

## Chapter 7 Inserting Background Colors, Pictures, and Sounds

E-mail messaging can be very creative and artistic as well as commercial. You not only have control of pictures and text but also backgrounds and sounds. Backgrounds can be created with textures, watercolor type graphics, animated graphics and unlimited ways of creating a fancy stationary effect. Sound can be added from your voice, crashing thunders, and music using continuous playing songs. File sizes becomes important with sounds as they can be very big files, especially voice recordings. Music of complete songs using the .midi format can be created in the 5 to 50KB range making musical backgrounds very practical. Animated graphics also can be inserted in a smaller practical file that can add a lot of fun to your messages.

From the Message Window click on “Format” on the Menu Bar. This will bring down a menu with the command word “background.” which gives you a choice of “picture,” “color,” and “sound.”

Whatever you choose the same procedures follow by installing files that produce the effects you create. Sound, (.midi) files can be collected in many ways. They do not come with Windows XP operating system. When we surf the Internet we will discover how to collect FREE .midi files. There are complete songs of music in a very low file size format called MIDI music.

Many background and stationary files come with Windows XP and also can be collected from many sources on the Internet.

