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You can find lots of free mp3 to wave converters online. An mp3 to wave converter will take your compact mp3 files and reproduce them in wave format. This is a great way to convert burn mp3 files onto a blank CD because you won't lose any of the sound quality and you can play the CD in any commercial CD player.

This kind of utility is especially great if you don't have mp3 capabilities in your car and you want to download some of your favorite tunes and take them with you while driving.

You can a free mp3 to wave converter from winamp.

Just log onto their website and go the plugins section. You will have an entire menu of free mp3 to wave converter applications. Make sure that you are picking the right version of the plugin for your software.

While you're there, if you haven't done so already update your copy of winamp to get the latest upgrades and media options. I like them because they are reliable and free.

Where else can I find free mp3 to wave converter applications?

All over the web. You can do a quick search on any major search engine to find a long list of software and media development type of sites with links to other free mp3 to wave converter programs, or even to their own creations. Some of them will charge and it is up to you to determine if that is okay.

If you are a professional media developer or you do mass music file conversions then that would be great. Otherwise, I would highly recommend the free plugins. They are easy to use, don't require much space on your hard drive and come with lots of online documentation.

Anything else I should look at when I'm considering a free mp3 to wave converter?

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Yes, how about wave to mp3 converter. One advantage of many commercial applications is that you can go backwards. If you have your wave files, you can turn them into mp3 and that reduces them to one tenth and up to one fourteenth their actual size. If you are going to be storing all this stuff on your computer, size matters. If you store smaller, more compact files then obviously you can store a lot more information on your hard drive.

Batch conversions

Check the documentation on your program to see if you can do batch mp3 to wave conversions. There might be a few limitations on the free programs. If you have any type of mp3 files on your computer, are a music fan and haven't been living under a rock for the past two years, you know why.

What are some of the more advanced features of an mp3 to wave converter?

1. Take old wave files and turn them into mp3s
2. Rip cd files directly into mp3 format
3. Organize mp3 files with id tags, catalogue them and more
4. Compress wave to mp3 files in the same format

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Beginner's Guide to Music File Formats

By Gary Hendricks

Are you confused by the various types of music file formats out there? Most of you would have heard of the popular MP3 format, but are you aware there are other alternative digital music formats like WAV, WMA, RA and MIDI? Some of these give better sound quality than MP3 (e.g. the WAV format) but also need more disk storage space. Others like WMA give file sizes smaller than the MP3 format and are more suited for portable music players.

Let's run through the various file formats now:

The MP3 File Format

MP3 files have the extension ".mp3" and are available for download from many web sites. MP3 (MPEG-1 Audio Layer-3) technology compresses a sound sequence into a very small file (usually one twelfth of the original file size). The designers of MP3 compression algorithm managed to do this by eliminating sounds that the human ear cannot perceive. While MP3 technology is impressive, it has been abused by music pirates. One can very easily create MP3 files from commercial CDs and make them available for download. The RIAA and major music companies have been cracking down on the distribution and sharing of MP3 files in this manner.

The WMA File Format

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WMA (Windows Media Audio) is Microsoft's proprietary music file format that it is marketing aggressively. WMA files are smaller in size than MP3 files, but still retain a decent level of sound quality. This format is getting very popular in websites for sampling music and also in portable music players. However, whether WMA will overtake the popularity of MP3 remains to be seen.

The WAV File Format

A wave file is characterized by the file extension ".wav". This music file format provides raw, uncompressed audio data. Originally invented by Microsoft, wave files are still used widely (examples include your start up and shut down sounds in Windows). Audio quality is excellent, but the file size is huge. A full pop song in wave format may take up to 30 MB of disk space or more.

The AIFF File Format

The AIFF (Audio Interchange File Format) is a popular music file format used in the Apple Macintosh operating system. In a way, they are the Macintosh equivalent of wave files. AIFF files have the file extension ".aif" when accessed via a PC. They contain raw audio data (which result in excellent sound quality) but take up a large amount of disk space.

The MIDI File Format

The MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) file format was originally created for recording and playing music on digital synthesizers. MIDI files are very small in size. The reason for this is that the MIDI file only contains information on how music is produced (e.g. note-ons and note-offs). The sound card which plays back the MIDI file takes this information and plays back music using an in-built soundcard wavetable.

The RA File Format

RA (RealAudio) files support streaming technology. Created by Progressive Networks, an RA file is highly optimized for live, streaming audio from websites. RA files are best played back on RealAudio players which are freely downloadable from Progressive Networks.

Conclusion

Well, that wraps up our coverage of the most popular music file formats out there. You may be interested to know that there are many software applications which can convert music from one format to another (e.g. MP3 to WAV or WAV to AIFF). Do a search for these applications at www.download.com.

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