

# Microsoft supports the AAC Bluetooth audio codec on Windows 10

Microsoft has added support for AAC Bluetooth (Advanced Audio Coding) for Bluetooth wireless audio devices to the latest version of Windows 10, released to Insider users in Dev Channel.

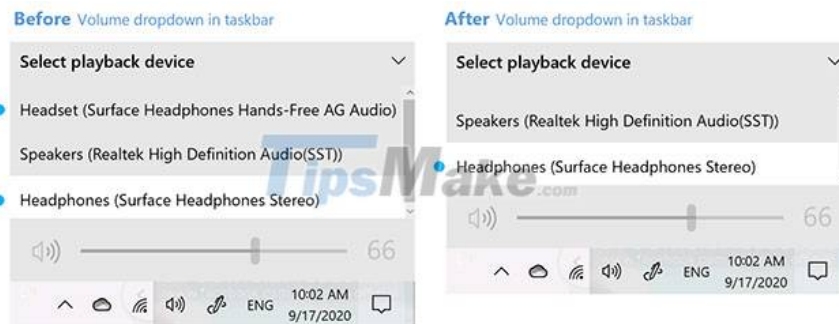
This is a necessary move given the trend of using wireless audio devices on Windows 10 such as speakers and Bluetooth headsets to become more and more popular, and the need for a standard that supports sound quality. The raise is huge

AAC is an advanced audio codec commonly used on Apple devices (e.g. iPhone, iPad) and popular audio streaming platforms today to provide high-quality audio streaming, at low bitrate.

"We want to give Windows 10 users a high quality audio streaming experience on their Bluetooth headphones and speakers with AAC codecs," said a Microsoft representative.

Currently, Windows 10 limits you to SBC and Qualcomm's AptX standards. Meanwhile, AAC is somewhat closely linked with Apple devices.

Besides adding support for AAC codec, Microsoft has also changed the way users switch between different audio device endpoints, merging all the corresponding endpoints for each audio player, are connecting on the system into a single entry.



In a way that's easier to understand, now, when you click the sound menu on the taskbar, you'll see configuration options for all headphones and speakers that are currently connected to the computer. However, in the near future, Windows 10 will automatically switch to the appropriate Bluetooth profile ((eg, listen to music or make video calls online). All you have to do is choose the device you want to listen to. This will make the user experience more seamless.

In addition to the AAC standard, Microsoft is also planning to support Auto HDR in games and introduce a new File Explorer icon pack on Windows 10. If you are an Insider user, you can check these changes by Download

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