Purchase from Sonic Foundry web site

Click here to open your Web browser, connect to your Internet Service Provider (ISP), and link to the Sonic Foundry web site, where you can purchase the Sonic Foundry MP3 Plug-In.

Activation code

Enter the activation code you received by phone or e-mail when you purchased the Sonic Foundry MP3 Plug-In. This code unlocks your copy of the Plug-In.

Computer ID

When you purchase and register your Sonic Foundry MP3 Plug-In, you must provide your computer ID to Sonic Foundry by phone or by the web site. If you register via our web site, the *Computer ID* field is automatically filled in for you. This ID is used to generate your activation code, which unlocks your copy of the Sonic Foundry MP3 Plug-In.

Save ID3 tag to file

If you want to include an ID3 tag in your MP3 file, select this check box. Once this check box is selected, the remaining fields on the ID3 Summary tab are enabled.

Title

Enter a title for your MP3 audio file. This field is limited to 30 characters.

Artist

Enter the artist for your MP3 audio file. This field is limited to 30 characters.

Copyright

Enter copyright information for your MP3 audio file.

Album

Enter the album information for your MP3 audio file, if applicable. This field is limited to 30 characters.

Year

Enter the year information for your MP3 audio file.   This field is limited to four characters.

Comments

Enter any comments about your MP3 audio file. This field is limited to 30 characters.

Evaluation encodes remaining

This number indicates the number of free evaluation encodes you have remaining on the Sonic Foundry MP3 Plug-In. If you want to encode additional files beyond your initial twenty, you can obtain more information about purchasing the Sonic Foundry MP3 Plug-In by clicking the **Purchase…** button to the right.

Purchase

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Bitrate

Specify the appropriate bitrate for the intended target audience of your MP3 audio file. The general connection speed of your audience determines the data transfer rate (bitrate). You should select a bitrate for encoding that is at or below your target audience's data transfer rate. Sound quality can be affected at lower bitrates.

Quality

Use the Quality slider to determine the overall quality of the MP3 encoding. If you position the slider button toward the left, or *Fastest encode*, the encoding process will be completed more quickly, but the sound quality of your MP3 file may be slightly degraded.   If you position the slider button toward the right, or *Highest quality sound*, your MP3 file will sound better, but the encoding process may take longer.

Convert to mono

Select this check box if you want to encode your MP3 audio file as mono, or one channel. This conversion is only available if your original audio is stereo (two channels), and can improve sound quality for lower bit rates.

Copyrighted

Select this check box if you want to identify your MP3 audio file as copyrighted material. This data is for informational purposes only and can be displayed by MP3 players.

Private

Select this check box if you want to identify your MP3 audio file as private material. This data is for informational purposes only and can be displayed by MP3 players.

Original Material

Select this check box if you want to identify your MP3 audio file as original material. This data is for informational purposes only and can be displayed by MP3 players.

Genre

Specify the appropriate genre for your MP3 audio file, if desired.

MP3 VBR Quality

Select this check box to enable variable bitrate (VBR) encoding. During encoding, the bitrate is automatically adjusted to give you higher quality sounds and smaller file size.

The bitrate is generally greater during complex passages (when many instruments are playing), and lower during quiet or simple passages. The **MP3 VBR Quality** slider enables you to choose a VBR setting between 1 and 100. A value of 100 produces a file with the highest sound quality, but takes the longest to record.

MP3 VBR Quality

Drag this slider to choose a variable bitrate (VBR) setting between 1 and 100. A value of 100 produces a file with the highest sound quality, but takes the longest to record.

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ID3 Version Compatibility

Select a radio button to specify the format that will be used to save ID3 information in your encoded MP3 audio file.

If you specify an ID3 version that is not compatible with your MP3 player, ID3 tags may not be displayed correctly. Refer to your MP3 player's documentation to determine which version you should use.