

How to Rip DVD Audio to MP3 Using VLC Media Player

This wikiHow teaches you how to rip a DVD's audio into an MP3 file on your Windows or Mac computer. You can use VLC media player to perform this whole process, though the resulting audio is often distorted or choppy. For optimal results,...

Method 1 of 3:

Using VLC on Windows

1. **Insert the DVD into your computer's DVD drive.** The DVD should go logo-side-up.
 1. If your computer has a CD drive instead of a DVD drive, you may not be able to rip the DVD's audio. You can ensure that you have a DVD drive by looking for the "DVD" logo on the drive's tray.
 2. If you either don't have a DVD drive or don't have a space for your disc at all, you'll need to use an external USB DVD drive.
2. **Open VLC.** Its app icon resembles an orange-and-white traffic cone.
3. **Click** . It's a tab in the top-left corner of the VLC window. A drop-down menu will appear.
4. **Click** . You'll find this option in the drop-down menu.
5. **Check the "No disc menus" box.** It's in the upper-left side of the window.
6. **Click**

- . This icon is at the bottom of the window, to the right of the **Play** button. Clicking it prompts a drop-down menu.
7. **Click** . It's in the drop-down menu. This will open a new page.
 8. **Change the output file type to MP3.** Click the "Profile" drop-down box, then click **Audio - MP3** in the drop-down menu.
 9. **Click** . It's in the lower-right side of the window. Doing so opens a pop-up window.
 10. **Enter a file name.** In the "File name" text box, type in whatever you want to name your ripped DVD file.
 11. **Select a save location.** Click a folder in the left-hand sidebar to select it as the save location for your MP3 file.
 12. **Click** . It's in the bottom-right corner of the window.
 13. **Click** . This option is at the bottom of the window. Your DVD will begin ripping.
 14. **Allow your DVD to rip.** Depending on the DVD's size, this can take anywhere from half an hour to well over an hour. Once VLC finishes ripping your DVD, the completed MP3 file will be in your selected save location.
 1. If prompted, click **Keep** to prevent your MP3 file from getting overwritten.

Score
0 / 0

Method 1 Quiz

What determines the amount of time it will take your DVD to burn?

DVD size.

Absolutely! If you're burning a shorter DVD, it should only take about 30 minutes to burn. If it's a longer DVD, it could take over an hour to finish. Read on for another quiz question.

The type of DVD player in your computer.

Not exactly! As long as you have a DVD player in your computer, it should work the same as any other DVD player. Check for the DVD symbol on your disk drive to make sure it's a DVD player and not just a CD drive. Click on another answer to find the right one...

If you're using an external DVD drive.

Not quite! An external DVD drive should be just as fast as one that is in your computer. You might need a USB DVD drive if your computer only has a CD drive instead of a DVD drive. Try again...

The quality of the DVD.

Nope! DVD quality should be pretty similar across the board, and it won't affect burning time. There is a different way to quickly figure out about how long it will take to burn. Pick another answer!

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Method 2 of 3:

Using VLC on Mac

1. **Insert your DVD into your Mac's DVD player.** The DVD should go logo-side-up.
 1. Since most Macs don't ship with DVD drives included, you'll probably need an external USB DVD drive to plug into your Mac.
2. **Open VLC.** Click **Spotlight**



- , type in `vlc`, and double-click the **VLC** result, then click **Open** when prompted.
3. Click **File**. This menu item is in the top-left corner of your Mac's screen.
 4. Click **Open Disc...**. It's in the **File** drop-down menu. Doing so will open a settings window with your DVD's information.
 5. Click **Disable DVD menus**. This button is in the upper-right side of the window.
 6. Check the "Stream output" box. This option is in the bottom-left corner of the window.
 7. Click **Settings**. It's on the right side of the window. Your video's conversion settings will open.
 8. Check the "File" box. This option is at the top of the page.
 1. If both "File" and "Stream" are checked, click the "File" checkbox again to make sure it's the only output.
 9. Click **Browse...**. It's in the upper-right side of the window. A pop-up window will open.
 10. Enter a name. Type a name for your DVD file into the "Save As" text box, then type in `.mp3` after the name.
 1. If you want to name your MP3 file "The Blair Witch Project", for example, you would type in `The Blair Witch Project.mp3` here.
 11. Select a save location. Click the "Where" drop-down box, then click a folder (e.g., **Desktop**) in the drop-down menu.
 12. Click **Save**. It's at the bottom of the window.
 13. Uncheck the "Video" box. This is in the middle of the page.
 14. Indicate that you want to include audio. Check the "Audio" box, then click the "Audio" drop-down box and click **MP3** in the resulting menu.
 15. Click **OK** twice. Doing so prompts VLC to begin ripping your DVD into an MP3 file.
 16. Allow your DVD to rip. Depending on the DVD's size, this can take anywhere from half an hour to well over an hour. Once VLC finishes ripping your DVD, the completed MP3 file will be in your selected save

location.

1. If prompted, click **Keep** to prevent your MP3 file from getting overwritten.

Score

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Method 2 Quiz

What will your file name always include after you burn audio from a DVD?

"Burn"

Nope! Just because you are burning the audio doesn't mean you need "burn" in the final name. It will help if you give the file the same name as the original DVD to make sure you know what it is. Click on another answer to find the right one...

".mp3"

Exactly! Your file must end with the format: .mp3. Otherwise, you can name it whatever you want. Read on for another quiz question.

"DVD"

Not quite! You could name it "fromDVD" if you want to remember where you got it from, but that's not necessary. It's still missing an even more important piece. Choose another answer!

"Audio"

Not exactly! Make sure that "audio" is checked before burning, but you don't need to have "audio" in the file name. You can name your file whatever you want, with one little exception. Choose another answer!

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Method 3 of 3:

Combining VLC and HandBrake

1. **Download and install HandBrake.** HandBrake is a free program for Windows and Mac computers that can be used to rip an MP4 file from a DVD:
 1. Go to <https://handbrake.fr/> in your computer's web browser.
 2. Click **Download HandBrake**.
 3. Double-click the downloaded setup file.
 4. Follow the on-screen instructions.
2. **Insert the DVD into your computer's DVD drive.** The DVD should go logo-side-up.
 1. You can ensure that your computer has a DVD drive (not just a CD drive) by looking for the "DVD" logo on the drive tray. If you don't have a DVD drive, you may not be able to rip your DVD.
 2. If your computer doesn't have a DVD drive, you'll need to buy an external one and plug it into one of your computer's USB ports.

3. **Open HandBrake.** Its app icon resembles a pineapple next to a fruity drink.
4. **Click the DVD option.** It's a disc-shaped icon with your DVD's name in the upper-left side of HandBrake.
 1. If you don't see the DVD icon, close and then re-open HandBrake.
5. **Change the conversion settings if necessary.** HandBrake will typically default to an MP4 conversion, but you should double-check the following aspects before continuing:
 1. *File format* — Make sure the "Container" box has "MP4" in it. If it doesn't, click the box, then click **MP4**.
 2. *File resolution* — Click **Presets**, then click a quality (e.g., **1080p**) on the right side of the window.
6. **Click** . It's to the right of the "Save As" text box. A pop-up window will appear.
7. **Enter your file's save details.** Select a save location, enter a file name in the "File name" (Windows) or "Name" (Mac) text box, and click **Save**.
8. **Click** . It's a green button at the top of the HandBrake window. Clicking it will prompt HandBrake to begin converting your DVD into an MP4 file. Once the MP4 has successfully been ripped, you can proceed.
 1. On Mac, you'll just click **Start** here.
 2. DVDs can take anywhere from half an hour to several hours to rip into an MP4 file, so make sure your computer is charged and/or plugged in and well-ventilated.
9. **Open the MP4 file in VLC.** Open VLC by clicking (or double-clicking) its app icon, then do the following:
 1. Click **Media** (Windows) or **File** (Mac).
 2. Click **Convert / Save** in the drop-down menu.
 3. Click the **File** tab.
 4. Click **Add**, then select your MP4 and click **Open**.
10. **Click** . It's at the bottom of the window.
11. **Change the conversion file type to MP3.** Click the "Profile" drop-down box, then scroll down and click **Audio - MP3** in the resulting drop-down menu.
 1. On Mac, you may instead just check the "Audio" box and make sure that the "Video" box is unchecked.
12. **Select a name and save location.** Click **Browse** near the bottom of the window, then type in a file name, click the folder in which you want to save your audio file, and click **Save**.
13. **Click** . It's at the bottom of the window. VLC will begin converting your MP4 file into an MP3 file.
14. **Force-quit VLC if necessary.** Occasionally, VLC will end up in a loop where it attempts to overwrite your file repeatedly. You can solve this problem by force-quitting VLC:^[1]
 1. *Windows* — Press **Ctrl** + **Shift** + **Esc** simultaneously, find VLC on the **Processes** tab, click **VLC**, and click **End task** in the bottom-right corner.
 2. *Mac* — Click the **Apple menu**



, click **Force Quit**, click the **VLC** option, click **Force Quit**, and confirm your decision if prompted.

Score

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Method 3 Quiz

What does HandBrake do?

Makes the burn process faster.

Not exactly! Even if you use HandBrake, it can still take hours to burn the audio from a DVD. Make sure you have your computer plugged in so it doesn't die halfway through! Choose another answer!

Makes the burned product better quality.

Not necessarily! You can choose the quality of the HandBrake burn, but it won't necessarily be better than a VLC burn. HandBrake will do something else for you. Try again...

Converts the DVD to an MP4 format.

Yep! When you use HandBrake, it will convert the file to an MP4 format. Then you can use VLC to convert the file to an MP3. Read on for another quiz question.

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