

**Mindawn Browser
User Guide
(Version 1.3)**

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Introduction

Our Mindawn player/browser is similar in nature to the iTunes application from Apple Computer. It can be used to browse our music store, download and play demo songs and to purchase music. There are a couple important things to keep in mind about the Mindawn system.

- When purchasing music, you cannot use our browser to pay with PayPal, you can only do that from a regular web browser, this is a limitation in PayPal itself.
- Only FLAC files can be converted to other formats, this is a multi-step process and will be covered later in this manual in detail, but if you want to make MP3's, or CD's or AAC files, then you are going to want/need the FLAC version of the music and not the Ogg Vorbis version.

So to quickly summarize, the Mindawn browser/player can be used to browse the Mindawn site, shop for and order music, download demo songs and play them back. It can also be used to organize and play your OGG and FLAC media files on your hard drive, convert FLAC files to WAV or AIFF and play internet radio.

Main Interface -> Browsing/Shopping



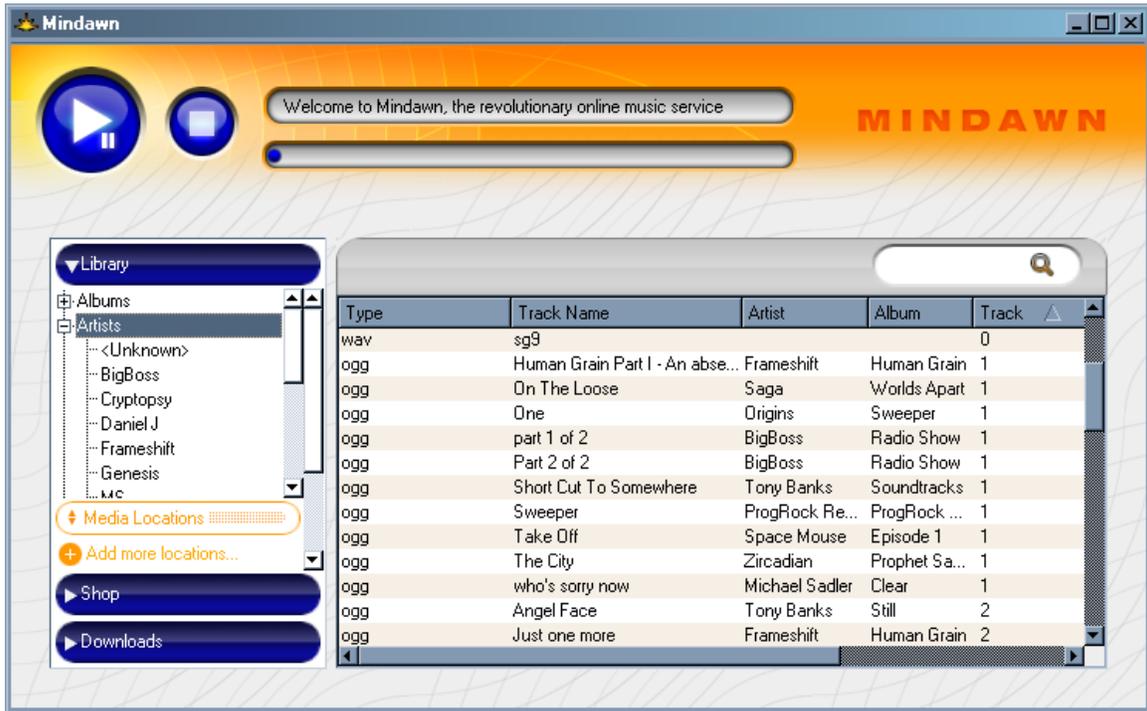
On the left side of the screen you have blue separators that will move up or down depending on what is currently active, in this shot you can see the Mindawn site is active with categories for browsing the catalog of available music. Clicking on any of the blue taps will change the view.

Main Interface -> Demo Songs



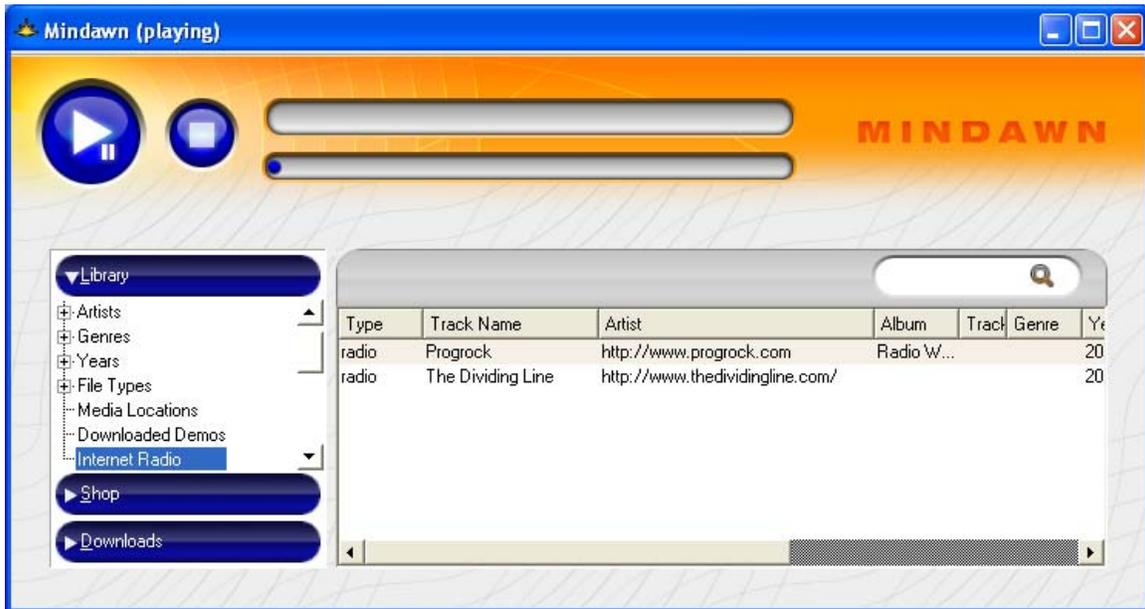
The option for a demo song is only available for Ogg format files, you will see a column called 'Demo' with a speaker icon in it, simply click on this icon and the file will be downloaded and added to your media library, the 'Downloads' tab will let you know the status of your downloads. It is important to note that you must be logged in to be able to get a demo download song, the profile creation step is very short.

Main Interface -> Library



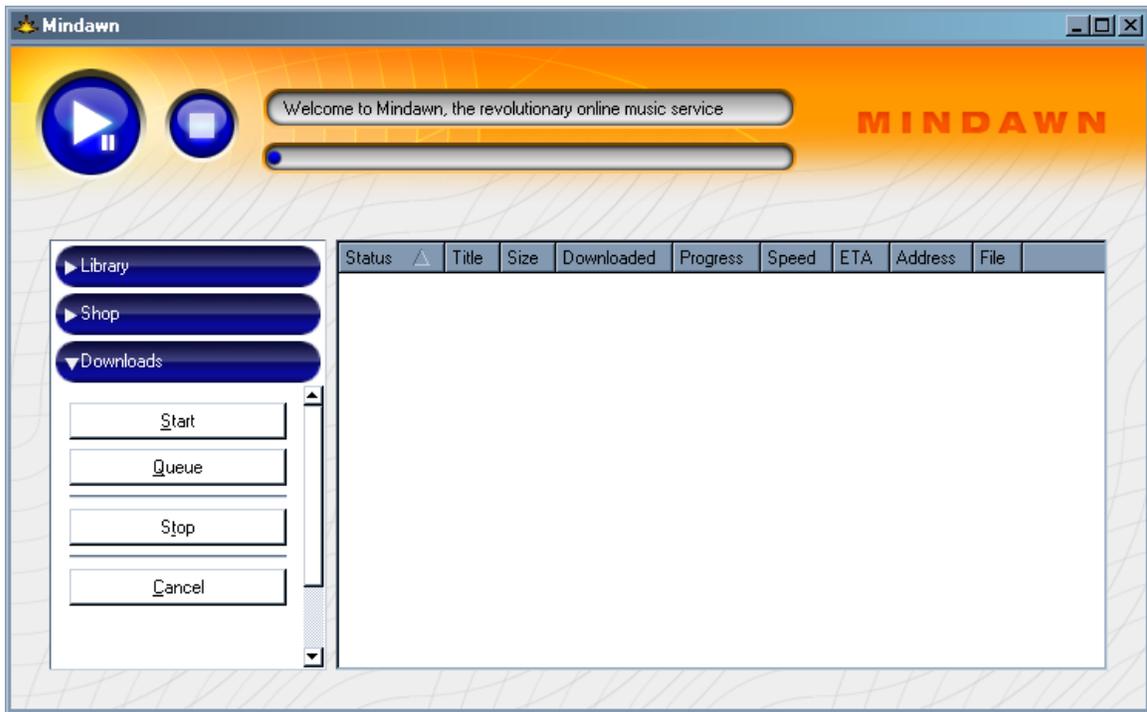
You can easily filter material by using the tree view on the left which will immediately be reflected in the main display. To play a track simply highlight it and click on the play button. Your demo songs will also be listed here with a counter of how many plays are left.

Main Interface -> Library -> Internet Radio



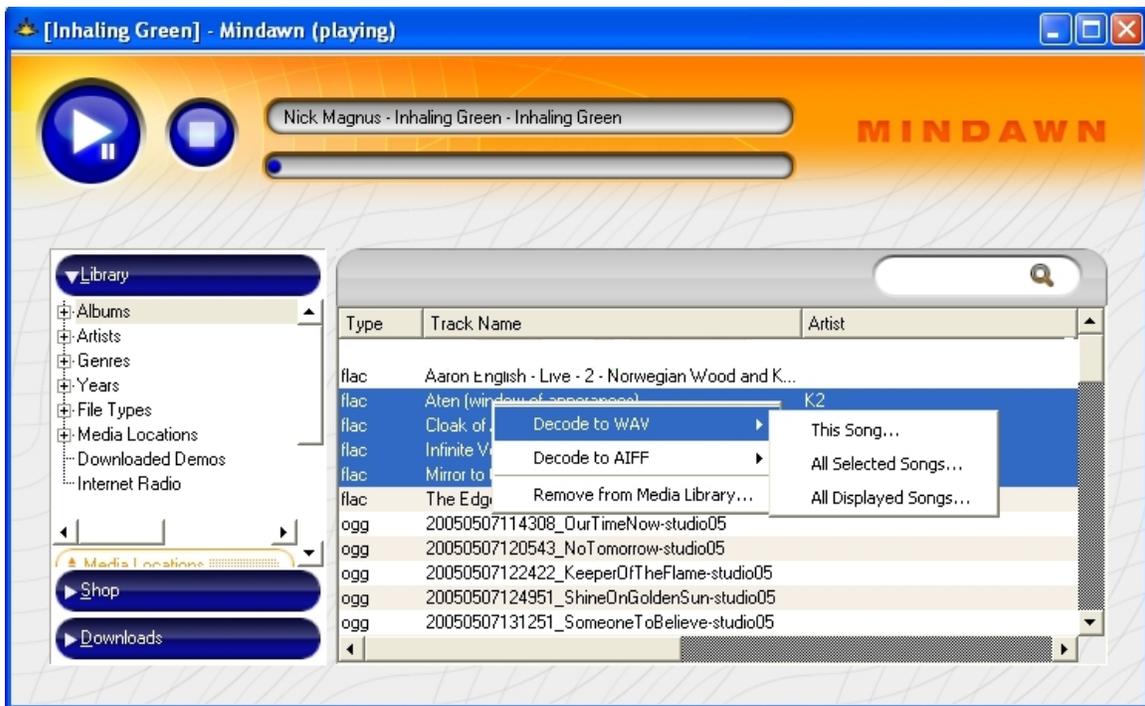
Mindawn also supports playing Ogg format internet radio stations. We currently pre-load it with Progrock.com, but you can add any stations you like, the way to add stations is the same as how you add a media location. It's very straight forward and will only take a few seconds to do. The audio quality is excellent as well. On some lower performance machines you might hear stuttering in the audio, we're currently looking at ways to avoid that regardless of cpu capability and memory availability.

Main Interface -> Downloads



Here you will be able to manage the downloading of your files, queuing, starting, stopping, etc. Pretty straight forward.

Main Interface -> Right Mouse Button Menu



If you want to encode a file to a different format or create a CD, then you will need to first decompress the FLAC file in to a common format (this does not work with Ogg Vorbis as it is a lossy format). Simply select the songs you are interested in converting by using the left mouse button and any combination of the SHIFT or CTRL key you want to highlight them. Next use the right mouse button and you will get the pop up window that you see above. This allows you to decode the FLAC file to WAV or AIFF (common on the Mac OS) or to remove it from the current media library.

As you can see from the secondary menu from selecting "Decode" you can still change your selection of what to decode, once you select you will be presented with the following dialog to select a destination, you can either create a directory or select an existing one, generally putting them in 'My Music' under 'My Documents' is a common way to go and makes them easy to find afterwards.



Downloading Music

You can download your music at any time, from any computer with either our Mindawn client or any web browser, this screenshot is using Internet Explorer on Windows. Simply login at www.mindawn.com and select 'Your Account' and you will get the following screen:



Mindawn administration area - Orders & downloads > My albums - Microsoft Internet Explorer

FILE GENERAL INFO NEWSLETTER ORDERS & DOWNLOADS

Orders & downloads > My albums

Choose an album

Ajalon - Light At The End Of The Tunnel (ogg) Show Tracks

Name	Length	Size	Price		
01 - The Illusion Of Permanence	7min, 33sec	7.53 MB	\$0.99		<input type="checkbox"/>
02 - Spiritual Fire	5min, 31sec	5.70 MB	\$0.99		<input type="checkbox"/>
03 - Girl On A Swing	5min, 47sec	5.91 MB	\$0.99		<input type="checkbox"/>
04 - A Thief In The Night	6min, 26sec	6.58 MB	\$0.99		<input type="checkbox"/>
05 - To Fly With You	5min, 3sec	5.40 MB	\$0.99		<input type="checkbox"/>
06 - Commonwealth	6min, 5sec	6.61 MB	\$0.99		<input type="checkbox"/>
07 - Light At The End Of The Tunnel	6min, 4sec	6.14 MB	\$0.99		<input type="checkbox"/>
08 - The Long Road Home	18min, 25sec	19.24 MB	\$1.98		<input type="checkbox"/>

Download checked tracks as a tar package

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We separate material in to 'tracks' and 'albums' so if you select the menu item 'Orders & Downloads' and look at 'My Tracks' this will be a list of the individual tracks you've purchased. When you look at 'My Albums', you will have a combo box that lists all the albums, just select the album you are interested in and all the tracks will display. For both 'tracks' and 'albums' you have the option to download one at a time by clicking on the speaker icon, or clicking the check box next to the tracks you want and downloading them as a 'tar' package by clicking on the phrase 'Download checked tracks as a tar package'.

The only operating system that natively is going to know what a tar is, will be Linux. Tar is a convenient method of grouping files together in a single file like ZIP, but without compression. Compression isn't needed since the audio is already compressed and it simply adds a lot of time to the process without adding any benefit. Programs like Stuffit (www.stuffit.com) and WinZip (www.winzip.com) know how to work with tar files, and you can certainly find many others on the net.