

# KICKING the TIRES

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**PRODUCT: DENT DU MIDI v.09**  
**COMPANY: BERY RINALDO**  
**REQUIREMENTS: MAC OS X 10.2.8 OR LATER**  
**PRICE: FREWARE**  
**TEST RIG: IBOOK G4/933/640 MB RAM,**  
**GARAGEBAND 1.1**  
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If you have GarageBand, you probably have been in sleep deprivation for a good three weeks by now. And if you're a musician, it's been well worth it. Except for one thing, one severely irritating thing – you can't import your MIDI files into GB!

"Dent du Midi is an application that takes standard MIDI files and generates separate files for each track which contains the MIDI note data. These files are suitable for dropping into Apple's GarageBand application for use as loops or entire tracks. In simple terms, this application allows you to convert MIDI files into GarageBand files."

Can this be true? And it's free!?!

## THE GOOD

"Download this icon yadda, yadda, yadda." DdM is very simple to set up. In fact, there is no set up. There's no preferences and, also, there's no help file. Though you can do some minor tweaking from within the application window.

Why? I anticipated that question. That's because all you have to do is drag your MIDI file over the picture in the top right hand corner of the window and DdM does all the rest. Out the other end comes each of your tracks as separate aiff. files. And since GB reads aiff. files, all you have to do is drag them onto the mixing board of a new composition. Voila! Imported MIDI.

## THE BAD

The resulting .aiff files are bigger, so your CPU usage will increase, resulting in fewer tracks before the marker turns red. So if your daring enough, you might want to start bouncing tracks.

## THE UGLY

Nada.

## THE CLOSE

Another one trick pony that captures the Triple Crown. This is a great piece of coding and the fact that it's Freeware makes it all that more impressive. If you're a musician using GB to sketch out ideas, Dent du Midi is a must have.

**RATING:** 7 out of 7

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