



## User's Guide



# *Toast™ Audio Extractor*


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This user's guide explains how to use the Toast Audio Extractor. The Toast Audio Extractor (TAE) is an application that lets you save tracks from an audio CD as Macintosh computer sound files in a variety of formats. It requires a CD-ROM drive that supports audio extraction.

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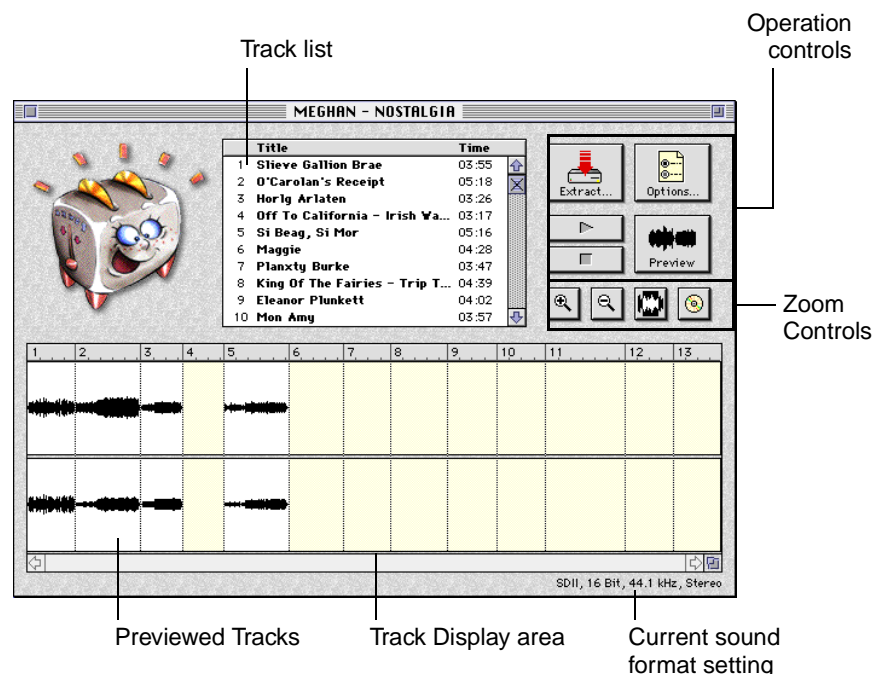
## Getting Started

To launch Toast Audio Extractor, double-click its icon in the Finder.

After a moment, the Toast Audio Extractor main window appears. If an audio CD is already mounted, its contents are shown in the window; if not, insert one to begin.

## The Toast Audio Extractor Main Window

You can control all of the application's functions from this window.



## Track List

The track list shows the number, title (if available), and length of all the tracks on the CD. If you have previously named the tracks using the AppleCD Audio Player, the names are taken from the AppleCD Audio Player's database and are displayed in the track list. If you still need to name the tracks or want to change their names, see the next section.

## Naming the CD and Its Tracks

- 1 To edit the names with Toast Audio Extractor, double-click any item in the track list.

The naming dialog box appears.

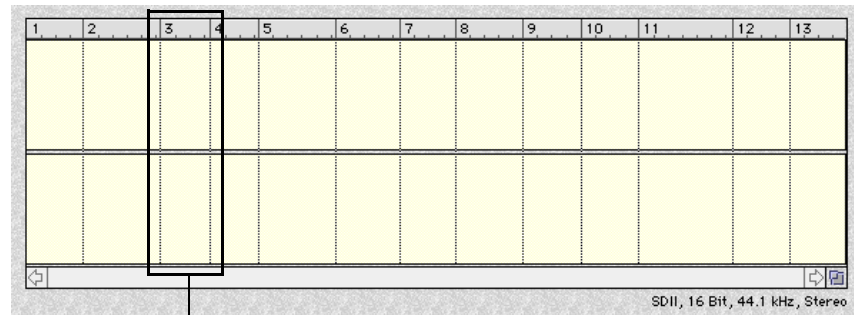


- 2 Enter the desired CD and track name(s) then click OK.

You can use the arrows to move to a different track. The names are stored in the Apple CD database, available to applications that use that data (Toast, Toast Audio Extractor, and AppleCD Audio Player, among others). This is not CD TEXT.

## The Track Display

The Track Display area shows a graphic representation of each track on the CD. Initially, each track is indicated by an open rectangle (as shown here).

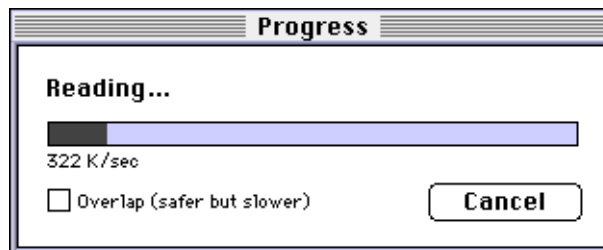


Each track on the CD is indicated by a rectangle.

To view the waveform of one or more tracks

- 1 Select them in the track list or track display.
- 2 Click Preview.

The progress window appears while Toast Audio Extractor reads the tracks and builds the waveforms. This may take a while, depending on the length of the tracks and the speed of your CD-ROM drive.

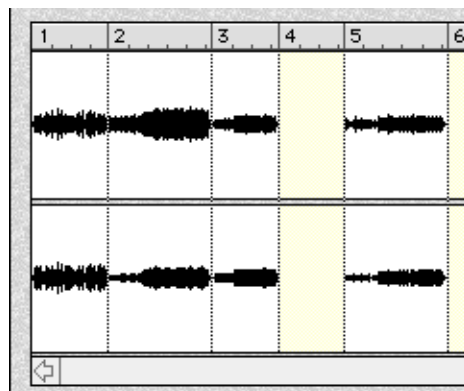


### About the Overlap Option

Toast Audio Extractor attempts to preview and extract audio data at the full speed of your CD-ROM drive. On some drives, this may result in errors that reveal themselves as clicks when you listen to the sound files.

If you experience this problem, activate the Overlap (safer but slower) check box in the extraction Progress window. When Overlap is checked, Toast Audio Extractor verifies the data before saving it, to ensure accurate extraction.

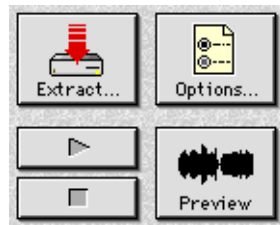
After reading, Toast Audio Extractor displays the waveforms:



**Note:** Toast Audio Extractor stores the data for the waveform display in a folder called TAE Waveform Cache *f*, located in the same folder as the Toast Audio Extractor application. If you delete these files, the waveforms must be recreated the next time you use that particular CD.

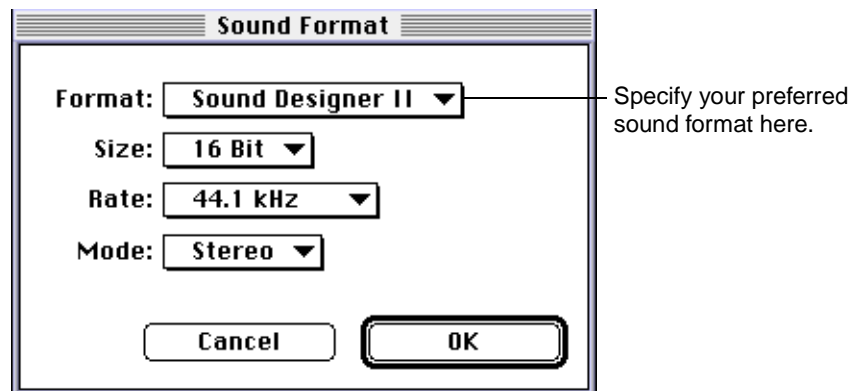
## Operational Controls

This section of the Toast Audio Extractor main window contains the main controls. There are buttons for starting the extraction process, setting sound options, and playing and previewing the selected audio tracks.

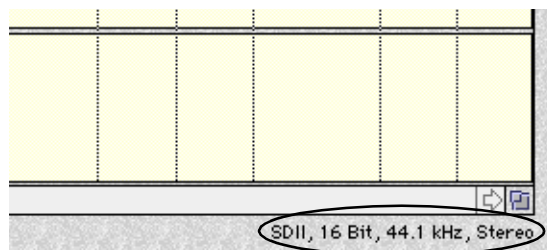


## Options

If you click Options, the Sound Format dialog box appears. Use it to specify the format you want for the extracted tracks.



The selected format is also indicated in the lower right corner main window:

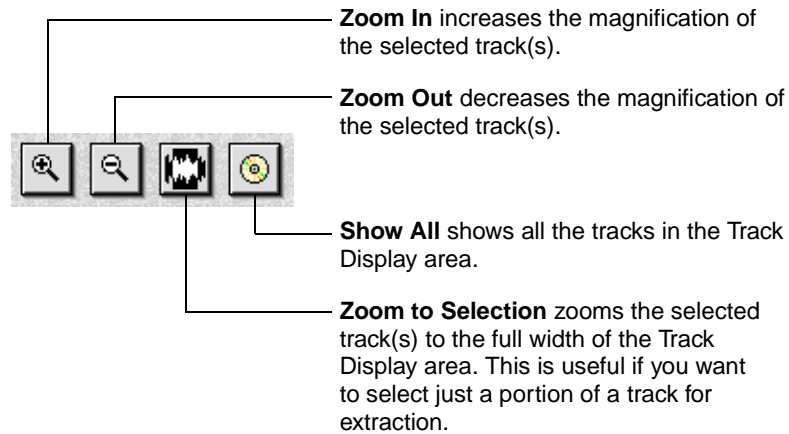


## Extract

To begin extraction of any selected tracks, click Extract. If no tracks are selected, the entire CD is extracted.

## Zoom Controls

The Toast Audio Extractor main window contains the Zoom controls. They affect what you see in the Track Display area.



## Extracting Tracks

To extract tracks from the CD

- 1 Select the desired track or tracks and click Extract. Toast Audio Extractor presents a standard file-naming window.
- 2 Specify the name and location for the extracted files and click Save.

**Note:** As a short-cut, you can select any track or tracks in the track list or track display and drag them to the desired location in the Finder. Toast Audio Extractor immediately begins extracting the chosen items to that location.

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