CD Burning of Audible Content with iTunes

This document will assist you with burning your Audible content to CD using iTunes on a PC computer.

Starting Information

- For the best quality recording, we recommend downloading Audible content in format 4
- For dial-up users, we recommend using format 2 or to record CD's. Format 1 is not supported by iTunes.
- For ideal recording quality and reliability, Audible recommends that you don't use CD-RW discs. Using name brand CD-R discs is also recommended (i.e.: Sony, Verbatim, Maxell). Burning to DVD recordable discs is not supported.
- It is recommended that you burn Audible content at lower burn speeds. The lower the burn speed the smaller the possibility that there are errors in the burn process. The higher the burn speed the more the possibility of the audio having skips, stutters, or gaps in the audio.

Note: As of 3/5/07 Apple released iTunes version 7.1.0.59 which incorporates a fix for the number of tracks that are created in each of the burned discs. If you experienced problems in the past where each disc you burned had few or no tracks separating the audio, please upgrade your iTunes software in order to correct this problem.

Configuring iTunes for CD burning

Step 1: Before you begin burning Audible content you'll need to check the iTunes settings for CD burning. In iTunes, select the Edit menu and then select Preferences.

Step 2: Select the Advanced tab and then select the Burning subtab. Ensure that the Disc Format is set to Audio CD.
Note: If **MP3 CD** or **Data CD** is selected, you will receive an error message when attempting to burn Audible content.

**Step 3:** You can also change the burn speed under **Advanced > Burning**. It is recommended that you burn Audible content at lower burn speeds.

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### Creating a Playlist

**Step 1:** To burn your Audible content in iTunes first you need to create a playlist. Highlight the Audible title you want to burn in **Audiobooks** under the **Source** list and then select **File > New Playlist from Selection**.
Step 2: This will create a playlist. You can leave the name of the playlist or rename the playlist and press Enter.

Note: Make sure that the title listed in the playlist has a checkmark next to the name of the title. If the title is unchecked the title will not burn, prompting an error message.

Initializing the Burn

Step 1: Insert a blank CD-R disc in to your CD burner drive.

Step 2: With the created playlist highlighted, select the Burn Disc.

Step 3: If the book requires more space than is available on the CD-R (between 70-80 minutes for most CD-R discs), an alert will appear that says, The single song in this playlist will not fit, do you want to create multiple CDs?, select Audio CDs.

Step 4: iTunes will begin burning the title to CD. Once the first disc is burned, iTunes will eject it and ask you to insert another blank disc. Once you insert another blank disc the burn will continue. This process will continue until the recording is completed.

Continuing a Burn

If the recording fails or is interrupted for some reason and you need to continue from the last properly burned disc, please do the following:

Step 1: Select the Playlist for the burn you're working on, right-click on the Audible title, and select Get Info.

Step 2: Select the Options tab and place a checkmark next to the Start Time.
Step 3: Now adjust the **Start Time** based on the table below (using increments of 80 minutes) and then select **OK**.

*Disc 1 - 00:00 to End*
*Disc 2 - 80:00 to End*
*Disc 3 - 160:00 to End*
*Disc 4 - 240:00 to End*
*Disc 5 - 320:00 to End*
*Disc 6 - 400:00 to End*
*Disc 7 - 480:00 to End*
*Disc 8 - 560:00 to End*
*Disc 9 - 640:00 to End*

(as per example above, the End for this title is 7:27:13)

Step 4: Now attempt to re-burn your Audible content.

Note: If the CD burn fails frequently during the CD burn process or if you have completed burning Audible content and are experiencing stuttering, gaps, and/or static during playback of your CD's, it is possible you burned the title too fast or had too many other programs running during the burn process. To avoid this decrease the burn speed, exit out of any excessive programs during the burn process, and try a different brand of media.
Step 5: To decrease the burn speed, go to the **Edit** menu and select **Preferences**. Select the **Advanced** tab and then select the **Burning** subtab. In the dropdown menu next to **Preferred Speed**, you can change the burn speed. Select **OK**.