

MP3 GUICoder V.9b
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RELEASE NOTES:

Why another front end encoder? What is so damn hard about typing `l3enc file.wav file.mp3 -hq -crc -br 128000` ? Well, let's sum it up with these 5 points:

1. Long filenames (even for a single WAV) is a pain in the ass to convert at a DOS prompt.
2. How many WAVs do you want to convert by hand? I convert about 10-15 at a time when I do it - and my computer isn't that fast. Batch conversion is the only answer.
3. Some people still hate DOS and typing. No keyboard required here.
4. Current GUI coders/decoders don't have the kind of updating and support I need. Visual Encoder is a great program, but Flipino is very busy with Shuffler and won't work on Visual Encoder for awhile. Plus, I knew decoding was in my future soon, so I figured I would add that.
5. I needed a good first program for the PC and decided that this is the answer.

With the stupid questions out of the way, let's get on to the meat of things.

You will need the basic VB runtimes to use this program. GUICoder is a 32-bit Visual Basic program for Win95/NT/. It runs fine under build 1423 of Memphis. No, there will be NO 16-bit version of this program.

This program will encode, decode, and launch WAV/MP3 players in a GUI batch type environment.

The interface is straight forward, although I will help you out by saying that you can turn off the 'newbie' suggestion mode in SETUP. Heh heh. Although the program will build an initial INI file for you, you will need to go directly to SETUP and configure GUICoder to work with your system.

To use the playback features, just double click the MP3 or WAV file in the file list box.

This program should handle long filenames just fine. Be sure to run this through its paces.

KNOWN BUGS AND PROBLEMS

1. No help file is launched from the HELP button. No kidding. There will be a true Windows Help file for the program before it is fully released. It will have lots of goodies in it for the newbie as well as the experienced. I suspect it will be passed around alone for newbies to reference.
2. Program doesn't clean up its batch file. Sorry, fixed in the next release.
3. I haven't seen much else wrong yet. It is early yet. Heh heh.
4. Dammit, I only included three bitrate settings. No reason to use anything less than 128000, although I included 8000 for the whiners. Heh heh heh.

Please report all problem PROMPTLY to me at darkuni@nwinternet.com . Thanks again. If you have ideas for improvement, send them along. Now that I have a CDRom that supports ripping via CDDA32, expect that I might add it to the program someday ;).