

Abila Audio Forms and Descriptions

Medium:	Description:
MP3 Audio CD	Physical CD with MP3 files on it. The difference is the file format. 44 topics can fit on two MP3 CDs, it would take 44 Audio CDs. The MP3 CD can play on any computer or CD player with MP3-reading capabilities
Podcast	Audio file only. Downloadable to a computer, portable music device or smart device

MP3: *MP3 CD is a physical CD with MP3 files on it. The difference is the file format. Most newer CD players can play them. Older ones most likely can't unless it is stated on the player. If your car CD player is newer than say, 2007, it should already be able to play them without having to take files off and re-burn them to standard audio format.* The great thing about an MP3 file is that it takes up so little room. A typical music track takes up only about five megabytes or so when you turn it into MP3 form, compared to the 60 megabytes or so it would take up on a CD. That means you can send an MP3 file over the Internet twelve times more quickly and cheaply than the same information stored in CD format. You can also store an awful lot more MP3 files on your music player. The relatively small size of MP3 files and the speed with which they can be downloaded has revolutionized the music business since the mid-1990s. When you download the MP3 file and play it; it sounds almost as good as the original file. *If you wanted to, you could download an MP3 file, expand it back to its original size and then record it on a writable CD so you can play it in a CD player.* All that you are doing is converting back and forth between different formats to make downloading easier.

Podcast: The word podcast is a play on the word broadcast combined with the word iPod (one of the most popular portable MP3 players). Apple did not invent the word podcast. You do not have to have an iPod to listen to a podcast. You can listen to podcasts on anything that plays MP3s. Once the podcast is downloaded, it's just an MP3. Therefore *if you wanted to, you could download a podcast, which then becomes an MP3 file, expand it to its original size and then record it on a writable CD so you can play it in a CD player.*