Subject: MP3 Sound Level Vent
Posted by Nymeria on Tue, 05 Jul 2011 14:19:24 GMT
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I really hate it when I download mp3s and the sound level is super low. Even with WMP and computer volume all the way up, it's still too quiet!

Subject: Re: MP3 Sound Level Vent
Posted by audioaudio90 on Sat, 09 Jul 2011 00:16:40 GMT
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Yes I know what you mean. For example, I have a copy of Frank Sinatra's "Fly Me to the Moon" and it's much quieter than the rest of my music.

Subject: Re: MP3 Sound Level Vent
Posted by gofar99 on Sun, 17 Jul 2011 22:45:16 GMT
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Hi, I seem to recall that there is some software out there that can re-do the output levels. Also cleans up stuff if needed. I don't recall the title or brand, but a google search should turn it up. I had a Turtle Beach Soundcard with software that would do that a few years ago. I needed some different features so it is history now.

Subject: Re: MP3 Sound Level Vent
Posted by Nymeria on Thu, 21 Jul 2011 13:04:25 GMT
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Thank you; I will look it up. Hopefully I can find a freeware version because I definitely don't want to have to pay for it!

Subject: Re: MP3 Sound Level Vent
Posted by AudioFred on Fri, 22 Jul 2011 00:24:40 GMT
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Have you considered the possibility that the quiet track might be well recorded with a lower overall level to preserve the naural dyanmics of the music?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Gmex_4hreQ

Subject: Re: MP3 Sound Level Vent

Posted by Nymeria on Tue, 26 Jul 2011 18:04:21 GMT
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Thanks for linking the video; that was very interesting! I would be ok with an overall low level if there was a lot of dynamic range (like in that example), but the songs I have still seem pretty compressed.

Subject: Re: MP3 Sound Level Vent
Posted by Chicken on Fri, 05 Aug 2011 12:53:14 GMT
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The video was fascinating! I had no idea how much compression could hurt the sound quality of a song. Given its popularity, it would seem I'm not alone.

Subject: Re: MP3 Sound Level Vent
Posted by lunkie on Wed, 23 Nov 2011 04:36:26 GMT
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I have noticed this with many of the mp3 downloads from amazon, especially the new music. The levels may be ok on a CD but when converted to mp3 the format does not have the dynamic range of the CD. The mp3's sound like crap. I've complained to amazon and they will give me a refund but the only way to get a clean tune is to buy the CD. And a few of them are over level recorded too.