

## Common Audio Formats

*Lossless – superb quality, bigger size; Lossy – lower quality, smaller size.*



1. <b>AIFF</b>	lossless, big filesize, <b>iPhone/iPad/iPod</b>
2. <b>WAV</b>	lossless, big filesize, almost all devices
3. <b>ALAC .m4a (Apple Lossless)</b>	lossless, iPhone/iPad/iPod
4. <b>FLAC</b>	lossless, supported by <b>Android</b> starting with Android 3.1
5. <b>Ogg Vorbis</b>	lossy, but better than MP3 or AAC of the same bit rate, supported by <b>Android</b> devices
6. <b>AAC</b>	lossy, better than MP3 128kbit/s, <b>iPhone/iPad/iPod, Android</b>
7. <b>MP3</b>	lossy, supported by almost all devices

## Recording and Editing Tools

<b>Audacity (Windows, Mac, Linux)</b>	<a href="http://audacity.sourceforge.net/">http://audacity.sourceforge.net/</a>	a powerful tool for editing, recording and mixing sound files;
<b>Wavosaur (Windows)</b>	<a href="http://www.wavosaur.com">http://www.wavosaur.com</a>	a small portable tool which is powerful enough to handle basic audio editing and recording needs;

## Audio Converters

<b>FlicFlac Audio Converter (Windows)</b> <b>Max (Mac)</b>	<a href="http://www.sector-seven.net/software/flicflac">http://www.sector-seven.net/software/flicflac</a> <a href="http://sbooth.org/Max/">http://sbooth.org/Max/</a>	a small portable audio conversion tool (WAV, FLAC, MP3, OGG, APE) highly configurable audio converter and CD-ripper (output: FLAC, MP3, APE, OGG, WAV, AIFF, AAC, etc.)
<b>SoundConverter (Linux)</b>	<a href="http://soundconverter.org/">http://soundconverter.org/</a>	a friendly, easy-to-use converter for Linux (output: WAV, FLAC, MP3, AAC, and OGG)
<b>ConvertVideoToAudio.com</b>	<a href="http://www.convertvideotoaudio.com">http://www.convertvideotoaudio.com</a>	easily grab audio from almost any online video file hosted on YouTube and alike (output: AAC, AC3, FLAC, WAV, MP3);

## Audio CD Rippers

<b>FreeRip (Windows)</b>	<a href="http://freerip.com/">http://freerip.com/</a>	easily convert your CDs to mp3, ogg, flac or wav format;
<b>Exact Audio Copy (Windows)</b>	<a href="http://www.exactaudiocopy.de/">http://www.exactaudiocopy.de/</a>	perfectly rips your CDs and has a basic built-in sound editor;

## Multi-purpose Software

<b>iTunes (Mac/Windows)</b>	sync your iPods/iPhones/iPads, transfer music, buy songs/albums, organize your music libraries and much more;
<b>MediaMonkey (Windows)</b>	<a href="http://www.mediamonkey.com">http://www.mediamonkey.com</a> rip/burn CDs, organize your music libraries, tag audio files, sync with <b>iPhones, iPods, Android</b> devices and other portable Audio/Video Devices, etc.;
<b>Free YouTube to Mp3 Converter (Windows)</b>	<a href="http://www.dvdvideosoft.com/products/dvd/Free-YouTube-to-MP3-Converter.htm">http://www.dvdvideosoft.com/products/dvd/Free-YouTube-to-MP3-Converter.htm</a> <b>download mp3</b> from all possible YouTube videos, also lets save the video itself (output: mp3, m4a, aac, wav, wma, ogg, flac, ape).

## Other Useful Tools

**TagScanner (Windows)** – the most powerful tag editing tool for managing your music collection which lets you import tag info from online databases like Amazon or freedb, embed lyrics and cover art, easily edit tag info for multiple files and much more (supports all major audio formats);

*\*For more Audio tools for Windows check out <http://www.makeuseof.com/pages/best-windows-software>*

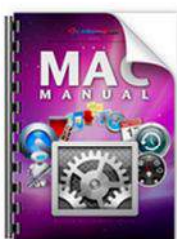
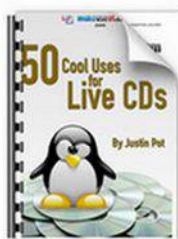
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