

# Audio formats at a glance

| Format      | Type                | Typical use                          |
|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| WAV / AIFF  | Uncompressed PCM    | Editing, masters, video              |
| FLAC / ALAC | Lossless compressed | Archiving, hi-fi listening           |
| MP3         | Lossy               | Universal playback                   |
| AAC / M4A   | Lossy               | Apple devices, streaming, video      |
| Opus        | Lossy               | Voice and streaming at low bit rates |
| OGG Vorbis  | Lossy               | Games, open-source software          |