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### **ITunes DRM stripper**

Posted by: [CM II](#) (IP Logged)  
Date: April 26, 2004 11:31AM

How long before Apple takes action?

#### **New iTunes DRM-remover emerges**

*FairTunes is a new application that strips the digital rights management (DRM) protection from songs purchased at the iTunes Music Store. Unlike PlayFair, a similar utility that Apple has twice had removed from the Web, FairTunes does not require an iPod and is packaged as a simple Cocoa application that converts the song into an uncompressed WAV of AIFF file, which can then be encoded or burned as the user desires. FairTunes is free.*

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### **Re: iTunes DRM stripper**

Posted by: [BiggerSea](#) (IP Logged)  
Date: April 26, 2004 11:34AM

you can already do this with QTPro or Toast or by burning a CD.

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### **Re: iTunes DRM stripper**

Posted by: [DavidS](#) (IP Logged)  
Date: April 26, 2004 12:34PM

I thought I had read that they already sent them a cease and desist order a week or so ago.

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### **Re: iTunes DRM stripper**

Posted by: [GraphicsBooks.com](#) (IP Logged)  
Date: April 26, 2004 12:37PM

That was a different app, DavidS (PlayFair, I believe)

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### **Re: iTunes DRM stripper**

Posted by: [The Chad](#) (IP Logged)  
Date: April 26, 2004 12:53PM

This makes it so you don't have to burn a CD, and eliminates quality-loss inherent in that method.

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Re: iTunes DRM stripper

Posted by: [comaplate](#) (IP Logged)

Date: April 26, 2004 02:40PM

Who cares! It works as well as sending the file to Toast w/o the hassle.

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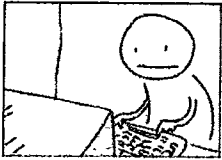
Re: iTunes DRM stripper

Posted by: [MacGurl](#) (IP Logged)

Date: April 26, 2004 04:44PM

Yeep - works great. Get it while you can - you all know Apple will be having this one taken down too.

Kathy



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Re: iTunes DRM stripper

Posted by: [HadRoastBeef](#) (IP Logged)

Date: April 27, 2004 05:18PM

The Chad wrote:

- > This makes it so you don't have to burn a CD, and eliminates
- > quality-loss inherent in that method.

Actually it doesn't avoid quality loss, it just avoids having to burn a CD. It converts to uncompressed AIFF format. If you then want it at a reasonable size you have to re-encode it into AAC or another format and that results in generational sound quality loss. Playfair, in contrast, did not re-encode, it stripped out the DRM directly. There were some problems with playfair, though - in particular files stripped of DRM with it would not stream via iTunes' rendezvous sharing. Probably that would eventually be resolved, but the last available version (0.5) still had this problem.

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