♠ / lidarr / community-guide

Davo's Community Lidarr Guide

Like TRaSH Guides, but Davo for Lidarr

This guide is primarily focused on FLAC quality with MP3-320 as a fallback. Since music files are much smaller than other media I prefer to grab FLAC quality (not 24-bit lossless). Lidarr is designed to follow artists and albums, not singles. If you prefer singles then Spotify or Apple Music is a better fit for you.

This guide also assumes you are familiar with the basics of the ARR apps and omits details covered in other guides, such as adding indexers or download clients.

Quality settings

| Quality | Min | Preferred | Max |
|------------|-----|-----------|------|
| FLAC | 0 | 895 | 1400 |
| FLAC 24bit | 0 | 895 | 1495 |

Filters out results that are single track rips for an entire album, such as FLAC/CUE files.

Recommended Naming Scheme

Ensure Advanced Settings are enabled and Rename Tracks & Replace Illegal Characters options are checked.

Standard Track Format

- 1 {Album Title} {(Album Disambiguation)}/{Artist Name}_{Album Title}_{track:00}_{Track:00}
- Result: Venus Hum/Big Beautiful Sky/Venus Hum_Big Beautiful Sky_01_Hummingbirds.flac

Multi Disc Track Format

- 1 | {Album Title} {(Album Disambiguation)}/{Artist Name}_{Album Title}_{medium:00}-{the second of the second of t
- Result: The Smashing Pumpkins/Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness/The Smashing Pumpkins_Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness_01-01_Mellon

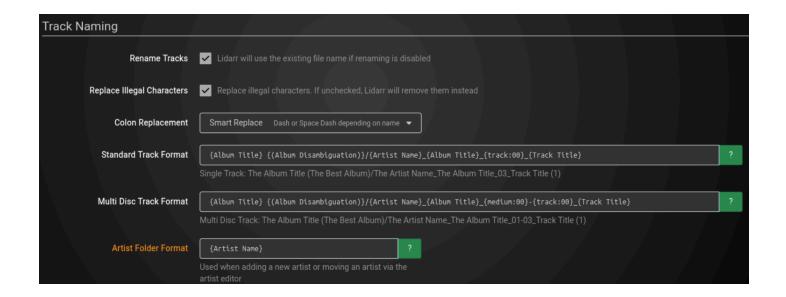
Collie and the Infinite Sadness.flac



Note: Without {(Album Disambiguation)} you run the risk of tracks for albums that have the same title (such as Weezer (Blue Album and Weezer (Red Album)) all being dumped into the same album folder (Weezer). If there is no disambiguation associated with an album then Lidarr will use the standard folder name.

Artist Folder Format

1 {Artist Name}





Unless your file system supports reflinks and/or you are not using Lidarr to write metadata info then you should not enable hardlinks. Changing the metadata for your media files will corrupt the original seeding files.

Custom Formats

Below are some custom formats I have found to be helpful:

Preferred groups

Release groups that are consistently high quality and are properly named/tagged

```
"name": "DeVOiD",
 7
           "implementation": "ReleaseGroupSpecification",
 8
           "negate": false,
9
           "required": false,
10
           "fields": {
11
             "value": "\\bDeVOiD\\b"
12
           }
13
         },
14
15
           "name": "PERFECT",
16
           "implementation": "ReleaseGroupSpecification",
17
           "negate": false,
18
           "required": false,
19
           "fields": {
20
             "value": "\\bPERFECT\\b"
21
           }
22
         },
23
24
           "name": "ENRiCH",
25
           "implementation": "ReleaseGroupSpecification",
26
           "negate": false,
27
           "required": false,
28
           "fields": {
29
             "value": "\\bENRiCH\\b"
30
           }
31
32
       ]
33
```

CD

Tag releases that are from CD source

```
1
2
      "name": "CD",
3
       "includeCustomFormatWhenRenaming": false,
       "specifications": [
4
 5
           "name": "CD",
 6
7
           "implementation": "ReleaseTitleSpecification",
           "negate": false,
8
9
           "required": false,
           "fields": {
10
             "value": "\\bCD\\b"
11
12
           }
13
14
```

```
9/2/24, 12:20 AM
```

WEB

Tag releases that are from WEB source

```
1
2
       "name": "WEB",
 3
       "includeCustomFormatWhenRenaming": false,
       "specifications": [
 4
 5
 6
           "name": "WEB",
           "implementation": "ReleaseTitleSpecification",
 7
           "negate": false,
 8
9
           "required": false,
           "fields": {
10
             "value": "\\bWEB\\b"
11
12
           }
13
         }
14
15
```

Lossless

Tag releases that are lossless (flac/flac24), especially useful when using usenet to grab releases since file naming can be less than adequate

```
1
2
       "name": "Lossless",
 3
       "includeCustomFormatWhenRenaming": false,
       "specifications": [
 4
         {
 5
 6
           "name": "Flac",
 7
           "implementation": "ReleaseTitleSpecification",
 8
           "negate": false,
 9
           "required": false,
           "fields": {
10
             "value": "\\blossless\\b"
11
12
           }
13
         }
14
15
```

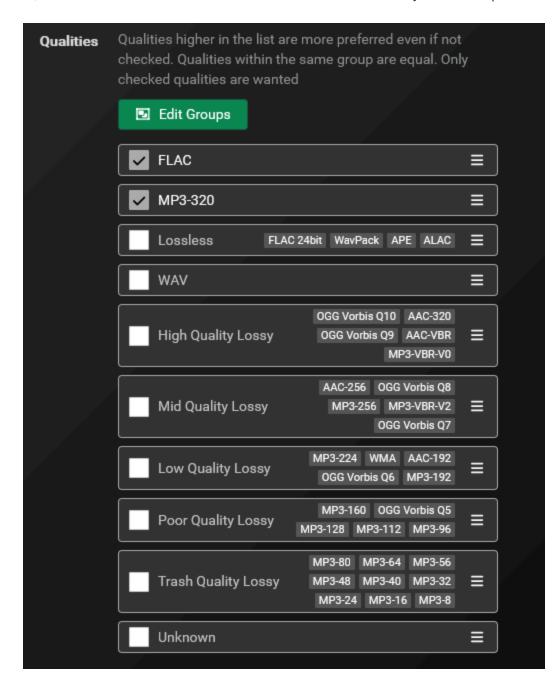
Vinyl

Tag releases that are from Vinyl source

```
1
      "name": "Vinyl",
2
3
       "includeCustomFormatWhenRenaming": false,
       "specifications": [
4
 5
           "name": "Vinyl",
 6
           "implementation": "ReleaseTitleSpecification",
 7
8
           "negate": false,
9
           "required": false,
10
           "fields": {
             "value": "\\bVinyl\\b"
11
12
          }
13
14
       ]
15
```

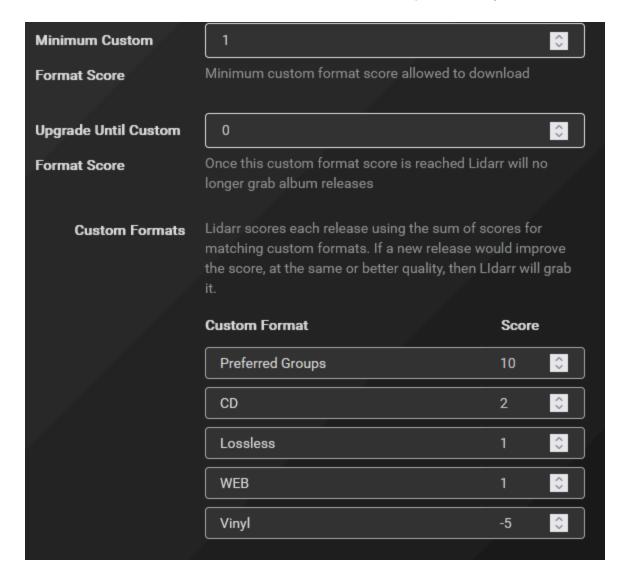
Profiles

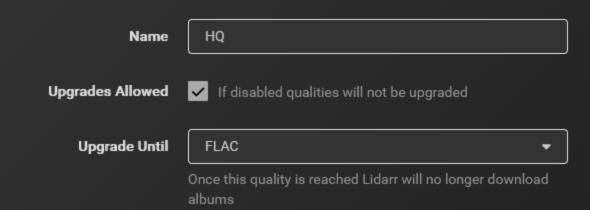
Quality profiles - High Quality - check flac and mp3-320 and move them to the top



Upgrades Allowed - check this box Upgrade until - set this to Flac

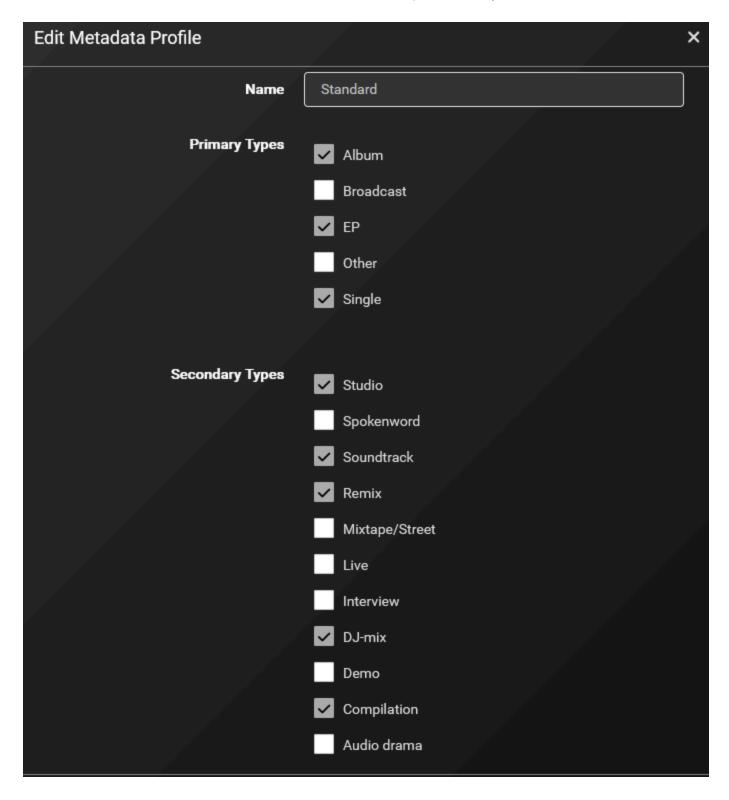
Custom format scoring - This is very subjective. If you follow the table below it will require releases to include a minimum score of 1 in order to be grabbed, meaning it will need to meet at least one of the custom formats (except for vinyl) and will prefer CD source over WEB and will actively avoid vinyl releases.

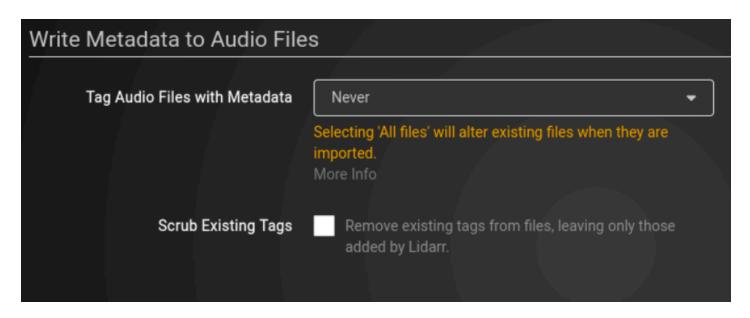




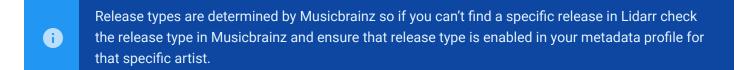
Metadata Profiles

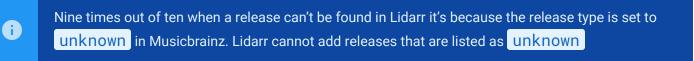
This is another setting that is more personal preference. If you want to ensure you don't miss any releases check all boxes and name the profile Any. My personal metadata profile is named Standard and I have the following options checked:





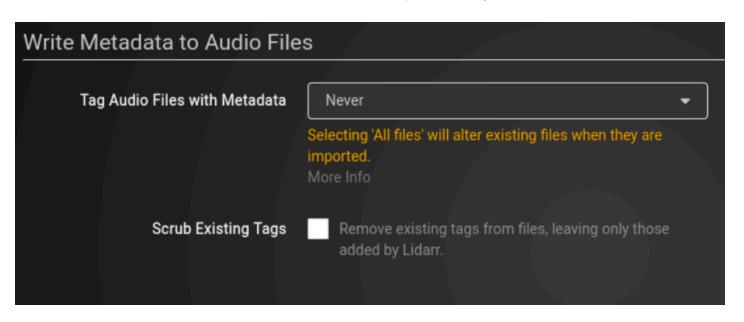
This minimizes the number of releases that are added for an artist but I can switch to the Any profile if needed to add specific releases that are not included in the above release types.





Metadata

As noted previously in the guide, if you are hardlinking music torrents then Tag Audio Files with Metadata needs to be set to Never and Scrub Existing Tags should be unchecked. If you are not hardlinking music torrents then this is personal preference.



Powered by Wiki.js