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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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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_wide_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.

As far as educating your clients, as AA suggested, I would go one step further. They didn't give you the music in the wrong format, they are using the wrong format to start with. A format that denies them rights they have every reason to expect to have, including interoperability with other commonly used audio software and devices.

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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>As far as educating your clients, as AA suggested, I would go one step further.
>They didn't give you the music in the wrong format, they are using the wrong
>format to start with. A format that denies them rights they have every reason
>to expect to have, including interoperability with other commonly used audio
>software and devices.
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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?

But don't blast m4a all together because it is not, by itself, DRM-locked.

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Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Wed, 24 Jan 2007 02:33:38 GMT

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Posted by [Tom Bruhl](#) on Wed, 24 Jan 2007 09:23:56 GMT

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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

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