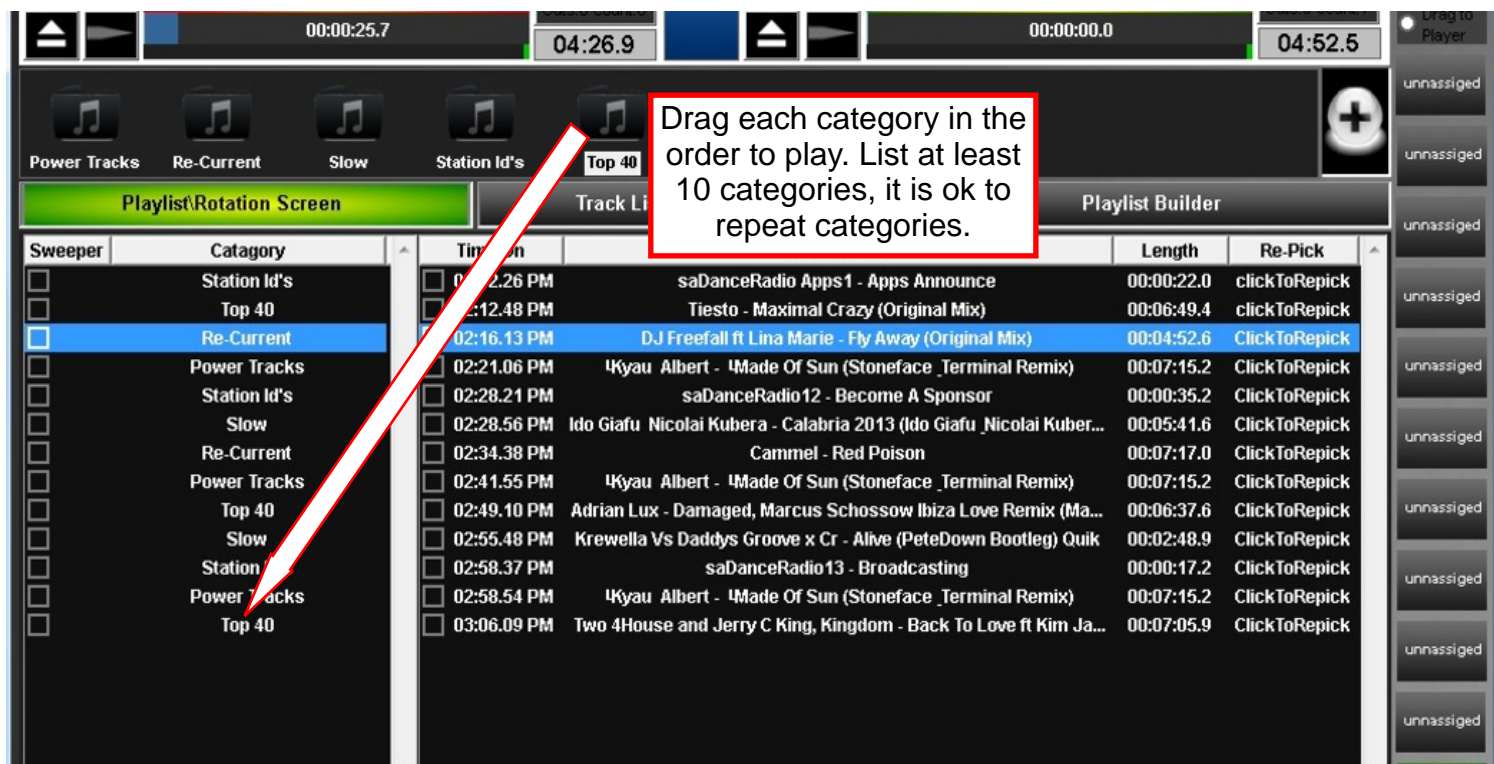
Press the new rotation Button



In the Dialog name the rotation.



We now have a blank rotation. Drag the categories from the top and create a rotation by placing the categories in a list of how the songs/content need to be picked.



Once the list is complete, press the Rotation.rot (or the new one you created) icon and the automation will start. Nextkast will now automatically pick music in the categories listed. To broadcast, go to the broadcast settings screen and input your server information.

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