

## RE: iPod blues

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sldjf,

I have read in a computer magazine that I subscribe to that Ipods will only play music from itunes. That is unfortunate since you have a quite a large collection of music from other formats. There a quite a few different portable players on the market that would fill you need. Like the IRiver H10 is a 20 gig player that also displays pictures.

"sldjf" wrote:

- > We have about 700 CDs from about 130 artists ripped to a directory structure
- > default for Windows Media Player, which is an artist directory, holds a CD
- > directory, which holds song files. Some songs are in mp3 format, some in wma
- > format, depending on which of our home computers ripped the CD and at what
- > stage of our understanding regarding how to handle digital music.
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- > We upgraded to Windows Media Player 10 and have been enjoying music all
- > around our house. I bought a 64meg portable player last Christmas. We sync
- > Window Media Player (WMP) playlists to it for travel, but the battery runs
- > down and it only hold a little music. This Christmas I thought is was time
- > to become truly mobile, I bought an iPod 60 photo off eBay. I assumed it
- > would nicely sync with WMP, similar to our existing portable device, but the
- > iPod can hold ALL our music, supports playlists and has a car charger, plus
- > with the right accessory, in the house we can play music from it, instead of
- > the computer.
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- > I received a very rude, disheartening awakening.
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- > 1) It will not sync
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- > 2) It will not play wma files.
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- > It will only work with iTunes, which has converted some of my wma files to

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- > mp3 files, adding them to the directory structure, more than once. I have
- > set read only permissions to the directories to prevent any more of a mess.
- > But now the question is, NOW WHAT?
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- > Sell the iPod, or what? I'd still like a portable player to hold all our
- > music. If I can carry our pictures with us too, that would be great. The
- > iPod even has PDA functions. I'd love that. I carry a Blackberry from my
- > employer, but my wife uses an old Palm, if her mp3 player replaced the Palm
- > that would be great. She uses Outlook for email, calendar and contacts,
- > Outlook integration would be very nice.
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- > It seems both Anapod Explorer and XPlay2 are reasonable solutions.
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- > Please help me understand why I would choose one software over the other.
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• **References:**

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◇ *From:* sldjf

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