FreeRIP MP3

FreeRip MP3 is a free application which let you extract audio tracks from compact discs and export them to Wav, Ogg Vorbis or MP3 audio files.

FreeRip MP3 can record digital audio tracks directly from compact discs, without going through your sound card (this process is known as "ripping").
You can save tracks as CD-quality WAV files or encode them to Ogg Vorbis or MP3 compressed format.

Moreover you can encode existing 16 bit WAV files to Ogg Vorbis or MP3 format.

FreeRIP MP3 supports CDDB, it means that it can automatically connect to an Internet database to download information about your CDs, such as songs titles, LP title, and so on.

FreeRIP MP3 supports ID3 tagging so it can store track info into MP3 or Ogg files so that your player can retrive and display them.

Finally FreeRIP MP3 includes a monkey-proof installation for the Ogg Vorbis Plugin for Winamp so that you can let your Winamp play Ogg Vorbis compressed files.

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Contact Information

FreeRIP MP3 is a **MGShareware** product.

You can contact **MGShareware** at the following URL:

http://www.mgshareware.com

Getting Started

Launch FreeRIP MP3.

The first time you use it you need to choose few options: see <u>Configure FreeRIP MP3</u>.

Now you're ready to create MP3, Ogg or Wav files. Insert an audio CD into the CD Player and wait few seconds. The main window will be filled with CD tracks details. If you're connected to the Internet FreeRIP MP3 automatically query CDDB.

If you want to change a song title just click with the left mouse button on the right end of the current title. An entry field will appear.

If you want to change LP title, author or   year just click on the entry fields and type what you wish.

You can choose the Category from a Drop-Down list.

Now select all the tracks you want to rip by checking the check-box on the left of each one and finally press the "RIP Tracks" button on the right of the window.

A working log window appears and you just have to wait the end of the job.

During the work you will notice that your system speed will slow down. That's because converting audio files to compressed format   is a CPU bound process.

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Configure FreeRIP MP3

To configure FreeSaver MP3 options select Options   from the CD menu.

In the General page select the CD player you want to use (if your system has more than one) and the directory where you want to place ripped files.
Select also the file format you want to produce. You can choose Wav, MP3 or the Ogg Vorbis file format.
Moreover you can adjust the sampling bit rate of MP3 encoding.

In the Network and CDDB page you can select which CDDB server you want to use, and if you want to query it automatically. Moreover you can choose to search the CDPlayer ini file to retrive information about your CDs.

Proxy info are automatically setted by the software.

Converting Wav to MP3

To convert a 16 bit Wav file to MP3 format choose the Convert Wav to MP3 option from the utilities menu and fill in the required fields:

    Wav file: the full path and name of the source Wav file
    MP3 file: the full path and name of the destination MP3 file
    Bit rate: the bit rate in Kbps

Optionally you can specify some track info to store in the MP3 file:

    Title: title of the track
    LP Title: title of the album
    Artist: name of the artist
    Comment: a short comment
    Category: category or genre of the track
    Year: year of the album or track

Press the start button to convert the Wav track to MP3 format.

Please note: only 16 bit Wav files can be converted to MP3.

Converting Wav to Ogg Vorbis

To convert a 16 bit Wav file to Ogg Vorbis audio file format choose the Convert Wav to Ogg option from the utilities menu and fill in the required fields:

    Wav file: the full path and name of the source Wav file
    Ogg   file: the full path and name of the destination Ogg Vorbis file

Optionally you can specify some track info to store in the Ogg file:

    Title: title of the track
    LP Title: title of the album
    Artist: name of the artist
    Comment: a short comment
    Category: category or genre of the track
    Year: year of the album or track

Press the start button to convert the Wav track to Ogg format.

Please note: only 16 bit Wav files can be converted to Ogg Vorbis audio format.

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What is Ogg Vorbis

(excerpt from Vorbis docs)

Vorbis is a general purpose audio and music encoding format contemporary to MPEG-4's AAC and TwinVQ, the next generation beyondMPEG audio layer 3. Unlike the MPEG sponsored ormats (and other proprietary formats such as RealAudio G2 and Windows' flavor of the month), the Vorbis CODEC specification belongs to the public domain.
All the technical details are published and documented, and any software entity may make full use of the format without royalty or patent concerns.

This package contains libvorbis, an LGPLed software implementation of the Vorbis specification by the Xiphophorus company (http://www.xiph.org/), vorbisfile, an LGPLed convenience library built on Vorbis designed to simplify common uses and a number of GPL example programs, utilities and player plugins.

CONTACT:

The OggSquish homepage is located at 'http://www.xiph.org/ogg/'.
Vorbis's homepage is located at 'http://www.xiph.org/ogg/vorbis/'.
Up to date technical documents, contact information, source code and pre-built utilities may be found there.

Note:
LGPL = GNU Library General Public License

Ogg Vorbis Plugin for Winamp

FreeRIP MP3 includes a plugin module to let your Winamp play Ogg Vorbis (.ogg) files.

To install it just select "Install Ogg Vorbis Plugin for Winamp" from the Utilities menu.

The Ogg Vorbis Plugin for Winamp is a courtesy of:

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