Subject: Different Audio Players
Posted by positron on Tue, 13 May 2025 16:23:04 GMT
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I found these 4 digital audio players and wondered if anyone has experience with their audio quality? Audio quality is most important to me.

AIMP

Spotify

VLC

Foobar 2000

Thanks

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Subject: Re: Different Audio Players
Posted by Wayne Parham on Tue, 13 May 2025 23:19:10 GMT
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You listed VLC - Are you referring to the open-source VideoLAN Client media player, commonly called VLC?

Subject: Re: Different Audio Players
Posted by positron on Wed, 14 May 2025 03:42:03 GMT
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Wayne Parham wrote on Tue, 13 May 2025 18:19
You listed VLC - Are you referring to the open-source VideoLAN Client media player, commonly called VLC?

Opened up, Help, and it says.

"VLC Media Player
3.0.21 Vetinari
VLC Media Player is free and open source Media Player, Encorder, and Streamer made by the volumteers of the VideoLAN community."

I really don't know much, but it plays video and/or audio, depending upon my windows 10 setting.

I have not looked any further.

A website reviewing half a dozen players stated AIMP excels at audio quality, but at the end of the article mentioned Foobar 2000 as being great with audiophiles. Confusing.

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Subject: Re: Different Audio Players
Posted by Wayne Parham on Wed, 14 May 2025 19:34:59 GMT
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I've used VLC for a long time and I really like it. That said, it is obviously dependent upon codecs and hardware, and there are setting that can and will affect quality.

Subject: Re: Different Audio Players
Posted by gofar99 on Tue, 20 May 2025 01:57:16 GMT
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Hi, I prefer VLC as well.

Subject: Re: Different Audio Players
Posted by positron on Tue, 20 May 2025 02:26:16 GMT
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I will test my audio system tomorrow with VLC to see how the settings sound.

I have everything disabled and VLC set to see my dac in tools section.

Thanks gents and add whatever settings you think I should try.

Any others who have some input, most welcome.

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Subject: Re: Different Audio Players

Posted by positron on Tue, 20 May 2025 18:32:51 GMT
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I went to some videos and they were helpful.

Tools, preferences, clicked all. Clicked audio, stereo but no dolby.

Went from 4 to 10,
sync function to best quality

Under filters, lots of choices. All are left unchecked.

Do I need to do anything else?

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Subject: Re: Different Audio Players
Posted by positron on Wed, 21 May 2025 16:06:52 GMT
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positron wrote on Tue, 20 May 2025 13:32I went to some videos and they were helpful.

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I can confidently say that with the changes listed above that VLC
is clearly the best, most natural audio program I have heard so far.
It makes Media Player etc sound very average.

The music just sounds more live. Thanks Wayne and Gofar for your
suggestions.

I found a couple of more settings to change. Any other suggestions?

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Subject: Re: Different Audio Players
Posted by Chloe on Sat, 07 Jun 2025 21:42:19 GMT
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From what I've heard, Foobar2000 is the best audio player. I don't have experience with it, but it seems to be the most accurate and it has a lot of options.

Subject: Re: Different Audio Players
Posted by positron on Wed, 11 Jun 2025 17:29:08 GMT
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Chloe wrote on Sat, 07 June 2025 16:42From what I've heard, Foobar2000 is the best audio player. I don't have experience with it, but it seems to be the most accurate and it has a lot of options.
Thanks Chloe. May I ask what you are using now, or in the past?

I also just tried Foobar2000 and will compare it with VLC,
hopefully this evening. (Results may vary being system dependent.)

One thing I read is that Foobar bypasses the win 10 audio mixer/engine,
which from my understanding VLC does not. Can anyone verify either way?

Once again thanks Chloe. Looking forward to the experiment.

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