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Exporting Multitrack Files from Avid Pro Tools

Items to Note:

- While the following instructions are for Pro Tools, each DAW has a similar process, and these concepts can easily be applied to any other software.
- No mixing plugins or effects should be active on the tracks that you export for your engineer, they should be 100% in their 'dry' or 'raw' state.
- **Level-setting:** Using the volume fader, clip gain, or a gain plugin, ensure that individual tracks are peaking at **NO LOUDER than -16db**
- **Video Tutorial:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l0QUXsNqR2M> (While the tutorial is prepared for Apple/Mac users, the process is the same in the Windows environment, with slightly altered keyboard shortcuts.)

Step One: Open the Pro Tools session that you'd like to export

Step Two: Using your cursor, drag and highlight each track from the end of the song, to the absolute beginning of the Pro Tools session window (0:00). You can do this for each track, individually, or highlight all of them as a group

- You can also 'select all' and do this in one step by clicking: 'Command+A' in Mac or 'Control+A' in Windows

Step Three: Consolidate these track clips/regions to become one, uniform clip/region, per/track.

- Edit > Consolidate Regions
Mac Keyboard Shortcut = Shift + Option + 3 (3 on top row, not numeric keypad)
Windows Keyboard Shortcut = Shift + Alt + 3 (3 on top row, not numeric keypad)

Step Four: Once the clips/regions have all been consolidated, select them all (highlight them all) and export them to a new folder:

- Highlight all clips/regions
- Go to 'Clips' or 'Regions' List on right side of Pro Tools Edit window, right click on the tracks you wish to export and select 'Export regions as files'
Mac Keyboard Shortcut = Shift + Command + K
Windows Keyboard Shortcut = Shift + Control + K
- Select 'WAV' file type
- Select 'Multiple Mono' format
- Select Bit Depth of 24 bit
- Select Sample Rate of 44.1kHz
- Select 'Auto Renaming'
- Under 'destination' create a new folder called 'Song Title Exports' to contain the new tracks
- Select 'Export'

Step Five: Send Me Your Tracks

- ✓ Place on a Flash-drive OR a Macintosh-formatted external hard drive
- ✓ Upload as a zipped/compressed folder to **Google Drive** or Dropbox (preferred)