

Create FREE iPhone ringtones using iTunes 8

iTunes 8 allows the user to customize a particular song's start- and end-time,

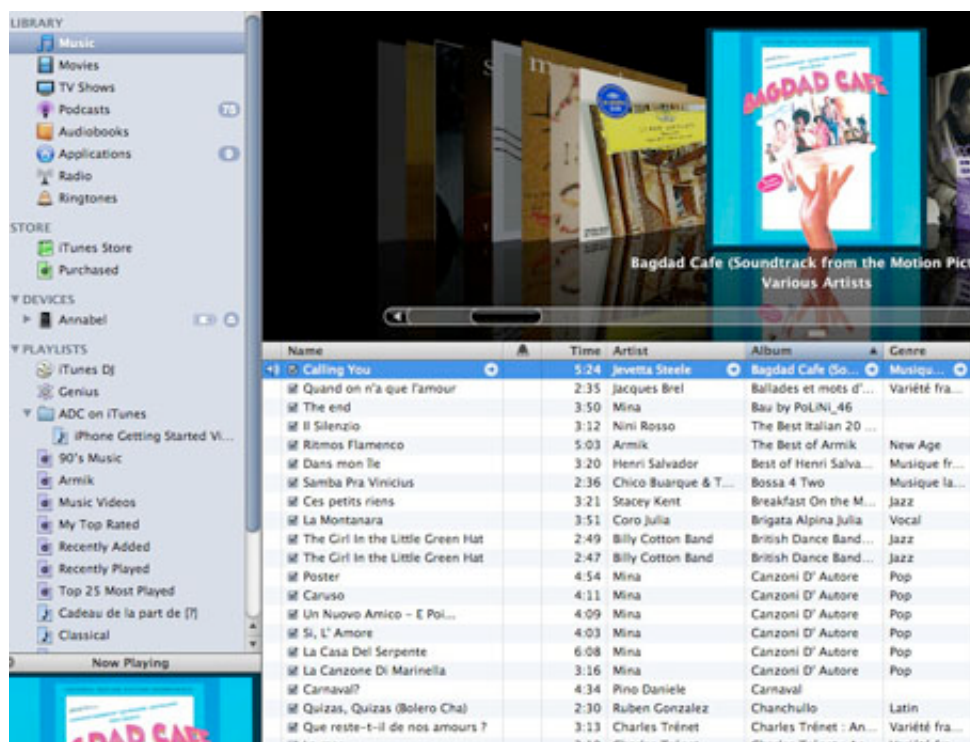
paving the way for an iPhone ringtone creation "hack" that requires nothing more than iTunes itself.

To create simple, **free** iPhone ringtones from your iTunes library, follow these steps:

- Note: This process works with MP3, ACC, and AIFF files.
- Note: Only DRM-free songs can be used with this ringtone creation process.
 - Any song downloaded from iTunes Music Store will have DRM (Digital Rights Management), so don't use those songs or burn it first and then copy it back to your computer and it will be DRM free
 - Any song ripped from a CD or downloaded from DRM-free sources (Amazon, your friend) will work just fine.

1. Launch iTunes 8

2. Find the song you'd like to turn in to a ringtone



3. Select the song you want to use as your iPhone ringtone

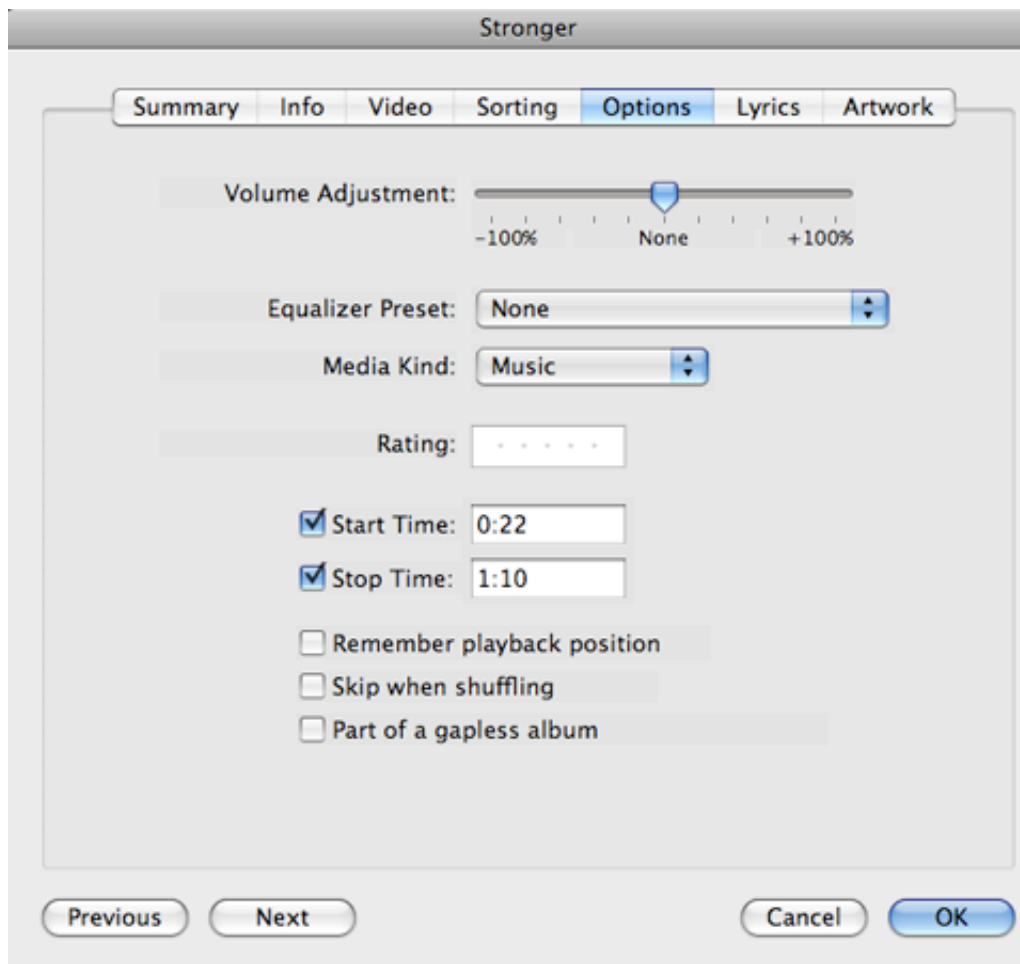
4. Right click on the song

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- Select "Get Info"

6. Hit the "Options" tab

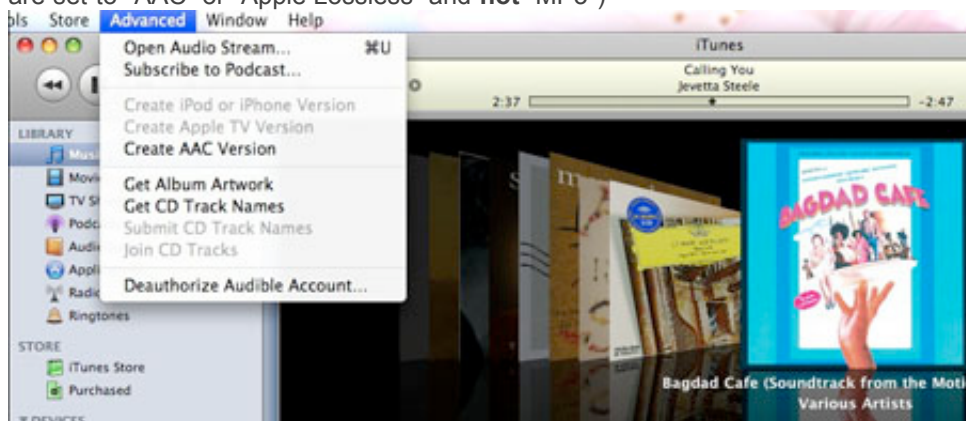
7. Check both the "Start Time" and "End Time" boxes



8. Customize the start and end times for your ringtone clip
9. Specify what time interval you'd like to use as your ringtone clip (**Make sure your ringtone is 40 seconds or less!!**)
10. Click "OK"
 - o Make sure the song you want is still highlighted

11. Click on "Advanced" in your menu bar

12. Select "Create AAC Version" or "Create Apple ([NSDQ: AAPL](#)) Lossless Version" (Make sure your iTunes "Import Settings" are set to "AAC" or "Apple Lossless" and **not** "MP3")



13. You want to create a duplicate song file with the customized playing time

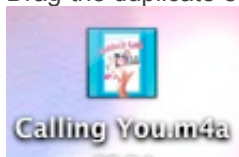
14. A duplicate copy of your song will appear in iTunes - this new song will have the same filename but shorter "Time"

- o Go back to the original song and uncheck those "Start Time" and "End Time" boxes



- See the duplicate song underneath the original song?

15. Drag the duplicate song to your Desktop



16. Duplicate song file on Desktop

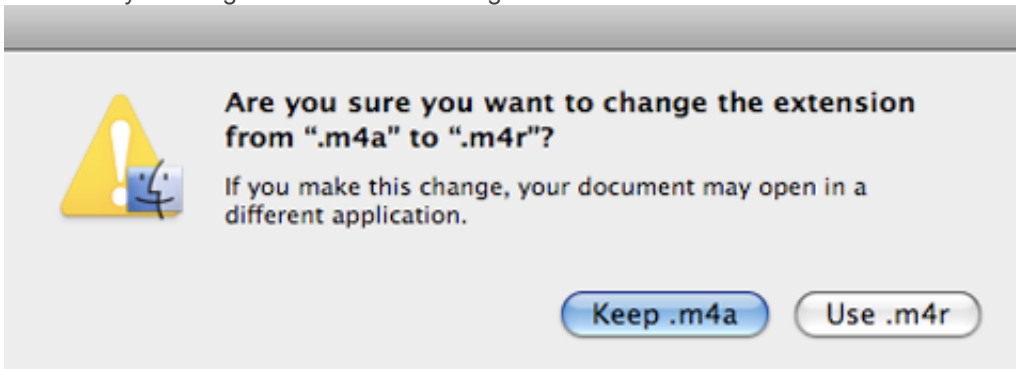
17. Once the duplicate song is copied to your [Desktop](#), delete the duplicate file in iTunes



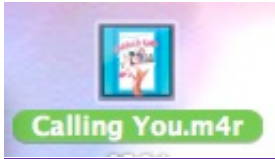
18. Notice that the duplicate song file is gone - deleted

19. On your Desktop, rename the file with the ".m4r" file extension - Use the new extension

- o This turns your song file into an iPhone ringtone file



- o Use the new filename extension .m4r



- o The .m4r file is now a ringtone file
20. Your "songname.m4a" file should now be named "songname.m4r"
 21. Drag the newly renamed .m4r (songname.m4r) file back into iTunes
 22. Drag the file over the "Library" column and release when "Library" becomes highlighted
 - o You have to delete the duplicate song file (Step 12) otherwise iTunes won't import your new .m4r file
 23. You should see your new ringtone under "Ringtones" in iTunes
 24. Sync your iPhone to get your new iPhone ringtones