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someone wrote:

Nope; I just didn't understand what a podcast really was. So "podcast" is different from streaming audio but not from mp3s? I like how Apple is using the new name.

Anyway, I'm glad that they are using mp3s for this. All of the music I bought with iTunes is in the m4p format, which I've never encountered outside of iTunes.

Apple had to add DRM (Digital Rights Management, better known as Digital Restrictions Method) to standard MP3's, because otherwise the 4 major music companies would not let them sell their stuff.

Luckily you can remove this unnecessary DRM by making a CD and importing it back to MP3. The easiest way to do this is using a CD-RW, so you need to buy only one disc. It might even be possible to use a "virtual" CD, but I have no experience with that.

well, not exactly...

apple did not add DRM to MP3.
apple added DRM to AAC files.

to remove the DRM...you can use for example <http://www.hymn-project.org/>, which will convert the DRM-encrypted AAC files to normal AAC files.

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burning the stuff to a CD and import back as MP3 has one big flaw:
you loose quality.

simply because MP3 is a lossy format, so by doing the CD->MP3 conversion,
you loose quality.

of course the same happens when you convert AAC=>MP3 (for example with
Hymn).

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