DIGITAL AUDIO FORMATS IN THE LIBRARIES

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The usage of computers and the digital formats opens new dimensions in the library's services. Almost every library strive to store and provide own store in digital formats. Numerous digitize program are in progress at present in Hungary. Some of them are concerned audio documents too. These processing has started, but there are many problems, what the librarians must handle in this process.

In my lecture I present the progression of digitize of the sound documents. I demonstrate the main ideas and problems of digitize. I look for the answer for that question, which digital format is the most useful in the libraries. I present the most well-known digital formats, like MP3, OGG, VQF, WAV and WMA. I compare whit these format in many ways, in order to see which one is the most useful format that we can use in the libraries.