

# 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 main interface of NextKast Internet Radio Automation Software 3.0.0. The interface is divided into several sections:

- Top Bar:** Contains controls for RadioCMP, Mute Playback Sound, Automated, Settings, and Broadcast Settings. It also displays the current track, "DaveAudeDrop.mp3", and the station name, "saDanceRadio13 Broadcasting".
- Current Track Section:** Shows the current track, "Deadmau5 - Raise Your Weapon", with playback controls and a "NEXT" button. The next track is "saDanceRadio13 Broadcasting".
- Category Folders:** A section below the current track showing various music categories like "Power Tracks", "Re-Current", "Slow", and "Station Id's". An "Add Category Button" is also visible.
- Playlist/Rotation Screen:** A table showing the current rotation of tracks. The table has columns for "Sweeper", "Category", "Time On", "Track Name", "Length", and "Re-Pick".
- Assignable Samples:** A section on the right side of the rotation screen showing "Assignable Samples" for each track.
- Rotation List:** A section at the bottom left of the rotation screen showing the "Rotation List".
- Play List:** A section at the bottom right of the rotation screen showing the "Play List".
- Bottom Bar:** Contains buttons for "Rotation/Playlist Select", "New Rotation Button", "Enable Schedule", "Schedule", and "New Rotation".

Sweeper	Category	Time On	Track Name	Length	Re-Pick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Station Id's	12:46.56 PM	saDanceRadio13 - Broadcasting	00:00:17.2	ClicktoRepick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Power Tracks	01:53.34 PM	Kyau Albert - IMade Of Sun (Stoneface_Terminal Remix)	00:07:15.2	clickToRepick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-Current	12:54.27 PM	Deadmau5 - Raise Your Weapon	00:03:54.1	ClicktoRepick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Top 40	12:58.21 PM	Orkidea - Unity (Solarstone's Pure Mix)	00:09:24.1	ClicktoRepick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Station Id's	01:07.45 PM	saDanceRadio12 - Become A Sponsor	00:00:35.2	ClicktoRepick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-Current	01:08.20 PM	DJ Freefall ft Lina Marie - Fly Away (Original		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Power Tracks	01:13.13 PM	Kyau Albert - IMade Of Sun (Stoneface_Termin		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Top 40	01:20.28 PM	Ken Loi - Ken Loi (Electric Neon)	00:06:05.3	ClicktoRepick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Re-Current	01:28.00 PM	Cammel - Red Poison	00:07:17.0	ClicktoRepick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Slow	01:38.41 PM	Krewella - Alive (Extended Mix)	00:04:51.0	ClicktoRepick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Station Id's	01:38.41 PM	saDanceRadio13 - Broadcasting	00:00:17.2	ClicktoRepick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Power Tracks	01:38.58 PM	Kyau Albert - IMade Of Sun (Stoneface_Terminal Remix)	00:07:15.2	ClicktoRepick
<input type="checkbox"/>	Top 40	01:46.13 PM	We Are Presidents - Hello World (Alvino Remix)	00:07:03.8	clickToRepick

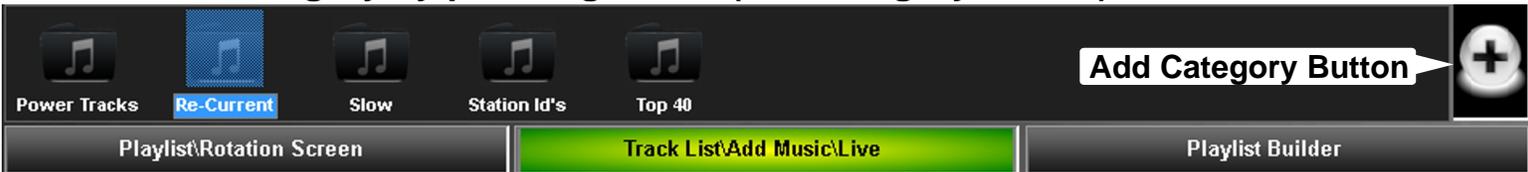
# Create Category Folders

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**

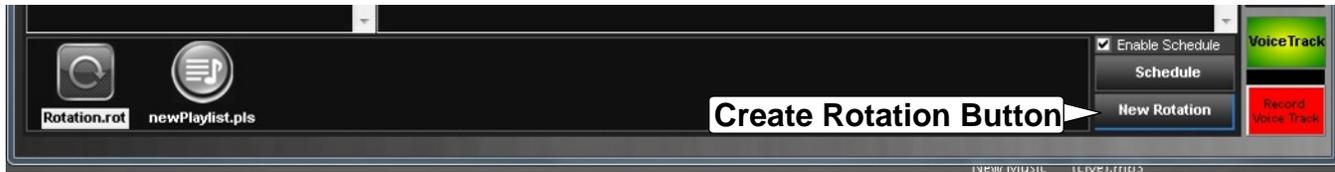
**Add music by Dragging song files into the Track list/ Add Music Screen or using the '+' Dialog. The Music Will Be added to the active Category**



**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

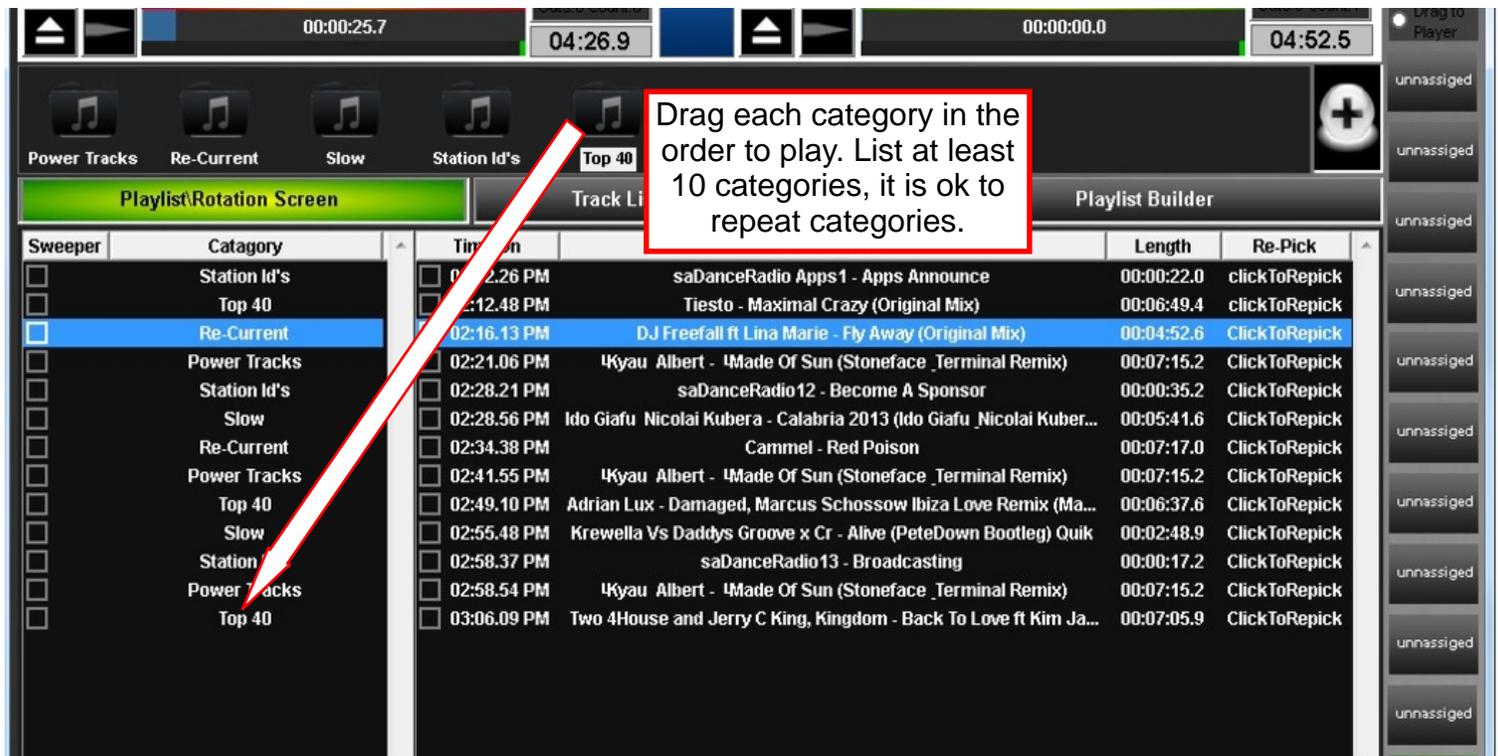
Press the new rotation Button



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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