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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Tue, 23 Jan 2007 01:50:03 GMT

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Posted by [brandon\[2\]](#) on Tue, 23 Jan 2007 15:51:52 GMT

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<http://www.resellerratings.com/forum/t93323.html>

http://www.soft29.com/convert/m4a_converter.html

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<http://ask.metafilter.com/mefi/45651>

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Tue, 23 Jan 2007 16:57:37 GMT

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DVD John, the guy who cracked the CSS DRM on DVDs also cracked the Apple DRM.

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/01/05/itunes_drm_cracked_w ide_open/

He also cracked their streaming tech, bless his little Norwegian heart. Here's a reportedly usable Windows app to do the conversion.

<http://hymn-project.org/forums/viewtopic.php?t=1555>

However, keep in mind you're probably violating an EULA, the DMCA, WTO regulations, as well as helping to hasten the destruction of all good and decent copyright holders and end the world as we know it.

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TCB

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Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Tue, 23 Jan 2007 22:45:10 GMT

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Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Tue, 23 Jan 2007 22:51:21 GMT

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On 24 Jan 2007 02:57:37 +1000, "TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:

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OK, guys -

m4a is NOT a proprietary standard. It is an open mpeg codec, like mp3, but better. It is NOT something Apple came up with, like M\$ did with WMA.

The only time it is proprietary is if you buy protected songs from the iTunes Music Store or someplace similar.

m4a or AAC files that you rip yourself, or that someone else rips themselves, does not contain the Apple DRM. It is simply another compressed audio format, like mp3 or OGG.

When the OGG zealots get on their soapbox, the same argument applies - if you can't find a player to support it, what good is it?

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Subject: Re: How do you convert m4a files to mp3 or wave???

Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Wed, 24 Jan 2007 21:23:07 GMT

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Oh yeah...sorry...I was talking about the homegrown files I was sent, not even thinking about bought tunes.

Rod

"Tom Bruhl" <arpeggio@comcast.net> wrote:

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