

## Cassette Tapes

Check and Clean the Tape Deck and Cassette Tapes. Make sure that the tapes are loose on the reel and are free to move from spool to spool. You can do this by inserting a pencil in one side of the reel and turning it to make sure the tape is free.

Purchase a Y cable with 2 RCA audio jacks on one end and a mini jack on the other end. The RCA jacks are inserted into the audio output on the tape deck and the mini jack is inserted into the "line in" (blue) on the computer sound card.

Caution: Do not use the Microphone jack on the computer since it is more sensitive.

For a Cassette Player, check and clean it and the cassette tapes as noted above. Make sure you have fresh batteries and / or the power adapter works.

Purchase a mini jack cable that has mini jacks on both ends of the cable. The one end is inserted into the earphone jack and the other end is inserted into the line in (blue) of the computer sound card.

Make sure you have sufficient RAM and hard drive space since the conversion process takes up a lot of space. Make sure you do your computer maintenance to eliminate temporary files and then defragment your hard drive.

Next, select the software you want to use.

This is a partial list of software that you can use and you can find other products by searching for it using Google.

Audio Recorder	Free
Applian Freecorder	Free
Audacity	Free
<i>Acoustica Spin It Again</i>	
DAK	
Magix Audio	
PD Marq	
Audio Mid Recorder	
Roxio 10	
Nero	

Follow the directions to set the volume and play your music and record / clean the resulting digital output file. Save your digital file to your "Music" folder on your computer and if the software provides a feature to copy it to a CD then select it. Otherwise, once

you have stored your music, you can select it from Windows Media Player to “burn” your music to a CD.

### Record LP Records

The process of recording LP records is quite similar to recording cassette tapes.

You need a turntable that is attached to an amplifier or has a pre-amplifier with it. You can also purchase a turntable that has a direct connection to the computer with a USB connection. These come with software that you can use to record LP's.

To connect a Turntable, use the RCA cables from the turntable and plug them into the amplifier phono in jack. Then take the Y cable with the RCA jacks and plug them into the amplifier output jack. Now, take the mini jack and plug it into the line in (blue) on the computer.

To get started, select a software package that is easy to use that has basic features for converting tapes and records so you can learn the process. Then you may select other software with more features as you need them.

Have fun taking your tapes and records and converting them your computer and CD's.