
libbw64 Documentation

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1.1 Requirements and dependencies

- compiler with C++11 support
- CMake build system (version 3.5 or later)

1.2 Installation

Just copy the content of the `include` directory to your project or add the repository as a Git submodule to your project and make sure, that the `bw64` folder is in your `PATH`, that the header files can be found by the compiler.

Alternatively clone the Git repository and install the library system wide using the CMake build system. See the following instructions for *nix systems.

```
git clone git@github.com:irt-open-source/libbw64.git
cd libbw64
mkdir build && cd build
cmake ..
make
make install
```


In this tutorial we will create a simple application which adjusts the level of all channels in a BW64 file and writes the output to a new file. We assume that the `include` path of the library is added to the `PATH`.

2.1 Basic structure

Let us start with the basic structure of our programme.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <bw64/bw64.hpp>

const unsigned int BLOCK_SIZE = 4096;

int main(int argc, char const* argv[]) {
    if (argc != 2) {
        std::cout << "usage: " << argv[0] << " [INFILE]" << std::endl;
        exit(1);
    }
    auto inFile = bw64::readFile(argv[1]);
    std::vector<float> buffer(BLOCK_SIZE * inFile->channels());
    while (!inFile->eof()) {
        auto readFrames = inFile->read(&buffer[0], BLOCK_SIZE);
        // TODO: process samples
    }
    return 0;
}
```

We include the header and open the file we want to read using the `bw64::readFile()` function and add a `while` loop in which we read the samples in a block buffer. The `bw64::Bw64Reader::read()` expects a float array and the number of frames, the function should try to read. One frame contains one sample for each channel. So if the `bw64::Bw64Reader::read()` function should try to read `N` frames, the buffer must be at least `N * CHANNELS` big. The samples are written into the buffer in a channel interleaved order, as illustrated in the following table.

Index	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Channel	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Sample	0	0	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5

Note that we don't need to close our file at the end of the programme. This will be done automatically when `inFile` is destroyed at the end of the programme.

2.2 Write files

As a next step we also prepare our output file to write the samples.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <bw64/bw64.hpp>

const unsigned int BLOCK_SIZE = 4096;

int main(int argc, char const* argv[]) {
    if (argc != 3) {
        std::cout << "usage: " << argv[0] << " [INFILE] [OUTFILE]" << std::endl;
        exit(1);
    }
    auto inFile = bw64::readFile(argv[1]);
    auto outFile =
        bw64::writeFile(argv[2], inFile->channels(), inFile->sampleRate(),
            inFile->bitDepth(), inFile->chnaChunk(), inFile->axmlChunk());

    std::vector<float> buffer(BLOCK_SIZE * inFile->channels());
    while (!inFile->eof()) {
        auto readFrames = inFile->read(&buffer[0], BLOCK_SIZE);
        // TODO: process samples
        outFile->write(&buffer[0], readFrames);
    }
    return 0;
}
```

We use the information from the input file we opened to initialize our output file. We also need to add the `chna` and `axml` chunks from the input file to the output file during initialization. We can directly use the buffer we passed to the `bw64::Bw64Reader::read()` in the `bw64::Bw64Writer::write()` function to write the unmodified samples. So also the `bw64::Bw64Writer::write()` expects the order of the samples to be interleaved as described above.

2.3 Add signal processing

To make our example complete, let us add some basic signal processing and adjust the gain of all channels.

```
#include <iostream>
#include <algorithm>
#include <functional>
#include <bw64/bw64.hpp>

const unsigned int BLOCK_SIZE = 4096;
```

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```
int main(int argc, char const* argv[]) {
    if (argc != 4) {
        std::cout << "usage: " << argv[0] << " [INFILE] [OUTFILE] [GAIN]"
            << std::endl;
        exit(1);
    }
    auto inFile = bw64::readFile(argv[1]);
    auto outFile =
        bw64::writeFile(argv[2], inFile->channels(), inFile->sampleRate(),
            inFile->bitDepth(), inFile->chnaChunk(), inFile->axmlChunk());

    std::vector<float> buffer(BLOCK_SIZE * inFile->channels());
    float gain = atof(argv[3]);
    while (!inFile->eof()) {
        auto readFrames = inFile->read(&buffer[0], BLOCK_SIZE);
        std::transform(buffer.begin(), buffer.end(), buffer.begin(),
            [gain](float value) { return value * gain; });
        outFile->write(&buffer[0], readFrames);
    }
    return 0;
}
```


3.1 Unreleased

3.1.1 Added

3.1.2 Changed

3.1.3 Fixed

3.2 0.10.0 - (January 18, 2019)

3.2.1 Added

- Additional unit tests

3.2.2 Changed

- Use `Catch2` instead of `Boost.Test` for unit testing

3.2.3 Fixed

- Fix `Bw64Reader::seek()` and `Bw64Reader::tell()` implementation
- RIFF chunk size calculation

3.3 0.9.0 - (July 23, 2018)

Initial release

Main functions

`bw64::Bw64Reader` and `bw64::Bw64Writer` classes usually should not be created manually. Instead the two builder functions to either read or write a file should be used.

`std::unique_ptr<Bw64Reader> bw64::readFile (const std::string &filename)`

Open a BW64 file for reading.

Convenience function to open a BW64 file for reading.

Parameters

- `filename`: path of the file to read

Return `unique_ptr` to a `Bw64Reader` instance that is ready to read samples.

`std::unique_ptr<Bw64Writer> bw64::writeFile (const std::string &filename, uint16_t channels = 1u, uint16_t sampleRate = 48000u, uint16_t bitDepth = 24u, std::shared_ptr<ChnaChunk> chnaChunk = nullptr, std::shared_ptr<AxmlChunk> axmlChunk = nullptr)`

Open a BW64 file for writing.

Convenience function to open a new BW64 file for writing, adding `axml` and `chna` chunks.

If passed to this function, the `axml` and `chna` chunks will be added to the BW64 file *before* the actual data chunk, which is the recommended practice if all components are already known before writing a file.

Return `unique_ptr` to a `Bw64Writer` instance that is ready to write samples.

Parameters

- `filename`: path of the file to write
- `channels`: the channel count of the new file
- `sampleRate`: the samplerate of the new file
- `bitDepth`: target bitdepth of the new file
- `chnaChunk`: Channel allocation chunk to include, if any

- `axmlChunk`: AXML chunk to include, if any

BW64 file classes

class Bw64Reader

Representation of a BW64 file.

Normally, you will create an instance of this class using *bw64::readFile()*.

This is a [RAII](#) class, meaning that the file will be opened and initialized (parse header, format etc.) on construction, and closed on destruction.

Public Functions

Bw64Reader (**const** char **filename*)

Open a new BW64 file for reading.

Opens a new BW64 file for reading, parses the whole file to read the format and identify all chunks in it.

Note For convenience, you might consider using the `readFile` helper function.

~Bw64Reader ()

Bw64Reader destructor.

The destructor will automatically close the file opened in the constructor.

uint32_t **fileFormat** () **const**

Get file format (RIFF, BW64 or RF64)

uint32_t **fileSize** () **const**

Get file size.

uint16_t **formatTag** () **const**

Get format tag.

uint16_t **channels** () **const**

Get number of channels.

`uint32_t sampleRate () const`

Get sample rate.

`uint16_t bitDepth () const`

Get bit depth.

`uint64_t numberOfFrames () const`

Get number of frames.

`uint16_t blockAlignment () const`

Get block alignment.

`std::shared_ptr<DataSize64Chunk> ds64Chunk () const`

Get 'ds64' chunk.

Return `std::shared_ptr` to *DataSize64Chunk* if present and otherwise a nullptr.

`std::shared_ptr<FormatInfoChunk> formatChunk () const`

Get 'fmt' chunk.

Return `std::shared_ptr` to *FormatInfoChunk* if present and otherwise a nullptr.

`std::shared_ptr<DataChunk> dataChunk () const`

Get 'data' chunk.

Warning This method usually should not be called, as the access to the *DataChunk* is handled separately by the *Bw64Reader* class.

Return `std::shared_ptr` to *DataChunk* if present and otherwise a nullptr.

`std::shared_ptr<ChnaChunk> chnaChunk () const`

Get 'chna' chunk.

Return `std::shared_ptr` to *ChnaChunk* if present and otherwise a nullptr.

`std::shared_ptr<AxmlChunk> axmlChunk () const`

Get 'axml' chunk.

Return `std::shared_ptr` to *AxmlChunk* if present and otherwise a nullptr.

`std::vector<ChunkHeader> chunks () const`

Get list of all chunks which are present in the file.

`bool hasChunk (uint32_t id) const`

Check if a chunk with the given id is present.

`void seek (int32_t offset, std::ios_base::seekdir way = std::ios::beg)`

Seek a frame position in the *DataChunk*.

template <typename T, typename = std::enable_if<std::is_floating_point<T>::value>>

`uint64_t read (T *outBuffer, uint64_t frames)`

Read frames from dataChunk.

Return number of frames read

Parameters

- `outBuffer`: Buffer to write the samples to
- `frames`: Number of frames to read

`uint64_t tell ()`

Tell the current frame position of the `dataChunk`.

Return current frame position of the `dataChunk`

`bool eof ()`

Check if end of data is reached.

Return `true` if end of data is reached and otherwise `false`

class Bw64Writer

BW64 Writer class.

Normally, you will create an instance of this class using `bw64::writeFile()`.

This is a [RAII](#) class, meaning that the file will be opened and initialized (required headers etc.) on construction, and closed and finalized (writing chunk sizes etc.) on destruction.

Public Functions

Bw64Writer(`const char *filename`, `uint16_t channels`, `uint16_t sampleRate`, `uint16_t bitDepth`, `std::vector<std::shared_ptr<Chunk>> additionalChunks`)

Open a new BW64 file for writing.

Opens a new BW64 file for writing, initializes everything up to the data chunk. Afterwards, you may write interleaved audio samples to this file.

If you need any chunks to appear *before* the data chunk, include them in the `additionalChunks`. They will be written directly after opening the file.

Warning If the file already exists it will be overwritten.

Note For convenience, you might consider using the `writeFile` helper function.

~Bw64Writer ()

Finalize file.

This destructor will write all yet-to-be-written chunks to the file and will also finalize all required information, i.e. the final chunk sizes etc.

`uint16_t formatTag () const`

Get format tag.

`uint16_t channels () const`

Get number of channels.

`uint32_t sampleRate () const`

Get sample rate.

`uint16_t bitDepth () const`

Get bit depth.

`uint64_t framesWritten () const`

Get number of frames.

`bool isBw64File ()`

Check if file is bigger than 4GB and therefore a BW64 file.

`uint32_t chunkSizeForHeader (uint32_t id)`

Get the chunk size for header.

`uint64_t riffChunkSize ()`

Calculate riff chunk size.

`void writeRiffHeader ()`

Write RIFF header.

`void finalizeRiffChunk ()`

Update RIFF header.

`template <typename ChunkType>`

`void writeChunk (std::shared_ptr<ChunkType> chunk)`

Write chunk template.

`template <typename ChunkType>`

`void overwriteChunk (uint32_t id, std::shared_ptr<ChunkType> chunk)`

Overwrite chunk template.

`template <typename T, typename = std::enable_if<std::is_floating_point<T>::value>>`

`uint64_t write (T *inBuffer, uint64_t frames)`

Write frames to dataChunk.

Return number of frames written

Parameters

- `inBuffer`: Buffer to write the samples to
- `frames`: Number of frames to write

class Chunk

RIFF chunk base class.

Subclassed by *bw64::AxmlChunk*, *bw64::ChnaChunk*, *bw64::DataChunk*, *bw64::DataSize64Chunk*, *bw64::FormatInfoChunk*, *bw64::JunkChunk*, *bw64::UnknownChunk*

Public Functions

virtual uint32_t **id** () **const** = 0
Get FourCC id.

virtual uint64_t **size** () **const** = 0
Get the size of the chunk.

virtual void **write** (std::ostream &*stream*) **const** = 0
Write the chunk to a stream.

class FormatInfoChunk : public bw64::Chunk

Class representation of a *FormatInfoChunk*.

Public Functions

FormatInfoChunk (uint16_t *channels*, uint32_t *sampleRate*, uint32_t *bitDepth*,
std::shared_ptr<*ExtraData*> *extraData* = nullptr)
Simple *FormatInfoChunk* constructor.

Parameters

- *channels*: number of channels
- *sampleRate*: sample rate of the audio data
- *bitDepth*: bit depth used in file

- `extraData`: custom *ExtraData* (optional, nullptr if not custom)

`uint32_t id () const`
Get FourCC id.

`uint64_t size () const`
Get the size of the chunk.

`uint16_t formatTag () const`
FormatTag getter.

`uint16_t channelCount () const`
ChannelCount getter.

`uint32_t sampleRate () const`
SampleRate getter.

`uint32_t bytesPerSecond () const`
BytesPerSecond getter.

`uint16_t blockAlignment () const`
BlockAlignment getter.

`uint16_t bitsPerSample () const`
BitsPerSample getter.

`const std::shared_ptr<ExtraData> extraData () const`
ExtraData getter.

void `write (std::ostream &stream) const`
Write the chunk to a stream.

class ExtraData

Class representation of the *ExtraData* of a *FormatInfoChunk*.

Public Functions

ExtraData (`uint16_t validBitsPerSample`, `uint32_t dwChannelMask`, `uint16_t subFormat`, `std::string subFormatString`)
ExtraData constructor.

`uint16_t validBitsPerSample () const`
ValidBitsPerSample getter.

`uint32_t dwChannelMask () const`
DwChannelMask getter.

`uint16_t subFormat () const`
SubFormat getter.

`std::string subFormatString () const`
SubFormatString getter.

class DataChunk : **public** `bw64::Chunk`
Class representation of a *DataChunk*.

Public Functions

`uint32_t id () const`

Get FourCC id.

`uint64_t size () const`

Get the size of the chunk.

`void write (std::ostream&) const`

Not to be used write chunk to stream.

Warning As the data chunk is usually not written in one piece the override for this function is not used. Using this method will throw an exception.

class JunkChunk : public bw64::Chunk

Class representation of a *DataChunk*.

Public Functions

`uint32_t id () const`

Get FourCC id.

`uint64_t size () const`

Get the size of the chunk.

`void write (std::ostream &stream) const`

Write the chunk to a stream.

class AxmlChunk : public bw64::Chunk

Class representation of an *AxmlChunk*.

Public Functions

`uint32_t id () const`

Get FourCC id.

`uint64_t size () const`

Get the size of the chunk.

`void write (std::ostream &stream) const`

Write the chunk to a stream.

class AudioId

Class representation of an *AudioId* field.

class ChnaChunk : public bw64::Chunk

Class representation of an *ChnaChunk*.

Public Functions

`uint32_t id () const`

Get FourCC id.

`uint64_t size () const`

Get the size of the chunk.

`uint16_t numTracks () const`

NumTracks getter.

`uint16_t numUids () const`

NumUids getter.

`std::vector<AudioId> audioIds () const`

AudioIds getter.

void `addAudioId (AudioId id)`

Add *AudioId* to *AudioId* table.

void `write (std::ostream &stream) const`

Write the chunk to a stream.

class DataSize64Chunk : public bw64::Chunk

Class representation of a DataSize64 chunk.

Public Functions

DataSize64Chunk (`uint64_t bw64Size = 0`, `uint64_t dataSize = 0`, `std::map<uint32_t, uint64_t> table = std::map<uint32_t, uint64_t>()`)

DataSize64Chunk constructor.

`uint32_t id () const`

Get FourCC id.

`uint64_t size () const`

Get the size of the chunk.

`uint64_t bw64Size () const`

Bw64Size getter.

`uint64_t dataSize () const`

DataSize getter.

`uint64_t dummySize () const`

DummySize getter.

`uint32_t tableLength () const`

TableLength getter.

void `bw64Size (uint64_t size)`

Bw64Size setter.

void `dataSize (uint64_t size)`

DataSize setter.

void `dummySize (uint64_t size)`

DummySize setter.

`const std::map<uint32_t, uint64_t> &table () const`

Get table.

bool **hasChunkSize** (uint32_t *id*) **const**
Has chunkSize for id.

uint64_t **getChunkSize** (uint32_t *id*) **const**
Get chunkSize for id.

void **setChunkSize** (uint32_t *id*, uint64_t *size*)
Set or add a ChunkSize.

void **removeChunkSize** (uint32_t *id*)
Remove a ChunkSize from table.

void **clearChunkSizeTable** ()
Clear ChunkSize table.

void **write** (std::ostream &*stream*) **const**
Write the chunk to a stream.

class UnknownChunk : public bw64::Chunk
Class representation of a custom chunk.

This class can be used to copy unknown chunks from an input file to an output file.

Public Functions

uint32_t **id** () **const**
Get FourCC id.

uint64_t **size** () **const**
Get the size of the chunk.

void **write** (std::ostream &*stream*) **const**
Write the chunk to a stream.

constexpr uint32_t bw64::utils::fourCC(char const p[5])

Convert char array chunkIds to uint32_t.

std::string bw64::utils::fourCCToStr(uint32_t value)

Convert uint32_t chunkId to string.

The `libbw64` library is a lightweight C++ header only library to read and write BW64 files. BW64 is standardised as [Recommendation ITU-R BS.2088](#) and the successor of RF64. So it already contains necessary extensions to support files which are bigger than 4 GB. Apart from that an BW64 file is able to contain the ADM metadata and link it with the audio tracks in the file. To do that a BW64 specifies two new RIFF chunks – the `axml` chunk and the `chna` chunk. To parse, create, modify and write the ADM metadata in the `axml` chunk you may use the `libadm` library.

CHAPTER 8

Features

- no dependencies
- support file sizes bigger than 4 GB (ds64 chunk)
- read and write axml and chna chunks
- 16, 24, and 32 bit integer file formats

CHAPTER 9

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