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MarkAble is so easy to use you can start immediately by just using the default settings.

However, if you are the kind of person who likes to tweak things, there are plenty of options.

In particular, if you want to end up with MP3 files (which can play on any audio player) rather than AAC files (which only play on the iPod or in iTunes), you'll need to make a change in the preferences.

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# Preferences

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- File Type / Encoding
- Drives and Folders
- Size Limits
- Chapters and Image
- Tagging

## Audiobook File Type

AAC

Choose 'AAC' for audiobooks which can have image and chapters and show up in your 'Audiobooks' folder (recommended). MP3 provides a 'quick' convert and merge to a format which can be used on other audio players.

## Encoding Bit Rate

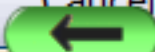
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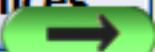
This setting is perhaps the most important of all, as it sets the file type you will end up with.

96 Kbps

We recommend AAC if you are only going to listen to the audiobook on an iPod or through iTunes. Use MP3 if you will want to move the audiobook to another kind of player.

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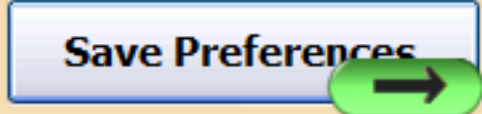
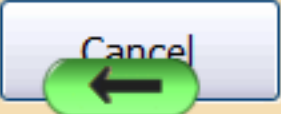
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## Encoding Bit Rate

Set iTunes encoding bit rate?

MarkAble can attempt to set your iTunes preferences to set the encoding bit rate. This may require you to close down iTunes and re-start it.

Set your preferred bit rate here. 96 Kbps is perfectly acceptable for voice recordings such as audiobooks; but if you want higher quality, or you are encoding some music tracks, choose a higher rate.





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### CD Drive:

Which drive on your computer is your CD drive?

These preferences should be self-explanatory!

### Temp Folder

This is where MarkAble stores temporary 'ripped' files



Delete temporary ripped files?

### Merge Folder

This is where MarkAble stores temporary merged files



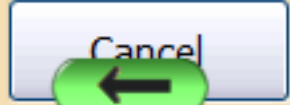
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### Audiobooks Folder

This is where MarkAble stores final audiobook files\*



\* Note that iTunes may move these files.



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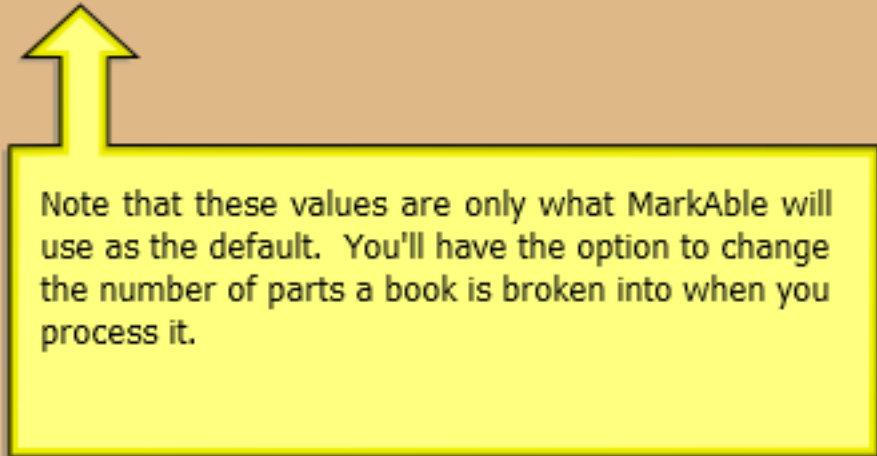
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## Maximum Size For Files

These options affect into how many parts MarkAble will recommend that you break up the final audiobook. It's not a good idea to make these sizes too large, or the audiobook may not play on your iPod. If you set both size and duration limits, files will be sized so they don't exceed EITHER maximum.

**Maximum file size:** 500 MB

**Maximum duration:** 13.4 Hours



Note that these values are only what MarkAble will use as the default. You'll have the option to change the number of parts a book is broken into when you process it.

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## Chapters

Audiobooks on the iPod can have chapter stops to make navigation easier. If you choose the option to insert chapter stops at regular intervals, the following options apply:

Default interval for regular chapters:  minutes

Default prefix for regular chapters (eg Part 1, Part 2 or Chapter 1, Chapter 2 etc).

## Image for Thumbnail and Cover

This is the image which you will see as a thumbnail in your iTunes library, and which will appear while you are playing the audiobook on your iPod. This option just affects which image comes up by DEFAULT on the dialog which asks you to choose chaptering and image.

Note that this image is just the default option which MarkAble will offer you. You'll be able to set your own image for each book if you so choose.



Set default image

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## Template for Chapter Descriptions

This determines how MarkAble will use tag information found in source files to create chapter descriptions. Note that there are different templates for books sourced from Audio CD or from existing audio files, and not all codes make sense in both templates.

%A = Artist, %B =Album, %S = Song Title, %F = File name, %P = Parent folder,  
%D = Disc number, %T = Track Number

### Sourced from Audio CDs

Disc %D - %S Eg: Disc 3 - Track 05

### Sourced from Existing Files

%S Eg: The White Sphinx

### Genre

Audiobook

If you don't understand this page, just leave everything as it is.

However, you can make changes and see immediately what a typical example will look like, so feel free to play!

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### **Other file formats**

Audio files on your computer in other audio formats, such as MP3, CDA, WAV, M4A, unprotected WMV.

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