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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2007 09:59:09 GMT  
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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2007 13:50:26 GMT  
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iTunes will play movies so it seems to me that it should be capable of doing the conversion. Haven't tried it though...

Gantt

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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2007 15:30:18 GMT  
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Posted by [Dedric Terry](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2007 17:10:12 GMT

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Sarah, we use a dvd ripping app that may not be available anymore but I can't remember the name (it decrypts to streaming mpeg); then we use mpegstreamclip to convert to whatever format. Quality is good, but none are fast. If I can find a link to the ripper I'll email it to you.

I just got an iPod Touch and might be doing the same thing - are you on Mac or PC?

Dedric

On 12/9/07 2:59 AM, in article 475bbd63@linux, "Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote:

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Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2007 19:11:36 GMT  
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probably some other 3rd-party things floating around, but I'm not  
aware of what's out there.

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Sun, 09 Dec 2007 23:24:57 GMT  
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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2007 08:28:58 GMT

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"Kim" <[hidensounds@hotmail.com](mailto:hidensounds@hotmail.com)> wrote in message [news:475c6b39\\$1@linux...](mailto:news:475c6b39$1@linux...)

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Posted by [Erling](#) on Mon, 10 Dec 2007 09:52:52 GMT  
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I believe Nero can do this thing too but am not sure. I think you can try it out for a month before buying, so you can find out if it works for you. I have converted plenty of films with it but never for iPod. But as said here, it will take a long time to convert. So here you need a real strong computer to get it done faster. A dual or quad processor will make it faster than a single processor. A year ago I tested to convert the same film on an AMD dual 3800+ and an AMD single 4000+ and the dual processor was about 20-30% faster to do the job in Nero7, as far as I remember.

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