



## MP3 Fiend Help

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## What is MP3 Fiend?

MP3 Fiend is a metasearch engine for Windows. A "metasearch" engine is one which encompasses other engines. In doing so, you can find more results and can find these results faster. With exporting to browsers, download utilities, and the clipboard, MP3 Fiend makes it much easier to download than with traditional, web-based metasearch engines.

MP3 Fiend has been freeware from the start, and will remain that way. It is written by Eternal Software, which in reality is a one-man operation.

I get annoyed when people send very angry e-mails about the program not working properly, not living up to expectations, etc. I am in college right now, and don't have all the time in the world to dedicate to this project. I am giving away, for free, a very powerful and useful program. If you don't like it, you don't have to use it.

On a better note, thanks to everyone who sends positive feedback about the program! I hope it will continue to evolve into bigger and better things.

# MP3 Fiend Configuration

## What is "Timeout"?

The *timeout* box is used to kill the request after a certain amount of seconds have elapsed. For example, if the *timeout* box is set for 30 seconds, and the search engine hasn't sent any data in the last 30 seconds, MP3 Fiend will stop the search from that engine. Note that if the engine sends data before 30 seconds are up, a new count is started. So if an engine sends a small packet of data every 29 seconds, it may not timeout and will seem very slow.

## What is "Chunk Size"?

*Chunk Size* refers to the size of the packet that is retrieved from the remote machine. The default is 512 bytes (*not* KB). So 1024 will be 1.024k requested from an engine at one time. Keeping this number small is usually sufficient for people on modem connections. If you have a faster connection, or are curious, you can try changing the value to a higher number.

## What are the checkboxes next to the engines for?

These checkboxes will enable or disable particular engines. This is useful for people on slower connections (reducing the number of engines improves performance). It is also good if one or more engines are not responding, so you can remove them from further searches. Rechecking the box will return the engines to normal.

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

## Why can't I download the MP3s it finds?

If you are having problems downloading files, there are many possible problems. First of all, download with browsers is a very bad idea (practically impossible), due to the ups and downs of these MP3 servers. Many browser results, such as "File not Found", "The Server Returned Extended Information", and "Host Unreachable" all indicate bad servers. The most obvious problem downloading the MP3s is that the file no longer exists. This is because MP3 Fiend takes results from search engines on the web, but it does not check to see if the files actually exist. Since servers are constantly going up and down, many results may not be valid. Please note, however, that it is NOT a problem with MP3 Fiend. I get many e-mails daily saying my program is awful because it shows "fake", "bogus", or "invalid" links in order to show more hits (or something along those lines). My program is at the mercy of the search engines, if they return bad results, you'll see bad results. More information on downloading is available depending on what type of file you are downloading:

### HTTP Files

HTTP files are usually easier to deal with than FTP files. If you get an error with these files, it's probably because they don't exist. In this case, simply try another file.

### FTP Files

FTP files cause more problems than HTTP files due to the nature of FTP servers. In addition to files simply not existing on the server, other problems may arise:

**User Limit** - First of all, most FTP servers have a user limit. When too many people try to get a file, the FTP server will not allow any more people in. This causes an error message to be returned.

**File Ratios** - Many sites don't want you wasting their bandwidth by simply taking a file and not giving them anything back. Sites that require you to upload a file before downloading one have a "ratio". For example, a ratio of "2:1" means you can download 2 bytes for every 1 byte you upload. MP3 Fiend does not check for ratio sites, so many returns may not be available.

I strongly suggest either using GetRight or using the "Copy to Clipboard" option to paste the path to the MP3 into a good FTP client, such as CuteFTP, WarFTP, WS\_FTP, LeechFTP, or BulletProofFTP.

## Why doesn't MP3 Fiend check for ratios?

Having to poll all these servers (many of which are slow, unreliable, or non-existent)

would take an extraordinary amount of time, and would slow the program to a crawl. It is just faster to try to download the file yourself and see what happens.

## **Why doesn't MP3 Fiend see if the files actually exist?**

See above!

## **Why don't any of these clickable internet links work?**

In order to launch your browser, I had two choices. I could ask you the location of your browser (which wastes time), or I could assume .HTM files are associated with your browser. I chose the latter. Basically, MP3 Fiend simulates a double-click to an .HTM file on your system. If you double-click an .HTM file and your browser doesn't launch, and the MP3 Fiend web links aren't working, you can fix the problem. Simply hold down SHIFT and RIGHT-CLICK on an .HTM file on your system. Select "Open With..." and from the list, choose your browser. Check the box at the bottom that states "Always open with this application" (or something similar). The problem should be solved.

## **How do I use Go!Zilla with MP3 Fiend?**

The only way I can interface MP3 Fiend with Go!Zilla is through the use of clipboard monitoring. Sorry, but there is no fancy way like with GetRight. Simply go into the Go!Zilla menu, turn on "Clipboard Monitoring", and Go!Zilla should grab the file when you click the button in MP3 Fiend. If you need, you can turn it off when you exit MP3 Fiend.

## **How do I use GetRight with MP3 Fiend?**

GetRight will make your life a *lot* easier when using MP3 Fiend. But first, you need to use it properly. To start, go into GetRight's configuration:

In the "Save To" tab, make sure that the "use default name and do not prompt for file name" is checked. This will stop "Save As..." windows from popping up every two seconds and becoming annoying.

Step 2 in finding a song you want is to send a whole bunch of different links for that same song to GetRight. Send as many as your system can handle. Chances are, at least one of those links will start to download. Then all you have to do is go back and pause the others or delete them altogether. If you follow this method you should have the song you want downloading in seconds.

## **How can I tell if a file is HTTP or FTP?**

The box next to the results will contain an "H" for HTTP or an "F" for FTP servers. Another way is to right click on the results box and select "Show Full Path".

## **Will MP3 Fiend work with proxy servers and firewalls?**

Many users have reported success using proxy servers, but MP3 Fiend will not work behind firewalls. You shouldn't be using it at work anyway! :)

### **Why can't I add my own engines?**

Unfortunately, this will never be a feature of MP3 Fiend. Each engine returns results in different way, and the code has to be compatible with the return. Some engines, because of the way they return results, will never be included in MP3 Fiend (i.e. Scour.net). If you know of any good MP3 engines that are NOT included in the program, please send them to [submission@eternalsoft.hypermart.net](mailto:submission@eternalsoft.hypermart.net).

### **Why do I get "WRONG VERSION OF RUN-TIME DLL"?**

You need to download and install the latest VB5 Runtime DLLs. Do not download these from the Microsoft FTP site, as the installation package is very buggy. (Ironic, isn't it?)



