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How Dare You Make Our Service More Useful!

Contributed by [Mike](#) on Wednesday, August 25th, 2004 @ 11:43AM

from the [crazy-license-agreements dept.](#)

Taking the concept of [stream ripping](#) one step further, an XM satellite customer who didn't want to miss a particular show broadcast in the middle of the night wrote some software to record the show to his computer -- including breaking up the files into MP3s and labeling each song properly. The software made XM Radio so much more useful for him, he figured others might agree and so he started selling this software. As you might imagine this is [upsetting XM Radio and the RIAA](#). While XM must realize that this only makes their service *more* appealing to more people, they're scared that it violates the license agreements they have... leading back to everyone's favorite agency when it comes to holding back technology: the RIAA. They haven't taken any action yet, but note how "concerned" they are that technology might make people listen to more music... without paying for it. How many years will it take for the industry to realize that tools that make it easier for music listeners to get and listen to the music they want to hear only opens up wider opportunities for the industry as a whole?



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That's just it

by **dorpus** on Wednesday, August 25th, 2004 @ 05:11PM

Is there any scarcity of music in this world? Or do we live in a world where we are constantly bombarded with music, whether we want it or not? By creating artificial scarcities, doesn't the industry increase profits? Beanie Babies would not have made money if they were available everywhere.

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by **thecaptain** on Wednesday, August 25th, 2004 @ 05:52PM

In my mind this is exactly like taping off the radio when we were kids....

...oh what, the RIAA wants to make that illegal as soon as they get rid of that pesky profit stealing "fair use" thingy.

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by **Anonymous Coward** on Wednesday, August 25th, 2004 @ 06:25PM

How many years will it take for the industry to realize that tools that make it easier for music listeners to get and listen to the music they want to hear only opens up wider opportunities for the industry as a whole?

With all due respect, how many years will you be beating that horse with the same stick?

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Re: No Subject Given

by **dorpus** on Wednesday, August 25th, 2004 @ 07:58PM

If someone wrote, say, a perl script to monitor techdirt and copy all its content to another site, would Mike start acting like RIAA? ;-)

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Re: No Subject Given

by **Mike** on Wednesday, August 25th, 2004 @ 09:40PM

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Why write a perl script? We give you an RSS feed. There are a few sites that mirror Techdirt content. Good for them.

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