
Subject: A little blessing...

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I was in town on Saturday and I ran across a really neat piece of equipment, it is a Mitsubishi Auto-Changer Double Cassette Deck. For many years we've only had those little walkman type cassette players so this thing really impressed me. It is one of those devices used in a component type hi-fi setup. No one knew if it worked or not so I took a chance and paid \$5 for it.

I got it home and boy I'm I impressed! You can load it up with 7 cassettes and it will play them all--both sides of each tape--automatically sensing the silence and switching sides.

It also has a high-speed dubbing feature for duplication of tapes (I got this after I sent you the Steve Hill tape Mark!).

Ok, I'll quit slobbering all over everything and get to the second part.

I was able to hook this baby up to my computer and I found a piece of software which allows me to record directly from the tape, edit the soundtrack and then export it into various formats--including the mp3 format! Man, am I blessed or what?

I can get a pretty good quality mp3 from a cassette which takes up about 13.5 meg... I can of course do better quality if I give up some of my hard-drive space but the recordings that I've done thus far seem as good as the cassette tapes (which won't last forever).

I'm going to convert all of my tapes eventually and then get me one of those little mp3 players that all of the kids have.

The software I'm using is open-source (free) and it is platform independent... I've got it loaded on both my Windows and Linux machines. It will also work on the Mac (Hombre, I think I read somewhere you used a Mac?).

You don't need a 7-tape loading cassette deck to use the software either... you can record stuff from a mic, radio, or a walkman. Of course you need a sound-card for your computer to input stuff, but I'm guessing you all have that.

Here is the software link: <http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>

William
