Sounds: Ring and Vibrate

Your BlackBerry can be customized in many ways, notably in the area of sounds and ringtones. You can set up different sound profiles according to your needs. In this chapter, we will explain how you can create and adjust the various profiles.

You will learn how to make your BlackBerry ring, vibrate, ring and vibrate, or make no sound at all.

You’ll see that you can customize your BlackBerry for individual situations and even individual contacts by setting unique ringtones and vibrations so you can immediately tell who is calling, texting, or even emailing you.

Understanding Sound Profiles

You can set up your BlackBerry to meet your individual needs—everything from ringtones to vibrations to LED notifications can be adjusted. Traveling on an airplane but still want to use your calendar or play a game without disturbing others? (See page 16 to turn off your radio.) No problem. In a meeting or at the movies and don’t want the phone to ring, but still need to be notified when an email comes in? Again, no problem.

Virtually any scenario you can imagine can be dealt with preemptively by adjusting the profile settings.
Changing Your Profile

To set or change the profile settings:

Depending on your selected Theme and BlackBerry carrier (phone company), how you get to your Sounds icon may be slightly different.

On our BlackBerry, this speaker icon is the Sounds icon. If you don’t see it on your screen, press the Menu key to see the entire list of icons, then scroll to the Sounds icon and click on it.

Seven basic preloaded settings are available: Normal, Loud, Medium, Vibrate Only, Silent, Phone Calls Only, and All Alerts Off. You’ll see the word “Active” next to one of them.

For most users, Normal will be the active profile that rings to announce a phone call and either vibrates or plays a tone when a message arrives.

Loud increases the volume for all notifications.

Medium is between Loud and Quiet.

Vibrate Only enables a short vibration, good for meetings, movies, or other situations where cell phone rings are discouraged.

Silent displays notifications on the display and via the LED.

Phone Calls Only turns off all email and SMS (text) notifications.

All Alerts Off turns off all notifications.

Fine-Tuning Your Sound Profiles

There may be some situations where you want a combination of options that one profile alone can’t satisfy. The BlackBerry is highly customizable, so you can adjust your profile options for virtually any situation. The easiest way to accomplish this is to choose a profile that is closest to what you need and edit it as shown here.