

Background WAV doesn't play

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All,

Recently, I used the Format, Background, Sound to specify a 253 KB WAV file that I wanted to play in the background of my e-mail. After I sent the e-mail, I went into the Sent Items folder, and tried to listen to it. As soon as the message opened, about the first eighth of a second of the WAV played, but then it got cut off. It should have gone on for about 30 seconds.

Intrigued, I decided to do a File, Save As, and stuck a copy of the e-mail on my desktop as an EML file. I then minimized all applications, and double-clicked on the newly saved e-mail. The sound played flawlessly.

What causes this odd behavior? How do I persuade OE6 to play the embedded WAV file without having to re-save the file as an EML file? By the way, my DBX files are pretty massive, about 339 megabytes in all. It occurs to me that when one opens a message in the Sent Items folder, one is really accessing a file called SentItems.dbx, which is 170 MB all by itself. By contrast, when the e-mail is stored as a free-standing EML file, it is small, only about 253 KB. Could it be that the SentItems.dbx file is either too large or has become corrupted somehow?

By the way, I haven't heard back from the message recipient as to whether she was able to play the sound when viewing my e-mail.

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XP Pro, SP2

Pentium 4, 2.66 GHz

512 MB of RAM

OE6 Version 6.00.2900.2180