

Re: Music downloads and linux

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On 2004-07-30, Kamus of Kadizhar <yan@NsOeSiPnAeMr.com> wrote:

> *On Fri, 30 Jul 2004 14:57:11 +0000, Jack Strangio wrote:*
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>>> *So... Is there a WMA to MP3 converter out there somewhere?*
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>>> *Or better yet, is there a music download service that works with linux?*
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>> *I am not 100% certain of this, but I think I saw that mplayer with*
>> *the MSFT codecs will play WMA files.*
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> *Well, yes, sort of.....*
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> *Unfortunately, the wma files I'm dealing with seem to have an additional*
> *level of encryption or something, so they don't play with mplayer....*
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> *I've been fighting with this all morning; I'm ready to shoot somebody at*
> *Walmart.... (I understand the need for piracy prevention, but I don't*
> *understand the bizarre need to lock out everyone but Windows users....)*

Walmart is selling music downloads that won't work on the
Lindows/Windex/Linspire/whatever Linux systems they also
sell? Hmmmm... (Not meaning to imply that you are using one
of those systems.)

I would encourage you to complain. It probably won't do you
any good, but maybe, just maybe, if they get enough
complaints, it might possibly cause a slight shift in
company stance. If we're lucky, vendors will eventually
start to realize not everyone wants to march to the beat of
the drum being played by that convicted company founded by
Darth Gates.

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