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How to be an audiophile on the cheap..... possible, or an oxymoron?

<http://lifehacker.com/5883665/how-to-be-an-audiophile-on-the-cheap>

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You love music, but even if you consider yourself a true audiophile, the cost of high-end sound can be, frankly, a little absurd. We talked with a handful of audio experts to find out how to get audiophile-calibre sound without emptying your savings account. Here's what they had to say.

Simply put, an audiophile is a person obsessed with sound. Most often, they're people interested in a stereo system that sounds as close to a live performance as possible. Audiophile's are a picky bunch, and while a number of the tweaks we look at here will increase the sound quality and listening experience on your system, you still may not get a full-blown audio-nerd seal of approval. But that's okay, because you'll have a great sounding stereo and won't have to blow your life savings.

Before we move on to how you can tweak and upgrade your stereo, let's get a better understanding of what an audiophile is listening for and what components they often use.

Can't afford a full 5.1 surround sound system yet? Get a great Wireless Boombox for your home or the road.

<http://www.ilounge.com/index.php/reviews/entry/logitech-wireless-boombox-for-ipad-iphone-ipod-touch/>

Logitech Wireless Boombox for iPad, iPhone + iPod touch

Logitech has produced the industry's best \$150 portable iPod and iPhone speakers since 2005, when it entered the Apple accessory market with an unusually wide and powerful little audio system called mm50. Since then, the company has had hit after hit, including the 2007 Pure-Fi Anywhere, 2008 Pure-Fi Anywhere 2, and last year's Rechargeable Speaker S715i, its most capable portable system to date. Now, in the midst of a major industry shift towards wireless speakers -- recently focused largely on Apple's AirPlay standard -- Logitech has made a smart move with its Wireless Boombox for iPad, iPhone + iPod touch (\$150), a tweaked version of S715i. Rather than adding in AirPlay support at a huge price premium, or trying to graft an iPad dock into an iPod/iPhone-ready design, Wireless Boombox uses a Bluetooth chip to deliver a very similar experience at a much lower price point. The result is the best portable speaker we've tested all year, trumping even iHome's \$300 AirPlay speaker iW1 on sound, while making only small compromises to achieve its comparatively attractive price point.

Current Amazon price: only \$120!



Very little has changed from S715i to the Wireless Boombox, but we'll recap the basics from our [S715i review](#): shaped somewhat like an oversized black bone from the back, both systems measure roughly 15 1/4" wide by 5" tall and 2.5" deep, with a pop-out kickstand that increases their opened depth to around 4" at the center. The same eight speaker drivers are found in each unit: twin 1/2" tweeters, two 3" midrange drivers, and four 2" passive bass radiators, which fire forwards and backwards through protective speaker grilles. Logitech includes a user-removable Nickel-Metal Hydride rechargeable battery with both systems, rating the S715i's as capable of eight hours of docked device playback, and the Wireless Boombox's as ready for six hours of wireless playback. Each comes with a wall power adapter, and from a distance, you'd barely be able to tell their mixed glossy and matte black bodies apart.

AVS Guide to Media Servers

If you're like me, you've collected hundreds—if not thousands—of shiny silver discs in various formats, including Blu-ray, DVD, and CD. Not only that, you might also be downloading and/or streaming audio and video content from the Internet. Having access to so much content is great, but it's also confusing, with multiple source devices connected to multiple inputs on your AV receiver or preamp/processor—not to mention finding what you want in a library of discs, downloaded files stored on various computers, and streaming content.

<http://www.avsforum.com/a/avs-guide-to-media-servers-part-1>

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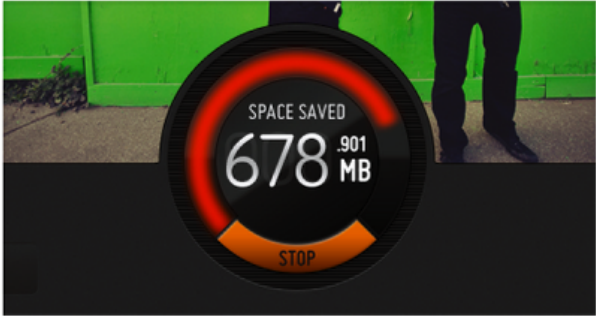
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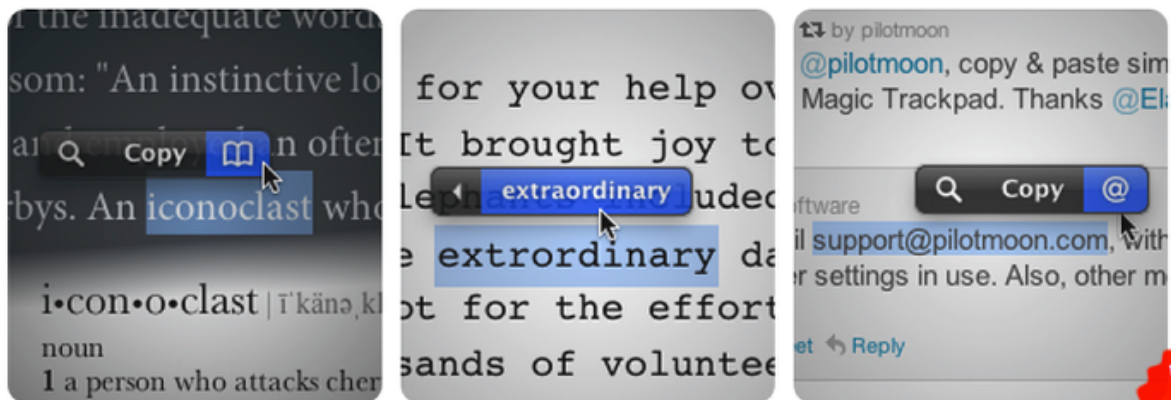
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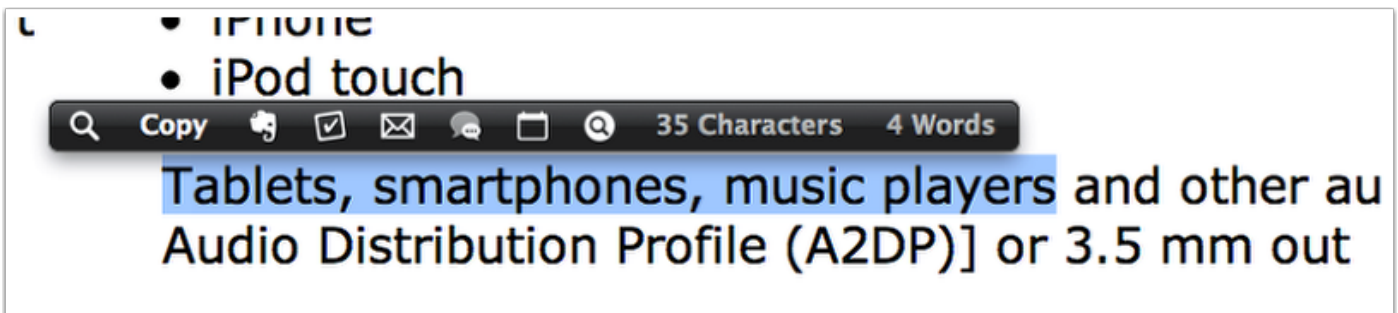
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40 technical terms every Mac user should know


<http://www.macworld.com/article/2044045/20-more-technical-terms-every-mac-user-should-know.html>

This is actually the 2nd part of a 2 part series and very informative (Chris Breen rarely fails to enlighten me.)

iTranslate Voice

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Updated: Jul 03, 2013
Version: 2.0
Size: 7.7 MB
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Requirements: Compatible with iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4, iPhone 4S, iPhone 5, iPod touch (3rd generation), iPod touch (4th generation), iPod touch (5th generation) and iPad. Requires iOS 5.0 or later. This app is optimized for iPhone 5.

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