



SmartSound / PowerDirector

Display & Category Issue



The Issues in PowerDirector

1. Purchased SS tracks are not consistently displayed in **bold blue** under categories in Create Disc.
2. Some SmartSound categories are not consistent between PD users

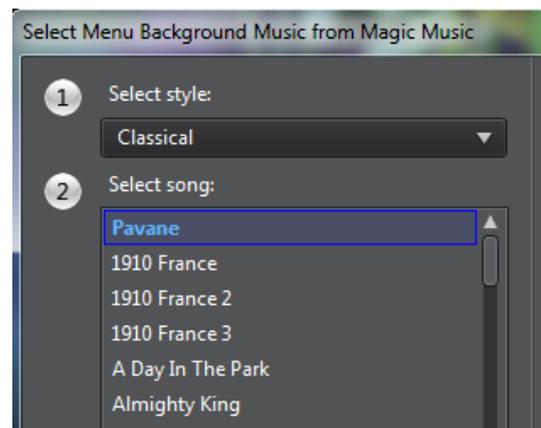
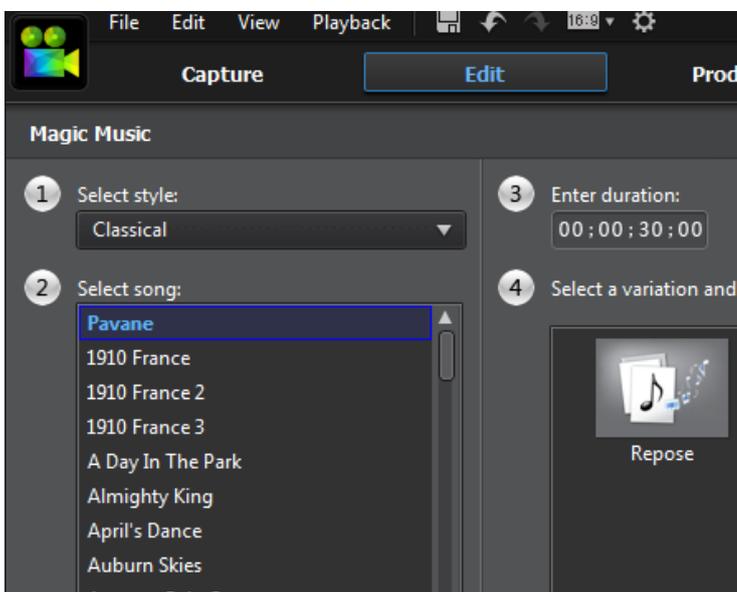
The Test

1. Complete uninstall of PowerDirector & QuickTracks
2. Removal of folder C:\ProgramData\SmartSound Software Inc.
3. Reinstall PD & SS
4. Install SS albums using physical discs
5. Install SS albums using SSDL files
6. Install "Full Spectrum" album from previous PD versions

The Observations

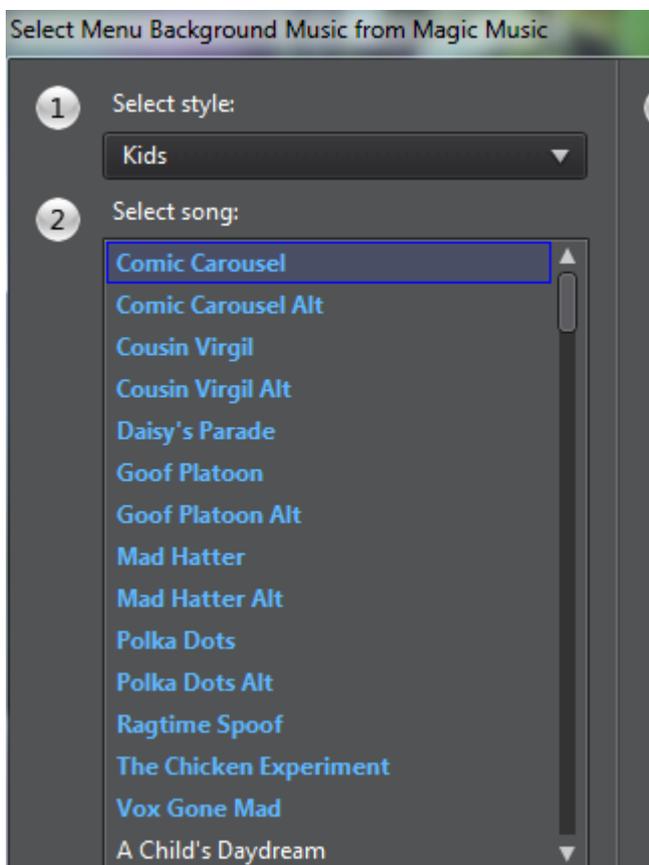
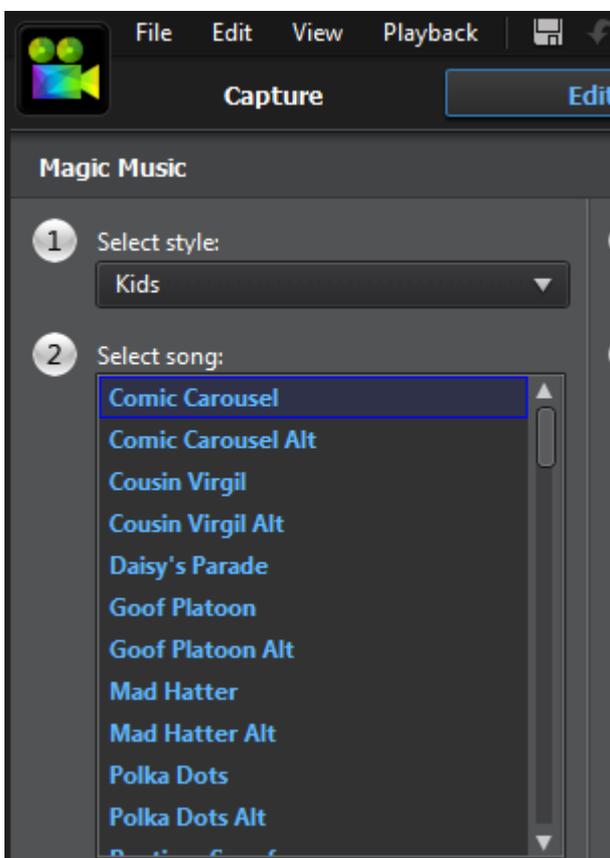
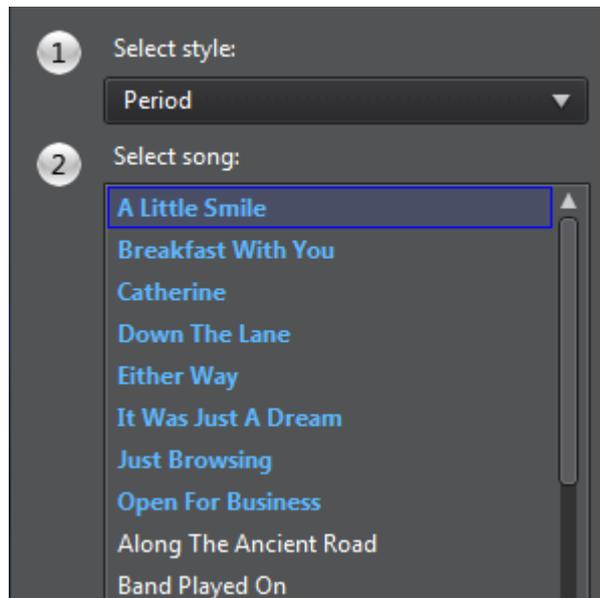
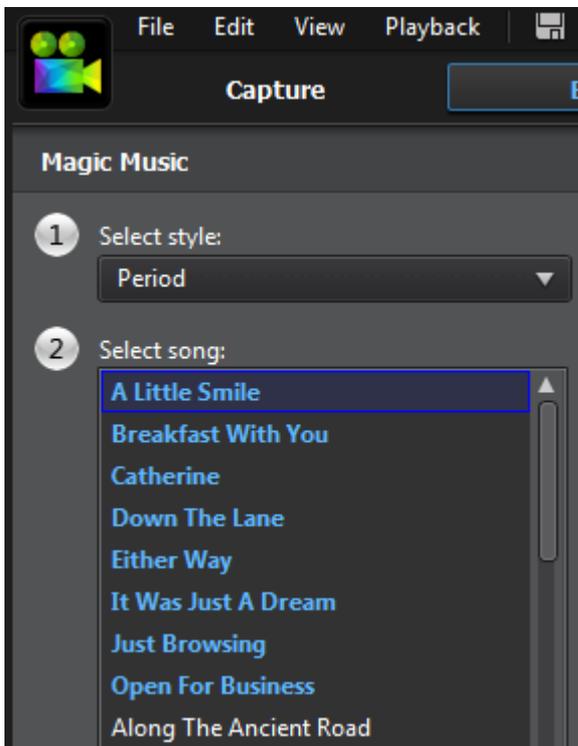
- After step 3 (above – clean install) display in Edit & Create Disc is correct

Example screenshots:

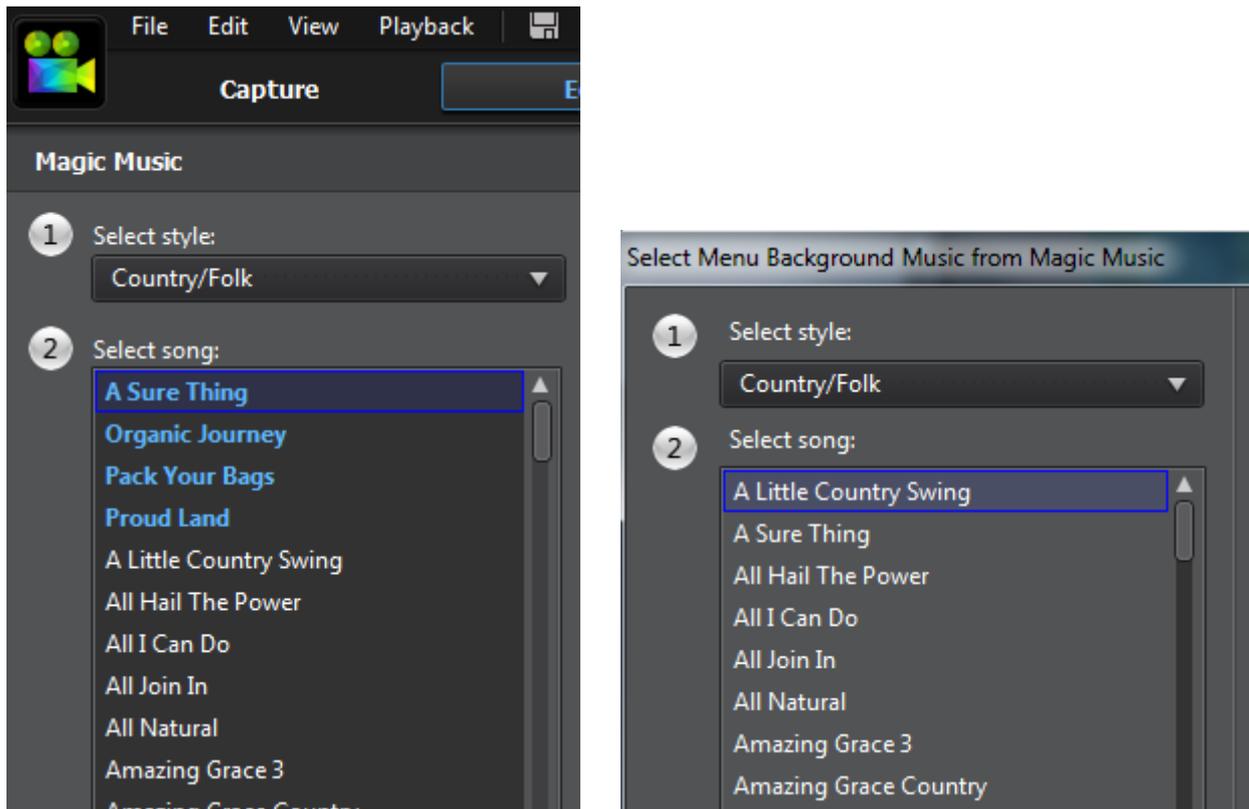


► After installing a number of albums using physical discs, display in Edit & Create Disc is correct

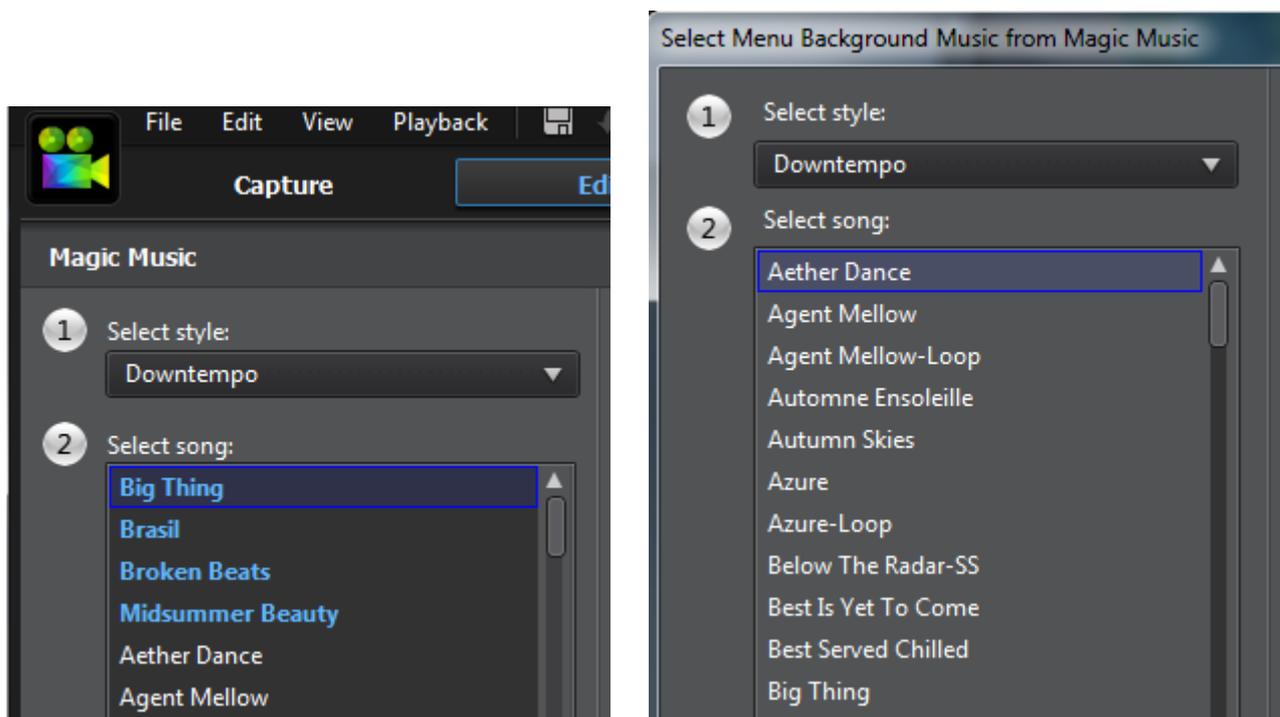
Example screenshots:



► After installing an album via downloaded SSDL file, the display under categories in Edit is correct, but Create Disc doesn't display purchased tracks in **bold blue** under categories.



► Subsequently installed albums – even when installed via physical disc – are affected by the display issue (i.e. purchased tracks not highlighted under categories in Create Disc)



The Conclusion/Assertion/Hypothesis/Guess (?)

The display issue (purchased tracks not highlighted under categories in Create Disc) evidences itself once an album/track has been installed via downloading an SSDL file from SmartSound. If albums/tracks were only ever installed via physical disc, the issue would not be present.

It was initially thought that the display issue may have been caused when SS files were installed by copying & pasting backed up folders from C:\ProgramData\SmartSound Software Inc. This is the case if the backup folder includes albums installed via SSDL file. It's also a possible cause of differently named categories in the SS interface (see next page).

Issue 2: Inconsistent SmartSound Categories

From the testing above, observations were made of any changes in SmartSound categories. The “issue” was noticed when comparing screenshots from different users.

Categories had changes applied when:

► Installing backup copies of the SS folder
C:\ProgramData\SmartSound Software Inc

or

► Separately installing “Full Spectrum”, which was supplied with previous versions of PowerDirector... 9, 8, 7 etc

SS Categories on fresh PD installation

All -58 Style(s)
Acid Jazz
Alternative Rock
Ambience
Animals
Ballad
Blues
Cartoon
Chill
Classic Rock
Classical
Corporate/Industrial
Country/Folk
Destruction
Disco
Downtempo
Dub
Easy-Going
Electronica
Foley
Funk
Gospel
Hard Rock
Heavy Metal
Household
Indie
Indie Artist
Indie Rock
Jazz
Kids
Latin
March/Patriotic
Minimalism
New Age
Office
Orchestral
Period
Pop Rock
Production Elements
Punk Rock
R&B/Soul
Rap/Hip-Hop
Reggae
Retro Rock
Rock
Sci-Fi/Electronics
Ska
Smooth Jazz
Sports FX
TV/ Film Drama
Teen Pop
Tools/Machines
Trance - Dance
Transportation
Various
Weapons/Explosions
World

Category changes after backup installation (copy/paste) or installing "Full Spectrum"

All -63 Style(s)
Acid Jazz
Alternative Rock
Ambience
Animals
Ballad
Blues
Cartoon
Chill
Classic Rock
Classical
Comedy
Corporate/Industrial
Country/Folk
Destruction
Disco
Downtempo
Drama
Drum & Bass
Dub
Easy-Going
Electronic
Electronica
Foley
Funk
Gospel
Hard Rock
Heavy Metal
Household
Indie
Indie Artist
Indie Rock
Kids
Latin
March/Patriotic
Minimalism
New Age
New Age/Easy
Office
Orchestral
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Punk Rock
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