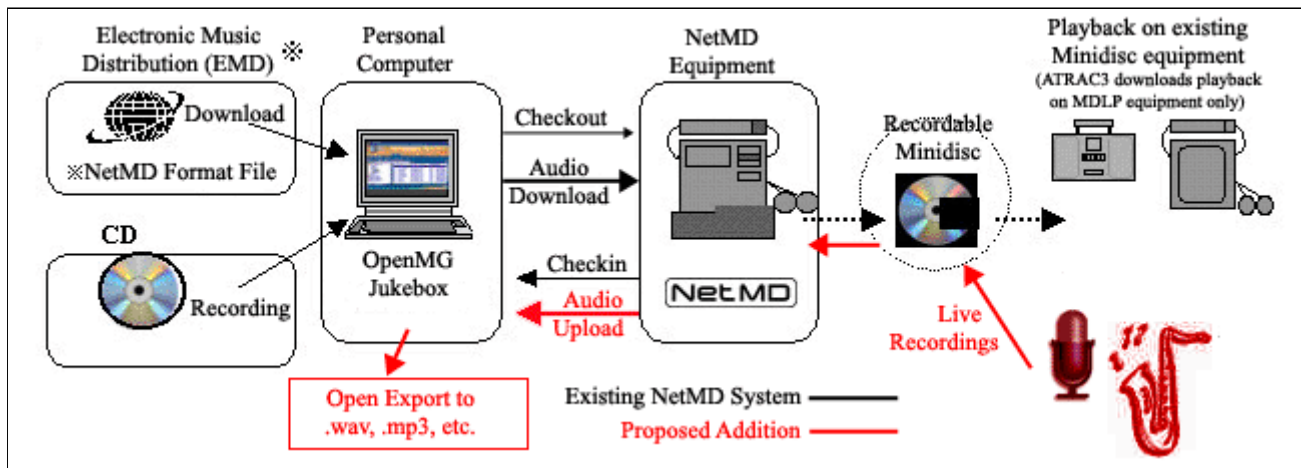


# A Petition Asking Sony to Enable NetMD-Based Audio Uploading from MiniDisc to Computer



**To:** Sony Corporation Tokyo, Japan      Sony Corporation New York, USA

**From:** The Community of MiniDisc Users on the Web

Dear Sony MiniDisc Designers:

Sony's NetMD extension is a wonderful boon to the Minidisc format and has helped bring Minidisc into the networked world of online music distribution. Our petition seeks an enhancement to the Minidisc's NetMD facility to enable Minidisc users to move their audio recordings directly from Minidisc to PC. It is not our intention to cause general trouble or engage in ad hominem harassment of Sony. On behalf of all MiniDisc users, we kindly ask that you heed our petition, as follows:

WHEREAS,

Minidisc recorders are ideally suited to making digital field recordings, and

WHEREAS,

Users frequently need to move recordings they make onto a computer (PC, Mac, Unix/Linux or otherwise) for processing or further distribution, and

WHEREAS,

A Minidisc recording is intrinsically a digital format, and

WHEREAS,

The only existing method of moving Minidisc recordings onto a computer involves "recording" the signal through the computer's sound card, a lengthy and cumbersome process that generally degrades the signal by converting it to analog format and back to digital form, and

WHEREAS,

All Minidisc recorders already flag their recordings to indicate those tracks that have been recorded through the digital inputs (and are copy-protected) and those that have been recorded through the analog inputs (and are not copy-protected), thereby allowing the upload function to prevent unwanted copying, and

WHEREAS,

Sony's existing NetMD function already provides for direct transfers of compressed audio from computer to Minidisc,

WE THE UNDERSIGNED,

kindly request that Sony extend NetMD so that it can be used for uploading compressed audio directly from Minidisc to PC, thereby providing users with a quick, convenient, and lossless method of moving their Minidisc recordings to PC.

SIGNATURES:

## **0. Add audio upload**

Posted by Eric Woudenberg on 4/28/2002, 7:21 pm

Dear Sony: Minidisc is a great format, but it really needs compressed audio upload to make it complete. Please do what's right for Minidisc and its users!

## **1. News Gathering for Radio**

Posted by Simon Pontin on 4/30/2002, 7:38:27

Those of us in the media who use Minidisc for reporting would find direct input a real timesaver.

## **2. Live recording**

Posted by Alex Balch on 4/30/2002, 8:42:01

I bought my Minidisc because of its capacity to record digitally (and with NetMD the added USB connectivity) and now have a stock of my band's music, practice sessions etc. on Minidisc.

An audio upload facility would be a great addition and make the NetMD a powerful musician's tool.

## **3. Live recording**

Posted by Claude Jean on 4/30/2002, 9:03:53

Minidisc upload is possible without hurting the record industry

## **4. add audio upload**

Posted by eric vanderbiest on 4/30/2002, 9:18:07

and make the format real life please mister Sony

## **5. Simplify Music Transfer via USB**

Posted by Claudio Konig on 4/30/2002, 9:24:12

The mp3/ATRAC conversion is far too slow, to say the least. Please work on a more flexible way of transfer

## **6. More flexibility**

Posted by Marc Cheng on 4/30/2002, 9:27:33

NetMD requires more flexibility to realise its full potential. Audio Upload is as important as Audio Download.

## **7. Keep Minidisc on top**

Posted by Patrick Turcotte on 4/30/2002, 10:09:03

I believe that Minidisc is currently the medium of choice for recording live sound - I use it for business meetings and to store each and every one of our band rehearsals. Its flexibility and sound quality are unmatched, but probably not for long; on-the-fly mp3 recording is appearing and will offer an interesting alternative if Minidisc doesn't stay on top of things feature-wise. I believe the digital transfer of material through NetMD from the device to the PC is a natural and essential step in that direction.

I understand the pressure you are under from your music division, but this feature is certainly not what will encourage commercial music propagation. Let's face it, mp3, wma and (eventually) Ogg Vorbis are formats of choice for this problem, not ATRAC.

Thanks for taking this under consideration,

Patrick Turcotte ing.

## **8. add audio upload and replace Open MG Jukebox with a better software**

Posted by Kelvin Hew on 4/30/2002, 10:24:30

Dearest Sony: To realise the NetMD's true potential, audio upload need to be added. It is as important as audio download and it will be a complete format. In fact, Minidisc is the best format compared to CD and cassette because of its size, portability, and the ability to edit as far as I know. Another thing is please come up with a new software to replace Open MG Jukebox because its not a good software. Wanna know why? Log on to [http://www.Minidisc.org/sony\\_mzn1\\_review\\_riley.htm](http://www.Minidisc.org/sony_mzn1_review_riley.htm) and also go to [musicclub.sonystyle.com/community](http://musicclub.sonystyle.com/community) and see for yourself. People don't complain for nothing. What I can tell you is the NetMD Walkman is one hell of a MD recorder but the supplied software spoil everything. Besides, the other software which is NetMD simple Burner is a good software because it doesn't need to rip CD files to the hard drive and directly record

to the Minidisc Walkman. However, music files can only be recorded in LP2 and LP4. Please add the support for SP and Mono. If you can make all these possible, then Minidisc will be on one hell of a format. Thanks!!

## **9. Rehearsal recordings**

Posted by Ashot Ovanessian on 4/30/2002, 10:30:15

I have been using Minidisc gear for quite some time now, recording my band's rehearsals and concerts; and now making of a simple demo involves copying all that music to my computer in real-time. If you were to add an 'upload' feature to NetMD gear, it would be of great help to me, speeding up the copying process quite a bit while improving the end quality enormously.

## **10. The final touch to make NetMD Perfect**

Posted by Brian Davis on 4/30/2002, 10:35:56

I have a band that I'm in and we have been searching for a cheap and small way to record our own shows. Most systems that offer reasonable recording are either quite large or prohibitively expensive (especially when we have to purchase all our other gear...the recorder is a low priority purchase). Then we found Minidisc. It offers a very inexpensive solution to a big problem. We're able to easily record our live shows with digital quality, and the setup is so tiny, it can be placed anywhere in the room.

While we currently upload the audio from each show onto a PC so it can later be burned to a CD for our own personal use, that takes time: a 2 1/2 hour show takes 2 1/2 hours to record back to the PC (in an analog format, no less).

Adding the simple capability of USB upload would make, in my opinion, the best music device ever. I frequently advise people to purchase MD players, rather than MP3 players, because of the versatility and flexibility the format offers.

I understand the copyright issues at hand - I try to stay up to date on everything that's been going on in that area; but it seems to me that you already have certain safeguards in place that could limit the transfer of copyrighted material.

Either way, consider this a vote of support for adding Upload capability to the new NetMD format.

Keep up the good work!

Brian Davis  
Denver, Colorado USA

## **11. MD potential has never been reached**

Posted by Brian Wilson on 4/30/2002, 10:50:49

I both listen to and create music, and there is no format that handles my needs better than Minidisc. I feel that the only limitation to this format are the ones Sony places on it.

I know several radio journalists interested in the format. They all agree that the decision to adopt MD, for themselves and their organizations, would be made easier by high speed uploading. That capability can only help cement the format among professionals and hobbyists.

## **12. Backing up speech to Audio CD or MP3 CD**

Posted by Wiwi Sachli on 4/30/2002, 11:05:56

I'm usually record speeches to my MD Walkman on LP2 or LP4 mode, and it take so many time to backing up it to my computer and convert it to MP3 for my backup so I can use it in future. It really time consuming without upload feature of NetMD. For me there is no differences between NetMD or not for that use without upload feature.

## **13. pre recorded Minidiscs**

Posted by Daniel Schwier on 4/30/2002, 11:07:25

I buy some of my music on prerecorded Minidiscs and cant make personal compilations from those Minidiscs at high quality, I've already brought an MZ-N1 and love it but I would definitely buy an NetMD with upload ability

## **14. Live Recording**

Posted by Alex Harden on 4/30/2002, 11:18:41

Occasionally I will use my MDS-JE510 to record "jam sessions" at my house where my friends and I play guitars and sing. I connect the JE510 to the output of an analog mixing console.

I am a Minidisc fan, but have so far refrained from purchasing a NetMD portable because of the problems I have read about from users, particularly with regards to the strict management imposed by the OpenMG software. Adding the audio upload feature that this proposal describes will go a long way to improve the feature set of the NetMD products for people like me, who use the analog recording capabilities of the products.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

#### **15. dooxer@mac.com**

Posted by Dooxer on 4/30/2002, 11:19:33

#### **16. Community Radio Producer supports upload**

Posted by Paul Riismandel on 4/30/2002, 11:19:53

As a volunteer radio producer for community radio, having a digital faster-than-real-time upload feature for NetMD would greatly increase my productivity. I do nearly all my interview recording on MD, due to its high quality, durability and portability. The work I do is completely legal and, in fact, is fundamentally creating new works of intellectual property, not pirating. Please consider adding this capability to MD -- I might then be moved to buy a new recorder, and recommend the new NetMD units to friends and colleagues.

#### **17. Uploading of live recorded material**

Posted by Luc Wilson on 4/30/2002, 11:32:40

The main reason I purchased my MT-MD877 MD recorder was to record live music. Many bands today allow open "taping" by the audience, and hence is completely legal and legitimate. I do this for own personal listening enjoyment.

I passed on NetMD because it did not offer what I was looking for. Because uploads were not possible, it did not fit my needs. I did not see benefit from being allowed to "only" transfer music from computer to MD and not the other way around (MD->PC).

An upload feature is really the only thing missing from MD's otherwise great feature set. More specifically, a \*digital\* upload capability (as well as analog) would be ideal, maybe even at high speed (since analog transfer is currently possible, albeit in "real-time"), to maintain perfect sound quality of my own recorded material from MD to computer.

It is often times possible to get digital soundboard "patches" (connections), or to use an external A/D converter. This creates an input signal that is digital before reaching the MD recorder. It would be important to allow material recorded digitally in this manner to also be "uploadable", rather than just limiting any potential uploading feature to analog recordings only. Digital recording will only become more and more popular.

Hopefully Sony will see the needs of the legitimate customer, and include uploading capabilities in future MD portables.

Thank you,  
Luc Wilson

#### **18. Lectures on computer**

Posted by Jan Yskout on 4/30/2002, 11:38:34

As university student, it would be really easy to have a fast audio upload function. Some lectures take up to three hours. It's convenient to record them and save them in a space saving format (eg. Mp3, wma) on my PC. That way I won't have to wait another three hrs for the upload and in the mp3/wma format it would be easy to send the college to fellow students who missed the lesson or didn't take very good notes.

Hope you can add it,

Your Sincerely,

Jan Yskout

#### **19. Live recordings**

Posted by Kevin on 4/30/2002, 11:44:54

My whole family are avid piano players, and recently my younger brother took up this hobby. Before, I had to use the old analogue technique in order to record my family's performances for keepsake reasons. I was hoping that NetMD would allow me to instead allow me to have the recordings on my computer, and later burned onto a CD. Alas, this was not the case.

I believe NetMD technology to be really successful- however, the lack of uploading has somewhat barred my respect for this new technology. I do not, I believe, it is worth the asking price.

#### **20. Minidisc upload**

Posted by Jong Dae Kim on 4/30/2002, 11:45:41

for all reasons already mentioned, as well as an incentive to purchase a NetMD recorder/player

#### **21. if not, MD will loose in the end**

Posted by riemer dekker on 4/30/2002, 11:56:12

although I understand that copyright will be the issue in this proposal this will be the only thing missing to beat mp3 and other formats in the long term! make it free, cos if you don't MD will loose the battle with mp3...

#### **22. Please add this feature**

Posted by Efraim Plotkin on 4/30/2002, 12:02:14

Dear Sony:

I am a happy user of three Sony Minidisc products, but I really start to hate it when it comes to transferring my live recordings to PC. The process is cumbersome and slow. Adding this feature would make MD the ultimate format for professionals and amateurs alike. Please implement this feature!

#### **23. add audio upload**

Posted by j lyman on 4/30/2002, 12:13:23

I am a part time musician, I use my MD to record ideas for licks etc. I need to be able to upload those to my pc in order to easily edit them.

#### **24. All good things come to an end...**

Posted by Eric Rodriguez on 4/30/2002, 12:14:01

Dear Sony,

Truly you have made one of the best portable audio devices currently available. You've mixed most all the good features of a CD with all the good features of an audio cassette. Near reference sound quality(CD), ease of live recording(Cass), the ability to skip by tracks(CD), easy editing(Cass), a host of other features. These things make for a genuinely great product, unique and versatile.

Honestly, I've only known of Minidisc technology for the last two or three years and first became involved by buying an MZ-R37. I enjoyed it much but found that it didn't supply a long battery life or a long recording length. Though these problems diminished the quality of the portable itself, many of us Minidisc users continued to use the format due to the abilities it had that could only be equaled by a computer using a CD-RW. Yet, being portable put it miles ahead of the CD-RW. When MP3 Players showed up and sported decent sound quality, good battery life and long recording length, the Minidisc seemed to fade because its weaknesses were highlighted by the MP3 player's strengths.

At that point, you did not decide to quit making and marketing Minidisc in the United States. Instead, you let the Minidisc evolve. MDLP gave users great volumes more space per disc and you solved battery life problems. I would later go on to buy the MZ-R700. Moving from use of two batteries for a few short hours to one battery and longer hours seemed to be an answer to prayers.

But even with as great as the Minidisc had become at that point, it still had slow digital transfer. MP3 players still boasted that they could do in minutes what would take Minidisc hours to do. And so, the Minidisc was again falling sort of the glory of portable music. But you didn't hinder the Minidisc from growing. Instead, you would create NetMD and once again encourage and capture the attention of the users who felt that the format was going away. I have an MZ-N707 on order to come in a few weeks and I'm thrilled because of its quick ability to move music from PC to Minidisc(thank you for the program feature, another feature long missing in Minidisc). And now, finally it seems, Minidiscs and MP3 players are

finally neck and neck. But, there isn't much more that can be done in this competition. And with other portable technologies coming out, it may not be long before Minidisc falls apart. But future technologies don't appear to be sporting live recording, so Minidisc may still have an edge. But analog sound is the enemy of Minidisc users. We seek superb sound quality, and analog transfer of our personal recordings is to say the least, a thing of disgust. We long to be able to have pure control and quality of our recordings whether they be business meetings or band performances. That is why we ask you to give us the ability to upload digitally what we record through the mic and line-in ports on our portable Minidisc recorders.

That is the sound of music to our ears. To be able to use what we've created and make our own music and to have the ability to access it, mold it into something better. Great sound quality. But the end of Minidisc is coming if it cannot evolve. It needs to reach the next level of music. That level could be achieved by giving users the ability to access their recordings on computer through upload. It won't answer all Minidisc's problems but it will certainly help us realize why we love Minidisc so much.

The only other hope you might have is to give Minidiscs the ability to hold the CD length amount of CD quality audio, basically making the Minidisc a mini CD of sorts. 74 to 80 minutes of standard CD quality audio would be an incredible thing in a Minidisc. And in that case, you could hold an incredible amount of sound in ATRAC. Much more than even MDLP gives. But this doesn't appear likely. Also remember, DVD is preparing to take audio by storm and up-ing the ante by bring sound quality to 96,000 Hz as opposed to CD's 44,000 Hz, which Minidisc's and other portables' sound is based off of. Keep sound alive in the Minidisc. Allow the Minidisc to keep evolving. Give us the ability to upload what is rightfully ours, what we've created. Give us users of Minidisc another reason to smile and praise Minidisc. Believe me, I tell all my friends about Minidisc and have even offered to buy them a portable. Give me another reason to.

A concerned lover of sound,  
Eric Rodriguez

#### **25. Re: Lectures on computer**

Posted by Mike C on 4/30/2002, 12:22:28 , in reply to "Lectures on computer"

I am also a student here in the United States and use my Sony MZR700 and MZR55 to record lectures.

I completely agree with Jan's points above and would hope that new features can be added.

Also, please consider unit feature reimplementing of a clock and possibly an on/off timer that would allow time stamping and recorder operations respectfully.

Why my model 55 has the clock and the 700 does not , escapes me.

More advertisement and better distribution would certainly boost sales. Honestly, most people who see the unit I own, don't know what it is.

Thank you Sony, I love this product.

#### **26. please add this feature**

Posted by Paul Wells on 4/30/2002, 12:23:02

I am a huge Minidisc user and this would make my work a lot easier.

#### **27. Your Flash ad said "record your band"**

Posted by Mat Chavez on 4/30/2002, 12:31:13

Recording my band is exactly what I want to do. I teach High School music, and I purchased a NetMD because the advertising led me to believe the unit was capable of uploading. All I ask is that if I press the record button on the unit, you respect that I created it, and am not violating any copyright rules. It's not your place to assume I'm at fault.

If you are willing to ADVERTISE on AUDIOGALAXY (the reason I found your product), you are HYPOCRITICAL if you think you can POLICE downloads. Audiogalaxy has more music piracy than you can shake a stick at, but we can use NetMD 3 times? You know as well as anyone that the music is stolen before you get to "police" it.

My advice - don't play cop. It's not your place because you can't determine what is and isn't legal with your current system. It's not fair to those of us playing by the rules.

-Mat

#### **28. Please add this feature**

Posted by Dmitri on 4/30/2002, 12:37:52

Dear Sir Please add the above mentioned feature in your software.

#### **29. Please add this feature**

Posted by Rod Verette on 4/30/2002, 12:44:04

Other competing methods of live digital recording are beginning to erode Sony's market share. Company's like Archos Technology and Creative Labs are among those that provide a small package live recording device. Both of those companies permit high speed uploading to the computer. Sony would do well to ensure customer satisfaction by including high speed uploading as well. This is not about piracy: indeed, it's about market survival.

#### **30. Please add audio upload**

Posted by Brian Youn on 4/30/2002, 12:44:47

There are so many new audio recording devices coming out on the market that allow direct uploading to the hard drive. I personally would love to see MD add this feature so that this great format can continue to live on.

#### **31. Please Sony**

Posted by Don Poulsen on 4/30/2002, 12:46:28

You make devices not music. Let me make music and do what I want with it.

Listen to all these people not your wallet!

MD will fizzle out like 8 tracks did if you don't.

#### **32. Uploading: A great asset**

Posted by Mike Sloan on 4/30/2002, 13:01:15

Sony-

It is not only musicians and reporters and such that would love to see the ability to upload recorded audio. I'm an avid Minidisc user and would love to see the audio upload feature added so that I can digitally manipulate my recordings. It would definitely be a great asset to the MD format and give Sony an edge over competing formats! Please consider this proposal carefully.

-- Mike Sloan

#### **33. Mobile recording for theatrical effects**

Posted by Phil Genera on 4/30/2002, 13:08:56

Using Minidisc to do my field recording for gathering theatrical effects would be wonderful. To be able to easily pull effects of disc into an editing console would save me time and enhance quality, as well as making MD a viable option for theatre use.

#### **34. Live Recording**

Posted by Don Chaps on 4/30/2002, 13:34:17

I purchased a Minidisc for live recording. Doesn't it seem logical to expect a path to edit and reproduce my recordings without losing quality? This is like selling a car with no drive train. You can sit in nice leather seats, hear the powerful growl of the engine, roll the windows up and down, but can't go anywhere.

I would like Sony to complete the design loop.

#### **35. Uploading: The Needed Element**

Posted by Marcus Curle on 4/30/2002, 13:46:56 , in reply to "Uploading: A great asset"

For years MD technology has been a great asset for bands that need an affordable digital medium to record to. The drawback? Loss in audio quality that occurs when the recorded music is uploaded to a computer through analogue means. With digital high-speed downloading now readily possible on Sony's new portables, it's confusing why Sony wouldn't provide the ability to upload live recordings digitally. Adding this feature would not only be great for musicians, but would also be the needed element to take

MD technology to its rightful place in music media culture throughout North America.

**36. Sony, please add this feature.**

Posted by Adim on 4/30/2002, 14:03:47

This is a very important feature. I assumed, as well as others, that this feature was already installed on my MZ-N707 NetMD model. I love Sony.

**37. (no subject)**

Posted by eric oswald on 4/30/2002, 14:10:50

add audio upload

**38. NetMD USB upload**

Posted by Jean-Laurent on 4/30/2002, 14:42:41

This is a very important feature to keep MD on top of audio recorder.

**39. Minidisc could lose its edge as a newsgathering medium**

Posted by Steve Jess on 4/30/2002, 14:43:01

Adopting the Minidisc for our field recording needs in 1997 revolutionized the process of producing news for our public radio station. We are now looking for the next generation of field recording units, and find that Minidisc could very easily lose out to solid-state mp3-based recorders because with a solid state recorder we can transfer an entire interview to hard disc in seconds.

I would much rather see that capability added to Minidisc units, providing the best of both worlds - the affordability of MD with the quick access of a solid state recorder.

Steve Jess  
Boise State Radio

**40. Please add audio upload**

Posted by David Clubb on 4/30/2002, 15:03:29

I fully support Minidisc.org in saying that audio upload is something that a Minidisc player needs.

**41. Full MD Potential**

Posted by B. Canon Chapman on 4/30/2002, 15:05:40

I believe that Minidisc's full potential can be reached while still maintaining the Artists' copyrights. The problem lays in the internet not the Hardware. Why then should users who are not breaking any laws be punished?

**42. Audio upload**

Posted by Andy Lane on 4/30/2002, 15:06:33

The NetMD upload proposal enables only those people who wish upload their own, analogously recorded material to do so - it has no real copyright implications. It would also turn the MD format into a powerful digital Dictaphone.

Thanks.

**43. A necessity for heavy users**

Posted by Jean-Francois VINCENT on 4/30/2002, 15:07:52

As a long time MD-user, I have needed several times to edit the content of my Minidiscs on a computer, because the hifi system I was using couldn't offer all the functions I was looking for (advanced fade-in/out, level equalization, special effects, noise reduction and so on). Unfortunately, transferring the audio content to my computer was -still is!- a painful operation, which much be done through analog cables.

The NetMD protocol could be the opportunity for you to add fast and convenient PC to MD transfer which would please the heavy users we are.

Of course we all know that there are some legal issues behind that problem, but one cannot frustrate its customers just because a minority of them is enforcing the laws. I do not want to make illegal copies with such a function, but just want to edit my private recordings!

Thank you in advance for listening to our complaints... and giving us a solution.

Jean-Francois

**44. NetMD Upload Feature**

Posted by Paul Davies on 4/30/2002, 15:12:01

I fully agree with the Minidisc.org request for a NetMD upload feature.

**45. Free me from my Phillips Audio CD Burner**

Posted by Todd Langevin on 4/30/2002, 15:18:07

as of now I have to burn a CD on my Philips Audio CD burner via optical cable and then put the newly created CDR in my pc to rip the way files from it for conversion to another format or archival purposes. I cant understand why I cant skip the middle man and go straight from MD to PC. Please add this feature, I really love using Minidiscs for live recording but this issue makes me want to find a more pliable media.

**46. Live recordings of lectures, sermons, and church presentations**

Posted by Robert K Jung on 4/30/2002, 15:18:07

One of the major uses I make with Sony MD recorders is recording live speeches and church presentations. And often, friends desire a copy of what they just heard live. It would save me a LOT of time if I did not have to wait for a real-time recording that sometimes does not come out perfectly because of system load or active background program. I would certainly update my collection of MD recorders to include ones that have upload capability.

Currently, NETMD downloading is not a big advantage to me because ordinary real-time recording from PC to MD is very reliable. Recording MD to PC is the unreliable function.

There is a small marketing window for such a feature. If some other vendor comes up with a reliable digital recording function that uploads easily to a PC, that could cut into the MD market. I would consider purchasing that function even if it weren't an MD recorder.

Sincerely,  
Robert Jung

**47. NetMD audio Upload**

Posted by gennaro Puerto on 4/30/2002, 15:21:24

I am agree

**48. Re: Free me from my Phillips Audio CD Burner**

Posted by gennaro Puerto on 4/30/2002, 15:23:21 , in reply to "Free me from my Phillips Audio CD Burner"

Of course, I am agree

**49. Recording of call centre calls**

Posted by Ian Burrows on 4/30/2002, 15:37:18

We actively use Minidisc MZR900 recorders in our call centre to record calls so we can assess these. While MDLP is excellent at storing phone quality calls in abundance, NETMD would allow us to upload calls to a PC and share with the company via e-mail. While we can burn to CD with the right equipment, it is costly and a PAIN IN THE ARSE. So SONY listen to both consumer and BUSINESS and provide this facility to allow a truly open medium to fulfill its full potential.

**50. I miss USB upload on my SONY MZ-N1, please make it possible in next OpenMG release!**

Posted by John Kenneth Grytten on 4/30/2002, 15:48:28

IMHO it is meaningless to not allow USB transfer... At least it should be possible for mono-aural recordings (for interviews etc).

**51. NetMD audio upload would make Minidiscs perfect**

Posted by Chris Zirker on 4/30/2002, 15:58:30

I play alto saxophone in a jazz band, and many of my friends and relatives frequently request recordings of my band. Having NetMD audio upload would make e-mailing my own recordings much easier and faster. Also, I have made attempts at recording myself playing and mixing different parts I've written together, and it is much easier to do on the computer, but it is very difficult and cumbersome to upload all these tracks through analog

cables. NetMD audio upload would be a useful tool for me and other musicians like me who can't afford expensive recording equipment. Please add audio upload. Thanks!

**52. please add audio upload capability**

Posted by Wesley d'Haene on 4/30/2002, 15:58:38

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**53. Please add uploading**

Posted by Mikail on 4/30/2002, 16:00:31

I play the trumpet, and it would be much easier for me to upload my recordings, thanks

**54. Please add uploading for musicians!**

Posted by Matt Sanders on 4/30/2002, 16:22:29

I use my Sony Minidisc recorder to record rehearsals and live performances for my two bands. It is extremely helpful, but it would be so much easier to be able to quickly upload the recordings to my PC for editing purposes. PLEASE add this functionality to your Minidisc line-up. It would be such a great thing; I'd go out and buy a new recorder immediately!

**55. NetMD Upload Please!**

Posted by Joe on 4/30/2002, 16:24:03

some mp3 based hardware players allow upload to PC. Minidisc is my format of choice as the media is cheap but most importantly very reliable. It would be great if you were to add the upload feature to continue Minidiscs competitive edge

thank you

**56. Audio uploading**

Posted by Morgan Rivalin on 4/30/2002, 16:28:35

Please add the hi speed audio uploading to your NetMD system. It will make the system perfect!

Thanks for considering my point of view, as MD for 5 years now.

**57. LET ME UPLOAD DICTATION**

Posted by Rick Lewis on 4/30/2002, 16:31:49

Like Minidisc -- would love it if I could upload my daily dictation to my computer, so my "voice recognition" software could transcribe it -- why not?

**58. Please allow the upload for NetMD**

Posted by Stuart Howlette on 4/30/2002, 16:35:10

if the audio upload was allowed, it would spur many, including myself into buying into the product. Even limitations to what you can do with it would suit me, as long as i could do it.

**59. please add audio upload**

Posted by K Li on 4/30/2002, 16:49:55

I have been a devoted sony consumer as long as i can remember. Sony devices were the first products I purchased when my family immigrated to America. Recently, though, Sony products seem to have fallen behind the technology curve. The entire clie line is devoid of any feasible wireless access, Sony's own mp3 player is trapped by its own software.

It brings me to my next point. Sony nearly missed the enormous potential of the Minidisc format until someone created a digital to USB cable that revived the format. It seems that the company recognized this sort of rebirth and have been updating and marketing the next generation of Minidisc technology.

If sony is determined to remain a player in the future of digital music, there are only two options -- litigate against consumers' right to make copies or innovate. By adding an upload feature, in whatever form (other than analog), it would help stimulate the platform, aiding in consumer adoption.

Please add this function. I would rather not purchase a device made by another manufacturer as I am a devoted sony consumer.

**60. please add the feature to copy directly from MD to PC**

Posted by Christian Becker on 4/30/2002, 16:51:08

Please add this feature. It would be wonderful to have an easy way of copying my own recordings to PC to make it available for other people. Tnx, CB

**61. NetMD Upload**

Posted by Andy Adams on 4/30/2002, 16:51:50

Having been a Minidisc fanatic for 7 years (and having sold it to many of my friends), I can not wait to receive my first NetMD recorder. Unfortunately, it will not be possible to upload songs to the computer, and I hope that you will reconsider this functionality.

One of the great things that Minidiscs are used for is recording voice material by microphone. When one of my colleagues left last year, I brought my portable Minidisc in and had everybody record their impressions. Blending that in with music from the time he was here was going to make it the perfect going-away gift. Trying to get what we recorded to the PC so I could put it on a CD was a nightmare. He was a big mp3 player fan and we went back and forth about which was better, and he won in this instance.

Hopefully, this will be rectified as soon as possible.

**62. Please add an Audio Upload Feature**

Posted by Neiertz Tom on 4/30/2002, 17:20:34

Please add an Audio Upload Feature  
Thank you

**63. Please add audio upload functionality to NetMD**

Posted by James Crawford on 4/30/2002, 17:41:40

Please add the above-mentioned functionality; it would make Minidisc product the most desirable and best-selling digital audio format on the market.

**64. Faster than 1x uploading**

Posted by Nicholas on 4/30/2002, 17:58:38

Definitely include this feature as it would make putting live recordings on the PC for mixing, etc... As MD needs to survive and this would make MD a 'complete' digital system and make it more popular.

Also, for downloading please make it possible for standard ATRAC files to be downloaded faster than realtime. As I find having the limit of LP2 a bit disappointing to say the least!

**65. Adding upload function is a matter of survival for the MD format**

Posted by Olaf Boedecker on 4/30/2002, 18:07:18

I think it would be in your best interest to add an audio upload function to NetMD. I suspect that MD is really in danger of becoming obsolete otherwise, which would be really sad, since it is the most fascinating format around.

Please go and create a unit that is capable of uploading!

**66. NetMD Audio upload from MD to computer**

Posted by Ofer Fuchs on 4/30/2002, 18:14:08

Minidisc is a great format, but it really needs compressed audio upload to make it complete. Please do what's right for Minidisc and its users!

**67. It's what customers want**

Posted by Kingsley Smith on 4/30/2002, 18:34:31

My customers want upload via USB to a PC, not for piracy, but for their own live recordings.

Surely if they were wanted to copy they would just do so from CD.

Add the feature to the software if possible, if not the next gen of hardware

**68. My Music is Trapped on MD**

Posted by Michael Worrell on 4/30/2002, 18:52:51

NetMD is a great idea that has been a long time coming, but a two way street between the device and a PC is what it's going to take to get me to bite, and I'm a big fan of the format.

**69. Interviewing**

Posted by Peter Cowan on 4/30/2002, 18:56:18

As someone that uses my Minidisc player for recording interviews for radio, I urge you to PLEASE give the NetMD software the ability to upload audio data to the computer.

**70. Help me to maximize my time!**

Posted by Tony Wall on 4/30/2002, 19:01:45

I currently am forced to "upload" or record my MD recordings (live seminars) via coaxial digital from my Sony JB940 Deck. Quality is perfect, but the problem is speed. 5 hours takes 5 hours. I am running out of time. (Aren't we all?) Please consider adding this feature to your Minidisc line in some way. I will be among the first to buy your new product.

**71. MD format should be more popular in America if...**

Posted by Ronald Shikiya on 4/30/2002, 19:03:12

...its true potential is achieved. Real competition with the CD-RW format it is just in the corner. Audio upload and download to a computer will definitely do it.

**72. Why I don't use my MD much anymore**

Posted by Matt Burt on 4/30/2002, 19:05:20

I record (legal) live stuff. NetMD sounded promising, but it does nothing for my application. If I could upload I might consider getting a new MD recorder.

**73. Sorely disappointed when I found out**

Posted by James Watts on 4/30/2002, 19:09:42

I think NetMD and Minidisc format is awesome and really serves a niche here in the US. But have you asked yourselves why it hasn't really caught on here? It's because we aren't able to do live recordings and UPLOAD in "file" format or NetMD format. This would really make a huge difference here I believe. It's just too cumbersome to do a live recording, then have to take the time to do an analog UPLOAD in realtime. You have the technology and please give it to us.

Cordially,  
Jim Watts

**74. I do not want a second deck**

Posted by Josema Alonso on 4/30/2002, 19:19:11

Dear Sirs,  
I've tried to use my brand new MZ-N1 as a replacement for my TCD-D8 portable DAT recorder.

Unfortunately I cannot.

I make legal live recordings with my DAT and then upload them for editing to my PC using the digital out of my D8.

Since my MZ-N1 doesn't have a digital out I can't.

A much better solution would be to let us go from our NetMD->PC using your software. Please, let us do it. If only for analog recordings would be enough for me. Then I should be able to transform to WAV or other uncompressed format and edit them to make samples or copies for my friends.

Hope you finally listen to us. We deserve it.

Best Regards.

**75. Do it and you'll make tons more money**

Posted by J on 4/30/2002, 19:19:52

TONS MORE MONEY

**76. MD Uploading**

Posted by Cesar Castano on 4/30/2002, 19:27:02

The format should be modified to have a way (may be in the TOC) to establish the source of the music files ( analog input, digital input, PC Downloaded, and Protected for those files you don't want to allow copy )

**77. Take on MP3 players and win!!**

Posted by Neil Deadman on 4/30/2002, 19:30:32

I think that as today's technology advances Minidisc will be left behind if this feature is not implemented and fast!!!  
Make Minidisc win the battle with MP3 players by making an existing portable format equal to its rivals. You could even add a Memory Stick slot in the deck to give a wider audience and allow future compatibility!!!

PLEASE ADD THIS FEATURE AND FAST!!!

**78. Even more editability**

Posted by Matt Hendrickson on 4/30/2002, 19:34:47

Hello,  
Audio upload to a computer would work great for me! I record live music regularly (mostly from my church) and then try to archive it to my PC. This process is lengthy and archaic and results in a whole lot of distortion. Digital uploading would a) make my archiving process much easier; b) allow me to reduce my inventory of loose MD's ;c) allow me to maintain recording quality in my archives; and d) (most importantly to Sony) encourage me to buy a new MD recorder! I've been awaiting this function for about 3 1/2 years now, and have been holding off purchase of a new recorder until this feature is added. I use my current recorder/player 10-15 hours a week and the wear is starting to show. I really want a new one, but I think I'll probably hold off until digital audio upload is available.

Thanks for listening!

Matt Hendrickson

**79. Pleeceeeeeease add audio upload...**

Posted by Sanny Marr on 4/30/2002, 20:23:35

allowing audio upload will benefit all Minidisc users for sure!!!

**80. NetMD Uploading audio capability.**

Posted by Max Forkel on 4/30/2002, 20:25:35

As others have already expressed the portable MD recorder is an excellent and easy recording medium except for its lack of digital and fast uploading capabilities... for people who record live (legally recorded) music  
this added feature would make us much happier... our only options now are to record digitally , upload by analog at real time, subjecting the signal to several AD to DA to AD passes before having a digital signal to master in the computer... sometimes working , most times degrading our hopefully good master. The NETMD could replace DAT tapes completely if it used its USB capabilities to its fullest. Please listen to the legal tapers and users of your equipment and develop the MD Net to its full capabilities.

**81. Please**

Posted by Yosef Blanche on 4/30/2002, 21:11:05

I have owned the MZ-N1 for about a month now and the only thing it lacks is the upload capability. Being a student, I love you Minidisc to record lectures or to make my own study notes however, I am limited by not being able to upload and edit the discs. It would be greatly appreciated if this ability to upload recordings were permitted. As a committed Minidisc user, I beg you to implement this feature in the next generation of players.  
Thank you.

**82. Minidisc Feature**

Posted by ihyei on 4/30/2002, 21:17:10

Please help Minidisc maintain an edge. We have to try to make these new Minidisc recorders better than anything out there. This will help keep the Minidisc format alive! thanks

**83. PLEASE ALLOW AUDIO UPLOAD.**

Posted by Roger Tseng on 4/30/2002, 21:26:32

Sony, Please allow audio upload! the potential of NetMD has yet to be reached with the current restrictions! please. it would be a huge benefit to the international MD community!  
Roger Tseng

#### 84. Net-MD Uploading

Posted by James Baummer on 4/30/2002, 21:39:05

Sony, you should change OpenMG to allow uploading. Yes, it will help people to steal music but it is vital for people recording concerts etc to be allowed to upload faster than real-time.

#### 85. Audio Upload

Posted by Howard Bernier on 4/30/2002, 21:50:40

Please add Macintosh support ! You've got a winning product. Let's make it the BEST !!

#### 86. Audio Uploading

Posted by Kyle Paul on 4/30/2002, 22:14:29

Everyone has already said what needs to be said. Please seriously consider adding this option. I don't want to see MP3 players take over the market here in the US.  
Thank you.

#### 87. Add audio upload - archiving medical school lectures

Posted by Christopher Plescia on 4/30/2002, 22:17:10

Not everyone is interested in pirating music. I am a medical student and I was hoping to be able to archive old lectures on my hard drive using the Minidisc format. The lack of uploading functionality has been a real disappointment with this unit.

#### 88. No new Piracy issues

Posted by John Livdahl on 4/30/2002, 23:04:41

Since NetMD marks all PC downloaded tracks just don't allow a PC downloaded track to be uploaded and the NetMD upload feature doesn't expose any new piracy issues. If some one can record a CD on a MD then upload it they could also RIP the CD directly on the PC with out the MD compression loss.

Please add upload for non-pc music soon...

John

#### 89. I am returning my MD MZ-N707 because it doesn't upload.

Posted by Brian Asaro on 4/30/2002, 23:11:46

I bought my MD because I thought it could upload...now I realize it doesn't do that. I waited over a month while it was on backorder because it was so new it hadn't hit the shelves yet, then I find it doesn't upload. I want to return it because it is otherwise useless to me. I bought it solely for recording live music that I could transfer onto my PC in MP3 format. I just got it the other day, it's brand new and I haven't even used it yet. After I read the manual and realized there was no facility to upload, I decided I'd return it. There's no way I'm paying \$230 for something that won't do what I wanted it for. But I just remembered about this site and I was surprised to see this topic right on the front page, so it obviously a hot topic. And now I realize there are so many like me that need this feature to make the MD useful. I also realize that for this upload feature to happen, it would most likely be an all software solution, meaning that I could keep my hardware and wait for an update to the NetMD software. But I have roughly 25 days left to return my item free of charge and I will do so unless I know for sure that Sony will make this upload feature happen. Please SONY, let people like me know you will include this feature so I am not forced to return it. I have 25 days left.

#### 90. why not?

Posted by Warren Bowman on 4/30/2002, 23:25:01

I don't see why audio upload isn't already an enabled feature. I have bought eight MD decks or portables over the years, each time to take advantage of new features. Without audio upload, I may just skip buying any NetMD gear, and keep using what I have.

#### 91. Only thing holding me back from purchasing a NetMD

Posted by Kyall Glennie on 4/30/2002, 23:34:20

I own a Sony MZR-700, and I love the machine. I would purchase a NetMD if only if offered upload capabilities.

Currently I do not record a lot of analog, but I plan on doing so if I had the capacity to upload it quickly and without sacrificing quality. It is very important for me to have this feature before I purchase another Minidisc unit.

Please take serious this petition; your customers are die-hard fans who only seek the best out of their equipment!

#### 92. Audio upload

Posted by Robert Matrai on 4/30/2002, 23:34:56

I'd like to upload my old (3-4 years old) music to my PC so i can recorded to my new NetMD in LP2 or LP4 mode.

#### 93. campus radio

Posted by Billy Tan on 5/1/2002, 1:37:38

i used to do a show for school, and always had to do my recording in school. an uploading function would give me the flexibility to work from home with my MD. i would buy straightaway if u added an uploading function.

#### 94. Add this function please!!!

Posted by Max Gross on 5/1/2002, 1:49:21

To who it may concern (any and all representatives of Sony) I would like to first like to express my absolute love for your Japanese domestic products that in more ways than I could possibly describe make my life wonderful and more convenient. However, with the possibly of adding an upload feature to Minidisc I can without question say that you have the chance to outdo yourselves. I make live recordings of nature sounds to my Minidisc and then edit them for use as samples in my dj mixes for songs (it's a personal hobby), and to have an upload feature would save me a great deal of time and sound quality. If you do come out with a Minidisc unit with this feature I will be sure to purchase it, as I am already quite happy with my MZ-R00, and MZ-N1. And I think that to add another would not be out of the question.

Thank you

#### 95. Audio Upload

Posted by Iain Frew on 5/1/2002, 1:57:23

Please provide data transfer from NETMD to PC for live recordings editing/remastering. Mini CD portable recorders are scarce at the moment but more will follow. Mini DVD portable recorders are just around the corner with huge capacity potential. Both formats will soon be manufactured similar in size to Minidisc, with power consumption to match and will be a huge threat. I expect we are still approx. 2 years away from 2nd generation recorders so there is nice market window opportunity for NETMD. Since you have the technical capability at your fingertips now, please take the next step with NETMD and provide what your customers are asking for..if not..it may be too late.

#### 96. this is a long awaited feature...

Posted by Benjamin Ho on 5/1/2002, 1:58:57

i currently do lots of self-recording for archival purposes. this includes live performances. i'm pretty sure the reason we have this petition is because of the fact that we felt that this would be such a great attribute of the NetMD format.

we really hope you consider this feature. thank you.

#### 97. Audio upload

Posted by James Nakashima on 5/1/2002, 2:02:20

This is the only feature missing from making NetMD a perfect product, in my eyes.

#### 98. A Great Idea

Posted by Derek Ju on 5/1/2002, 2:09:07

I think adding an upload feature would be an excellent addition to the NetMD technology as it would not pose a threat to any piracy.

#### 99. Audio upload is a must for music creators

Posted by Kalin Fetvadjev on 5/1/2002, 2:42:34

I have a recent example on this one: a band asked me to record one of their lives. I did it, it sound great, but now they want the recording available on tape and CD. Audio upload would make this task a trivial one, whereas now I have to take my time and spend >1h, and still I am not sure of the results.

#### **100. To make it big**

Posted by Edward Lee on 5/1/2002, 3:01:21

NETMD was big step in the right direction, now it is time to take another step.

#### **101. Please sony don't waste the great potential of MD**

Posted by BISCHOFF Sébastien on 5/1/2002, 3:05:21

MD as always sound to me to be a very innovative format in digital world. When i've buyed my first MD deck, i've hoped that it will become soon the next generation floppy disk, but it wasn't... Now that MP3 and other new audio format are widespread, users are waiting for a more flexible way to exchange files between their MD's and PC. Why not considering to include the ability to download files as is on MD without converting it in atrac (and then allowing netmd to be a next generation file carrying medium with great advantage over other coming media like dataplay!) and even the ability to playback material recorded in another audio codecs. For all this reason an upload ability is really needed, but it must not be the last step in the MD innovation! Turn MD in a data medium, increase the data density on discs and you will barely win the fight against ICs, HD, CD, dataplay MP3 players.

#### **102. Please add upload, for example for DJ's who create new mixes with MD!**

Posted by Martijn Morrien on 5/1/2002, 3:23:38

Please add the upload function, I make a lot of mixes myself and now I'm stuck to my digital audio card in my pc to record my mixes to my hard disk before I can create a CD of one of my new mixes. Please add the upload functionality!  
Martijn

#### **103. think about it!**

Posted by Yarin Nahmani on 5/1/2002, 3:38:14

I have been a MD user since the days of the MZ-R3! going through a bunch of Sony units (and one Panasonic unit, which cleared out to be a big mistake).

I love this format and its flexibility combined with more than decent digital sound quality.

It was great watching it evolve, and i think that the two most important improvements to this format/to the players, was the invention of MDLP, and NetMD, BUT! the NetMD feature isn't complete without an uploading function! the lack of uploading function makes it cripple, and i know of several ppl that didn't buy a NetMD player/recorder cos' of that reason. upload feature would be gr8 for me since i'm a DJ, and i record my sets via portable MD unit (R900), i wanna upgrade to a NetMD, but the lack of uploading is holding me back. with the upload capability i would be able to transfer my mixes to the PC digitally!

#### **104. Audio Upload Please!!!**

Posted by rosen marinov on 5/1/2002, 3:42:44

don't hinder creativity when you base your advertising campaign on it!

#### **105. Please add audio upload**

Posted by John on 5/1/2002, 3:46:19

So many good and creative things could be done with an upload feature that wouldn't involve piracy or otherwise compromising artists' rights or livelihood. I've seen Minidisc "awareness" grow greatly in the US over the last couple of years; this is Sony's opportunity to pounce on the buzz! Thank you.

#### **106. keeping up with the jones's**

Posted by john m on 5/1/2002, 4:21:08

with more portable audio devices coming on the market all the time, i.e. (ipod, dataplay etc) and every time a new one appears it has more features. It seems only logical that a products new incarnation should take advantage of these newer functions to provide for the customer better ease of use

otherwise people will look else where for a product that does. Minidisc has already survived several format wars (.Philips dcc) it is a very good format but electrical devices can always be improved...

#### **107. Here;s one who would upgrade**

Posted by Ted Rees on 5/1/2002, 4:23:34

As a semi-pro musician, I regularly record rehearsal and acoustic sessions (sometimes with my daughter singing). I need to be able to convert these recording to data format so I can send to my relatives and friends. NetMD upload would give me a good reason to upgrade and would keep me believing in the format.

GO for it!

#### **108. Audio upload and the future of MD**

Posted by Jani Mäntylä-Blå on 5/1/2002, 4:34:19

Having the upload feature for the NetMD according to the standards of SCMS, is very important addition. As we're using MD to record on the road and then allowing us to create CD's from those recording and edit them further on the PC would allow greater usability of MD. This would also allow transfer of the music from disc to disc for normal use. Taking the flexibility of the MD to a new level.

In the times of the digital age it's foolish creating artificial barriers on the use of consumer products, thus allowing other competing formats taking over the position that MD has gained.

#### **109. Add audio upload and remove write protection on recorded MP3s!!!**

Posted by Clement Cheng on 5/1/2002, 4:38:24

Very often I record to MD and need to edit it afterwards, without a PC. As such, I cannot use the NetMD feature of my N1 to record; I have to do it the "old-fashioned" way with the optical output on my sound card to avoid the data becoming write protected! Add this, along with audio upload, and you've got a winner!

#### **110. NetMD upload**

Posted by Martin Roberts on 5/1/2002, 6:01:01

This functionality would be great for ploding lecture to pc for archive on hard drive or cdr.q

#### **111. Audio upload would be another step towards perfection**

Posted by Andrea Durham on 5/1/2002, 6:46:58

Dear Sony,  
Audio upload would be a really big addition to an already great format. It would allow me to put interviews, my friends music and just plain fun onto my computer and use it to create...

Yours sincerely,  
Andrea

#### **112. Please add Net-MD audio upload.**

Posted by David James on 5/1/2002, 7:03:03

This would be great for me as I would be able to back up my extensive Minidisc collection in a much shorter period than would otherwise be possible.

#### **113. make MD even better**

Posted by Rash on 5/1/2002, 7:10:51

Dear Sony!  
I just love MD because it is so cool. I just hate MP3 because of it poor quality compared to MD, high media price, etc. The only think MD lacks is audio upload. I agree that upload function will make MD better portable audio format available. Please don't let all those MP3-devices "eat" your part of an audio market!

#### **114. Come on Sony!!!**

Posted by Dan Morelle on 5/1/2002, 8:16:49

Make MD even better...

### **115. Audio upload: Sony or someone else?**

Posted by David Fincher on 5/1/2002, 8:18:34

I am now on my fourth MD device and three out of four of them have been Sony. I have always been pleased with the quality of your audio devices and I use them regularly for a variety of functions at home and at church. One interesting thing I have done is record my kids singing songs (they are 6, 3, and 1 year old). It sure would be nice to have an easy way to move those songs to my computer so that I could burn a CD and send it to the grandmas to listen to.

I could do it now through analog, but it would take forever to set it up and it wouldn't sound good (recording into a regular laptop sound card is a fuzzy proposition at best).

I can see no reason why my own recording of my own material couldn't be saved to a computer for archiving or duplication.

One day, someone else will figure out how to add this, be it another company, or a hack. Wouldn't you prefer to do it yourself so that you could receive the credit and control exactly how the upload function is implemented?

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
David Fincher

### **116. Live Recording**

Posted by Rob Ahad on 5/1/2002, 8:19:31

I did not buy a USB equipped MD because I don't need the download to MD function. I would have bought the unit if it had an upload to computer function. (I like to record ambient sounds and work with them in the studio. An MD is perfect, small, quiet, and good quality. Too bad you are too worried about copyright to make a product which would fit my needs.)  
Rob Ahad

### **117. MD vs MP3**

Posted by HS on 5/1/2002, 9:10:46

THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, YOURSELF (SONY) WANTS THE MINDISC TO BE THE ULTIMATE FORMAT FOR HOME AND PORTABLE MUSIC FOR NOW AND GENERATIONS TO COME, AND TO BE HONEST IT CAN BE. BASIC MISTAKES OR TECHNICAL INTENTIONS OF LEAVING OUT FEATURES, NAMELY THE OPTION TO UPLOAD MUSIC (AND OTHER MINOR FLAWS), DOES NOT GUARANTEE OR HELP MD TO ESTABLISH ITSELF ON A GLOBAL SCALE THE WAY IT SHOULD. MP3 PLAYERS ARE KNOCKING IN FEATURES THAT TIP THE BALANCE IN THEIR FAVOUR. YOU CAN CHANGE THAT. THINK ABOUT IT.  
I DREAM OF SONY (IN ANSWER TO THE SLOGAN QUESTION), BUT IT SEEMS THAT YOUR DREAMS ARE MAKING MINE AND OTHERS DREAMS VERY LIMITED.

### **118. Allow digital transfers!**

Posted by Rob Woicak on 5/1/2002, 9:22:33

I love my MZ-R50 dearly, but without direct digital upload, I'm never going to buy another Minidisc player. Give us what we need!

### **119. My class lectures sent to my students.**

Posted by Camile Gauthier on 5/1/2002, 9:40:01

I'm currently using my Mini-Disc recorder to capture my prof's lectures and then via analog connection encoding it into MP3 to post on my site afterward.... on an MZ-N1!!!!!!.... The word analog shouldn't even be uttered when speaking about this unit. Help me out here.

### **120. More Flexibility**

Posted by Benny Chan on 5/1/2002, 10:24:09

Please, Sony, allow the uploading and transfer of your files. If you want to take over the well established MP3, you will need to do the proposed additions. You were the underdog in the video game console war and now you are on top. You can do this again with the atrac vs mp3 formats. I believe that the MD is superior to the mp3 players by a large majority. You

made a huge step forward with NetMD. Now you need to take the next step and go beyond MP3.

### **121. Without digital audio upload Minidisc will disappear.**

Posted by Erik on 5/1/2002, 11:10:59

I hardly use MD anymore because of all the hassle to copy the MD to PC.

### **122. It needs it :P**

Posted by James on 5/1/2002, 11:15:27

MD is a great format, and NetMD just adds to that, but it does lack a certain 'something'.

It would be great to see audio upload sometime in the near future.

Keep up the good work!

James

### **123. upload please.**

Posted by Naveed on 5/1/2002, 11:47:13

this function can single-handlingly ruin MP3 players and give MD the top seat!

### **124. Minidisc would Rule the World with uploading capabilities**

Posted by Mike Davis on 5/1/2002, 11:55:36

Live and independent artists are desperately in need of a quick and loss free system for distributing their music through the web. Sony could tap a previously untapped market by adding musicians to their already lengthy roster of Minidisc users.

### **125. MD Upload so that you are on par with MP3**

Posted by Mawuena Dotse on 5/1/2002, 12:05:30

By being able to upload NetMD format we can finally contend with expensive MP3 devices and Netmd WILL be the norm. it would also be easier to transfer old MD formats to the new netmd format, which I want to do. I have lots of music in normal atrac format and want to put them in atrac3 format so I can fit more on them. Please think about it. the money is waiting to be spent on buying the equipment, and you know it is

### **126. I agree w/ the above statements**

Posted by Tian Chen on 5/1/2002, 12:45:26

### **127. MISSING LINK : UPLOAD**

Posted by didier on 5/1/2002, 12:45:49

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I WANT TO UPLOAD MY MUSIC FROM MD, BACK AND FORTH  
LIKE A WILD MAN! put it in there now!

### **128. Best future option !!!**

Posted by Jamal Zaghal on 5/1/2002, 12:47:21 , in reply to "think about it!"

Yes, by all means please make this happen.

I know it is simple for you "SONY".

Thanks in advance.

### **129. MD upload would make my job easier!**

Posted by Scott Simpson on 5/1/2002, 12:48:35

I've been a broadcast journalist for 8+ years, and I love my Minidisc equipment. It's great for field recording, but I feel like a sap when I have to go from digital-analog-digital again when I want to edit the material in our computer system.

I also like to archive my reports on MD, with the ultimate goal of transferring them to PC and burn to CD. But that's not going to happen until I can find a straightforward way to transfer my MD tracks to the PC.

I'm certain I would buy a MD machine with upload functionality, from Sony, Sharp or whichever company wants my money.

#### **130. MD For Me**

Posted by Bradley Watson on 5/1/2002, 13:05:59

The audio upload functionality would aid me greatly as a producer.  
--Bradley T. Watson

#### **131. Look to the future**

Posted by antonio reyes on 5/1/2002, 13:19:04

It would be a great improvement over NetMd.  
and i think that NetMD UPLOAD can make a wider market than today is.  
think about.

#### **132. Grabacion de ensayos**

Posted by Brais Gonzalez on 5/1/2002, 13:24:32

Utilizo el Minidisc para grabar mis ensayos de piano y los de mi grupo de camara, y me gustaria poder subir al PC las grabaciones para poder grabar en CD mi propia musica y dejarsela a mis compañeros que no tienen Minidisc (ellos se lo pierden!!)

#### **133. uploading**

Posted by stephen on 5/1/2002, 13:26:50

lets make MD the king of the internet

#### **134. Add audio upload**

Posted by David Pitkin on 5/1/2002, 13:37:13

audio upload makes things better

#### **135. Build it, and I'll buy it**

Posted by Jonathan Parker on 5/1/2002, 13:41:10

I'm a musician, and I use my Sony MZ-R900 Minidisc recorder as a rehearsal tool and to record my own live performances. I've used various Sony products to record my performances for more than 25 years. If Sony implements the Audio Upload feature described in this petition, I will happily purchase a new Minidisc machine that uses it.

Please also note that your customers need a Macintosh and/or Unix version of your Open MG Jukebox software.

#### **136. 3 legged dog**

Posted by Robert Lindemann on 5/1/2002, 13:41:14

Dear Sony, please add the audio upload feature. MD - fine; MDLP - great; NetMD - even better, but still the dog has only got three legs. Help the poor pet live a decent life. Give it its fourth leg.

#### **137. Please add audio upload an sp recording through USB.**

Posted by Pedro Balboa on 5/1/2002, 13:50:28

Please add audio upload an sp recording through USB. Por favor, implementen una solución técnica para grabar audio en pc desde un Minidisc grabador, y añadan la posibilidad de realizar grabaciones a traves del puerto USB en modo SP, gracias.

#### **138. Uploading of sound effects**

Posted by Jason Williams on 5/1/2002, 13:50:42

It would make my life easier and my ears would like it better if I were able to upload the sound effects I record for my church dramas if I could do it quickly and digitally. Please think hard about it.

#### **139. Uploading...**

Posted by Ben on 5/1/2002, 13:58:15

True... With digital uploading enable, it's definitely save a lot of hassle, I own a aging MZ-1 which is bulky & without many features modern MD players have. And recently bought a MZ-N1, since my aging MD player doesn't support MDLP, most of my songs are stored under standard stereo format, heaps of them, if now I want to convert all those songs into LP4, I can only do it in analog mode & it has to be real time, sometimes the songs got distorted & I have to do it all over again... It's a nightmare..

#### **140. Upload**

Posted by Julian Nuss on 5/1/2002, 13:59:26

I think that this would put MD over the top in personal music systems. I use my MD for live recordings of music (my band) and meetings. Thanks

#### **141. NetMD Upload - Would be great for Class Notes**

Posted by Bill Lewis on 5/1/2002, 14:03:03

Hello,

First I'd like to thank you for making so many great products. I have several items, from Laptops to Stereos, Portable radios, CDs and Minidisc units. One thing that has kept me from purchasing a new NetMD player/Recorder is not being able to upload my mixes or class notes to my computer without the same hassle I now go through with my MZR900. I really like MD a lot, but unless it makes my life easier, why bother? I understand the reasons you may not want to include this, but /w the current competition that the mp3 players are giving MD, adding the upload feature would offset this greatly. And besides, I've noticed that Sony is now offering a CD player which will play mp3's, which shows that Sony has become more flexible with their great product offerings. I love your products, and whenever you offer something that fits my needs, I purchase yours over any other competitors items. So please add this feature, and I will purchase and promote your products whenever I can. Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

Bill Lewis  
lewisb62@hotmail.com

#### **142. Field Recording for audio upload**

Posted by Rinaldi Wibowo on 5/1/2002, 14:07:09

I use the MD to record lectures for both archival and streaming. Adding a direct MD to PC transfer will complete the MD format for me.

#### **143. I'd like to "Go Create"**

Posted by Calle Soderberg on 5/1/2002, 14:18:55

The addition of this feature would make editing my live recordings so much easier. MD has so many advantages over solid state recorders but the lack of this makes me considering leaving the MD camp.

#### **144. MD>PC uploading for a working musician**

Posted by Dan Fosse on 5/1/2002, 14:46:09

I run with a big circle of musicians. I find myself using Mini Disc to master multitrack recordings from my PC. I also do a lot of live recordings of my friends bands. The ability to do high-speed MD>PC transfer would cut down on mastering time. I could also share music that I created with fellow musicians. I could keep copies in first generation ATRAC to avoid quality loss. I am not interested in stealing or bootlegging copyrighted material. I would, however, like the ability to copy original material from MD to PC. MD>PC transfer ability would make Mini Disc a truly universal audio media.

#### **145. So much potential**

Posted by Mike Paulus on 5/1/2002, 14:54:24

Please don't waste it.

#### **146. NetMD Audio Upload**

Posted by Mark on 5/1/2002, 15:09:01

The addition of audio uploading to the NetMD software would be a valuable contribution to all of the many classes of MD users. By allowing this feature, you would be doing a great favor to consumers, and also providing an added incentive for the Minidisc form factor to grow as an audio/data storage medium.

Thank you for your time and devotion.

**147. Professional Live Recording Could Have Been...**

Posted by Thomas Olson on 5/1/2002, 15:10:18

The ability to transfer from MD directly to the computer without a chain of A/D converters could put Sony in the Professional gear market, where buyers pay thousands on professional budgets. I have recorded my own live performances, and some associates' and have always run in to the trouble of what to do with it... and then "Why did I invest in this system?"

**148. Radio**

Posted by Genevieve Lajeunesse on 5/1/2002, 15:16:36

Uploading would make MD a really useful option for field recordings for radio work.

**149. the missing link**

Posted by Dan Sicko on 5/1/2002, 15:17:29

I'm willing to overlook the lack of OpenMG + Macintosh compatibility if Sony would just add uploading capability to NetMD!

**150. NetMD uploads are a college student's dream**

Posted by Joe Edwards on 5/1/2002, 15:18:48

Sirs,  
I also would like to request that SONY reconsider a upload option with the current NetMD MD recorders.

I use my R909 for recording several of my lectures. The limitation that the MD players have regarding uploading forces me to spend several hours copying the lectures to my PC. If the NetMD players had upload capabilities, I would be able to save several hours a day transferring lectures.

Please reconsider the upload option carefully. If the NetMD machines I would wholeheartedly embrace a N1, but until then I will just continue to use my R909.

Thank you.

Joe Edwards...a potential N1 consumer.

**151. Use for Field Recording...**

Posted by Aaron Ximm on 5/1/2002, 15:29:01

I use MD to make extensive field recordings, and participate in users' groups with many more people who do -- professionally, for education, for research, for artwork, and as a hobby.  
MD has been a real winner in this domain because of its unparalleled ease of use, battery life, and size in the field.

For myself and others like me, it would be an incredibly good thing to be able to make high-speed, digital uploads of our own recordings. Currently, I am working on moving over 120 hours of recordings to a PC; this is not atypical for serious users. You can imagine the difference high-speed, lossless transfers would make!

Note that for this community it would be perfectly acceptable for 'audio upload' to be limited to our \*own\* recordings, made via analog inputs or digital ins from our own external mic preamps. In the latter case, I believe the lack of SCMS data would indicate when recordings are our own.

Best regards, and congratulations on a fine product. I look forward to continuing to use MD in my work.

(signed)  
aaron ximm

**152. NetMD Audio Uploading**

Posted by Dor Shahaf on 5/1/2002, 15:29:21

NetMD Audio Uploading Could be the best thing that happened to the mini disc format over the years. That Must Be Include.

**153. Audio Upload from Minidisc to Computer**

Posted by Brent Green on 5/1/2002, 15:30:43

I have been an avid fan of Minidisc for over five years. In fact, I transferred all of my CD collection onto Minidisc and gave the CDs away to my family and friends. Since the new MD systems supports MDLP, it would

be nice to get my songs up to the PC so that I could convert them to LP2. By the way, I love NetMD - way to go!

Brent

**154. Live Recording**

Posted by Tim Corcoran on 5/1/2002, 15:32:27

I use my R900 Minidisc to record piano recitals. My only gripe is how difficult it is to get these files onto my PC for editing. I will purchase a NetMD unit the DAY it supports uploading. Until then, NetMD is far less useful than my Sony Clie for holding MP3 songs.

**155. I am waiting for this to happen before a buy a MD recorder.**

Posted by Craig Thomas on 5/1/2002, 15:33:31

do this and sell a lot of product.

full duplex (even in mono) would be absolutely superb also...

**156. I need uploading**

Posted by Mujtaba Shah on 5/1/2002, 15:40:52

I record live concerts but cant upload them to my pc.

**157. Allow Uploading**

Posted by Phillip Taylor on 5/1/2002, 15:43:53

I am in a band and we frequently record live show with my Mini Disc. I would love to be able to upload these files with NetMD. Thanks!

**158. please add NetMD uploading**

Posted by brian dalton on 5/1/2002, 15:45:35

I use Minidisc to record my live performances on the piano...and I would really like it if I would be able to upload it onto my computer to edit, modify, save, and create a CD of my performances.

thanks  
brian

**159. So Close...**

Posted by Michael Robbins on 5/1/2002, 15:55:41

I have used your format since the beginning, have purchased thousands of dollars of equipment since, and use it for work and pleasure, you are so close to major success with the format, please take it to the next level by implementing the upload feature.

**160. Archival use**

Posted by Dr. J.B. Axelrod on 5/1/2002, 15:56:14

As an Historian, I often need to conduct oral history interviews. Minidisc is a near ideal tool for this purpose. Its only serious flaw is its current inability to upload digitally into my computer (Macintosh, by the way) for storage and editing. As it currently stands, NetMD is of absolutely no use to me, as I seldom manipulate mp3 files. With digital uploading of mic-recorded samples, however, NetMD would be invaluable to field researchers such as myself, and would certainly contribute to your equipment and media sales.

**161. Take NETMD to its logical conclusion**

Posted by Tim Dunne on 5/1/2002, 16:00:52

Uploading ability makes sense. This is a great product - please reconsider the castration of it by software

**162. Please allow uploading**

Posted by Thomas Davie on 5/1/2002, 16:15:39

please

**163. Uploading**

Posted by Alex Goldvarg on 5/1/2002, 16:18:24

Please add this very important feature!

**164. Product Marketing mistake**

Posted by J on 5/1/2002, 16:35:18

Having a NetMD audio uploading function on the new line would make up my mind. I also wonder what's up with the missing Mac software for the

new NetMD Sony products. A lot of Mac people will NOT buy a NetMD and if you look at the numbers the low cost of this software is well worth the return. Sony is missing some BIG marketing points by overlooking the needs and wants of the MD market. Ask the people what they want and give them the best for a fair price.

#### **165. The Next Step**

Posted by James Speed on 5/1/2002, 16:39:24

Please take MD to the next level by adding USB upload capability. I know countless musicians who would benefit personally and professionally from the added capability.

#### **166. Great for Amateur Musicians**

Posted by Benjamin Stern on 5/1/2002, 16:44:06

I think that if there were a way to digitally transfer music from Minidisc to PC, Minidisc would soon become the accepted standard for amateur and student musicians. They could:

- keep a record of their practice/rehearsals
- send mp3s to their teachers or friends to evaluate
- make basic demo recordings and post them on the web.

#### **167. Sony, don't let me down**

Posted by Terry on 5/1/2002, 16:49:46

I've been your loyal customer since MZ-1. Please don't turn me down and I know you can make it!!

Terry

#### **168. Upload Recordings of Meetings**

Posted by James Hoagland on 5/1/2002, 17:14:19

Being able to record meetings and lectures on MD then upload the recording to a computer would be a great asset.

#### **169. Build it and I'll buy it**

Posted by Steve on 5/1/2002, 17:29:49

As Jonathan Parker's message. If this was available, I would buy it. I am a keen supporter of Minidisc and have friends in a band whom I would like to record.

#### **170. Facilitation of student studying**

Posted by Patrick Dean on 5/1/2002, 17:37:56

I often use the Minidisc format to record lectures in class, a habit that has aided me greatly. However, the slow method of recording to my PC using a the sound card is irksome at best. I would Much appreciate the addition of NetMD upload.

#### **171. NetMD USB upload Mac and PC**

Posted by SonyTEL on 5/1/2002, 17:40:55

This is a very important feature to keep MD on top of audio recorder, Mac and PC.

#### **172. add audio upload**

Posted by Alan Vosper on 5/1/2002, 17:47:33

Minidisc is a great technology, as versatile as the tape deck was in the eighties. Tapes gave many options to people as to what to do with their music with affordable equipment. The advent of CD's has made this versatility disappear due to higher costs of recording equipment until only the last few years. While MD and NetMD does already have great versatility, it can only be increased by the addition of an audio upload capability. Such a feature would even surpass the capabilities of audio cassette tapes. With all these wonderful features, the quality level of the sound stored, and the affordability of blank Minidiscs, Minidisc would have literally no competition as a choice of music medium for the future.

-Alan Vosper

#### **173. MD audio upload**

Posted by Mark Bausch on 5/1/2002, 17:49:01

To the folks at Sony: I have several uses for Minidisc...probably the most important pertains to my job as an organic chemistry professor. One of the

things I've used the internet for, in my first semester organic class, is a repository for the audio from my lectures. I use the MD format to record the lectures, but then to get them into the RealAudio format I am currently required to move the audio, in real time, to my computer prior to compressing it for the 'net. Oh how I have often desired the ability to move the lecture audio to my computer in the same way that I can move other files/images etc. I trust that you folks have the brainpower to work out anti-copying schemes...but to have the ability to move analog audio to computer, file-by-file...would be a tremendous achievement. In addition, you would knock all of the digital voice recorders out of the water. Thanks for your time.

#### **174. Please add this feature!!**

Posted by Bernard Carville on 5/1/2002, 17:55:02

As a professional musician of many years standing the upload feature would be an absolute blessing! Minidisc has been a wonderful tool for recording live performances, rehearsals, etc. I don't own a computer but I would love to be able to share with the other musicians I work with. I am sensitive to the bootlegging issue but the guys who do that are going to find a way no matter what! Please don't make us all pay for the dishonesty of a few! Mini disc has been a wonderful tool for me. I've become a better musician for having it!

#### **175. Additions to NetMD**

Posted by Marck Evers on 5/1/2002, 18:04:15

On behalf of the editors of www.MDcenter.nl, the biggest Dutch site about Minidisc we want to let you know that the first lack we found in NetMD was not to be able to transfer your own live recordings from you MD back to your PC.

So we fully agree with the proposals done in this petition and think that it is possible without violating any copyright issues.

Sincerely,

MDcenter.nl team: Marck, Niels, Sjoert, Erik & Gerben

#### **176. MD Is The Best !! It Could Be Even Better With Audio UPLOAD !!! [Read my message for more detail]**

Posted by Alejandro Abad on 5/1/2002, 18:04:33

The Minidisc format is incredible. I use my MZ-R900 EVERY DAY, and charge it ONCE A WEEK or less. I have bought an MZ-N1 and I feel that Audio UPLOAD would make the Minidisc even more superior. When I sing with my band, it would be ideal for me to be able to use my -N1 to upload recordings to my computers so I could pass MP3's of our performances to other members of the band that don't own an MD player/recorder. There are countless uses for Audio UPLOAD, and it really wouldn't make Copyright Infringement an issue if it were well implemented. I would be willing to pay a reasonable price for an OpenMG upgrade. Thank you for your time, and I hope my words will help to convince you. If this is not the case, so be it, I'll still support Minidisc EVERY DAY !!! I suppose we must also realise that maybe audio Upload is technically more difficult, I really don't know. If it is a hardware limitation that Prohibits audio UPLOAD, then Sony could do us the favour of informing us, so that we could understand the problem and not try to ask for something that simply cannot be done. Again, thank you for your time. Best regards, -Alex Abad.

#### **177. Stifled**

Posted by John Anthony Ramirez on 5/1/2002, 18:08:26

I believe Minidisc has the capability of becoming the next great personal media of choice. However, without the ability to upload to a PC, it will be delegated to a second-rate option, with limited sales appeal. Sony, forget for a moment, that you own artists, and think of the artists that you can foster. More importantly, for your shareholders sake, think of the bottom line potential.

#### **178. Please don't give other competitors' products reason to succeed over MD!**

Posted by Frank Roberts on 5/1/2002, 18:28:20

I've been an MD enthusiast for a long time, but whereas once it was THE choice for portable players and recorders, now customers are being seduced

more and more by other alternatives. Better software, with more flexibility will do much to \*keep\* MD on top. Thanks.

**179. My digital recordings should stay digital**

Posted by Todd Bainbridge on 5/1/2002, 18:38:05

I would switch from Sharp to Sony if this function were implemented.

**180. As a musician, NetMD upload capability puts me in your pocket**

Posted by Orlando Montalvo on 5/1/2002, 18:43:09

By adding a feature like this to a Minidisc recorder, already a top quality and strong music device, I will be able to spend only a fraction of the cost it would take to record my music digitally. Other devices have this capability, but cost a great deal, meaning essentially, that's money and word of mouth Sony will miss out. Don't let that happen, MD has the potential to become one of the most popular recording mediums of all time.

**181. This is a critical part of a buying decision.**

Posted by Kevin McCoy on 5/1/2002, 18:45:09

NetMD looks wonderful, but it needs to be useful in both directions, recording to and from the MD.

**182. This factor will decide whether I (and many others I believe) buy NetMD**

Posted by Jonathan Chang on 5/1/2002, 19:07:08

This feature, if enabled, will make NetMD so much more appealing and give it an edge on the mp3 dominated scene. This factor is one of the things that will decide whether I buy a NetMD unit or not

**183. MD recorder useless to me without uploading...**

Posted by Clint Fisher on 5/1/2002, 19:14:19

Dear Sony,  
Since the Compact Disc is so prevalent, your real market for the Minidisc player (at least in the United States) is for people who are recording with it. Period. I'm sure your sales figures for pre-recorded Minidisc titles will accurately reflect this.  
I would've purchased a Minidisc long ago had I found a unit that would do native digital output to my computer. Why? Because I record live music, and I want to upload it to my computer to ultimately master and publish this music.

As a recording engineer, I can not tolerate the signal loss incurred when outputting to analog only to be re-sampled again in digital -- which is the procedure I would have to go through now were I to use Minidisc as a format.

Please breath new life into the Minidisc format and implement digital uploading from your line of Minidisc recorders.

If you are concerned about copyright violation, please keep in mind that the majority of MD users are likely using it for personal recording anyway, and will not be even playing copyrighted material with these units.

Thank you,  
-Clint Fisher

**184. My MZ-N1 would be top notch...if it had an upload function.**

Posted by Seth Bert on 5/1/2002, 19:24:52

I love my MZ-N1 and it is great for recording my drum work and Dave Matthews concerts. Minidisks are one of the most versatile formats around, but not allowing a NetMD upload holds back a lot of people from buying the new portables. A firmware update or software update would be wonderful if possible for the MZ-N1. Even if the uploading was limited to microphone recordings it would help a lot. Thanks for listening Sony (hopefully) .

**185. musicians need this!!!**

Posted by jason henry on 5/1/2002, 19:27:04

As an amateur guitarist and music teacher being able to upload live recorded content to my computer for tweaking and editing in it's original recorded state would be an invaluable tool. I understand there are obvious

reasons why this may not be desirable from the music industry's standpoint, but I believe the net result among the MD enthusiast community would be nothing but positive and those who could possibly use this feature for unethical applications are in the vast minority. Please thoughtfully consider the Minidisc community's voice in this matter and we will be grateful.  
sincerely,  
jason henry

**186. Sony could profit from MD meeting minutes recording**

Posted by Steve Bennett on 5/1/2002, 19:34:50

I would happily purchase Sony's \$500 professional MD recorder for my City to record Council and Planning Commission meetings IF there was an fast way to upload the recordings to a computer and from there to our website so interested citizens could listen to the proceedings at their convenience. But there's not...so I won't.

**187. Upload would separate NETMD from MP3 Players!**

Posted by Nassib Khayat on 5/1/2002, 19:40:26

Ok, that's nice. High-speed computer done downloading. But what about uploading? If it does not have uploading then I might as well by an MP3 player. It will only take a simple software upgrade!

**188. This is vital function**

Posted by Nathan Pullar on 5/1/2002, 19:42:45

And a deal breaker in whether or not what I decide to purchase a "NetMD" recorder.

I will not buy one until this function is available.

**189. Minidisc to PC**

Posted by Scott Thistle on 5/1/2002, 19:49:14

I've been a Minidisc user since 1997, and it is a wonderful digital recording format. Although I wish portable MD recorders could have an optical digital output, the next best thing would be to upload FROM the MD to the PC. The more versatile the MD format is, the more acceptance it will have in America.

**190. Recording Live Interviews**

Posted by Dan Dawson on 5/1/2002, 20:11:05

Greetings! I bought the MZ-N707 for the sole purpose of recording live audio interviews of persons I met in my travels to foreign countries. I then use these audio clips in slideshows and video presentations I put together. I bought this unit because I completely expected it to be capable of it, and was completely surprised to find that it was not able.  
I would hate to have to record beautiful digital audio only to drop it to analog through my soundcard in order to get it back into the computer!  
Thanks for your work and creating of an [almost] great product!

Sincerely,

Dan Dawson

**191. Classroom recordings!**

Posted by Robert Ye on 5/1/2002, 20:19:43

This would be very helpful for notes that I will record in College. I don't want to have like 100's of Minidisks to shuffle through, I'd rather be able to upload those recordings onto my computer and keep them there. Also, saving recordings my many other things in life onto the computer would be great!

**192. Please....**

Posted by Jonus on 5/1/2002, 20:24:07

For those of us who use your technology as a cheap, simple, and effective means of recording: classes, concerts, our own music, interviews, and a million other things. What good is NetMD if it is crippled? What good is a recording of my band on NetMD if I can't put it on my computer simply with you technology?  
Thanks. Peace.

**193. Perfect Portable Music Player**

Posted by Matthew Chimes on 5/1/2002, 20:56:03

I'm a huge MD fan, but much desired features are still left out of current portables, audio uploading just being one of them. Combined with the best features from Sharp's portable line, Sony Minidisc would finally catch on in the US... but do market it better!

#### **194. A feature necessary for survival and growth of the MD format**

Posted by Girish N on 5/1/2002, 20:56:46

People pay for convenience, which is why competing formats have always overshadowed MD in the US till now, despite the excellent potential of the medium.

Custom upload and on-PC editing/track management capabilities are a must for the format to survive at this stage in the era of digital music players, and time seems to be running out. Please consider the opinions of the many fans here (of which I am one) and introduce upload and editing before they become disillusioned with a format they clearly love.

#### **195. uploading is essential**

Posted by v kowtha on 5/1/2002, 21:10:44

My seven year old has been using the Sony Minidisc player for vocal lessons that she got when she was 3 years old at Montgomery Wards and has amassed several hundred Minidisks of her personal recorded music. We have not erased one of them and we would love to have a way for her to edit her own music on a computer. Please make her day by allowing the Minidisks to be uploaded on to the computer ASAP.

#### **196. less time transferring sounds is more time for making films**

Posted by Bohus Blahut on 5/1/2002, 21:19:23

I was attracted to Minidisc due to its small size, high quality, and the ability to run at synch speed. I am a professional editor and cameraperson for both film and video. I have been able to stop lugging around heavy recording equipment for location sound recording.

This audio has to get transferred into the computer for editing and as you know time is money. I'd rather spend my time in a creative pursuit than in a menial task like copying audio from MD to computer in real-time.

Please consider adding the abilities cited in this petition. You will be helping independent filmmakers all around the world in the process of making better films.

I am also a musician and we record our practice sessions on Minidisc. I want to make CD copies of these practices, but have not done so since that would mean spending hours transferring material, and losing the digital quality of the original.

I own three Minidisc recorders. The thing that would make me buy a fourth immediately is if you were to implement these proposed changes in the next version of NetMD. Thank you.

#### **197. Using MD in music education**

Posted by Paul Schroeder on 5/1/2002, 21:24:51

Hi,

I use the MD to record classes vocal and instrumental performances. It is a great tool and is so superior to the old days of cassette recording. (Students also think MDs are cool.) I would love digital upload capability to shuttle these recordings to the PC. Please consider including digital upload capability in future versions of NetMD products. Thank you.

#### **198. My creative content**

Posted by Clay Schneider on 5/1/2002, 21:32:40

Please -- allow me to upload my live recordings to the pc for edit.

#### **199. A brighter future**

Posted by George Singer on 5/1/2002, 21:59:22

Allowing music to be uploaded to the computer digitally over USB can only serve to increase the market for Minidisc, especially one with such amazing encoding capabilities as the type R dsp processing on the Sony NetMD based Minidisc recorder. The difference between the allowed analog and digital uploading is only one of convenience. Why not make the Minidisc an integral part of every individual's life (utilizing music and data?) Sony has its hands on a gem; improved error correction and at least audio uploading will allow your NetMD Minidisc recorders to redefine our digital world.

#### **200. Live recording**

Posted by Anant on 5/1/2002, 22:01:25

I really think audio uploading feature will put NETMD on par with all the current

MP3 technologies and MD will really have kickstart.

Sony should not deprive the users for their own recordings.

-Anant

#### **201. This could be the breakthrough**

Posted by Chris on 5/1/2002, 22:08:39

it would be so great if I could upload my live recordings on to my computer. If this feature was included, I think MD would skyrocket to be the best and most popular portable audio format.

#### **202. Add Audio Upload**

Posted by Mike Marmo on 5/1/2002, 22:25:23

Minidisc is a very versatile format and is in heavy competition with other formats such as mp3 and CD-rw. Audio upload will benefit Minidisc users and its popularity.

#### **203. Simplify Music Transfer via USB**

Posted by Fabian Lamaestra on 5/1/2002, 22:31:54

The mp3 to ATRAC is far too slow, to say the least. Please work on a more flexible way of transfer.

#### **204. I plan to return my MZ-N1, Why NO UPLOAD.**

Posted by Dan Conde on 5/1/2002, 22:45:30

I saw the ads about 32 speed PC transfers and assumed it was 2-way. I plan to return the MZ-N1 to the GoodGuys before my 30 days is up and complain about false and deceptive advertising. You should be able to transfer your own recordings to a PC. This is not copyright infringement. Are we milking the features so we are forced to buy the next new version next year??? Sony?

#### **205. NetMD Upload. Where art thou??**

Posted by Daniel Chun on 5/1/2002, 23:05:56

I Have used Sony products ever since I bought my R37. Now I have the R55 R37 R700 R500 R909 and N505.

Sony has been doing good all along but I bought my N505 hoping to be able to upload some of my bands recording. Please fulfill this request to add the upload feature to the NetMD software.

-Daniel

#### **206. upload feature**

Posted by matthew leo on 5/1/2002, 23:13:23

Minidisc is an awesome format and I believe an upload feature would further enhance Minidisc

#### **207. Live Recording**

Posted by Wilson on 5/1/2002, 23:15:30

This was just what I was waiting for.. I wanted to use my MD to upload live recordings to my computer... to my disappointment.. this is still an unavailable option =(

#### **208. MD NEEDS THIS!!!**

Posted by Mike Ruley on 5/1/2002, 23:40:05

I, along with many other MD users, feel that this capability would drastically boost interest in the Minidisc format, which many have already considered extinct for a few years now. Not only that, uploading digitally 32x faster than normal sure beats dubbing via analogue input in real-time! I would also take this opportunity to ask Sony to manufacture an in-Dash Car MD/CD combo receiver with all the high end features currently in demand of car audio, such as 3-sets of high voltage preamp outputs, parametric EQ, Subwoofer controls, and of course the high quality of the Sony name.

#### **209. The next logical step...**

Posted by Andy Owen on 5/1/2002, 23:48:55

Now solid state MP3 players are beaten on sound quality and convenience for download, why not put them out of the game with uploading ability?

#### **210. creativity**

Posted by spinyhedgehog on 5/1/2002, 23:54:17

to suppress some one's creativity limits one's life  
if you don't open the channel then some one will and some one will walk away and some one will not

ever hear of the Berlin Wall

#### **211. Add Audio Upload !**

Posted by Eitel Gerhard on 5/1/2002, 23:59:01

The people want it !

#### **212. Complete the MD package!**

Posted by Nathan on 5/2/2002, 0:10:52

Sony please consider adding this important feature to an otherwise outstanding product line. NetMD will be very successful with the addition of uploading capabilities, and this in turn will also satisfy your most loyal MD customers! Thank you.

#### **213. Student**

Posted by Joe Hoffman on 5/2/2002, 0:25:43

As a student, this would be extremely beneficial to me in that I could record lectures and store them on the computer. It would also be a great addition for anyone in a band who would convert a live recording into a CD, or even just to use a computerized mixing program after recording

#### **214. Keep leading the way**

Posted by Dorian Staps on 5/2/2002, 0:49:33

Keep MD, a medium that revolutionized handling of audio recordings, versatile and competitive. Even, or rather especially, in nowadays environment which relies on the simple and fast transfer of information, customers expect Sony to lead the way.  
Sincerely,

D. Staps

#### **215. a former MD user's thoughts**

Posted by A.L. on 5/2/2002, 1:06:49

Minidisc is a fantastic product and represents one of the most flexible mediums for the enjoyment/recording of music currently on the market. However, I gave up on MD some months ago in favor of solid state and hard-disk based recording due to NetMD's lack of an upload feature. Having to transfer a compressed digital signal to another medium via A/D conversion and back to digital through a computer's soundcard is an archaic, time-consuming method that results in unacceptable recordings. Two ideas that would help MD gain more respect as a recording format: 1. Allow analog and digital (S/PDIF) uploads of uncopyrighted (i.e. original) material via NetMD 2. Ship new units with a 650MB MD2 drive to allow for uncompressed PCM recordings. If Sony were to offer uncompressed MD audio recorders/players, the CD would look obsolete in comparison due to size, and MD could gain the audiophile approval that CD's have garnered for years.

#### **216. Live recordings**

Posted by Luke James on 5/2/2002, 1:18:18

I love the new NetMD idea its really going to help bring MD to the masses. but its kinda pointless if you cant take your own material off the MD back to the computer.

#### **217. Uptake upload**

Posted by Gary Ayre on 5/2/2002, 1:26:45

Why would Mr/Mrs Average purchase an expensive MD system that doesn't upload when there are plenty of other cheaper MP3 based systems that do?

#### **218. absurd + Linux + soundcard**

Posted by stefan geissler on 5/2/2002, 1:26:50

it's among the absurdist things that one pays for technology (the netmdplayer) and also a fee when buying data storage hardware (i.e. here in Austria), and the result is that you cannot even transfer your OWN (I mean self-made) music with this technology. what is missing, beside uploading of course, is a LINUX client. and really the most beautiful thing would be that one can use NetMD as a kind of soundcard with data storage function which i.e. can record directly onto hard disk and which also can be mounted into the directory tree without using stupid client software.

cheers

sg

#### **219. NetMD to be the wave of the future**

Posted by John Michael Carmona on 5/2/2002, 1:41:21

I believe that the MD format is so much superior to any MP3 format. Before the only con for MD is the real time recording but now that's past. But Sony should not just stop on equaling this capability but surpass it. MD records have proven to be very good portable recorders, that is it can record from any source with great quality. And since this time of the world, everyone is interconnected through the Internet, a fast and feasible way should be implemented to share these portable recordings done with the MD, and with this petition, I ask Sony to give into consideration the facts stated here and to keep in mind that we will continue to be great supporters of this audio format

#### **220. switching digital**

Posted by Christoph C. Coloma on 5/2/2002, 2:12:51

I am what you may call as an outdated audiophile. I have music set-ups that use analog electronic equipments, 'cause here in the Philippines new digital equipments are very expensive. But I am always updated with reports, write-ups, comments etc on new formats. I have long considered buying an MD. But I still find it a very premature RAW music media format. I believe that designing your MD format to allow uploading of music files to PC will eventually maxed its design, capability and superiority over the other formats. Revolutionize!

#### **221. Hey Sony, remember BetaMax?**

Posted by Concerned 707 owner on 5/2/2002, 2:23:22

Beta should be your lesson in history here. Let me emphasize \*history\*... You tried to charge royalties on that format. Oops. Every time you see a VHS tape, be reminded that people will deal with less quality to not have to be hassled by big brother. And what's the point of not letting uploads created on an MD not be transferred? The DCMA protected against digital copying, but ATRAC is a compression scheme that +by definition+ degrades the quality of the audio anyhow! It's essentially the same as crippling a digital upload to "analog quality". So if I get a mic, plug it in, and record in a LOSSY FORMAT, what's the point of regulating that?

Look - you can enable this, or I'm going to need to return the unit and buy a portable preamp for my Creative Nomad. I'd rather use the ruggedness and portability of MD, but if this isn't able to upload, I'll deal with my Nomad. It records 16-bit 48000 wav. Oh, and it has a little more room... I just hate to lug that thing around! Knowing I can upload with it will motivate me, however.

Bulky, but unrestricted (VHS)

Sleek, convenient, but crippled (Beta)

For your sake, and especially ours, don't make the same mistake again!

#### **222. Audio Upload is a must**

Posted by Daniel on 5/2/2002, 2:34:21

To compete with other recording media and codecs, the Minidisc format and the ATRAC codec need this addition to its functionality  
audio upload is a must

#### **223. Need the audio upload!!**

Posted by Howard Liu on 5/2/2002, 2:48:07

It would be very convenient for n1 users such as me to have the upload ability  
a perfect example would be my band's music

since I use my NetMD to record music from my band practise, it would be extremely awesome if I could upload onto my computer and send it to my friends, instead of jus lendin my MD around for listenin

so yeh NetMD audio upload would be great Sony!!! I have supported u guys, and always will, so keep up the good work in providin wot users want!

#### **224. please add audio upload**

Posted by John Wu on 5/2/2002, 2:53:44

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#### **225. This uploading capability is essential**

Posted by Jesus Nunez on 5/2/2002, 3:07:08

I'm talking for every Minidisc user when I say that MD-PC uploading should be more flexible. I currently own an mz-n1 and have owned several models in the past. When I heard of the new NETMD technology I truly believed that my previous recorders were obsolete and felt forced to trade them for Sony's latest. Please agree to the petition, and you will reach NETMD perfection! You will make all of our dreams come true...you will reach one of your main technological objectives: simplify life. You will attract a broader public; you will surpass every one of your once potential competitors - this is your chance to kick DataPlay out of the market. Listen to our creed and do what you guys do best. Innovate and be STYLISH at the same time! Then let sharp and Panasonic follow your lead (even though I'll stick with you guys, ALWAYS). Make the uploaded tracks playable only in your OpenMG software; use unique file encoding to prevent copyright issues...or don't mind what I said and do it your way. Please, you guys, enhance MD recorders and strengthen the MD community. Oh, by the way, when will the Minidisc.com website be operating again?

Thanx,  
Jesus Nunez

#### **226. Future enhancements**

Posted by Julien Barret on 5/2/2002, 3:18:14

A list of possible future enhancements for MD, that would be great:  
-NetMD Audio Upload  
-"Super MD" (MDHD, same as MD Data 2 Sony's MD Discam) for audio devices  
-Firewire input for faster upload/download

#### **227. adding NetMD upload function**

Posted by Pascal Charbonneau on 5/2/2002, 3:20:56

Music students around the globe will be grateful for this function. Music students are already great consumers of Minidisc products. Adding this function would permit them to transfer the live performances they give onto a more standard format. (i.e. : demo and audition tapes)  
Thanks

#### **228. Need the ability to upload please.**

Posted by Ashish Joseph on 5/2/2002, 3:25:20

I am an avid fan of Sony products in general especially its Minidisc players.  
However, I would love the ability to be able to upload live guitar recordings of mine to my personal computer from my Minidisc recorder.

Consider this a plea to include this feature in the NetMD software!

#### **229. The missing LINK!!**

Posted by Nicholas Chong on 5/2/2002, 3:36:03

NetMD is great technology but without the uploading feature, it's missing what it takes to be AWESOME. Currently, I can only fiddle with my recordings in the form of MDs and that doesn't seem to be very cool when I'm surrounded by computers and all which cannot manipulate these recordings. Computers are the present and the future as we know it and MDs can very well co-exist with them given the right ingredients. All I can say is that MD and NetMD would be just another thing of the past if Sony doesn't play the right cards. P.S. Secure!=Future-proof

#### **230. Please add audio upload**

Posted by Ursus Schneider on 5/2/2002, 4:29:28

Hi,  
I have just bought a NetMD N1 version and actually wanted to use it for taking notes while traveling around the world for 1 year. My idea was that I could connect the N1 to any PC using USB and upload my audio notes and send them home. I now know that this cannot be done using the hardware I bought.

I do understand that there are piracy issues involved but, please, make the NetMD's useful by adding audio upload via USB.

Thanking you in advance  
Ursus Schneider

#### **231. Please add audio uploading**

Posted by John Chrapowicki on 5/2/2002, 4:29:51

Other audio recording devices allow direct uploading to the hard disc so why let MD slip behind them? Please add this feature ASAP and bring MD fully into the 21st Century.

#### **232. pro use**

Posted by thomas on 5/2/2002, 4:47:06

as a journalist, I could use this function. we need it! pleeeeeease!!!!!!!!!!!!

#### **233. you can do it Sony!**

Posted by aziz on 5/2/2002, 5:12:22

you can do it Sony!!

#### **234. NetMD audio upload**

Posted by Rogier Pieters on 5/2/2002, 5:34:36

Dear Sony,  
A lot of the Minidisc users use their (Net)MD equipment to make live recordings, for school, concerts or interviews. It would be very useful for them to be able to upload the audio they have recorded at high speed and with high quality to their PC.

Thank you very much,

Rogier Pieters & all Minidisc users around the world

#### **235. Yes, Sony you can do it**

Posted by Dusan Krizaj on 5/2/2002, 5:36:41

Ja, Sony to moras maredit !  
(Yes Sony, you can do it !)

#### **236. NetMD Audio upload: Why I deserted NetMD!**

Posted by Hatem Eldoronki on 5/2/2002, 5:41:03

I have a huge collection of audio tapes that I needed to convert into digital format. NetMD, I thought was the solution. But I also needed to edit the sound quality digitally, AND be able to re-produce these recordings to CD-R and MP3 format too. Imagine how many hours I wasted trying to record these tapes to NetMD in real-time, then REPEATING the process again, from MD to PC (to edit the sound quality), then from PC to NetMD which doesn't take long now, but is almost like a closed-end contract, meaning that once I've made my final MD production, I can't really use it as a master that is directly transferable to other audio formats. That's why I gave up NetMD, and got me an Archos 10GB MP3 Player/Recorder, but I still miss the 'Sony' brand name on it.  
At least make a lightweight high capacity MP3/digital recorder if you don't want to enable NetMD upload to PC.  
Thanks.

#### **237. MD Digital Upload is essential!**

Posted by Yota Yoshimitsu on 5/2/2002, 5:45:52

As a avid MD user who often makes live recordings, having the facility to upload MD audio digitally to PC would make it much easier to edit and store such recordings. It would greatly enhance the versatility and

superiority of the MD format - for fully-digital recording, playback and editing. It would make an already excellent format even better.

**238. I agree with petition from www.Minidisc.org**

Posted by Vincent FONTAINE on 5/2/2002, 5:59:51

Please add the new function described by www.Minidisc.org  
Also, can I ask for the MD2 (second generation of MD capacity), i.e. MD of 640 MBytes using blue laser technology as DVD. It should be interesting to put 80 minutes of UNcompressed music on a single little cartridge (with same information that on a CD), and more hours of compressed music with ATRAC without MDLP. Why not more of ten hours of compressed music with the MDLP ...

Vincent.

**239. MD-PC upload- YES PLEASE!**

Posted by Movi on 5/2/2002, 6:06:51

Adding such a function would (IMHO) complete the functionality of the OpenMG format. Sony, please do not think:  
every user=pirate music (mp3, or whatever)distributor

**240. NetMD Audio Upload**

Posted by Adam Gladys on 5/2/2002, 6:35:01

It would be great to be able to upload the long lectures into the computer.

**241. MD Upload function is essential**

Posted by Vaidy Narayanan on 5/2/2002, 6:48:14

Dear Sony:  
Minidisc is a great format, but it really needs compressed audio upload to make it complete.

**242. Add audio upload via NetMD**

Posted by Andrew Kirkby on 5/2/2002, 7:39:15

Hello,  
It would help greatly if I could upload the saxophone music I record via NetMD as it would improve the sound quality a great deal, and would allow faster transfer, without jumps or skips in my music

**243. Archive and cleanup of old family music**

Posted by Scott Sprabery on 5/2/2002, 8:06:16

To Sony Corporation:  
Please consider the ability to upload music from Minidisc to computer. My family has old recordings that we would like to keep on Minidisc and be able to upload to the computer. Once in the computer we can use audio cleaning software to make the music pop and click free, and then have a wonderful clean archive.  
Thank you for your consideration.

**244. The only thing preventing MD from being "perfect".**

Posted by Tim J on 5/2/2002, 8:09:12

Dear Sony,  
The only thing that prevents MD from being the "ultimate" music format is the upload of music from the unit to PC. Hey, you're already halfway there! Why not finish what you started? There are undoubtedly thousands of people out there who use MD for journalist/recording engineering work who would say that having an upload feature would be the icing on the cake for this great format.  
As for the average Joe user like myself, I would love the idea of being able to make my own mixes of music on MD that I PAID FOR on my PC. If piracy is your main concern, why not do as Microsoft did with MediaPlayer, and have it so that you can only use your uploaded files on one PC, with the option of "migrating" the files, or maybe you could even "buy" a multi-pc license?  
We know that you have a record company to protect, but why treat us like pirates? OpenMG is a joke.

Here's hoping, Sony.  
Tim

**245. NetMD lectures upload**

Posted by Pavel Duda on 5/2/2002, 8:12:10

I'm often use my MD to record lectures and so faster uploading to the computer will make me happy.

**246. Sony, Sony**

Posted by Peter Slavik on 5/2/2002, 8:19:20

Mr. Sony, why didn't you make this important thing ?

**247. Loyal Sony business customer...**

Posted by Y.Goulnik on 5/2/2002, 8:21:39

I just bought a second MD

**248. Loyal Sony business customer...**

Posted by K.orsay on 5/2/2002, 8:24:25

I just bought a third MD recorder but I decided not to support Sony NetMD technology because as a musician, for live and practice recordings, this is of no use to me.

I am a great advocate of Minidisc technology, also owns a Sony MD 4-track recorder. And I would not hesitate one second to buy yet a fourth one if it did support NetMD upload and download of my own analog recordings unlimited

**249. Without audio upload OpenMG and NetMD is crippled**

Posted by Linus on 5/2/2002, 8:33:24

While being able to download my mp3's to MD "quickly" in digital form is useful. Not being able to digitally upload from my MD back to my computer (in mp3) really cripples the customer proposition.  
To make things clear, NOT being able to upload files that originated as digital recordings is OK by me.

But please ALLOW analog recordings to be digitally uploaded (and exported to a meaningful format like mp3) to my computer.

**250. To make the difference**

Posted by Mattia Zamboni on 5/2/2002, 8:41:33

Adding the upload feature would help a lot MD to survive against the upcoming powerful MP3 players!

**251. Please add the upload facility**

Posted by Bruce Miranda on 5/2/2002, 8:53:00

I have music from pre NetMD days that I just cannot lose. I need to be able to store this on my computer for safe keeping.

**252. add my vote**

Posted by Michael May on 5/2/2002, 9:13:57

The Sony Minidisc format has been a personal help in so many ways. As a music teacher, I have the ultimate in convenience and sound quality in presenting music samples in my classroom by using the Minidisc format. I record 78s from my personal collection for listening on my portable MD player. Live recordings of my school band and my own piano solos are made both easy and fun when using the MD deck. The NetMD uploading provision will enable me to share my own music with other band directors, relatives, etc., by using the internet.  
Please add this feature--make an already great idea (the MD format!) even better!!!

Mike May

**253. Rapid audio upload would make MD a killer format**

Posted by Dale Greer on 5/2/2002, 9:15:42

The addition of rapid audio uploads from MD to PC would make Minidisc the ultimate digital audio recording and playback device. This obvious feature would be a boon to musicians, electronic journalists and field recordists. After that, the only missing feature to add would be Macintosh and Unix compatibility with OpenMG.

**254. (no subject)**

Posted by Moshe G on 5/2/2002, 9:20:37

Sony, please make amends

**255. I SUPPORT THE Petition Asking Sony to Enable NetMD-Based Audio Uploading from Minidisc to Computer**

Posted by Jun Ming on 5/2/2002, 9:21:39

I SUPPORT THIS PETITION ASKING SONY TO ENABLE NetMD-Based Audio Uploading from Minidisc to Computer

**256. Why do you forsake my content?**

Posted by John Pariseau on 5/2/2002, 9:29:19

Dear Sony,

As you know, it is wrong to steal music, copyrighted songs, etc... And, as you have shown with the latest iteration of Minidisc recorders (NetMD), you are very concerned about fair use, and protecting the rights of the Artist who created the content (music). However, this fails to take into account us, the people who have to record their own music. What about me? What about all the independent artists struggling to make a living, trying to produce a quality CD? MD makes the recording process an easy, high quality, economical solution to the biggest question: We can sing, play, but how do we get our music out there?

With an upload option for content that was recorded by the owner of the MD unit, the artist has lost the last hurdle to getting his content (he owns, produced) into the computer. Not only artists, but students in college (for archiving classes) and teachers who wish to record their classes. I was asked by a professor if she should get something like I had. I told her, "No, get an mp3 based solution, as that will be the easiest for you". I wanted to recommend MD, but there was no way she had the time to fool with recording her talks again, to get them into the computer. There are a myriad of other times it would have been beneficial to use MD, but I was unable due to the real-time recording-to-computer issue that I feel has plagued the MD. Since MD is a digital format, it should be treated as such. NetMD is halfway there...

Thank you for your time,

John Pariseau

**257. Add SP (ATRAC Type-R) NetMD Recording As Well**

Posted by Phil Briggs on 5/2/2002, 9:35:56

I think that allowing audio uploading would be great for those who record lectures, interviews and music (such as band recordings and rehearsals) onto Minidisc for the (perfectly legal) purposes of archiving. And if you could also allow NetMD recording in SP format (using the ATRAC Type-R codec) that would also be great as it would allow users to record even higher-quality recordings at high speed. It would also be relatively easy to add, given that the OpenMG software allows you to record in SP format (even though it's merely a conversion of an ATRAC3-encoded file into SP mode).

**258. Please add uploading features**

Posted by Gene on 5/2/2002, 10:07:31

Please add uploading features

**259. Make the Minidisc system complete**

Posted by Renny Chao on 5/2/2002, 10:34:00

If you allowed for audio upload, the whole NetMD system would be complete. With more flexibility, and ease of use, you would not only make Minidisc users happy, but also spur interest in prospective buyers. Your NetMD concepts is awesome, now complete the package with uploading, and you'll have the best audio solution/package for years to come.

**260. Don't let the Minidisc die**

Posted by Andrew Carlson on 5/2/2002, 10:36:10

Minidisc will not be able to compete and will die a slow death without implementation of new technologies for digital interfacing. I think firewire should be a consideration rather than USB so that it will integrate better with pro-level audio and video programs and hardware.

**261. Lecture uploads**

Posted by Hovo on 5/2/2002, 10:55:30

I make a lot of recording of school lectures. Uploading them onto the pc and being able to organize and play them would make my and everyone else's life a lot easier.

**262. Agree with the uploading issue**

Posted by Bryan Childs on 5/2/2002, 10:59:11

**263. SONY, remake your Big-Brother image!**

Posted by Jeton Ademaj on 5/2/2002, 11:09:40

Dear SONY,

Please note that most live source recording using Minidisc is NOT related to any form of piracy or so-called 'bootlegging'. Most people using MD to record do not transgress the concerns of any "content provider" in any way, but we're nonetheless penalized by misplaced anxiety.

Furthermore, Minidisc is an inherently inferior (loss-inherent) piracy tool. There's no evidence that allowing digital transfer of \*inherently inferior, ATRAC-compressed sound\* would have any negative effect on the revenues of the music industry, as artists releasing their own live material typically use non-compressing hi-resolution equipment. If anything, so called "fan-taping" has been shown to increase the "brand loyalty" to a particular artist, and those same fans reliably purchase the artist's own release of material that's been available on bootleg, no matter how much later the release. Please reference those studies on the matter that were conducted by the Wall Street Journal and others in the early 1990's.

Audio upload capability is an extremely useful feature desired by anyone using Minidisc to record live sources of any type. Jam sessions, meetings, newsgathering and other personal recording needs cry out for further handling and editing, meaning transfer with no further loss. In fact, such transfer is a major potential selling point, one that could expand the base of MD users substantially. Consumers typically like having recording capability even if they don't use it, and past experience shows that consumers will find unexpected utility in devices that offer easy functionality. And the market has matured with regard to 'loss-tolerance', meaning that more and more average people understand the content loss they're incurring by converting back and forth between digital and analog signals, so SONY could swing ahead of the market curve here.

In light of all this, I think SONY could enjoy an image makeover. Besides "content", SONY is also a major electronics company with a reputation for quality. Unfortunately, SONY Electronics is also famous for odd limitations and disabilities in it's products, bespeaking a deep distrust of it's own customers. I think SONY does itself a big favour by recognizing how much faster a company's "brand image" can evolve for good or ill now that customers can chat together the world over.

**264. Add audio upload**

Posted by Jin Bae on 5/2/2002, 11:14:21

This is an important issue that needs to be addressed. Please add the audio upload!

**265. What a waste of technology**

Posted by Mark Forman on 5/2/2002, 11:26:03

I purchased MD to have a portable digital field recorder with a digital link to my computer. I never realized that I could not transfer my recordings back to the computer for editing. What a waste of technology, why even have a portable digital recorder without a digital output. I do feel cheated by Sony.

**266. Don't get left behind by the competition**

Posted by Doug McCauley on 5/2/2002, 11:52:08

MD is in for the struggle of it's life with all of the new technology that is emerging. Don't get left in the dust because of a choice to restrict the capabilities of the technology. I have been using MD since 1992 and I am not opposed to switching to a media that is better adapted to my needs. Sony do it right or jeopardize the future of MD.

**267. Upload possibility + down with 'END-search' function**

Posted by Soma Szabo on 5/2/2002, 12:03:52

I agree with several letters above. I own 2 MD decks (JE-520, JA-20ES) and a Sharp portable (NetMD) (I would have bought a \*Sony\* if it had not had the 'END-search' button... - very annoying!) and would benefit of the upload function as I work with computers every day...  
Sony, please consider our proposal, THX in advance, Soma Szabo from Hungary

#### **268. Upload MD Functionality**

Posted by Keith on 5/2/2002, 12:06:41

Please make this more flexible. Especially the MD upload function

#### **269. I bought MD N1 on this purpose**

Posted by Gilles Peigné on 5/2/2002, 12:09:43

I am a musician who bought the MD N1 for recording my music, to transfer it to a PC for sound edition and I have been very disappointed by the importation function that doesn't work for this purpose. Please do something smart for it.

#### **270. NetMD**

Posted by Shai on 5/2/2002, 12:16:30

The more you develop it and expand it's capabilities, the wider market recognition it will have.

#### **271. why I use Minidiscs...**

Posted by Jim Anderson on 5/2/2002, 12:18:14

My sole reason for using Minidiscs is to record rehearsals of my band, which I then transfer to my computer and save as mp3 files and upload to a web site for all in the band to download. Obviously I now have to go from a digital to an analog format and then back to digital, and it just seems silly that I can't keep my own music in the digital domain.  
I would really welcome and encourage Sony (and other Minidisc manufacturers) to strongly consider adding an uploading functionality to Minidisc recorders, such as enhancing the NetMD features. This would make Minidiscs a stronger format and would increase its life expectancy.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Jim Anderson

#### **272. Uploading live recordings...**

Posted by Meeuwes Mollinger on 5/2/2002, 12:21:41

Apart from using my Minidisc recorder to listen to a lot of music, I also use it to record live. For example, recording my voice for a song. I would love to be able to quickly upload this recording, without further degradation of the signal, to my PC for further editing. This way I can use my Minidisc recorder in the creative process in a less time-consuming and signal degrading way. Quite frankly, I was surprised OpenMG did not have the possibility to do this.  
I would also like to see 'real' SP recording ability in OpenMG (converting other formats and recording from CD) and Simple Burner.

#### **273. Audio upload capability needed**

Posted by Gary Akins on 5/2/2002, 12:24:39

Minidisc has proven to be a useful format for live recording, especially in video production work; setting up MD recorders and microphones at different locations in a large room is a great way to capture the ambient audience reactions so they can be mixed into the soundtrack during post-production, while feeding the stage microphones directly into the camcorder. The ability to do a high-speed upload of live-recorded audio into the PC for post-production would be a great time-saver.

#### **274. Do It Dammit!**

Posted by lazyrighteye on 5/2/2002, 12:33:07

I record a lot of field recordings with my MZ-R55.  
Seems silly to record digitally then send to my G4 analogue.  
While I'm at it, backlight on the recording unit also seems way too logical to not include. Oh, and stereo signal indicators would be nice too. I think that's it...  
Thanks,  
lazyrighteye

#### **275. Please provide the upload feature**

Posted by João on 5/2/2002, 12:41:27

It would be of great importance to me that the upload feature was available. I do compose music and not rare times I wanted to transfer my material to the computer. The problem is that I have a portable which doesn't even have a analog line in input. If the upload feature existed, I could simply transfer the music to the computer by the USB connection and then burn them to a CD. Please do make that function available.

#### **276. Uploading is invaluable**

Posted by Marc on 5/2/2002, 13:00:37

Minidisc, an already wonderful technology, can only benefit from a two-way NetMD system. The best way to record could become the most popular if this feature is added.  
Thank you.

#### **277. Newsgathering for multimedia**

Posted by John Bryan on 5/2/2002, 13:01:34

We're unable to consider MD for our newsgathering needs for reporters, despite its fidelity for web and broadcast use, because of the lack of upload capability. This artificial hobbling of a great digital format is a huge problem. You need to fix it.

#### **278. Please add audio upload to NetMD Minidisc recorders**

Posted by Dave Nash on 5/2/2002, 13:14:10

The current NetMD technology is invaluable to a professional sound engineer like me, allowing me to quickly transfer the music I need for the forthcoming event quickly and easily to my MZ-N1.  
However, a vital feature is missing, and this is the uploading of recordings to computer. At the moment it is still a painstaking process of recording the sound through the soundcard, not only reducing the quality, but also taking up a huge amount of valuable time.  
Please could you add upload functionality to the NetMD recorders as this would give all Minidisc users a major boost in functionality and ease of use.  
Also could you consider improving the download speed?  
Thank you very much,  
Dave Nash  
Re: Birth Records

#### **279. Please Add Audio upload**

Posted by Karen O'Lone on 5/2/2002, 13:27:42

I love Minidisc. The one draw back is why not have the ability to have the fluid movement of music from my PC to my MD but from my MD to my PC. IT really hinders the possibility of using less equipment to do more. For most people who are using the MD, the PC is a central part of the organization of media. To not allow transfers to go both ways is self-defeating.

#### **280. I support this petition**

Posted by Jonathan Demers on 5/2/2002, 13:30:48

Adding upload and Macintosh support would make a great product even better. Thank you.

#### **281. plz**

Posted by Einolu on 5/2/2002, 13:36:56

don't u trust us?  
~EO

#### **282. Strongly Agreed with upload capable**

Posted by Saravut Teeprasarn (Thailand) on 5/2/2002, 14:01:12

That's why I buy N1

#### **283. add audio upload**

Posted by Galo Rodriguez on 5/2/2002, 14:13:57

will make NetMD streamline and will sell a lot of units.

#### **284. DJ Mixes/Liveset recording**

Posted by ALI ABDUL MALIK on 5/2/2002, 14:15:33

Audio uploading through the USB port would be a great tool for DJs who are promoting their skills through recording an actual set on MD, then transferring it to a PC for additional "touching up" to make it sound the best it could. It would be very convenient (sp?) because users don't have to transfer at real-time speed anymore and lose quality- they can transfer at speeds above real-time and KEEP the excellent quality of a digital recording! Everything is SO much easier this way because sound cards aren't REQUIRED JUST for MD-to-PC transfers anymore. They don't need to put extra money out just to do something the a portable device (given the software) can do already. This is one of the reasons why I didn't buy a SONY MZN-1. I was expecting this feature to be on the device already. SONY, I would buy a NET-MD device IF it has this feature. Thanks SONY!!!

#### **285. iPod vs. Minidisc?**

Posted by Pete Fedak on 5/2/2002, 14:21:09

As a customer trying to decide whether I should buy an iPod or Minidisc player, I am in a predicament. The iPod (supported by my favored, the Mac) enables file-transfers each way. The NetMD (supported, at the moment, only by PCs) does not. Which is the better buy? Well, obviously the iPod as a Mac fan. But if the NetMD were to support file-transfers back to the computer, that would enable me to record live sounds and dump them into the computer thus winning me over as a supporter of NetMD. Please free the consumer!!!

#### **286. of course it should be allowed**

Posted by pandelis petrou on 5/2/2002, 15:27:26

I believe the MD market went big-time up because we can record our favorite tunes off the net so that's why they should allow this

#### **287. NetMD proposal for change**

Posted by Richard Reid on 5/2/2002, 15:27:57

Sony:

I add my support for this proposal and petition to make NetMD more versatile. Although I understand Sony's concern for protecting its catalog of recordings from potential misuse, to hobble NetMD weakens the uniquely elegant MD against its speedy competitors. Sony has incorporated sufficient protections within the MD format itself to guard against inappropriate copying. NetMD with high-speed upload to computer capability would bring MD to the very forefront of the industry. If Sony wants to see its "Wunder" take off in the North American market, please give this proposal your consideration and approval.

#### **288. Won't buy "crippled" product**

Posted by Joe on 5/2/2002, 15:49:30

I will not consider buying any NetMD product until this obvious flaw is remedied. Also needs Mac support.

#### **289. please let me upload my live recordings....**

Posted by T Binales on 5/2/2002, 15:53:36

I have a band....want to upload my music. Please let me!

#### **290. Upload my music, please !**

Posted by Sandro Crivell on 5/2/2002, 16:06:54

MD is the best audio tool of the last decade. To make it complete, please add uploading facilities so I can put my band's music on my pc without spending one year beside my win desktop !

#### **291. Arriver au maximum de qualité!**

Posted by Knapen Joel on 5/2/2002, 16:17:47

Plutot que de bloquer la qualité de copie des MD il vaudrait mieux la pousser au maximum.  
je passerai au NetMD lorsque je serai sur et certain d'obtenir le même résultat qu'avec ma platine de salon MDS JB-940.  
je suis un utilisateur de la première heure et j'ai déjà acquis tout ces appareils:  
Mds s30  
Mz R2  
Mz R55  
Mz R70  
Mz R900

Mz E909

Mds JB940

Mds Pc2

Mds Pc3

#### **292. Field reporting and small venue recording**

Posted by Ian Johnston on 5/2/2002, 16:18:15

I use my portable MD recorder variously as a field reporting recorder, note taker, and recording device in small musical venues where more extensive equipment is either unavailable or impractical. The ability to digitally transfer those recordings to computer, rather than having to run them through the A/D and D/A stages of a sound card again would be fabulous, and help ensure professional-sounding results when working with sound-editing software. I've always wanted this feature, please add it!

#### **293. don't forget about the format's greatest advantage (convenient digital recording)**

Posted by David Murttha on 5/2/2002, 16:18:55

I chose to invest in the Minidisc format because I could use it to record (like audio cassettes) yet still get the great sound quality of digital (like Compact Discs). Now, my computer is much more important in my music life, and I would not like to have to abandon my favorite music format because it is stuck in the past. The future of the field of consumer recording can rest either rely on the evolution of the Minidisc...or it will find another format to invest in...and it might not be a format supported by Sony. So please allow computer upload through the NetMD connection. thank you.

#### **294. Uploading**

Posted by Jay Minner on 5/2/2002, 16:27:25

Dear Sony, uploading capabilities would create the ultimate format. I am a musician and I love Minidisc. It's so easy to record new works and pieces without having to go to a studio. An uploading function would let me put my pieces online easier and burn it to CD faster. Please consider it.....

#### **295. Make MD even greater**

Posted by Iain Cowper on 5/2/2002, 16:52:04

We use Sony Minidisc gear extensively both at work (a small media company) and socially for music and hospital radio - it would be so much more complete if it had the simple feature outlined above - come on guys, make Minidisc THE portable audio device to have for both Pros and Consumers.

Regards,  
Iain Cowper, UK

#### **296. You make, We buy, Simple**

Posted by Marcos Moreno on 5/2/2002, 16:53:17

If you make it, we'll buy it.

MD should be pushed to its maximum functionality.

It is by far my favourite format and I want to be able to do as much as possible with it.

And I want it to be as versatile as MP3, so the market will increase.

#### **297. Please add audio upload**

Posted by Bill Damon on 5/2/2002, 17:10:08

It would make it so much easier to send the recordings of my son's pre-natal heartbeats to relatives around the country.

#### **298. Audio upload**

Posted by Nigel Long on 5/2/2002, 17:17:01

As an MD user since 1998 the biggest issue I have is the lack of portability of my music (not downloaded mp3s by the way) to and from my PC. This proposal is sensible and doesn't seek to interfere with the rights of copyright owners. I fully support it.

#### **299. Please add audio upload**

Posted by B Smith on 5/2/2002, 17:41:00

I want a Minidisc recorder for making high-quality field samples for music production. Please don't make me lose audio quality from resampling.

#### **300. this will kill MD once and for all.**

Posted by Sean Stevens on 5/2/2002, 17:44:00

you could own the market. charge another \$40/unit to make up the "losses" you think you'll incur in your music biz.  
-sean

### **301. allow NetMD transfers from unit to pc**

Posted by david ku on 5/2/2002, 17:50:01

this will make the unit better than mp3 players in everyway

### **302. UPLOAD FEATURE IS THE KEY**

Posted by carlos velasquez on 5/2/2002, 18:02:21

Upload feature will make Minidisc a complete solution to people who love music!!!!

### **303. Huge Market in Church Applications**

Posted by Phil Ouellette on 5/2/2002, 18:03:39

I operate the sound system for my church and use my MD recorders every week. I record split tracks onto MD for use during worship and I also record the pastors sermons and conference speakers for later distribution to the congregation. Since there is no way to quickly get the recordings into a PC I usually end up just creating a master tape real time for use in our tape duplicator. I would much prefer to rip the recording to a PC and burn CR-R's for distribution to the congregation, since this eliminates the real time recording nature of tape. However due to the artificial restriction on uploading recordings in MD systems I am unable to do so. Everyone who uses MD loves the portable recorders and editing capability, but not having any high speed way to get recordings into a PC means we have to keep using tape for distribution. This has the potential to be a very real growth area for MD since virtually every church faces this same issue. Applications like this are a market niche where MD could really thrive.

Why is there this fixation on copyright protection for MD? If I want to copy a CD I just stick it in the CD drive of my computer and duplicate it. Why on Earth would anyone want to go through a MD first if they are trying to rip off copyrighted music? This doesn't make any sense.

Stop crippling MD and it will have a chance to really succeed in the USA!

Phil Ouellette  
Vineyard Christian Fellowship  
Greenville, SC

### **304. Support independent musicians**

Posted by Sachiko Honda on 5/2/2002, 18:23:06

I am a musician whose source of income is not solely dependent on music-related activities. But, I'm very, very serious about it. To me the most effective way of improving the skill is listening to one's own recordings, which is already given by your MDs. And, not only that, archiving them without loss of quality for future reference or for gifts perhaps is an incredibly attractive feature that a tiny piece of equipment can offer. Make it complete, please! Music is for everyone, not only for commercial producers!

### **305. Don't miss the market potential of MDs in musician's home recording capabilities!!!!!!**

Posted by Darren Beveridge on 5/2/2002, 18:34:55

As a musician, I absolutely love the recording capabilities of the MD. I have on many occasions recorded our band's live feed from the mixing board onto my MD. BUT...that music is then STUCK in MD format, which is useless to me other than for listening to. Because it is in .omg format, I cannot edit it, I cannot burn our music to CD etc. because it cannot be translated to other editable, burnable formats. In my opinion, SONY would benefit greatly by the provision of translation software to allow .omg to be translated to MP3 or wave, so it may be edited in standard music editing software. Every musician I know would be interested in having an MD recorder then. It's just such a small matter! Another suggestion is that SONY be smart about this too, because someone else will create a way to translate the format digitally, and they would lose any ability to profit from this conversion patch process...it's only a matter of time...why not capture the market first themselves!!!!!!

### **306. Further enhance the versatility and usefulness of the MD**

Posted by Savio Yu on 5/2/2002, 18:57:49

The addition of this function would greatly enhance the Minidisc format as a storage medium and as a medium for amateur recording and sound editing. By allowing users to quickly edit and upload music on to their computers, they will have gained a new threshold of versatility for the Minidisc.

### **307. Keep the format alive and flexible**

Posted by Pekka Johansson on 5/2/2002, 18:58:38

Remember Beta? Think more open, data capabilities are today & future (could compete iPod).

### **308. Please give us the tools!**

Posted by Michael Hughes on 5/2/2002, 19:03:03

My appeal is simple. Give us the same tools and capabilities that mp3 users have. Otherwise I fear you will doom Minidisc to ultimate failure in the US. The first generation of NetMD is a great start, but is incomplete. Please give us the tools!

### **309. Real Potential for Home/small budget Video use**

Posted by Michael Veronneau on 5/2/2002, 19:28:46

Please enable the digital transfer of recorded audio information from the mini-disk recorder to the PC. It would be a real boon for amateur video enthusiasts...

### **310. My time is worth a lot to me and money to you.**

Posted by Randall Boudwin on 5/2/2002, 20:34:11

The only reason I have a Minidisc player/recorder is for recording myself and my family. From family songs to journals, it's all I use it for. The time I would save with this feature would be worth a lot to you in what I would spend and advertising I would give. It would be great that I could finally recommend MDs to my not so technical friends.

### **311. Full NetMD Potential**

Posted by Wai Hung Fung on 5/2/2002, 20:56:39

NetMD full Potential had never been reach. An updated version with upload function is needed.

### **312. The almost-perfect recording medium--almost.**

Posted by Leonard Huang on 5/2/2002, 20:58:01

By enabling uploading, NetMD will be a major contender in the portable recording medium. The question now is, will you allow it?

### **313. Please, compatibility for MACINTOSH!**

Posted by Alberto Delisau Pizarro on 5/2/2002, 21:10:16

It's essential for me. Thank you.

### **314. Please!**

Posted by John English on 5/2/2002, 21:37:34

please!

### **315. A definite improvement**

Posted by Bob Greer on 5/2/2002, 22:15:53

It would be another reason to buy MD instead of the other contenders.

### **316. Garage Band Recording**

Posted by Andy Jennings on 5/2/2002, 22:28:11

This may seem a bit primitive but if a garage band or band without a record label makes music, putting all their inputs together with a mixer, the mixer can have an output to Minidisc. Then it's much easier for a low budget band to get their music onto their computer and onto the internet with the NetMD technology (if this change occurs) than to use expensive software to record their music onto the computer.

### **317. PLEASE**

Posted by david on 5/2/2002, 22:38:18

I WISH YOU B LISTENING

**318. Live recordings!**

Posted by Mark Story on 5/2/2002, 22:38:59

Adding the proposed features, creates new avenues for emerging artists and business clientele as well.

**319. yes**

Posted by richard yi on 5/2/2002, 22:46:58

yes

**320. Field Recordings are the key aspect for MD! Long live MD!**

Posted by John on 5/2/2002, 22:54:07

**321. Re: Please add this feature**

Posted by Trevor on 5/2/2002, 23:02:54 , in reply to "Please add this feature"

please add this feature!

**322. please add upload feature**

Posted by Lance on 5/3/2002, 0:19:23

**323. We have supported Minidisc in the us for 10 years! We only want to be able to upload our OWN music!**

Posted by Prateek S. on 5/3/2002, 1:01:30

Dear Sony,  
I have purchased well over 6 of your Minidisc units, and I plan on doing so for years to come. But I have restrained from purchasing 3 NetMD units. Simply because I cannot upload. I find that the unit should be able to upload my amateur band recordings so I may "burn" a CD and give it to those who are not fortunate enough to have a Minidisc player. I do not like the fact that SP is supported, but the inability to upload is the major reason why I will not purchase a NetMD unit. I have written 4 articles on professional site, in all I promote NetMD, but I am seriously reconsidering my stance.  
Please allow SP & Uploading.  
Sincerely,  
-Prateek S.

**324. make our wish come true**

Posted by mantugaul on 5/3/2002, 1:25:44

NetMD sales will be increased like a rocket boss...

**325. (no subject)**

Posted by George Win on 5/3/2002, 1:40:02

This will make MD the best music media in the world.

**326. MD**

Posted by JB MOREL on 5/3/2002, 2:57:47

I would love to get my MD field samples on my computer with d/a to a/d.

**327. Please add this feature**

Posted by Johnny Ngo on 5/3/2002, 3:33:18

**328. Digital medium**

Posted by Martin Joergensen on 5/3/2002, 3:40:10

Adding this feature will make Mini Disc much more versatile.

**329. lets us upload!**

Posted by Tommy Ung on 5/3/2002, 4:46:34

one of the main features of a Minidisc is able to record live using the mic and its pretty useless if u can't upload it to ur computer.

**330. Go Create!**

Posted by Matthew Petty on 5/3/2002, 5:24:54

An upload feature would open up a whole world of field recording - analogue loses quality. Theatre SFX, Vox Pops, interviews for web pages etc etc etc. Please think of all the possible uses and users you could 'go create'!

**331. Make Minidisc the ULTIMATE medium**

Posted by Fernando Duque on 5/3/2002, 6:56:57

Minidisc is not the ultimate medium for one reason, not having the upload capability. Other than that I would not change it for the world. Please add uploading, and put an end once and for all to the question of what is the best and most versatile audio format...MINIDISC.

**332. Upload with NetMD**

Posted by Frédéric (FRANCE) on 5/3/2002, 7:50:05

Upload with NetMD for the survival of Minidisc format !

**333. NetMD Upload**

Posted by Nikos Avlogiaris on 5/3/2002, 8:03:17

Dear Sony not allowing the Upload from MD to PC the potential of an NetMD is restricted to half and this is not Desired for both the customers and you. Not allowing the Upload is not a good in order to restrict illegal copying is not a good reason because with the available technology this can be done easily cheaply and in many ways. Removing the Upload restriction will be very welcome from the Minidisc community and moreover it would be a good reason to temp customers towards NetMD rather than MP3 players.

**334. the only thing stopping me from purchasing current NetMD**

Posted by Michael Silva on 5/3/2002, 8:06:34

the only thing stopping me from purchasing current NetMD

**335. Make NetMD a real phenomenon**

Posted by jon on 5/3/2002, 8:09:27

If NetMD is supposed to be a new facet for the Minidisc, it should be comprehensive. At the basic copyright and security issues are already in force. Cut some slack and allow uploads as well....  
Most Mp3 devices allow that....so how can NetMD compete without allowing for uploads?

**336. Please add this feature!!!**

Posted by Tobias Berardo on 5/3/2002, 8:55:55

I think it would be fantastic to be able to use a Minidisc for more than just music. Like a diskette would be better.

**337. Pls Allow for such Features.**

Posted by Anirudh H on 5/3/2002, 9:13:32

If you guys allow for these features you can literally take over the Mid-East market ...

**338. This is a necessary feature to compete with new devices**

Posted by Daryl Marco on 5/3/2002, 9:13:56

The new Nomad Jukebox has the ability to record to wav and transfer via firewire, and I'm sure will a number of other upcoming products. With such a feature set, NetMD will need upload to compete.

**339. It's extremely vital!!!!!!**

Posted by Ong Jin Khang on 5/3/2002, 9:17:33

It brings out the full potential of MD and will definitely be the giant leap in portable music. So please implement audio upload!!

**340. Waiting for this upgrade before I buy...**

Posted by Nathan Rao on 5/3/2002, 9:19:38

Dear Sony,  
This is wonderful technology, but I need to upload audio recordings (live interviews, reports for webcast and FM radio) quickly once they're done. For the time being, I do it using old-fashioned cassettes; I'm waiting for the quick-upload capacity before switching to MD or some other digital technology.

Yours sincerely,

Nathan Rao

**341. Please let MD be a fully success.**

Posted by Javier Anton on 5/3/2002, 9:34:36

MD has been out since 1992, but now, with MDLP and NetMD (a full working system for uploading/downloading, please) can be the great product that we all want.

Thanks and greetings from Barcelona, Spain

Javier Anton

MZ-R900

MDS-JB940

**342. this lack keeps me from using MD**

Posted by Anna on 5/3/2002, 9:57:03

Dear Sony,

I love the Minidisc format but as a composer I have had to go back to my cumbersome DAT in order to have digital upload to my computer. When I am able to digitally transfer from an MD to my (Mac) computer, I will immediately go out and buy one! (I already have digital in, but I need the digital out from the MD)

Thank you for your consideration!

**343. Better features means more sales**

Posted by Kenny Liebschiet on 5/3/2002, 10:13:48

I've been using Minidisc for three years, and although was initially excited by NetMD, I quickly saw the shortcomings. I will not upgrade my portable recorder unless the new device has bidirectional audio transfer to the PC. I use my MD for language learning, and would love to more easily archive my lessons.

**344. Support up- and download**

Posted by Oliver Kranold on 5/3/2002, 10:25:43

Please support up- and download of all audio data on all platforms (especially MAC).

Thanks ahead,

Oliver Kranold (Germany)

**345. NetMD is NOT an MP3 player even if the sales man says so!**

Posted by B4Art on 5/3/2002, 10:40:20

Let do return this stupid Sony hardware.

Lets play REAL MP3.

Ban to ATRAC and there followers!

**346. recorded discussions**

Posted by matt yaple on 5/3/2002, 11:06:47

Business, scholarly, and professional groups routinely record hours of discussions, presentations and colloquy. The ability to review, parse, edit, arrange and format this speech serves the interests of these groups and the owners of the enabling technologies. I strongly support the attached proposal.

**347. For Musicians**

Posted by Po Chen on 5/3/2002, 11:26:43

Musicians of all sorts will flock to Minidisc technology if they could have a completely digital solution for recording, editing, and producing CDs.

**348. Minidisc - Ideal for live recording. Real-Time Transfer is less than ideal!**

Posted by Michael Chiaramonte on 5/3/2002, 11:44:04

I frequently like to record concerts that are given at school. These concerts are not always recorded by the group giving the concert (for example our Concert Band or Orchestra) and it would be ideal to be able to transfer the music recorded via a Sony Stereo Microphone to Minidisc directly to a PC for processing and burning to CD. Please, grant us, the members of the

loyal Minidisc community, this functionality. Thank you for many wonderful hours of music provided by this tiny wonder.

Yours, most gratefully,

Michael Chiaramonte

**349. Audio Upload**

Posted by Greg on 5/3/2002, 11:50:56

Audio Upload is a very important feature for musicians like myself. I want to be able to take a recording of myself and allow people to retrieve it online.

**350. NetMD Uploads...**

Posted by Chris De Vivo on 5/3/2002, 11:52:35

I have used Minidisc since the MZ-1, the only portable player/recorder that I know of that can do SPDIF INPUT & OUTPUT! It has been sorely missing from ALL other Portable MD's since then. NetMD's could be the ULTIMATE format IF you would give the user the freedom to upload too. In my case, with my MZ-1, I would use the Opto-Link to archive lectures on my hard drive, and remix our bands live gigs. The MD community needs this capability to realize the full potential of these fine products.

From business prospective MORE people will want one and that translates to more blanks & accessories which translates to more MD based revenue...

Chris De Vivo

**351. Please add uploading**

Posted by Jean-Philippe Beauchamp on 5/3/2002, 11:57:18

Please add uploading.

**352. USB Upload in the Digital Domain**

Posted by Eddie Doyle on 5/3/2002, 11:57:21

I currently use Minidisc for music, recording from FM radio and dictation. The latter two would greatly benefit from a quick, hi-quality transfer mechanism to the PC.

To really compete with and stay ahead of MP3 devices (including the newer devices with vast storage via hard disc) the Minidisc format needs to remain a compelling and long lasting proposition for the consumer.

The ability to upload and download files (both ATRAC and ATRAC3) is a critical next step in keeping the Minidisc format alive and evolving. You have made the important first step.

**353. CopyProtected CD's wont work from CD to MD using SCMS?**

Posted by Damain Norton on 5/3/2002, 12:04:47

Sony, listen. we all have invested our hard earned dollars purchasing your electronics and music CD's. If I can't DIGITALLY copy those LEGALLY PURCHASED CD's (((((((\*\*\*\*HASSLE FREE\*\*\*\*)))))) to my MD recorder SCMS copy prohibited with the blank MD inside that I PAID ROYALTIES ALREADY FOR when I bought the blank MD then you Sony just might have a lawsuit on the front of your doorstep. It's not my problem you can't find a way to stop pirates, it's yours. Love your company, love the technology, please don't alienate the customers who are willing to pay for real digital music, and the customers who can actually hear the difference between a 15.00 CD and a free MP3 track. There's no comparison, you get what you pay for. You wrote the rules when you created this innovative little format. We understand where your coming from, please don't slam the door in our faces. Ill never buy an MP3 player, because if I wanted to hear music that sounds like its been on a tape sitting in the sun for ten years, I would still be using tapes. I've been spoiled with digital sound, and I don't want to go back. DON'T DO THIS TO ME, DON'T LET ME BUY A CD AND NOT BE ABLE TO HIT 2 BUTTONS AT NIGHT AND HAVE A SCMS COPY PROTECTED ATRAC1 DIGITAL MD COPY IN THE MORNING. PLEASE. THIS IS THE EASIEST WAY TO LEGALLY COPY DIGITAL MUSIC. NO, THIS IS THE EASIEST WAY TO COPY MUSIC, PERIOD. I'VE BURNT CD'S BEFORE. IT'S A PAIN IN THE ASS COMPARED TO MD CD (LEGAL) DIGITAL DUBBING.

**354. (no subject)**

Posted by Tim Loeschke on 5/3/2002, 13:04:16

Yes, please!

### 355. Audio uploading to NetMD

Posted by Tony Cella on 5/3/2002, 13:26:28

With the addition of adding audio uploading to the NetMD software, you would be doing a great favor to consumers, and also providing an added incentive for the Minidisc form factor to grow as an audio/data storage medium.

Thank you

### 356. Estoy convencido...

Posted by Blas Gonzalez on 5/3/2002, 13:29:19

que Sony incorporará esta característica en futuras versiones del MD, y conseguirá de esta forma que el numero de fans a este formato crezca vertiginosamente.

Los que usamos el Minidisc para hacer grabaciones en directo necesitamos alguna utilidad que nos permita editar nuestra propia musica.

Gracias SONY

### 357. please add uploading of analog recordings!

Posted by Vesa Karhila on 5/3/2002, 13:32:01

Dear Sony,

I am using my two Sony MD units for recording FM radio (JB940) and live music & speech (MZ-R900). Currently I can make digital copies of my live recordings only in real time. I am not able to combine live recordings from different MDs into a single "master" MD and then make copies of the master. If your NetMD system would allow me to fast upload my own recordings, edit and combine them in my PC, and then fast download them to a single MD, if this was possible I would immediately upgrade my MD recorder. Thank you in advance.

### 358. allow upload please.

Posted by Brian Call on 5/3/2002, 13:40:23

I would really like these features to be added because I would love to be able to make CDs of myself playing instruments, so that I could send them out in place of audition tapes. It act as a sort of makeshift home studio.

### 359. NetMD uploading

Posted by Drew Hilling on 5/3/2002, 14:14:24

Adding an upload feature to NetMD will make MD my format of choice for live recording. I will upgrade my equipment, and even further extol the many virtues of the MD format. A move like enabling uploading of live recordings can only enhance the position of MD in the market and take it beyond a mere mp3-like device in most people's minds.

### 360. Please allow audio upload from MDtoPC

Posted by Germán Vargas on 5/3/2002, 14:23:08

Sony you can do it now! I am waiting for this feature to buy an MD unit.

### 361. Audio upload.

Posted by Brad on 5/3/2002, 14:24:14

Our jazz ensemble often records its performances and some practice pieces, and we usually end up spending money to get copies out to each member to practice with or listen to. I think that it would be of great help to be able to share our talents with the internet freely, or to share practice pieces with the members, saving time, money and energy for all involved.

### 362. NetMD upload

Posted by wAi C. Yim on 5/3/2002, 14:29:11

signed

### 363. Please add an audio upload feature and improve the NetMD software!

Posted by Mark Cho on 5/3/2002, 14:37:50

Please add an audio upload feature and improve the NetMD software!

### 364. Please consider the upgrade of allowing MD transfer to PC

Posted by Eric Rosario on 5/3/2002, 14:43:03

This would greatly increase Minidisc value to those who like to make recordings and like to manipulate them using a computer. This wouldn't be hurting the record industry or any artists.

### 365. It would make a grate product that much better

Posted by Zac Collins on 5/3/2002, 14:51:17

I have the M1 and love all but the lack of function of uploading to my PC through NetMD, I feel it would be a great addition to a already great product to all such a feature!

Zac Collins

### 366. NetMD Audio upload should be implemented

Posted by Tao Tong on 5/3/2002, 15:50:40

After I received my NetMD 505, I was excited about the audio file download feature. It is natural to expect it can also upload my MD tracks to my PC. I was disappointed when I found this feature is missing. Adding this feature would certainly boost the NetMD sales and satisfy the customers.

### 367. Live Music Lives!

Posted by Simon on 5/3/2002, 16:10:01

The Minidisc format has made live recording amazing!

Keep going by facilitating uploading to my computer!

YES!

### 368. NetMD

Posted by Dave Conner on 5/3/2002, 16:50:16

For any format to catch on it must, repeat must be user friendly. NetMD is 1/2 of the way there. Please make NetMD 100% user friendly. Thanks

### 369. Audio upload - What a smart move Sony can make!

Posted by David Jendiroba on 5/3/2002, 16:54:23

I support the petition above and agree that restrictions uploading recordings (music or live recording) to the NetMD are limiting the use of such a wonderful portable device. I myself record various types of lectures, including scientific and religious, and most of the times I wish I could share those with friends who can't afford an MD player. It's very frustrating! DJ.

### 370. MD Uploading Capabilities

Posted by Chris Dowd on 5/3/2002, 16:57:44

I've got an "old" Sony MZ-R55. I'd make the jump to a new model, if it had uploading capabilities for my large collection of radio recordings (Blues Hour and Dead Hour).

Thanks for the consideration!

### 371. What people want

Posted by Rabbhi on 5/3/2002, 17:01:15

I think adding an uploading feature to Minidisc systems would be great for us users and the business. For someone like me who records from my band and lectures it would be ideal to have this function. Maybe it will attract more people to MD also as it would be a popular addition.

### 372. We want true NetMD

Posted by Victor on 5/3/2002, 17:17:52

The NetMD is a Minidisc player with awesome capabilities. Its by far the easiest and best format for storing mp3's. However, to make this truly great, and to get computer users to embrace this technology over flash, Sony needs to allow uploading. Also, Open MG technology is not ready yet. Its hard to use, and as an independent artist, I have been unable to mass copy my work on LP4, having to go back to the slower method of my old Minidisc recorder.

### 373. Limited Features = Limited Popularity

Posted by Mark Bossard on 5/3/2002, 17:19:31

Why is Sony hamstringing itself?

The NetMD idea has so much powerful potential, yet Sony is killing the MD by severely hampering it's capabilities.

The NetMD interface should be fully open:  
-Direct control of the MD contents from the PC (or MAC) ON DISC not just on hard drive  
-Upload.. please.... where is the sense in killing uploads  
-Track Protect? Why? That makes the NetMD a pain in the but for recording tracks... It kills the MD's rewritability AND simple MD functions on the NetMD recorders  
-WHERE is the FULL bitrate conversion?  
-I could go on and on....  
I am severely disappointed in Sony's NetMD.  
The way Sony treats the MD community makes me feel like dumping the MD scene all together.  
-Mark Bossard

#### **374. NetMD Audio upload should be implemented...**

Posted by David Karon on 5/3/2002, 18:23:56

#### **375. Uploading = at least \$1000 to Sony from me**

Posted by Jeff Fuesting on 5/3/2002, 19:08:10

Uploading = at least \$1000 to Sony from me

#### **376. benefits the consumer**

Posted by Detox on 5/3/2002, 19:16:51

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#### **377. I thought it was there when I bought my MZN505**

Posted by Bill Anderson on 5/3/2002, 21:26:49

I thought I had this ability when I purchased my MZN505. I am very disappointed that it doesn't and am thinking of returning it.  
--Bill Anderson

#### **378. My Use of NetMD Upload Feature**

Posted by John Planckaert on 5/3/2002, 21:44:51

I am a hobby party DJ, hoping to eventually make a name for myself. I like to record a lot of my mixes so I can listen to them and make corrections. The Minidisc recorder makes it extremely easy for me to do that. I used to run back and forth to my computer for recording, then break it all down into tracks which is a very tedious job. Then I bought my NetMD Minidisc recorder and was really happy with it. Actually, I THOUGHT I was happy with it. Then I found out that it isn't possible to upload recordings from the Minidisc recorder. This is the only major flaw in this product. As I said before, I bought it because it's simple to record to, I can easily break up my mixes into tracks, and was hoping to be able to transfer them to my computer easily. I could record it to my computer using an analog cable from the headphone jack to the line in on my computer, but that would degrade the quality and take longer than just recording it directly to my computer. I have no use for this product now so I will be returning it. Unless a new version of OpenMG will allow checking-in or Sony comes out with a product that will let you check files in. Or Sony could modify the NetMD Simple Burner so it could burn from MD right to CD. Please consider adding this feature.

#### **379. Upload a huge advantage**

Posted by Zenith Mason on 5/3/2002, 21:44:51

Hi I'd love to be able to transfer my recorded sounds from my MD unit to the PC through USB using NetMD. I believe this will add huge value to the portable units. Currently I extensively use Minidisc as a format for recording sounds to create "sound collages" and atmospheric ambient surround sounds using binaural microphones. Being able to transfer these personal records to my PC would vastly improve the efficiency and usefulness of Minidisc as a format, and would instantly prove that MD is the superior format. Being able to encode my CDs to MD using ATRAC (not ATRAC3) to allow full quality (without the ATRAC3 LP2 down conversion first) would also be a huge advantage, as I listen to MD in my car and having that bit of extra quality is very useful. Thanks for taking the time to hear what your loyal customers would like to be able to do with this already excellent format!

#### **380. Pleassee**

Posted by James Brooks on 5/3/2002, 21:49:29

Do it, if only to help the Minidisc format flourish even further...

#### **381. My life will only be easier**

Posted by Casey Cane on 5/3/2002, 22:09:39

Please do this...you are able to.

#### **382. Usage in the recording industry for PC uploading**

Posted by Tristan Gulyas on 5/3/2002, 22:29:27

I currently use MD for recording bootlegs and interviews where it would be useful if I could upload it to a PC via USB as I don't own an MD deck with optical out or a soundcard with optical in.

#### **383. upload!**

Posted by john on 5/3/2002, 22:49:13

The upside of this feature is astounding! with the above proposal you safe guard everything! You can't lose. Do the right thing.  
john

#### **384. School - Minidisc**

Posted by James on 5/3/2002, 22:57:20

When I'm at school listening to lectures, I want to record then on my MD. Being able to upload to my computer via NetMD would be much much more convenient for me!  
Have audio upload, it's a must!

#### **385. Net-MD uploading**

Posted by Scott A. Cabler on 5/3/2002, 23:07:16

Uploading songs would make Net-MD that much more attractive.

#### **386. NetMD**

Posted by Eric Shu on 5/3/2002, 23:10:10

It would be very useful to upload from the MD and many people would buy more MD's in the future

#### **387. Upload more than just music.**

Posted by Darrin Behm on 5/4/2002, 0:19:52

The only thing I record on my MD via the microphone is the voice of my 4 yr old boy. He just loves to talk into the microphone and then hear his voice played back. The ability to burn this directly to CD and any future media would be the best thing to happen to Minidisc. Having this available on CD would not only benefit me but also my entire family who live 400+ miles from me. I could easily transfer files to CD and mail them to the relatives. Currently I am sending tapes but would like nothing more to transfer the recording faster on the PC.  
Also having his recorded voice in a format that he could listen to yrs from now would be wonderful. I still sit back and listen to the tapes of my brother and I from 1972.

The current benefit of NetMD to me is not cost effective. I record my CDs in SP mode only for the best fidelity and since that is not even easily accomplished with the NetMD units I see no reason to upgrade my Aiwa AM-F80 to the MZ-N1. If the uploading feature was present I would order it immediately. However for now I wait and live within the analog realm for my voice recordings.

Darrin

#### **388. Audio uploading from NetMD**

Posted by Charles Muccia on 5/4/2002, 0:25:57

Dear Sony,  
Why not make a NetMD unit that can do it all? Record from any source,SP,LP2,LP4 modes, download and upload, and please, and adjustable recording level! It could be a digital audio workhorse like my DAT D8. If a NetMD unit had all these features it would be hard to compete with it! I would definitely buy one to replace my DAT! Thanks.

#### **389. Might as well continue to purchase Sharp recorders because Sony certainly NetMD as it stands is a j**

Posted by Hodedo on 5/4/2002, 0:32:03

What possible advantages over solid state does NetMD have without uploading, sure it's nice to be able to have separate discs, however with the bullshit limits you've imposed you will kill the most viable digital medium out there. If you have no advantages over Sharps. I will continue to buy the better built underdog for live recording. Period. You must give me a reason to switch over beside your lame format as it stands.

### **390. Upload spoken word recordings**

Posted by Barry Jacobson on 5/4/2002, 2:18:56

Hi,  
MD provides a high-quality, inexpensive and easy way for my church to record our sermons, worship services, educational programs, etc. However, copying and distributing this non-copyrighted material is more difficult than it would be if NetMD allowed both upload and download of files.  
Thanks!  
Barry

### **391. Please allow uploads--my dream come true!**

Posted by Andrew on 5/4/2002, 2:27:30

I do live recordings of community based arts events to MD. Then I transfer them to my hard drive clean them up and burn them to Audio CDs to give to the artists. Allowing upload would make my job infinitely easier!  
Thanks

### **392. If you don't, your market in North America will be lost to MP3 players.**

Posted by George Ohki on 5/4/2002, 2:59:51

The only edge that Minidisc technology has over MP3 players (at the moment) is that MD recorders can record live audio. Because of this capability many musicians and other professionals in the music/audio field use MD to record live sound. However with the recent advent of stand-alone CD-R (and eventually DVD-R!!) decks capable of recording in real time, MD's niche of usefulness is quickly drawing to a close. If MD uploading technology does not grow with the times to compete with faster-than-real-time CD-R extraction and MP3 up/downloads, it will become obsolete, at least to the North American general public. Come on, Sony! You can do it!

### **393. How MD to PC upload will help me**

Posted by Paul Yeo on 5/4/2002, 4:01:58

I need to make Audio CDs of seminars I conduct, instead of bring a 3 kg laptop around with sound recording software, I could have use the NetMD (with time stamp) and upload it later to PC for further editing. I could also record my lectures and upload it to server for my students' convenience!

### **394. Good for artists, samples, and field recordings.**

Posted by Matthew Cameron on 5/4/2002, 4:22:56

I now use an MZR-900 and use a home deck with digital outputs to transfer files to my computer.  
I would like to do this faster then real-time.

thank you.  
-matt

### **395. Possibility of Upload is really interesting**

Posted by Hervé S. on 5/4/2002, 5:01:50

Possibility of Upload is really one more, why not have to develop it ? Me, I would be really to interest by this type of thing. This is why I estimate that you lose customers.  
Too bad.

Hervé

### **396. add audio upload capabilities and UPDATE OPEN MG JUKEBOX**

Posted by Kelvin Hew on 5/4/2002, 5:47:55

Adding audio upload feature to the NetMD will allow greater usability of MD. The flexibility of MD now is very limited unless the uploading feature is added. My suggestion to meet the SCMS standard like just allow audio uploading to the use's PC, not anyone else's PC. Secondly, allow the audio upload to playback in any media player like Winamp, not just playback in

Open MG Jukebox because the audio is in the user's PC so, it won't run anywhere. We consumers are not trying to cause any infringement of copyright materials. We just want to make life easier and that feature will definitely make MD a true audio format medium. Finally, please update Open Mg Jukebox which came with the NetMD Walkman. Because that software is full of problems. You should really take notice of consumers' feedbacks and comments. I can tell you what the problems are but there are to many. Its not a bug but a lot of disappointment in the software. The latest version is 2.2, so I expect to see version 2.3 later with all the necessary changes. Please do the right thing Sony. Thanks!!

### **397. Why would you wait for the other companies?**

Posted by Abel B. on 5/4/2002, 7:08:17

The point is that if Sony won't add this feature, well, then sooner or later some other second-line company WILL. Therefore, this isn't just OUR interest.  
Sony just "Go create".  
And we say: Now it's YOUR turn!

### **398. totally agree**

Posted by Raphaël Marinier on 5/4/2002, 9:00:48

I totally agree with the petition..

### **399. completely agree with the idea**

Posted by Albert Muñoz i Garcia on 5/4/2002, 11:09:16

please don't block the infinite possibilities of the MD .

### **400. This would be a great addition to the NetMD features**

Posted by Richard on 5/4/2002, 13:02:39

Especially an export to MP3 or WAV would be a great addition, so I could play my CD's on my comp more easily.

### **401. I will not buy one without audio upload**

Posted by odilon on 5/4/2002, 13:30:55

I as about to go buy a new Sony NetMD until I found that it had no audio upload feature.

### **402. it's only logical**

Posted by eddie on 5/4/2002, 14:26:07

a lot of people are waiting for this

### **403. Medical practices NEED upload.**

Posted by Jason Whaley on 5/4/2002, 14:38:42

Sony -  
The MD format is incredible, especially with MDLP as an option - but being held back by a lack of uploading capability.

I've been interested in MD for 5-6 years, but only recently purchased my first gear - an MD walkman and MXD-D3 deck. This last week I retired them both - because I bought an MXD-D5C, ordered a new walkman, and will receive from Crutchfield a new MDLP deck and CD changer for my truck. I am now QUITE avid, and see MD as the best storage media for any recorded sound.

I've considered tinkering with my MD player/recorder and trying to mate it up with something like ViaVoice or Dragon Naturally Speaking. I practice medicine, and if I could record my dictation on MD, and sync it to PC for electronic records (we already keep all-electronic patient charts in my clinic) it would be great. The speed at which I could generate electronic records after seeing my patients would be stupendous - if only audio upload was viable at any realistic speed, and in digital form.

If Market Share is part of your interest, as I'm certain it is, unlock the door and go forth - add uploading capability (and a Macintosh client) to MD and take the world by storm! Many people the world over love MD for size, flexibility and style, but the business world (outside the recording industry) is lacking. Pursue these options, and watch the 'bottom line' improve dramatically.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Jason Whaley  
Casper, WY / Prudhoe Bay, AK

#### 404. Add an upload for student filmmakers

Posted by Daniel Pimley on 5/4/2002, 15:14:25

Many low budget student filmmakers use MD to record sound as an affordable alternative to the professional and very expensive DAT audio format. In the modern world of digital editing, it only makes sense that the sound recorded on a digital format can be transferred digitally and without loss of quality. This way Sony would gain a lot of filmmakers as appreciative new MD customers!

**405. PLEASE!!!**

Posted by Tin Po on 5/4/2002, 15:16:54

[illegible][illegible]

**406. Audio Upload is *\*very\** important to me**

Posted by Vince Ready on 5/4/2002, 16:39:52

I bought a Sony MZ-N707 and a high quality microphone with the expectation that I could record my own music sessions (acoustic guitar and vocals) and UPLOAD them to my PC where I can edit them. As the performer, I am the copyright holder, and as such -- should have the ability to copy the files to my PC.

This is a surprising limitation, and one that will deter me from buying future Sony NetMD products.

PS: I also bought a Sony Vaio MXS20 with NetMD, so I actually have purchased two of your OpenMG enabled products to date.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Vince Ready

#### 407. Uploading is vital to MD

Posted by Andy on 5/4/2002, 17:55:52

I use Minidiscs to record my music rehearsal sessions to see the improvement that I make over a period of time. I'm very disappointed that you (Sony) has not added a basic function like uploading to the new line of NetMDs. Many people I know only bought their Minidisc recorders for the sole purpose of high-quality digital recording capabilities, and the ability to upload their recordings to their computers. Taking away the uploading function only deters both new and old Minidisc enthusiasts from buying a NetMD. I ask that you please include a form of uploading so that we can record and store our information easily. Thank you.

#### 408. Yes!!!!

Posted by Lukas on 5/4/2002, 17:57:37

We would all definitely appreciate an opportunity of uploading to the computer as a logical way back from NetMD downloads from OpenMG.

#### 409. Upload Feature will be a MAJOR improvement

Posted by Gaurav R. Vij on 5/4/2002, 18:06:03

The MD is a GREAT format. I have been a part of this revolution since its debut - November of 1992.

I have seen the format grow and mature, and have been happy with the improvements so far, BUT we really NEED this feature in this format. All my live recordings are really suffering from not getting to the computer for further editing and storing.

Please do try to include this feature in a future version of this amazing technology.

#### 410. Upload feature is essential for live recording

Posted by Daniel Hayden on 5/4/2002, 18:24:04

Being in a band, and pursuing the recording of many live bands that allow live recording, using the Minidisc has created a simple way of capturing such recordings. However uploading is always a problem, for posting on the web, and for archiving on CD or manipulating using software, and rerecording on CD. I am a faithful Sony product purchaser (Vaio laptop, DSC, miniDV camcorder, S1 MD) and would like to see some compromise on the upload function.

A lot of people in the live recording world don't like the compromise of the MD compression versus DAT or CD. If the uploading feature was added it would persuade many to use this medium.

#### 411. Audio uploading

Posted by Inigo Pascual on 5/4/2002, 18:25:41

Uploading songs would make Net-MD that much more attractive.

#### 412. Uploading recorded material

Posted by Dave Morrison on 5/4/2002, 18:31:24

Gentlemen,

As an amateur musician, I use my Sony MZ-N1 to record the music I create with my friends.

A digital transfer from the Minidisc UP to my PC would make life a lot easier, and complete those functions that should be built in to such a great format.

Please consider our request!

Thanks,

Dave Morrison  
SLC, UT

#### 413. MD has only one drawback. No UPLOAD!!!

Posted by Merlin Lo on 5/4/2002, 19:49:51

it's true. that's what most of my friends are waiting for. around 5 friends

#### 414. Yes to uploading!

Posted by Evan on 5/4/2002, 19:58:46

I was thinking about buying a NetMD recorder, but when I found out that you could upload recordings made on a microphone, I decided not to. If they had this option, I would definitely buy a unit, and I'm sure so many other people would too. Thanks

Evan

#### 415. oops typo

Posted by Evan on 5/4/2002, 20:00:15, in reply to "Yes to uploading!"

I meant "When I found out you COULDN'T". Sorry

Evan

#### 416. For musicians

Posted by Justin on 5/4/2002, 20:40:53

We can make a tape from Minidisc. I would love to be able to make a CD of my own playing from Minidisc. There is no copyright infringement in that.

#### 417. Audio upload NEEDED

Posted by Scott Printz on 5/4/2002, 20:44:27

I bought NetMD and a \$140 microphone as a "cheap" way to record my jazz quartet's gigs. What's recorded through my line-in mic is my band's own material, and obviously WE have the claim to any copyright. How shocked I was to learn that I couldn't even transfer the audio directly TO my PC. Why? By electing to ship the product WITHOUT such a feature, a feature I believe any rational consumer would expect, Sony has essentially slapped the consumer in the face. Everyone knows there are less convenient, indirect methods to get the audio onto a PC, so why punish those who violate no copyrights; the ones who want to violate copyright will STILL find a way to do so. In the end, the only ones you're truly affecting with your "no MD to PC uploads" policy are those of us who would use such a feature for legitimate purposes.

#### 418. We need upload facilities (amongst MANY others!)

Posted by Robert John on 5/4/2002, 21:37:33

Dear Sony,

Please make music transfers from Minidisc to PC possible.

Songs I have written on Music 2000 (on PS1), and MTV Music Generator 2 (on PS2) have been recorded to Minidisc. I cannot transfer them to my PC for ease of access unless I record them via my soundcard (analog only). This lowers sound quality.

Ps - And while you're at it ...

[1] Please get rid of OpenMG and as a replacement, allow the Simple Burner software to convert wav,mp3 files etc to Minidisc - not just CDs to Minidisc.

[3] Allow your users to make SP 292kbps recordings via NetMD.

[4] Allow NetMD music tracks to be deleted on Minidisc devices, not just on a PC.

[5] Stop using digital rights management on NetMD/OpenMG - it is costing me too much disc space to store ATRAC3 files on my computer!

#### 419. NetMD Upload

Posted by Graeme Tonkin on 5/4/2002, 21:55:14

Dear Sony,

I recently purchased a NetMD to enable the recording of Wild Bird sounds with a view to producing a CD. I was truly disappointed when I discovered I am not able to upload the recorded sounds directly to my computer via the USB capability. Please consider enabling this feature.

Yours Faithfully  
Graeme Tonkin

#### 420. Don't hold back the technology

Posted by arice on 5/4/2002, 22:01:06

Atrac is the greatest invention for music compression since mpeg layer 3. Don't hold back this technology as it will jeopardize its popularity among consumer.

**421. radio docs....**

Posted by Sean Story on 5/4/2002, 23:01:48

I got the Sony MD in order to get high quality digital recordings that I would be able to edit radio documentaries on home computer...well I was sold on the ease of use and the ability to dump from computer to MD and MD to computer. well get home out of box and found that you can't make a digital transfer to the computer...so am reduced to dumping in analog...I thought that it would be great if it could be controlled via IEEE 1394 connection...

please come up with a way to allow me the full use of the great quality recordings that I make with the unit...

thanks

for your time

**422. My singing classes will never be the same!**

Posted by Ramesh Nair on 5/4/2002, 23:06:15

It would be great if I could upload recordings of my singing lessons and listen to them on my laptop and perhaps make into CDs on my desktop computer. I can't think of a better way to make the MD format more useful and ubiquitous. Besides myself, I'm sure many people would welcome such a convenience, such as reporters, artists, students, etc.

Live recording is one of the biggest advantages of the MD format, and NetMD Upload would only help to make it the standard format for on-the-run high quality recordings.

I thank you for your time.

**423. I need it to record my school bands**

Posted by Daniel Ouellette on 5/4/2002, 23:14:36

I'm a music teacher and I'm doing recordings of my school bands. The Minidisc is a perfect media to do my stereo mixdown. The problem is that I cannot transfer the recorded material digitally to my PC in order to edit and master it before burning the tracks on a CD to give to my students.

Enabling this function would be fantastic for my work.

Daniel Ouellette

**424. A must for professionally trained musicians**

Posted by Dr. Scott Beckett on 5/5/2002, 0:01:22

The only thing lacking about the MD format is the PC upload feature. I have been using MD since the MZ-R1, and I have waited for years for something like this feature to come to fruition. For all the hard-working and well-trained musicians that need to record their students and themselves in a flexible format and in many venues, please make this happen. Also, this one move could really boost MD popularity and sales.

**425. Uploading for NetMD**

Posted by Ali A on 5/5/2002, 0:05:00

Please Sony make it possible. I record lectures and will save me so much time & money if I can upload the lectures to my computer. Thank you

**426. MD For Me.**

Posted by Eun on 5/5/2002, 0:54:07

Noting Yet

**427. audio upload**

Posted by Dan Valega on 5/5/2002, 1:02:48

Please add this feature, we need it !

**428. I agree! Great for students!**

Posted by Michael Chong on 5/5/2002, 1:19:16

I fully agree with the above statements. Would help me with uploading taped lectures to PC... Try recording 5 hours worth of lectures thru the analog line-in!  
Plus, improve OpenMG for greater than 132K encoding!

**429. Please.....**

Posted by Mighty on 5/5/2002, 2:00:28

I want to upload ..... Please help.

**430. NetMD makes NO sense without upload!**

Posted by Nick Winkworth on 5/5/2002, 2:38:16

As many before me have noted, live recording is the one area where the Minidisc format is unchallenged. Plenty of people choose to carry their tunes on mp3 or CD players, but nearly every musician and live recordist I know uses Minidisc. For these core MD enthusiasts (among whom I count myself), NetMD provides absolutely no value as it stands - and yet the potential if it were fully implemented is immense. (You try uploading a four hour rehearsal session to PC for editing in "real time"!)

It so happens I recently bought a new MD portable. No, it does not have NetMD and, unlike my last unit, it is NOT a Sony! If Sony wants to win my business back in the future they must listen to their customers and include features which add value to the way their products are really being used. If they do, I'll be first in line to buy.

**431. Hardware Good, Software ungodly**

Posted by J Martin on 5/5/2002, 3:19:34

I love my new NetMD 707, I think it sounds wonderful, and everything is good about the unit itself. However, the software makes me wanna cry. I have never had to battle something so much in my entire life, except for MS stuff, but that's a different world.

**432. Agree strongly**

Posted by Hans on 5/5/2002, 5:29:44

I really hope Sony can provide this kind of function.

**433. The Truth**

Posted by Michael Jabbour on 5/5/2002, 6:52:15

BS"D

Sony as other large companies hold by the Golden Rule. Who has the gold, rules.

I hope our petition is successful in opening the gates of music to us all.

Blessings

**434. Please add USB upload of analog recordings.**

Posted by N. de Beijer on 5/5/2002, 7:23:36

Hello Sony,

Please add USB upload of analog recordings in the next generation of NetMD Minidisc Recorders. This would be a great feature, and it must be possible to prevent the upload of digital recordings.

Thanks

**435. NetMD uploading**

Posted by michael on 5/5/2002, 7:27:41

in my opinion NetMD devices (as any others) have their advantages and disadvantages. but adding uploading an uploading feature will raise NetMD units' level higher than any other units offer.

i don't want to teach sony what they should do but i think it is too obvious to miss the demand.

**436. teaching online**

Posted by James McEwan on 5/5/2002, 7:38:51

I would love to record interviews with folks researching in psychology and up load that to the internet from MD  
Why cant I?

**437. unleash potential**

Posted by henrik molkte on 5/5/2002, 7:47:00

in this era, you either try to stem the tide or move in front of it. there's no question as to what is most intelligent.  
Sony should unleash the full potential of the MD format and enable upload of both digital and analog material to a PC, from MD.

**438. Achieve true integration**

Posted by Mike Lavocah on 5/5/2002, 7:57:16

Dear Sirs

MD has become the medium of choice for enthusiasts of old dance music and I use it extensively for DJing and to organise my music collection. If I could integrate an MD player with my PC it would be a dream for me, enabling me to interchange all formats. Please add upload to Net-MD and make this possible.

Best Regards  
Mike Lavocah  
<http://www.milonga.co.uk/>

#### **439. Live recording, class notes, so many useful options...**

Posted by Rob Hayes on 5/5/2002, 12:27:57

Sony,

Thank you so much for making MD one of your top priorities. MD means much to me, because I record events in my life for listening to at a later time. I love the fact that I can edit anytime, anywhere. Since NetMD has come out, I've been itching to get my hands on the MZ-N1. But what's keeping me from buying it? The lack of true SP and most importantly upload options. I record my high school marching band at contests and regular games. Since we write the music, there are no copyright issues. I'd love to make a CD for all of my band mates and director, but I can't get my computer to make a copy even close to the great quality of MD! Uploading would be such an asset to an almost perfect format. You could even restrict the uploading to analog tracks that originated from a mic. Thank you again for your time and effort.

-Rob Hayes

#### **440. MD as a learning device**

Posted by Ian Mikita on 5/5/2002, 13:15:58

The MD could be used for choirs and bands to easily record themselves wherever they are, then upload the files to the net for downloading by the group. They could then analyze and discuss their sound and improve their performance.

The ability to upload audio samples for recording faster than real-time would be an asset.

#### **441. NetMD Upload**

Posted by Reynaldo Carcana on 5/5/2002, 13:16:05

It would allow me to use the NetMD recording capabilities with a good microphone to record audio tracks for film at a lower cost than DAT. I'm sure it can also be a great help for class notes, etc. It's merely nonsensical to include an upload option. I will say this for certain, I've always had an interest in Minidisc technology, since it first came to the market. The only reason I haven't purchased one yet is the lack of a means to directly upload from an MD device to my computer. Throw that in (and maybe an i.link (Sony's trademark name for IEEE 1394), but that's just being really greedy) and you'd definitely have not only another customer, but a returning customer.

#### **442. Please let us upload!**

Posted by Bardo on 5/5/2002, 13:23:48

Please, please, please with sugar on the top. Let us UPLOAD.

#### **443. NetMD-Upload**

Posted by Affenfreund on 5/5/2002, 13:26:11

It is very important that it is possible to upload files from MD to your computer, because if you make your own recordings for example by mic you want to edit them without a loss of quality at your PC.

#### **444. NetMD Audio Upload**

Posted by William Bernal on 5/5/2002, 13:59:53

dear sony,  
the integration of MD into digital audio for the 21st century is nearly complete. the only thing missing is audio upload. MD is a powerful, versatile format that is capable of being a market leader in the U.S. please do not handicap it by not including audio upload. affordable, quality live recordings are a strong point in MD's arsenal. please take it to the next level by allowing audio upload.

thank you for your time,

william bernal

#### **445. NetMD Upload capabilities**

Posted by Jason on 5/5/2002, 14:37:26

As an avid music lover and computer user, I find that the Minidisc format is perfect for my needs. I believe too, that with some intensive, aggressive marketing campaigns fueled WITH uploading capabilities, MD would become the preferred choice of music medium in the North American market as it is in Japan. PLEASE implement uploading capabilities for NetMD!

Thank you!

#### **446. What I've Been Waiting For**

Posted by Ryan Beard on 5/5/2002, 14:40:37

Ever since i bought my MZ-R700, i have been in love with the Minidisc technology. Yet, being a musician, i would consider it a big help if you were to add the ability to upload music from the MD player onto a computer, creating a perfect, digital replica of the original track. Seeing as i do all my recording on a laptop, this would make it a lot easier to re-mix and polish live audio to be added to one of my albums. I know it is within your capabilities to make such technology available to the public, and i trust you will respond to the demands of the consumer.

#### **447. Further MD's Future!**

Posted by Patrick on 5/5/2002, 15:16:25

Ever since I was introduced to the Minidisc medium, I have been captured and faithful. I originally "borrowed" my fathers, and then found myself using it so much that I went out and bought my own. I have been recording live performances for two years now, and have begun to see more and more Minidisc's in the field -it always brings a smile to my face. To further Minidisc's stance in the market (one which is becoming less hesitant), Sony should implement an easy way to transfer audio to AND from the Minidisc easily. Minidisc has failed to pick up a large following for pre-released music, however it has captured a large audience with it's construction and ability to record at an inexpensive cost!

#### **448. Upload ability with NetMD**

Posted by Bryan Almaguer on 5/5/2002, 15:47:10

I too would like to see better software than OpenMG, and the ability to upload the things that I record.

I love the format, and thoroughly enjoy Minidisc. I believe this would make it a much more valuable product, and keep it around for years to come.

#### **449. please please please make an upload facility**

Posted by Rajiv on 5/5/2002, 16:05:40

please ,please ,please make an upload facility in NetMD its it'll save time for everyone. Sony will be miles away from what competitors can offer technology wise causing more people 2 buy Sony NetMDs.

#### **450. give fair use a fair chance**

Posted by Joseph Russ on 5/5/2002, 16:28:42

give fair use a fair chance

#### **451. This is what is needed Sony!**

Posted by Arun Takhar on 5/5/2002, 16:33:34

This is what is needed Sony!

#### **452. PLEASE HELP US!!! WE need this!!**

Posted by jim buys on 5/5/2002, 17:58:07

i HATE CD's, this would be perfect for me to buy my music CD's for home stereo use and MD's for travel and car. It takes forever to transfer them to MD, i NEED something faster!!!!

#### **453. Give it back to the people...**

Posted by Max Crowley on 5/5/2002, 19:20:26

Sony has stunted the growth of mini discs by holding back technologies like allowing uploading and until recently high speed transfers. Certain features have disappeared too, multiple headphone jacks, backlight, etc. For once

stop thinking of yourselves and give the technology back to the people. I know how easy it could be for you to make a OpenMG alternative!

#### **454. Bravo Sony but you need to do a bit more**

Posted by Rich on 5/5/2002, 19:52:10

Mini disc players/ recorders portable and home units should allow the ability to extract the digital information on to  
>pc hard drive quickly just the same way a floppy disk, CD or another hard >drive or other media can. Or is there away to do this that is unknown perhaps (maybe via software)???

>Also.. why no mini disc disk drives? Compact, quick, great capacity & simple...

>need i say more? Also, a mini disc recorder portable or otherwise should have the ability to retrieve it's  
>information if mistakenly  
>erased.. I'm sure there are many people myself included that have for one >reason or another lost music etc without any hope of retrieving it! I can make other suggestions but these are the biggies and the only other thing i can think of that I would like to ad is that when you ad features please don't subtract or take other features away unless you plan to have an entry level priced unit, middle of the road unit and top of the line models in mind! You guys create such wonderful products but I feel you are holding back on all of us who are and have been loyal Sony supporters! I dig the new Sony mini disc model 707 & 909 but am reluctant to upgrade and purchase because of the shortfalls that I mentioned above. Also a back lit led would be nice too! I think you ought to continue to be leaders, innovators and ground breakers before someone else takes the floor from you and while you still have so many supporters? Remember that the future is "NOW" and we want quality products of the future!!! Thanks for listening.

#### **455. Won't buy into NetMD until this is supported**

Posted by Shane Lord on 5/5/2002, 21:19:06

I am an avid Minidisc user, with two "deck" recorders, one portable recorder and a in-car Minidisc player.

I have been waiting for some form of computer link such as NetMD for many years, and now it is here I find it hard to understand why it is limited in such a fashion as to not allow uploading of original recorded audio via the USB connection.

Please Sony, provide the functionality as recommended in the proposal. Only then will I make the move to the NetMD format.

Regards,  
Shane.

#### **456. I Agree**

Posted by Peera on 5/5/2002, 22:21:40

I'm a student. I've using MZR-55 for my lecture all the time when I'm in the lecture room and transfer lecture to my PC and distributed to my friends who don't in class by CD-R. it's so take much time and tried to do that . 4 days ago I think I've found a new way in Sony web site about NetMD , it's a USB, WOW... then I decide to buy it for 10 minutes, yesterday I've it from my brother that he came from Japan, Great Great, it has USB, my eyes was extendddddd.....I can't read Japanese Manual ok don't mind, I play it all night and try it the way of software you gave .....finally I felt BAD after I know I can't transfer my class lecture to PC..... Oh it's hurt me so much

#### **457. I refuse to buy a Minidisc player that does not have NetMD audio upload.**

Posted by Syb on 5/5/2002, 22:38:02

my boyfriend wants NetMD audio upload, i think you should put it on there because it would make him happy and make lots of people happy! and he'd go out and buy like 20 of them!

#### **458. we need this**

Posted by Taklas Demetri on 5/5/2002, 22:48:39

i only use MD for original field recordings and sample collection, yet it is crippled, in that there is no way to digitally transfer my files??? why? this makes no sense to have to go through it's D/A to another A/D. Very frustrating, I know many including myself (until recently) who have avoided the MD format because of this. This has limited the acceptance of MD as a legitimate format.

#### **459. Please Allow uploading**

Posted by Dale C. Price, III on 5/5/2002, 22:51:33

I was rather disappointed when I had taken some CD's to work and put them on my MZ-N1 and when I got home found out I had to re-rip the songs and rebuild the mix I had made.

#### **460. (no subject)**

Posted by brian zimmerman on 5/5/2002, 23:06:46

We're doing it anyway - just through our line-ins - so make it easier!

#### **461. Please add this necessary features to MD recorders**

Posted by Martin Schiff on 5/6/2002, 0:36:50

Many mp3 player/recorders already have the ability to transfer audio to PC's by copying files through USB and Firewire. In order for Minidisc to remain competitive it needs this capability.

#### **462. Audio Uploading**

Posted by Justin Fahndrich on 5/6/2002, 0:48:42

The potential is there. Please set up software to make hard copies of audio MD's.

#### **463. I am sure that will take only 10 min to your programmer to fix that mistake**

Posted by Yannick Phaneuf on 5/6/2002, 0:59:58

Does it legal to let suppose on the box that the MD can upload and download file but it not the case? It make the third time i have problem with sony thing if they don't do something for this problem i think i have my lesson. I have a band and we want to save our practice on that and what sony done they over protect my own copyright and i have a useless MD that cost me 500\$ and have to do the analog thing to transfer so i have the same quality than a cassette for 500\$. And you know what my Sony salesman doesn't know about that problem and is sales marketing man from sony to. So what the problem they want to kept it secret or what.

#### **464. Make NetMD even better**

Posted by Klaas-Wim van Diermen on 5/6/2002, 1:26:11

NetMD is a good product, but unfortunately it is not perfect yet. You cannot upload music from the Minidisc to the PC. So your own live recordings cannot be saved on your PC. I hope Sony will make NetMD even better by adding an "upload music from Minidisc to PC" feature to the software.

#### **465. You want my business?**

Posted by Nick Gustafsson on 5/6/2002, 1:52:11

Just over a year I finally invested into MD & love it. Am very tempted to upgrade to NetMD, but at this stage it seems you haven't quite got it right. Get the feature set (including the software!) right and you can be sure everyone will want it!

#### **466. Should i NetMD?**

Posted by Brian on 5/6/2002, 1:55:33

I am thinking of purchasing one of the new NetMD units. I've visited the Sony web site and researched and priced around the web. This process lead me to Minidisc.org...the same place I researched my MZ-R70 that I purchased about a year ago. I love the portability of the unit, the relatively skip-free play, the wonderful battery life and of course, the durability of the media. My original intent was for burning 'mixed tapes' of my CD collection. I have a CD burner yet don't like the bulkiness of portable CD units...tapes, out of the question, same bulk, poor quality. The recording feature of MD played about a 35% role in deciding to buy. Why? To capture nature sounds while out for a hike. To record conversations with friends, to cut and past audio into some of the slideshows I edit...I'm an artist specializing in digital media. To record some of the shows my girlfriend performs...she's a jazz singer...wonderful I might add, the standards.

All of this can still be accomplished with the unit I have. But the quality lacks and the time it takes makes it not worth the trouble. So to upgrade or not to upgrade...the 32x download speed is a big draw for me. The upload issue will probably play another 35% role in my discussion again this go

round. Sony has my business that is not in question. But with these issues drawn I will wait for an outcome to this petition before purchasing a unit. The outlined proposal seems logical and well thought out. I hope these issues will be addressed in the near future. Thank you.

**467. Please take the final step, enable HS audio upload from MD to PC!**

Posted by Greg Miller on 5/6/2002, 2:31:31

I would love to use my present MZR37 for more live field recordings, which are ultimately destined for editing and archiving on my PC. The MD format is crippled by the inability to quickly upload the digital ATRAC files from the MD to the PC. Please take the final step in the evolution of the MD format, and allow high speed transfer in BOTH directions!

**468. Please allow download/upload**

Posted by Cornet Jean-Yves on 5/6/2002, 2:39:44

To the folks at Sony: I have several uses for Minidisc...probably the most important pertains to my job as an organic chemistry professor. One of the things I've used the internet for, in my first semester organic class, is a repository for the audio from my lectures. I use the MD format to record the lectures, but then to get them into the RealAudio format I am currently required to move the audio, in real time, to my computer prior to compressing it for the 'net. Oh how I have often desired the ability to move the lecture audio to my computer in the same way that I can move other files/images etc. I trust that you folks have the brainpower to work out anti-copying schemes...but to have the ability to move analog audio to computer, file-by-file...would be a tremendous achievement. In addition, you would knock all of the digital voice recorders out of the water. Thanks for your time.

**469. Digital audio transfer USED to be possible, why not now?**

Posted by Dave Hooper on 5/6/2002, 6:00:32

A PC-compatible MD unit was marketed some time ago by Sony. There is still a demand for such a unit - NetMD would be the obvious platform. Disallowing audio upload from MD to PC makes little sense to the consumer given that alternative technologies already allow it (CD-R, portable MP3 players)

**470. This is what i want**

Posted by Erwin on 5/6/2002, 6:50:55

This is what i want

**471. Add Audio Upload**

Posted by Peter Ravn on 5/6/2002, 7:03:35

I considered NetMD, but when I realized that it did not allow high-speed upload to a PC I did not buy any new MD product. Please allow high-speed audio upload to a PC, Sony! Or you will loose a huge market.

**472. Minidisc recordings to create a CD-rom on Sound**

Posted by Alistair Edwards on 5/6/2002, 8:13:57

I recently bought an MZ-N707 for a project I am undertaking. The objective is to create a CD-rom on the subject of Sound. I want this to be a comprehensive publication, investigating and illustrating sounds as we find them in our environment - both natural and artificial. My idea was to record such sounds on the Minidisc and then upload them to be incorporated on the CD. Now, of course, I find I cannot do this. This is most frustrating. I am NOT attempting to infringe anyone's copyright; the sounds would be my own recordings. The salesman told me I could do what I wanted. I suppose I could take the recorder back on that basis, but I would prefer not to. I would not want to have to revert to analogue technology to achieve my aims.

Alistair Edwards,  
Senior Lecturer in Computer Science  
University of York  
UK

**473. NetMD upload option**

Posted by Henri LeComte on 5/6/2002, 8:14:28

Dear Sir/Madam,

The (semi-)professional musicians and music lovers that I know, including myself, are very enthusiastic about the portable Sony Minidisc recorders. Especially their reliability and sound quality favour Sony over other brands.

The only drawback is the lack of uploading options. This option would enable live recordings to be used for further composing, editing and placement on web sites.

I feel this option will be included in the future, if not by Sony, than by another brand. However, it is clearly in your own interest if you are the first to include this option (if not, check the writings by the economist Schumpeter).

With kind regards,

Henri LeComte

**474. Please add important feature**

Posted by Jacques Saint-Pierre on 5/6/2002, 9:55:05

I support this proposition because I feel that with this ability, Minidisc becomes even more attractive to users like me and many others.

**475. Add upload feature !**

Posted by Noy Raz on 5/6/2002, 10:17:33

I use the NetMD and my sony microphone to collect sounds, but I have to upload it in a quite strange way to my computer. PLEASE ! add the upload feature and make my life easier !  
Noy.

**476. NetMD back to the shop until upload facility becomes available**

Posted by Stephane Rousseau on 5/6/2002, 10:46:17

It's great sound, great design, easy to use, but unfortunately we can't upload MD files on the PC. Well, I'll stay with my CD player until it becomes available...

**477. Embrace the potential of NetMD**

Posted by Tim Pitman on 5/6/2002, 11:06:17

Adding audio upload capability to NetMD Minidisc recorders will fulfill the potential of this format to be a valuable recording medium.

**478. SONY don't spoil your good work**

Posted by IVAN M on 5/6/2002, 11:15:02

i hope you could add the upload function.

**479. NetMD & Live recordings**

Posted by Michael Sauer on 5/6/2002, 11:32:49

Dear Sirs,  
Thank you for taking the time to read this correspondence. As a Live Music Enthusiast, one who records live music at band's concerts where recording is permitted, I have found that you overlooked an important aspect of the NetMD technology. I realize that there are Copyright concerns involved, but we are talking about music that has been compressed and less than what it originally was. My DAT (Digital Audio Tape) counterparts are one up on me because they can master their recording on their PC without such barriers. If you find a way to allow legitimate users to perform this transfer I think you have solved part of the equation in the complex formula of getting Mini Disc and NetMD into the mainstream. Regards, Michael Sauer

**480. enable upload to computer**

Posted by Charles Schmidt on 5/6/2002, 12:10:37

SONY'S magnificent format Minidisc has transformed my life as a musician and listener to music. How unfortunate that I am unable to upload ATRAC files directly to my computer. I am SONY'S biggest advocate; I implore you to please consider modifying your product. Both SONY and customers will benefit. Thank you!

**481. please add uploading features**

Posted by W G Jones on 5/6/2002, 12:22:50

Please add uploading features! Don't make the Minidisc obsolete!

#### **482. Uploading is Safe**

Posted by Kevin Murray on 5/6/2002, 12:39:08

With the impending high-end encryption planned for all commercial music CDs, Sony should not have to worry about adding an uploading feature to NetMD. If you poll the primary demographic of MD buyers you will find that pirating music is not the motivation of MD buyers. We are a loyal and almost fanatical customer base who are committed to the MD format. By adding the uploading feature you will keep your customer base happy and in turn you will see that customer base grow exponentially. Thank you

#### **483. recordist hungers for uploading capability**

Posted by Louis Rosen on 5/6/2002, 12:46:09

Being able to quickly up load my MD live recordings files rather than having to transfer in real time would be a great time saver for me. Come on Sony. You can do it!

#### **484. Having upload would spur me to upgrade my existing MD...**

Posted by Michael Drofadarb on 5/6/2002, 13:16:01

since I use mine for recording both live sound and my own original creations.

#### **485. Vital Upgrade**

Posted by Jesse on 5/6/2002, 13:47:45

If this were implemented, the implications would be huge. Professionals like myself would have greatly increased productivity if we were able to upload audio. Please bring this about.

#### **486. A Vital Boost to the Minidisc Market to make it a viable competing format**

Posted by Tom Conquergood on 5/6/2002, 14:17:53

Minidisc usage around the globe has only continued to grow since the introduction of the format so many years ago. In America, however, we have seen lack-luster growth due to the commercial image that MD is a fad. To the hordes of Internet users that own MD players/recorders, we know it is not just a fad and has been around for years and years to come. With the advent of NetMD and bringing high speed dubbing to the portables, Sony has a chance to revitalize the American market, and open the door for competition (as we see clearly in the Japanese market). Without Audio upload capabilities though, very quickly the Mp3 players with record capabilities will outpace the Minidisc, leaving Minidisc to be successful every where in the world but America. Why should we let America be the only country moving backwards in Audio technology? Minidisc is a format restricted only by corporations and the government, please let us use the music we own and create in a way that makes sense for us.

#### **487. Sony, DO NOT ALLOW uploading!**

Posted by Jeff Dubin on 5/6/2002, 14:34:15

Sony, thank you for your anti-consumer, pro-corporate attitude which groups amateur musicians alongside international bootleggers. Having a household name such as Sony's behind these DRM schemes is going to be a great advantage when explaining to average consumers how the music industry and consumer electronics giants are trying to control their listening habits.

By forcing amateur musicians to break the digital chain when transferring their own music from a Minidisc recorder to a PC, you'll be doing more to encourage them to use open standards and support consumer-friendly companies than I ever could alone.

Sony's Minidisc could have been easily taken on Iomega's ZIP format to become the removable media of choice in the late 90's. And even now, with memory chips costing 32x or more that of a similar capacity Minidisc, flash memory is the consumer's preferred format to store compressed audio. However, your current form of DRM, where I as a musician cannot be trusted with my own recordings, really takes the cake.

So in a year from now, as I'm using my 1GB CF card to record whatever it is I want to and a recording device utilizing an open-standard audio format, I'll try to remember to say thanks to you again when I'm transferring my music to my PC. This solution might be a little pricier, but I suppose it's a

small price to have for the freedom to record or listen to whatever I want to.

To continue the fight for freedom, I urge Sony to NOT ALLOW UPLOADING.

Thank You,  
Jeff Dubin

#### **488. Minidisc Forever**

Posted by Pablo Tupuola on 5/6/2002, 14:41:55

Dear Sony,  
I have been a fan of MD since 1994, and I will continue to be a fan. Adding upload capacity to NetMD would keep it from loosing to other formats like MP3 or Dataplay. I am a musician and have increased my music sales by putting my song samples on the internet. Upload through NetMD would make this so much easier. Thanks So Much

#### **489. MD will die**

Posted by chivot on 5/6/2002, 15:04:42

Minidisc is not very adapted for using with a computer. Even with NetMD, due to the slow transfer rate, audio transcoding and all the security rules like "no uploading". This last feature will be very useful for all professional and musicians using the Minidisc, and it does not go against music editors companies' interests.

Without this very useful feature, the one used by those who really use their Minidisc units, not as a temporary mp3 gadget, Minidisc won't be competitive for a long time and will die (look at the new promising technologies like DataPlay....)

#### **490. I agree wholeheartedly!**

Posted by Claude Zachary on 5/6/2002, 15:16:50

The MD is a wonderful tool for recording in the field, and really needs uploading capacity to enhance the editing process.  
Claude

#### **491. I will buy more MD and so will my friends.**

Posted by Jeremy Davis on 5/6/2002, 15:58:34

And only sony.. we swear.

#### **492. I agree**

Posted by David Cano on 5/6/2002, 15:59:16

Copy music to a Minidisc must be 1 step

#### **493. Please, implement uploading audio to PC**

Posted by Antonio Cruz on 5/6/2002, 16:25:02

I do use my portable player all day, but when working I would like to be able to listen to my music with the PC.  
Also, it would be a big improvement to be able to share our meeting's audio to the members, without major trouble, using NetMD, of course!

Thank you.

Antonio

#### **494. Cant a way of uploading without breaking copyright be provided?**

Posted by D Wilde on 5/6/2002, 16:26:46

Cant a way of uploading without breaking copyright be provided?

#### **495. MD Lover**

Posted by Sebastiao R. Lima on 5/6/2002, 16:32:49

I am one of the people who always loved the Minidisc media. It sure be much better if the NETMD could upload data.  
Thank you,  
Sebastiao R. Lima

#### **496. NetMD Uploading**

Posted by Lee Sainsbury on 5/6/2002, 16:35:33

Hi,

I have been a fan of the MD format since 1995 - and I have purchased (and sold on!) a number of models. I recently bought a NetMD MZ-N1 but returned it to the supplier when I found that I could not "upload" tracks to my PC. I see this feature as the next great "feature" Sony could introduce. As for the present time....I am the owner of a MZ-R909...

Whist on the subject of "features" how about adding the ability to "encode" data? I know the MD format can only store approx 150MB worth of data, but it would come in handy for transferring a larger amount of data between home and work!

Lee

#### **497. Please Make Uploading Possible !!!!!!!!**

Posted by Jeff96 on 5/6/2002, 17:04:10

I record every live moment of my band, rehearsal or otherwise, with my Sony Minidisc recorder. I then make this audio available to other members of the band on CD. Using an analog connection is time consuming and of lesser quality. An uploading function would make this process a breeze. Currently I own three Sony Minidisc recorders of varying ages. They were all purchased because of smaller size and functionality upgrades. They all still perform flawlessly, and none of them are NetMD recorders. The only feature that would make me purchase another Sony recorder with NetMD capability, would be this upload function. Please Sony, consider this petition strongly and make it happen.

Thanks.

#### **498. A major step in MD advancement**

Posted by Yang Li on 5/6/2002, 17:24:26

A major step in MD advancement

#### **499. Re: NetMD Upload**

Posted by amid choueiri on 5/6/2002, 18:06:37 , in reply to "NetMD Upload"

The major advantage of Minidisc was the ability to record at a better quality than cassettes for professional and personal use. With the advent of computers its only logical that an upload feature to be added in order to truly take advantage of the Minidisc capabilities. Without having the ability to upload through an optical out and the USB, there seems to be no enticing reason for Minidiscs to become more popular.

#### **500. NetMD upload - Its what MDs all about!!!**

Posted by Richard Brown on 5/6/2002, 18:19:56

I have Sony MD units everywhere - my HiFi, my car, my micro-system and now incorporated into my computer with my N1. No other system offers this versatility.

But the N1 slightly misses the point. MD is all about DIGITAL recording and once recorded I want to use my recordings quick and efficiently. An audio upload facility would allow me to do this. It's an essential feature - please add it!

#### **501. Mission from God**

Posted by Heffy Reetz on 5/6/2002, 20:35:08

We are getting the band together and would really like to record ourselves for our own use. My 707 is great but with a little OpenMG tweak it could be perfect.

#### **502. MP3 readability on Minidisc**

Posted by John on 5/6/2002, 20:40:16

The ability to read mp3 / wma on Minidisc players would greatly increase my interest in the medium. Thanks

#### **503. Add Audio Upload**

Posted by Jack Geller on 5/6/2002, 20:40:36

Come on... do us a favor...

#### **504. No uploads, you got to be kidding**

Posted by Gerhard on 5/6/2002, 22:25:03

I didn't even think that this was not possible when I bought my N707, I might as well kept my cassette. I can't believe it, now I have to buy a DAT. Come on, why do you think your sales are so slow in the US for these products. A quick software fix would do it, just put it on your website and let us download it.

#### **505. Please add audio upload to NetMD!**

Posted by Phil Nunnally on 5/6/2002, 22:37:26

I didn't realize NetMD couldn't upload audio to a PC. I haven't bought a NetMD recorder yet and won't plan to until you can upload original material digitally at high speed to a PC. We really need this. Thanks! Phil

#### **506. NetMD upload**

Posted by John on 5/6/2002, 23:26:51

The NetMD upload feature is a much needed upgrade to myself as a student. Recording lessons, or even the capability to use the portable Minidisc player as a high capacity disc drive. The capability of Minidisc recorders is much higher than its current use--fulfill the dream of every Minidisc and make it more than just a music playback medium!

#### **507. Stop Holding Back Advancement of a Great Format.. MD!!!**

Posted by Rich on 5/6/2002, 23:42:48

By not allowing or building in the capability to allow uploading of digital information from mini disc to pc quickly you are putting a choke hold on the mini disc's future longevity itself... i believe the format has already suffered and probably 999 out of every 1000 consumers are demanding and would like to see this feature added to your portable mini disc line and very soon!!! Keep this format alive and kicking and secure its future! If mp3, CD & other formats can do it then why not mini disc too??? In fact you had a model available i believe that had the capability so why back pedal now? To not build in this capability and give the loyal Sony customers what they want is very ridiculous!!! Ad this feature to your new line of mini disc portable recorders now! Don't forget other features as well.. such as back lit lcd display, accidental erase retrieve feature and please don't take other features away in lieu of new ones like you have on some of the latest models! Also keep the nice styling and make the features easy to use. C'mon.. you can do it!!!

#### **508. compare with SONY digital video**

Posted by Greg Conquest on 5/7/2002, 0:22:44

I have a SONY digital video camera. It is useful and easy to use. Being digital means I can become a hobbyist using my computer. Yet I can't do the same with digital audio.

The market for digital video has exploded with digital camcorders. It is becoming a decentralized, hobbyist's paradise -- yet Hollywood movies haven't suffered at all because of this.

What would happen if audio were unleashed in the same way? Sure, there would be some copying, but that's not the point; it's only a side-effect. The point is people finding new freedom to record, edit, preserve, and use audio in their lives.

We won't know what shapes these new industries will take until after the "consumer-friendly" digital audio recorders/players/mixers start coming out.

Please, let this market bloom. It will be good for SONY, it will be a sustainable market, and it will be great for the people.

Thank you.

Greg Conquest

#### **509. Another Sony triumph, limited by proprietary greed**

Posted by Tim Walsh on 5/7/2002, 0:30:13

If Sony would ever learn from their mistakes, maybe one day they will release a flawless product. With the likes of Macintosh and others, Sony limits the availability and potential of their product. It's a shame, the MD could have truly taken over the cassette and the CD-R, but Sony is too scared or too greedy to open up the MD to it's full potential.

#### **510. Valuable addition for anyone working with multimedia**

Posted by Simon Mackay on 5/7/2002, 3:23:51

I agree that the Audio upload feature should be added to the NetMD standard. This is because the MD format is being used as a "sound collector" for multimedia applications. Uploading could be permitted from recordings derived from analog inputs or "exempt category" sources such as external A-D converters.

Then the recordings should be able to be exported to WAV at least so they can be edited using audio-editor programs like CoolEdit for example. The recordings can then be used in multimedia applications like Macromedia Flash or PowerPoint. This could also mean that Minidisc could end up as a "feeder" audio format for A/V workstations like Avid.

With regards,

Simon Mackay

**511. give us upload netmd POWER!!!!**

Posted by samirah on 5/7/2002, 3:49:11

please don't treat all people as piracy kiddies...

**512. Audio Upload is a Must**

Posted by Martin Clinton on 5/7/2002, 4:59:52

Considering the flexibility of other formats, audio upload is a must in order to keep MD's popularity.

**513. good for creativity, no use for pirates**

Posted by james day on 5/7/2002, 5:08:42

I urge you to incorporate an audio upload facility in NetMD. There are very few pre-recorded MDs available, so the potential impact of piracy is minimal. However, the possibilities for creativity via uploading of live recordings are immense. Having an upload feature will provide an enormous impetus to people to "go create" with MD, rather than just being passive listeners!

**514. MD uploads**

Posted by Shawn Chesley on 5/7/2002, 5:14:09

I record live music from bands that allow it, and it is a needlessly difficult step to get the info into the computer. Please Change this! Thanks! Shaw

**515. Upload your own creation !**

Posted by Raphael on 5/7/2002, 5:36:34

All dj's will understand what i'm talking about. When you record your own mix on a MD through your turntable, you may need to fix some "bugs"!

**516. My band**

Posted by Mike on 5/7/2002, 5:52:35

We record stuff on MD and it'd be REALLY handy to be able to move it onto computer digitally to allow me to mix and burn to CD without quality loss through analog inputs.

**517. Essential Functionality!**

Posted by Nick Wall on 5/7/2002, 6:44:10

To Whom It May Concern at Sony,  
Please do not allow MD to die a premature death - it NEEDS the Upload functionality to move it on to the next level and become THE must have recordable media.

Regards

Nick Wall, England

**518. Possibilities are endless...**

Posted by Chris Lewis on 5/7/2002, 7:16:15

Not only would an upload facility mean that I can record my band's album directly to MD rather than having to use a PC in the studio, but also it would allow my microphone recordings taken in lectures at university a storage point on my computer to allow the reuse of my Minidiscs.

With an upload facility, Minidiscs could also finally become the portable hard drives all PDA fans have wanted for years! Imagine a 156Mb backup facility which costs just £1.....

**519. Audio Upload? Yes, Please**

Posted by Joe Tymecki on 5/7/2002, 7:48:17

Please implement a feature to allow an audio upload feature as described in the diagram above. Thank you, Joe Tymecki - Atlanta, GA  
a \*\*huge\*\* MD fan and user

**520. Yes please!!**

Posted by Gordon Macgregor on 5/7/2002, 8:22:21

Please implement NetMD upload as described in the above article. From a dedicated MD user.

**521. OK**

Posted by Huba Marosi on 5/7/2002, 8:49:08

I agree!

**522. it would be very cool if audio upload is there**

Posted by yoep on 5/7/2002, 9:44:01

PLEASE!!!!

it would be sooo cool for my band to so we can upload our music and send them by email to our friends family etc....  
thanks for now

**523. MD Uploading**

Posted by Brian on 5/7/2002, 9:52:50

This would be a great addition to an already great format.

**524. Audio Upload will be so valuable to Minidisc owners**

Posted by Sunil Panchal on 5/7/2002, 9:58:59

It has taken this long for Minidisc to finally become largely popular and affordable in markets such as the UK, and allowing audio upload will remove the final barrier holding back the total dominance of MD in the UK and around the world, as currently this factor is the only really major one that makes consumers look for a different audio solution!

**525. certainly makes sense**

Posted by kwok on 5/7/2002, 10:09:56

sure it does, if a product can develop, y shouldn't it? are we moving forwards or shall we stay with tape?

**526. Creative people really need it**

Posted by Damien Bonvillain on 5/7/2002, 11:00:21

Currently, you can't "Go create" with your Minidisc portable recorder, hurdles are on your way. While breaking the upload wall, users are going to explore their ideas, follow their vision and express themselves fully. This limit is against the Sony philosophy.

**527. What would make MD the ultimate standard...**

Posted by Jed Lee on 5/7/2002, 13:42:19

I teach classes on a regular basis. Some of my students wish an audio of a particular lesson if they aren't present (apparently, they'd rather get the audio than notes from their colleagues). I used to use minicassette but got a portable MD player because the audio quality recorded is much better. I opted for an MD player over a digital recorder because the MD medium makes the capacity limitless and sounds much better than those digital recorders with memory sticks or other forms of storage. Plus, the MD player works better for recording other live events. I was also considering the purchase of a portable CDRW unit. However, the MD portable is superior to portable CDRWs because MD units are cheaper and smaller and can store more (in LP mode). The only advantage is that the CDRW medium is cheaper than the MD medium. Whatever the case, having to upload to a computer with my MD unit in real-time is a cumbersome task. The reason I upload to a computer is to make audio CDs for those students who do not have MD players. The material being transferred is not copyrighted by someone else. If there is no

solution soon, maybe I'll have to go and get a portable CDRW unit... they are comparably priced now...

#### 528. Uploading

Posted by Megan McLaughlin on 5/7/2002, 13:52:13

Dear Sony,  
I too, would like to see Open MG support uploading of files. I am a radio journalist who records to MD. My interviews and audio commentary could be done far faster if I didn't have to put it in in real time and the edit it. The analog quality is also undesirable in these situations. I understand and fully support Sony's efforts to protect copyrighted material, but please don't let the actions of a few thoughtless individuals make your products inferior for those of us who would use this technology responsibly.

#### 529. great marketing potential for Minidisc

Posted by Iwan Negro on 5/7/2002, 15:02:20

i have my new mz-n1 and i have to admit that it is really great product but to use the full potential of NetMD it needs to have a uploading and downloading function in atrac1 files. this would make the Minidisc the perfect interface between computer and digital music device. the potential to the market is very high as Minidisc has a superior sound quality to mp3 but listening to a Minidisc in atrac3 sound is a disappointment for every MD lover. so why don't we (the consumers) merit the best things?

#### 530. Quite perfect...just need upload!!

Posted by Carlo de Mori on 5/7/2002, 15:04:45

1) this restriction doesn't prevent copyright "violations": if I cannot upload my MD tracks to the PC I can either use the analog jack or download the tracks from the internet in mp3 format. Therefore, I think it just makes people waste more time to have tracks on the PC than preventing whatever. In other words, if I want that track on my PC I can get it anyway!!  
2) it makes people want to use other formats (mp3) or make people who could be interested in MD format not be interested anymore.  
3) If sony were not a record industry too I guess they wouldn't be so worried about MD upload.  
4) why can I make it with an audio CD or an mp3 medium and not with MD? Can I break the rules by buying a CD and not with an MD? This is musical racism!  
5) I could bet on the fact that sony would only take advantage out of this situation because they would make people want to convert themselves to the MD format and not disadvantage (and any record industry neither) because, as a matter of fact, copyright protections are by-passable in any other way!!  
6) this doesn't make a definitive format out of Minidisc, making people either want to integrate it with other mediums or use other definitive formats like mp3, whose only disadvantage with respect to MD is of some abilities and facilities which MD has and mp3 doesn't which, for many people though (and this is the point) don't make it worth to buy MD!  
7) I can create an MD, infinite MD out of a CD or mp3s which I downloaded but not the contrary! I mean, from where do we obtain music at most? from CDs someone lends us or from mp3s which we download, which we copy to MD. Can't I upload them to my PC? Well, I can keep the mp3 on my PC or re-download it if I deleted it / I transform the CD I borrowed to mp3 format and keep the tracks on my PC. SO what's the difference?! It is a useless restriction!!  
That's all...anyway, MD forever!!!!!!

#### 531. Please add audio uploading

Posted by Q. Phan on 5/7/2002, 16:30:38

This would my recording our band sessions so much easier. For higher end recording we would use our 16 track but for practice sessions we don't want to go through the hassle.

Thanks for listening

#### 536. Re: Sony, DO NOT ALLOW uploading!

Posted by nico on 5/7/2002, 17:11:25 , in reply to "Sony, DO NOT ALLOW uploading!"

Don't worry, they wont !  
As long as competition stays away, SONY© has no interest to break their own market...  
That's sad.  
That's so sad for all musicians, teacher and reporter all around the world.

Some new standard may arise hopefully (and MD will die as died DAT)

#### 533. NetMD Uploading

Posted by Frederick Glaser on 5/7/2002, 16:44:40

Dear Sony

Please can you accept the merits of this petition and allow the loyal fans of Sony's Minidisc format the freedom to upload their audio directly to their PC's without any hindrance of Digital Rights Management software. If mp3/hard-drive portable units have this freedom then why can't Minidisc?

#### 534. Please allow upload capability

Posted by Paul Witney on 5/7/2002, 16:46:25

I am a composer and bought the Sony NetMd as I thought I was able to upload recordings of my music to my PC. I also bought it with the intention of recording samples to use in electronic pieces I compose. (no copyright laws broken here)  
If I knew the Sony Netmd didn't have the capability to upload from the MD to PC, then I could have bought a much cheaper MD.

Please add this function to the NetMD, so that I can use the MD to its full capacity

#### 535. That's the problem for Sony (in French)

Posted by Jean-Louis on 5/7/2002, 16:59:22 , in reply to "Rapid audio upload would make MD a killer format"

C'est oublier que Sony est engagé dans bien d'autres marchés concurrents et qu'ils n'ont aucun intérêt à rendre le MD supercompatible ! Ce serait vraiment le serpent qui se mord la queue...  
Sony a une très bonne division marketing, dommage que le customer support ne soit pas au niveau !!!

Il n'est jamais trop tard pour changer , les gars !

#### 536. Come on guys!

Posted by Adam Swier on 5/7/2002, 18:03:53

This is simply wrong, to prevent people from moving data as they wish!

#### 537. for the continued success of MD

Posted by peter baldes on 5/7/2002, 18:09:24

Why hinder data transfer of MD audio. You will make my work with MINIDISC more simple, which in turn will allow me to recommend MD to other artists and let you sell more units.  
it just makes sense  
Mac support would be wonderful too....  
peter

#### 538. Please add the upload feature, at least for analog recording!

Posted by Jim Yeh on 5/7/2002, 20:22:14

Hi

I do a lot of recording for church and usually I bring the disc back for cleaning before I convert it into RealAudio for use in streaming. Now I use SPDIF digital transfer which take a lot of time to do and direct USB transfer would at least halve the time. Please, I don't use MD for any other purpose. And if NetMD upload is enabled, we would buy a bunch of them to archive more sermon.  
thanks

#### 539. need upload

Posted by aaron m lafferty on 5/7/2002, 20:27:20

Greetings, id love to be able to make voice journals and upload them to my pc and website....

#### 540. NetMD features or alternatives to NetMD

Posted by Ramon on 5/7/2002, 20:32:43

You should not limit your products by skimping on features. You want to entice us consumers into buying your products. I was contemplating buying a NetMD player/recorder at first but the more I read the less I started to like the restrictions and limitations imposed on the device. You should know better than anyone that there are alternatives to MD player/recorders. MP3 players are already popular and if MP3Pro takes off it will only become

more popular. As time goes on MD tech. becomes older and MP3 player's get smaller and increase their capacity. Look at IBM's Microdrive technology, not to mention mini DVD's. Don't limit your potential customers by limiting your products.

**541. eliminate the competition! breathe new life into a great product!!**

Posted by Curt Branum on 5/7/2002, 21:13:02

Being a musician who utilizes MD as a mixdown/transport medium as well as a concert taper and a casual music listener I can testify that adding a digital output to a portable MD recorder would be the most valuable/useful/desirable feature that could possibly be added to an already great audio medium. I would personally purchase the first available unit, and would certainly NOT BE ALONE in doing so. The sheer quantity of people contributing to this petition on a tiny internet site is pure proof of that. Thank you for your consideration. Curt Branum

**542. please...please!!! uploading....**

Posted by suresh ramachandran on 5/7/2002, 21:43:47

it's so unfair that this feature doesn't exist in such an Xlent media. please.....SONY .. please...

**543. This is the only thing keeping me from buying a netmd recorder.**

Posted by Bijan Soleymani on 5/7/2002, 23:00:47

As i already have a recorder a player and a CD/MD deck, I really don't need netmd. However if the netmd could upload my analog tracks back to the computer, I would buy it in a second. I am sure many other people are in the same position. Without upload netmd is like an ordinary mp3 player, albeit one with cheaper memory.

**544. the MD format has so much potential..**

Posted by Riyadh Chowdhury on 5/7/2002, 23:18:25

the MD player will be bigger then mp3 players if upload is added..

**545. It is very important**

Posted by Rinat on 5/8/2002, 2:00:43

This both ways full communication.  
Need it badly

**546. Transfer of Source MD Recordings onto PC and Beyond**

Posted by Morgan Yew on 5/8/2002, 3:35:45

I specifically bought the MZ-N707 for it's extremely valuable recording capacity recently only to find that I am unable to transfer onto my PC--it has very little use for me in the way of listening to general compilation Minidiscs and am surprised that it is not marketed as a highly versatile recording device that one can easily transfer the contents of onto a PC without dumbing it down through analog means. Personally, I am extremely happy with all the functions of the Minidisc format but the lack of audio uploads. Aside from this I am indeed happy with my purchase but would have expected the inclusion of said abilities to be in existence and hope to see the availability of such a program in the near future.

Making such an addition would greatly enhance your already wonderful product and obviously make many people content with and be willing to continue pursuing independent interests with the help of a reliable company such as I still believe Sony is.

Morgan Yew

**547. Uploading features show support for the Arts!**

Posted by IDX1274 on 5/8/2002, 3:54:39

Sirs...

As a noise sculpture and soundscape creator I wanted to say that if you don't add upload capabilities to the product at hand, you are shunning the Arts!

This product is a strong tool to many musicians, writers, poets and artistic experimenters, but only if the upload features are added! Otherwise it's merely an expensive toy and not the cutting edge product it's alleged to be.

I hope you see the light and add the features.

Thanks for your time....

IDX1274

<http://www.mp3.com/IDX1274>

<http://IDX1274.jeeran.com/home.html>

**548. Extend NetMD to win!**

Posted by Max Vlasov on 5/8/2002, 3:58:54

The price falling of flash memory is a matter of time. Extend NetMD to win!

**549. do it!**

Posted by nicola on 5/8/2002, 4:07:17

do it

**550. It would be a great feature to overcome MP3/CD**

Posted by Delaval Stephane on 5/8/2002, 4:27:01

NetMD / OpenMG offer wonderful features and creativity, and goes much beyond MP3 on CD. Adding uploading feature would definitively overcome MP3 / CD !

**551. This would certainly give NetMD some advantages over MP3**

Posted by Rudi Respen on 5/8/2002, 5:03:24

Let's get this thing on the road, I don't expect too much technical problems.

**552. Minidisc isn't just about playback**

Posted by Andrew on 5/8/2002, 5:44:22

Allowing upload will complete what NetMD is. The original strong points I saw in Minidisc over other portable sound devices was recording. If i could upload via NetMD it would make a hell of a difference to me and the market for NetMD

**553. Please Sony, do it!**

Posted by Dmitri Kalintsev on 5/8/2002, 5:44:34

Please guys! Do the right thing!

**554. Essential for NetMD to take off**

Posted by Dave Wyatt on 5/8/2002, 6:39:42

I think that it is essential to enable NetMD uploading to compete with the plethora of mp3 players that now exist. This functionality is vital to ensure NetMD's survival

**555. Uploading feature**

Posted by Edward Gibbins on 5/8/2002, 7:55:50

I bought the MZN1 because it has NetMD and recording facilities so i thought i could record lectures and put them on the computer to edit and stuff. Obviously thought the software won't allow it. I am going to take my new Minidisc recorder back and buy something else instead (mp3 recorder)

**556. I SUPPORT THE Petition Asking Sony to Enable NetMD-Based Audio Uploading from Minidisc to Computer**

Posted by Chris Hansford on 5/8/2002, 8:40:45

I SUPPORT THE Petition Asking Sony to Enable NetMD-Based Audio Uploading from Minidisc to Computer

**557. Dust is covering my current MD equipments...**

Posted by Marc Herbert on 5/8/2002, 9:07:46

...but I will buy the first NetMD recorder with upload capability.

**558. Upload function for NetMD. Please!!!!**

Posted by Davann on 5/8/2002, 10:26:09

NetMD is a big one-way highway... on the other side is but a walk in the park with a turtle.

NetMD is great but can be greater!!!

**559. Add audio upload**

Posted by Bill Bothe on 5/8/2002, 11:44:14

This would be a great feature for all MD users

**560. Make my MD more valuable!**

Posted by Andres Werner on 5/8/2002, 12:24:18

It will help both Sony and consumers. It makes sense.

**561. I wont get one, unless...**

Posted by David on 5/8/2002, 12:55:28

you add that feature!

**562. Release the Hounds!**

Posted by Robert on 5/8/2002, 13:04:27

I sic scurvy upon all ye Sony exec's that withhold from me the pleasures of uploading.

**563. Let the recording go**

Posted by Kirk Fast on 5/8/2002, 13:31:50

While I think the Minidisc is a great device, having the ability to upload recorded songs/speeches faster than real-time to the pc would be a great asset.

**564. I support adding upload abilities to MD hardware**

Posted by Neil Koomen on 5/8/2002, 13:42:35

To Sony:

I think adding this feature would be an excellent addition to the functionality of MD hardware and ensure that MD would be competitive with other music formats.

Although I already have one JVC and two Sony MD players and/or recorders, I would be willing to buy more hardware ASAP, if you add this feature to MD hardware.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,  
Neil (in the US)

**565. Please allow the transfer of recorded sound from the Minidisc to the PC**

Posted by Gabe Chambers on 5/8/2002, 14:12:53

I use the Minidisks for recording client meetings and phone conversations. I have to keep a catalog of how I use those disks. If I could upload those, then the pc could catalog them for me. Consequently these are not copyrightable conversations. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

**566. NetMD and DJ mixes**

Posted by PaKo on 5/8/2002, 14:16:39

I'm a DJ , and i think it will be very interesting to add upload for NetMD, for analogue recording , because when i record mixes on my MD i need sometimes to do some changes with my pc (soundforge ...), and for burning my mixes. i waste a lot of time when i transfer mixes from my MD to my pc. Please Mister Sony think about djs! (sorry for my very bad English, I'm French!)

**567. I support the petition, why is Sony the odd one out?**

Posted by Ed Beecroft on 5/8/2002, 15:26:30

Hmmmm!

**568. I want the upload feature too.**

Posted by Olivier Kaloudoff on 5/8/2002, 15:44:24

I really need the upload feature of NetMD, as I need to work on sounds captured in nature, and want to use it on my PC. NetMD is great, but it would be far better with this feature.

Help The Minidisc community grow.

**569. uploading capability - just do it!**

Posted by Zach Hoyt on 5/8/2002, 16:44:47

please?

**570. It would be a real boon to have fast digital transfer!**

Posted by Ross Kendall on 5/8/2002, 17:48:47

Dear Sony,

I work for a non-profit organization, we use mini-disc for recording seminars, conferences, interviews etc. Minidisc seems to be the best digital format for our purposes, both for it's flexibility and affordability.

I have recently been tasked with making seminars and talks available on the web (in wma and mp3). This is something that I can do, but if you could add an upload facility similar to that suggested in this proposal it would save us a lot of time, and confirm to us that we have made the right decision with Minidisc.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Ross Kendall

(webmaster: [www.licc.org.uk](http://www.licc.org.uk))

**571. Ultimate avenue for low-budget musical expression**

Posted by Lee Tucker on 5/8/2002, 17:58:17

I am currently in an a cappella group that seeks to create a CD. We are very small and thus have a minimal budget to work with. While Minidisc technology has vastly improved what we can do and has helped us to channel our creativity, not having a means of digital transfer is a real letdown, and probably keeps many other groups from experimenting with such technologies. On-site Minidisc recording is not only convenient and inexpensive, in the realm of a cappella music especially it does things that really aren't even possible by traditional means. With digital NetMD uploading you could corner the market in addition to significantly promoting musical creativity and expression among those who will never have large budgets or record companies, but who do things like this solely for love of the music.

**572. Upload would be great addition**

Posted by Lionel Chow on 5/8/2002, 18:39:27

I use MD's to archive my music so being unable to upload them back to the com when I need to is very inconvenient.

**573. Uploading my digital recordings**

Posted by Richard Blackburn on 5/8/2002, 19:02:52

When I discovered Minidisc I was immediately excited about the ability to make field recordings of family, my brother-in-laws band, computer conferences I attend, etc., and digitally upload them to my computer to edit. Please give us this ability to match the implicit promise that every Sony MD recorder purchaser assumes!

**574. J'en ai rêvé, Sony l'a fait !**

Posted by PELLETAN Loïc on 5/8/2002, 19:31:05

J'adore Sony, c'est d'après moi la meilleur boîte d'électronique du monde... mas c'est vrai que de restreindre le NetMD n'était pas la meilleur idée pour développer cette merveilleuse technologie...

Une fonction Upload serait vraiment le top du top !!! Et aussi, pourquoi ne pas permettre le vrai taux du mode SP dans OpenMG ?

**575. upload to pc**

Posted by Sunpreet Singh on 5/8/2002, 20:21:03

I record a lot of live religious events, i have over 300 mds all in SP. After each event i come home and do the painful process of recording in real time to PC so it can be available on the net, this looses quality and also takes ages so everyone has to wait for it to come up. if you look at my site.. [www.akj.org.uk](http://www.akj.org.uk) and visit the guest book, u will see.

Please make it easier and quicker for me and add MD upload to NETMD!

PLEASEEEEEEEEEEE

Kind Regards

A loyal Sony Fan!!

**576. Uploading would be a great addition to an already wonderfully designed player!!**

Posted by Bobby Wong on 5/8/2002, 20:41:03

We must not look at the view of pirating music but to think of the uploading as a way for many people who want their own recordings or live audio to share with others. And by doing so, you would eliminate other competitors and make the NetMD #1. I hope you consider this as a benefit for everyone for the consumers and future musicians out there.

**577. Audio Upload & Mac Support**

Posted by Timothy King on 5/8/2002, 21:13:36

I also encourage the ability to upload music from Minidiscs; I have a library of over 2000 CDs, and it drives me crazy the hoops that I have to jump through to listen to my music the way I want to. Part of that problem is the lack of Macintosh support with Minidiscs, esp. the new NetMD features, which are part of the reason I am reconsidering my plan to replace my cassette library with Minidiscs.  
Tim King

**578. please allow uploading!!!**

Posted by michael mckamey on 5/8/2002, 22:16:00

i just bought the new mz-s1 MD and it is great! i have downloaded nearly every song i listen to while exercising onto the one MD it came with. then i read about new copy protected CD's. uh- how am i supposed to buy the CD's i want and listen to them on my NEW MD??? that kinda makes my new \$180 purchase obsolete-right? do you think i'll still buy sony when i have nothing new to listen to on my MD walkman???

**579. I strongly support**

Posted by Angel Guarniz on 5/8/2002, 22:24:10

This feature would blow the competition away.

**580. Makes recording useless**

Posted by Richard Malcolm-Smith on 5/8/2002, 22:24:18

The one thing holding me back to get a portable recorder it that without any way of getting it off the device, its pretty much useless. I can use a component MD deck and SPDIF in, but that's just as bad as analog as far as glitches on the PC causing dropouts in the sound, and with the LP speeds, I will be waiting all day for the dub to be done. CD-R has the ability to go in and out of a computer all day, but without the availability of a portable cost-effective standalone recorder. While copying onto the player only satisfies people looking for a portable player for music stolen off the internet or copied off there CD's, it doesn't address the issues of in the field live recording, and the ability to manipulate that data ones self.

**581. I want to be able to upload recordings i make with my band**

Posted by Jeff Manning on 5/9/2002, 1:22:50

I simply want to upload recordings i make of bands onto my computer so i can make CD's of them  
this would make up for a lot

**582. Add audio upload !!**

Posted by misskin on 5/9/2002, 6:20:15

pp

**583. strongly agree with upload**

Posted by fofanator on 5/9/2002, 7:54:14

yep yep yep

**584. I wont buy Sony NETMD until..**

Posted by Dave on 5/9/2002, 10:28:11

The new Sony NetMD looks really cool, but the new capabilities seem to only go half the distance. I would love to easily transfer digital music files to and from my Minidisc player and computer. I currently own a Sharp

Minidisc player/recorder. If Sony makes the suggested improvements to its NETMD line, I will definitely give them my business.

**585. NetMD is great hardware, but I won't buy with the current software.**

Posted by Scott on 5/9/2002, 11:14:43

The NetMD hardware from Sony is very nice and I'd love to own a NetMD player. That said, I WILL NOT purchase a NetMD with the current software. The "check-in/check-out" restrictions are ridiculous. I understand that Sony owns a large record label and is paranoid about music piracy, but this restrictive feature will cause NetMD to fail commercially. Uploading from the player to the PC is also a necessity.  
Thanks

**586. Teacher needs to upload dialog**

Posted by Rick Marcus on 5/9/2002, 11:16:40

As a foreign language teacher, I'd like to be able to upload dialog from native speakers so that I can create language learning and testing materials for my students.

My MZ-R700 makes amazingly clear recordings (which students appreciate!!!!). Please simplify my life by allowing me a means to upload this to my Mac.

Thanks,  
Rick Marcus

**587. A more viable medium**

Posted by Dan Pockrus on 5/9/2002, 11:21:21

As a musician, I record all my band's practices (where the genesis of most of our songs originate) and performances. I've been transferring the recordings to my PC using the headphone out through my sound card. Yet, even the best manipulation I can do using Sound Forge can't overcome the noise that's creeping in via the analog transfer. I fully support a digital transport and strongly urge you to consider it.

**588. Upload needs**

Posted by David Huewes on 5/9/2002, 11:49:27

I definitely need the upload function. I used to make many field recordings, and this capability will speed up my work and increase it's quality. I also want the possibility to DOWNLOAD using SP, not only LP2 or LP4.

**589. Need easy way to copy DJ sets back to my computer**

Posted by Mark Seabourne on 5/9/2002, 15:20:41

When I purchased my NetMD walkman I thought that it was possible to record a live dj set on a Minidisc and then transfer it to my computer to burn on CD. Well I tried this for the first time yesterday and found out that this was not possible. For now I'm using total recorder and recording from my Minidisc to my computer, sure it works but what a pain in the butt. Not sure if I'm losing any quality but it would be much more convenient if I could just import them without risking losing any sound quality. Hopefully you include this functionality soon.

Thanks,  
Mark Sesbourne.

**590. Upload my song, please**

Posted by alberto corazzol on 5/9/2002, 15:32:28

I spent a fortune to buy MZN-1 for recording and editing digitally my song. Please make it possible.  
Thanks

**591. Make it so!**

Posted by Benny Har-Even on 5/9/2002, 16:57:15 , in reply to "Agree strongly"

NetMD is a great addition to the MD format, though it took a long time coming. Hopefully we won't have to wait so long for the next step. Make MD's transition to a 21st century technology complete - and add an upload to PC facility.

**592. Modern features for a great format**

Posted by Marc Britten on 5/9/2002, 18:18:07

I'm not a musician and I'm against peer to peer music sharing. However I understand and see the need for a feature that allows tracks to be uploaded from the NetMD unit.

The proposal that is being presented opens no problems that already existed and supports a user base that may be driven away in the near future without consideration for them on your part.

#### **593. PLZ!!! SONY**

Posted by squigo on 5/9/2002, 19:38:38

with the ability to upload music recordings to pc your MD sales would skyrocket... and the ones who have already bought a MD unit will not return it

#### **594. A necessary feature**

Posted by Tim Anderson on 5/9/2002, 19:49:03

MD to PC upload  
PC to MD at SP quality

#### **595. Uploading**

Posted by Gary Giles on 5/9/2002, 20:21:23

Please, please implement this feature, or it will be the death of the midi disc. I am a professional sound tech. It's so frustrating not to be able to upload.  
Gary

#### **596. Sony, why do you have to be so complicated?**

Posted by Steve Rosegger on 5/9/2002, 21:08:13

You are just making it harder to get around it, but we will anyways.

#### **597. Audio upload would be wonderful**

Posted by Jon Anderson on 5/10/2002, 1:07:07

I have been looking for a portable, high quality digital audio recording device to record my children's music recitals, etc., and allow me to transfer the digital audio to my PC for editing/storage. Audio upload would bring the world of affordable, high quality digital audio recording to the market. I personally would love to see it happen. From what I gather from your website, your VAIO MX Desktop Series computer with built in NetMD drives already have the capability to record from MD to another media. Since you have done this already in this system, I don't really see the ethical debate as such as issue. Please consider implementing the recommendations found in the NetMD Audio Uploading Proposal.

#### **598. MD is great!**

Posted by Axel Bellivier on 5/10/2002, 8:02:31

Save it!

#### **599. Pour le prix...**

Posted by Christophe Aeschlimann on 5/10/2002, 9:01:29

Il me semble que pour le prix que l'on paie ces Minidisc on aurait au moins le droit d'avoir un bon logiciel (ce qui n'est pas le cas) parceque votre OpenMG Jukebox est une vraie M... ! Il me semble que pour une firme qui se dit professionnelle...utiliser une base de donnée access c'est le comble ! Je possède une grande quantité de mp3 et j'ai tout bonnement arrêté d'essayer de les y entrer car c'est tout bonnement impossible car bcp trop lent.

De plus il es impératif d'ajouter cette fonction Upload ce qui pourrait même être fait au travers d'un correctif logiciel car le firmware de vos NetMD est stocké sur une flash donc pas de problème pour la mise à jour !

Merci de tenir compte de la voie du peuple !

Christophe Aeschlimann : Switzerland.

#### **600. The ultimate improvement**

Posted by Stephen Emmell on 5/10/2002, 10:38:07

I am hereby signing this petition. The 'upload feature' would truly make this device the top of the line personal audio unit.

#### **601. I'm a musician**

Posted by tonin on 5/10/2002, 10:42:28

... and i need to transfer live recordings on my PC

#### **602. Uploading and Mac support**

Posted by Mark Stroup on 5/10/2002, 11:01:04

I'm an amateur musician and field recorder. The ability to upload music/voice in one easy method and NetMD support for a Macintosh OS are two crucial factors in my next purchasing decision.

#### **603. Sony, evolve...**

Posted by Harald on 5/10/2002, 13:54:00

Dear Sony,

For so many years, you made incomplete products, whether cool designed or nice-featured. Take the step into 21st century now: complete products.

Redesign Software, free it like said here (audio upload, simpler music download), flash hardware for full compliance with MP3.

Or else you're not worth your place, consumers are ranking you.

Harald from Vienna

haraldn@chello.at

#### **604. UP LOADING IS A MUST**

Posted by Phil Altamura on 5/10/2002, 14:40:46

UP LOADING IS A MUST

#### **605. MINIDISC ROCKS... BUT NOT FOR LONG!**

Posted by JERRY COLON on 5/10/2002, 14:45:44

Not having the upload available is hurting MD now. I hope that I don't have to say goodbye to the format.

It is much better than CD but it is not flexing its muscle. ---> Thanks again Sony!

#### **606. A necessary feature**

Posted by Mauro Medda on 5/10/2002, 17:46:42

A necessary feature

#### **607. I'm So disappointed**

Posted by Jason Ellis on 5/10/2002, 18:16:40

This is so disappointing. I was ecstatic to get this machine and then read about all this copy right protection. I don't want to steal music, I want to make my own, and upload it to computer. I want to record my family history with a mic and upload it to computer, I want to be able to upload my music to my second computer if I want. What is this?! I'm definitely going to be returning this item and spreading the word to other people. Sony how could you

#### **608. Sooner or later.**

Posted by Kevin Humble on 5/10/2002, 19:50:19

I understand that there is a desire to protect recording rights but this is over the top. If the situation does not change sooner or later someone somewhere is going to crack the protection system. You can bet that they will not just enable this vital missing facility - it will become totally unrestricted. Upload, download, copy do what you want. Unless things change this is bound to happen.

#### **609. Just one more step to take...**

Posted by Cristobal Negrete on 5/10/2002, 22:56:52

Dear Sony Designers

In my humble opinion, there's one final step to be taken to make Minidisc a fully-functional state of the art technology: netmd uploads. Please develop this technology, as it is already possible with your direct competition (mp3 players) and would put Minidisc back on top as it deserves to be.

thanks

#### **610. My MD stole my Copyright!**

Posted by Paul Cameron on 5/10/2002, 23:38:50

And I can't get it back! My MD will only let me listen to what I have painstakingly recorded for use in my compositions.  
I recently bought an N1 recorder (after much deliberating over what would be the best portable recording medium for my use), thinking that it was capable of the fastest transfer between MD and PC of the sony range. It turns out I needn't have spent all that money on it at all as I can't download things any faster than 1x anyway, AND I didn't need to wait for the built-in USB feature either!

After watching introductory MD advertising campaigns and being fascinated with the technology ever since, I'm now terribly disappointed by yet another electronic product that doesn't deliver in the key areas it should.

#### **611. Please "just do it"**

Posted by Yang Zhou on 5/11/2002, 4:39:52

just do it

#### **612. Please do it!**

Posted by Peter Sorensen on 5/11/2002, 8:05:44

This would mean a huge improvement

#### **613. There is no reason not to add UPLOAD!!**

Posted by Carlos Centilmen on 5/11/2002, 8:33:17

If YOU (Sony) are worried about copy protection / pirating CDs or internet audio... Well too late, the CDRW drives have already taken care of that. Now there is no excuse. So get with the program and become a true Sony (VAIO) company!!

#### **614. I bought this product to record live music**

Posted by Roger Holmes on 5/11/2002, 8:40:50

I am in a small band and bought this device to help us to write songs and rehearse. I also organise school musical events and intended to record these.

I specifically bought the most expensive model to obtain both the mic recording input and the NetMD capability as my laptop is the centre of my recording, digital photo, etc world.

I also recommended it to my neighbour on the same basis (she's in a jazz band). She was concerned about having to move to analog and back to digital and I actually told her that the NetMD would avoid all that.

We both bought machines and no-one in the Sony shop warned us about this limitation. In fact it was only several weeks later when I first recorded my band and tried to transfer the files to my laptop that I realised the limitation.

I feel very let down by Sony both for myself and in terms of my recommending it to a friend.

I also cannot understand the reasoning. Assuming that it is based on not wanting to encourage pirating music, I would have thought that vast majority of that is based on copying already recorded music from a computer CD or downloaded files, both of which are supported (indeed are the very basis of the NetMD idea) although with some restrictions.

Disabling the download of files recorded on the Minidisc itself, however, has very little impact on the amount of music pirated, but interferes with key functionality that people will have bought the mic recording models for.

This really does need to be rectified, or I for one will think very carefully before buying any Sony products in the future.

#### **615. Musician/Sound designer**

Posted by Johan Salomonsson on 5/11/2002, 9:03:15

An upload feature would be a great addition. Since I record outdoor sound effects it should be so easy to just record and then transfer to PC for further editing. No hassle with DAT tapes and rewind/forward.

Also useful when recording/mastering your own songs as a musician. This feature should make many professional musicians/sound designers considering the Minidisc as a really serious tool.

//Johan, Sweden

#### **616. Recording of lectures**

Posted by Philip F on 5/11/2002, 12:00:36

Personally, it would be a great help to be able to upload at faster than realtime for me because of the sheer quantity of material I will be recording from class lectures and so forth. This would help me quickly move everything to my computer so that I don't have to carry around a whole slew of MDs in order to make sure I catch everything in class. Once I have it on my computer, it would also make it easier to edit it for studying purposes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Philip

#### **617. Akio Morita's Dream**

Posted by Patricio Marchant on 5/11/2002, 13:11:30

Dear SONY Leaders:

I am sure that you like Akio Morita dream SONY to be leader in technology and the market. Please, try to add the uploading to PC to your magnificent MD recorders and why not to add a radio like you did in the MZ-F40.

As an old SONY customer I hope to hear good news from you and be able to transfer my MD recordings to my SONY VAIO Notebook.

Thanks for the good music and moments you are giving us

Patricio Marchant

#### **618. please please.....add upload feature**

Posted by S.Nuntapoom on 5/11/2002, 14:07:36

please please please please please please please please please please please please please please please please please please.....

#### **619. Please extend NetMD and add upload**

Posted by Stephen Seay on 5/11/2002, 16:20:24

I have been a Minidisc user for years. Please reconsider your policy regarding allowing uploads from NetMD Players. I have just purchased a New Sony NetMD Player and would like to use the missing Upload functionality.

#### **620. No point in NetMD without an upload capability**

Posted by Thomas on 5/11/2002, 23:12:19

I'm looking into purchasing a broadcast quality digital field recording system. The MD format is ideal and all aspects of the new NetMD system seem great except that you simply can't upload your field recordings! WHY???

#### **621. Open MG Jukebox**

Posted by Jeff Anderson on 5/12/2002, 0:03:25

What a great product. You could finally have a winner, but not with the current restrictions.

#### **622. final solution of the MD problem**

Posted by saif aziz rizvi on 5/12/2002, 8:09:58

uploading will finally rid the MD the menace of the mp3 CD players and digital players.....go on sony go for the knock out punch

#### **623. Complete the loop**

Posted by Adam Hearn on 5/12/2002, 11:01:01

You supply a MIC for some NetMD models - surely live recordings have a place on a PC as well as music?

#### **624. The only way to go**

Posted by Julian Jares on 5/12/2002, 15:11:44

I use my Minidisc to record my university classes. Not copyrighted content. Not having upload capabilities means I lose ~2hrs each class uploading the tracks for my classmates.

**625. A must for this product**

Posted by Jim Gisler on 5/12/2002, 15:51:24

The primary reason for purchase of MZ-N707 was to make audio recordings, microphone and transfer to my PC for further editing (CD burn, etc. Imagine my surprise after spending \$400 that I CANNOT do this. The Best Buy guy says I can use a mini plug cable to bring the sound in through my sound card. It seems wrong to go record digital, transfer through audio and then go back to digital on the PC. I am sure a lot is lost in all the translation. I hope you will include this feature in a soon to be released software update. Thanks!

**626. Please give us more control**

Posted by Jeremy Chrzan on 5/12/2002, 16:31:57

Representatives of sony,

I currently own a sony MD player which does not have the NETMD function, but was planning on purchasing the 707 model. Unfortunately, I read quite a few reviews from users which said that the NetMD was very restrictive. The fact of the matter is that if you're constantly changing the songs that you upload to your player, you're obviously going to upload some songs more than 2 times. This restriction about number of uploads in conjunction with the inability to move my live recordings to my computer (which I must do on an almost weekly basis at band practice and shows) makes it seem like a waste of money to go out and get this new model when it really doesn't do all that much more than the older sony model I've got. Please look at fixing these restrictions on NetMD so that Minidisc can be the media choice that it should be.

Thanks for listening

-Jeremy Chrzan

**627. What a bummer :(**

Posted by xinti on 5/12/2002, 17:55:04

I'm a musician and bought the MZ-N505 so i could sample sounds on my coming holiday in ysland to transfer those samples with as less as possible sound degradation to my pc to make music with them.....to find out that there is no possibility to transfer those sounds to my pc??? ( What a bummer, i'm not sure if i should take it back to the store and get the money back.....don't want that, cause for everything else i like the thing.... could there pleeeze be this 1 extra function???

tnx anyway...

x.

**628. just a nice extra function**

Posted by Dennis on 5/12/2002, 18:02:46

by making this possible the MD format hasn't got any disadvantages compared to the better mp3 players who do support that

**629. live recordings**

Posted by jeff garbutt on 5/12/2002, 19:19:17

One of the most under-used capabilities of Minidisc is their excellent recording capabilities, especially for live performances. But those of us who record our practice and live sessions also need the capability to upload our music to computer for further processing and storage. Please give us a MD-upload facility.

**630. Recording my band...**

Posted by Dan Shoop on 5/12/2002, 20:23:22

I use MD to record my band in concert; if there was a quick, digital way of getting the recordings to my computer, it would save me LOADS of time.

**631. Customer Request**

Posted by Chris on 5/12/2002, 22:43:19

You Customers want a NetMD upload feature, you should respond unless you want your customers to go elsewhere for their portable music.

**632. is there something better than music?**

Posted by k b on 5/13/2002, 8:39:47

just let them build, their build is air for us, music and technology lovers

**633. Please!!**

Posted by Brian Hubert on 5/13/2002, 9:46:50

I use my MD to record band practice and would love to be able to upload it to my computer.

**634. Musicians will abandon MD format**

Posted by Nathan Logus on 5/13/2002, 10:23:46

I know a lot of musicians who are switching to USB drive/mp3 recorders (I bought a NetMD, but may also switch formats). MD vendors who want to hold on to their customers will add MD->pc upload features.

**635. A must before MD will be a big hit**

Posted by Nick Wiley on 5/13/2002, 10:43:19

I'm a 14 year old musician and I was about to buy a NetMD player till I found out that you can't upload it. I mean that's just insane. It would be really useful because I could record my lessons and stuff but it's a waste of money and a no good feature unless you Sony makes the recordings uploadable. I guess it's just Sony's way of making you buy a separate MD player but I'm just gonna wait.

**636. yes-it is needed sucks though i would have to buy a new one to get it.**

Posted by Kevin on 5/13/2002, 12:31:44

add it--don't like waiting in real time to upload live shows

**637. (no subject)**

Posted by sheep on 5/13/2002, 12:35:47

its easy!

sony will add this option or

we all use in future only mp3

and forget Minidisc.

so i will do!

**638. Please go ahead with the upload feature!!**

Posted by Alex Karargyris on 5/13/2002, 12:42:49

I am new Minidisc fan! I am 100% sure that the upload feature will attract far more customers to the Minidisc market. I am a student in engineers and a lot of my colleagues are very interested in buying an NetMD recorder in the upcoming months. They say if the NetMD had enabled the upload feature they would have gone right now with the buy.

**639. Try to trust those who buy Sony**

Posted by Shinrae on 5/13/2002, 12:48:58

Next 10 year WE will evaluate if you tried to listen to us.

**640. MD is the format of the future; Give us full digital control**

Posted by Joe Consola on 5/13/2002, 14:47:59

MD and Digital music go hand-in-hand. Please add the feature set that will make our investment in MD secure well into the future. NetMD and MP3 make a perfect couple.

**641. The REAL digital initiative**

Posted by MuzikJunky on 5/13/2002, 16:17:28

Minidisc users, the digital illuminati, should be able to do the same things with MD as with CD. Obviously MD-to-anything copies are not allowed (as it should be), but allowing users to upload their tracks to a computer should be a non-issue. NOW HOW ABOUT MAC OS X SUPPORT FOR NETMD AND OPEN MG? Peace.

**642. Make the Best Even Better!**

Posted by Eddie on 5/13/2002, 21:53:44

Nuff said

**643. NetMD - Musician's Powerful Tool**

Posted by Ben Watters on 5/13/2002, 22:11:28

I use NetMD to do music recordings which I import into my computer via analog. I have to do this to burn them onto a CD, which is the unfortunate medium of choice by so many. However, in converting them, I loose so much of the quality of the original recording. Allowing for digital uploads would not only make my job easier, but also it would make my end results better as well. Please take us consumers and musicians into consideration, Sony.  
Ben Watters

#### **644. uploading field recordings to pc**

Posted by daniel trewartha on 5/13/2002, 23:25:25

when i first heard about NetMD i was very excited. i had been planning to by a portable unit to record environmental sounds, then alter them on pc, and thought the NetMD would be perfect. alas the new system does not allow uploading, and i am unsure if i will now purchase one. also another feature i would love to see, is radio record on a portable unit. if this is available in the near future im getting it straight away! looking forward to future developments, thank you, daniel trewartha

#### **645. MD**

Posted by jskmm on 5/14/2002, 1:26:53

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#### **646. Upload is needed to keep format alive and growing.**

Posted by Brad on 5/14/2002, 2:25:37

Please allow this new format that you have created to be used to its fullest potential.

#### **647. Upload**

Posted by Sascha Beaumont on 5/14/2002, 4:07:56

While I love the Minidisc for recording live performances, jam sessions and the occasional speech, the hassle of transferring from MD to PC via analogue cable could be well avoided with the addition of the features petitioned here. I brought my particular model for the increased speed of transfer with the USB cable. I was led to believe that the upload feature existed, and to later find that as a copy-protection measure this was unavailable. I would have thought transferring from mp3 to the MD is a higher cause for concern. Please enable a two way transfer method, this incomplete system we are currently dealing with is far from satisfactory. Yours, Sascha Beaumont.

#### **648. Minidiscs are a Singer/Songwriters Favorite Tool!**

Posted by Christopher Meyer on 5/14/2002, 10:00:03

I utilize the Minidisc player to record my ideas while on the road. What a great tool for the confines of a tour bus or hotel room to capture new ideas! The Minidisc would be an even better tool if the files could transfer directly to the laptop for storage and manipulation. Please consider allowing files to upload via the USB. Thank you, Christopher

#### **649. No upload forces me not to able to share class lectures.**

Posted by David on 5/14/2002, 13:40:59

I record lectures for class. If I can't upload the lectures, so I can send them to other classmates, what good is it to me. They can't all have Minidisc player.

#### **650. upload good**

Posted by Bill Grady on 5/14/2002, 15:21:15

techno-fear bad

#### **651. USB Upload in the Digital Domain**

Posted by sylvain Monod on 5/14/2002, 16:54:53

Yes

#### **652. NetMD could be EXCITING**

Posted by Matthew Lauckhart on 5/14/2002, 17:21:43

I, like so many others, have greatly anticipated the coming of NetMD. I couldn't wait to do away with time-consuming and lossy MD -> Computer transfers of my live recordings. All my eagerness became quickly replaced

with complete disappointment. Not only am I still unable to digitally transfer my legitimate recordings, but another format is available for those to listen to their illegally copied music. I think it is a question for you to ask yourselves... who are you catering to? Your new product is severely limited, even useless, to the legitimate user. There are products out there that become more appealing because they already offer this feature(e.g. Creative's Nomad Jukebox). Please realize that by excluding this feature you are only hampering those who would use this feature within the law, there are plenty of alternatives for users with their own agendas. That said, I truly love your products... I have owned one of your portable MD recorders for 4 years and still use it regularly. I would love to upgrade it when the features deem it necessary... digital uploading would deem it necessary.

#### **653. Es Necesario**

Posted by Federico Errazuriz on 5/14/2002, 19:06:23

Me parece que incorporar la capacidad de traspasar grabaciones hechas en el MD al PC es algo necesario, de hecho fue una mala noticia enterarme que los NetMD carecen de esta function.

#### **654. Re: MD is the format of the future; Give us full digital control**

Posted by Christopher Clark on 5/14/2002, 19:12:48 , in reply to "MD is the format of the future; Give us full digital control"

I agree ... please Sony make this enhancement

#### **655. (no subject)**

Posted by bone on 5/14/2002, 20:14:38

upload yeah

#### **656. MD should replace floppy disk**

Posted by Jean-Patrick Gelas on 5/15/2002, 11:28:35

Everything is in your hands, just do it...

Jp

#### **657. Important for musicians**

Posted by Stefan Werner on 5/15/2002, 17:52:53

This would be a killer feature for musicians! Most people with MD recorders I know are musicians that use portable devices for on-the-road recordings. Please give us the possibility to copy their recorded material directly on their computers for production!

#### **658. Hmm...Give us a break!**

Posted by Dvesh on 5/15/2002, 18:15:20

So the "artists", only because of technology that allows digital enhancement of voices, and music companies, a multi-BILLION dollar industry are going to lose a few dollars. I don't think it will hurt. Any anyway, give it a few months and there will be a way to do it, it will be done if Sony are a part of it or not. Also, I think it'll help their sales. dvesh

#### **659. Please allow audio upload from MDtoPC**

Posted by Maryse st-onge on 5/15/2002, 22:04:40

I am a musician who need this option please let us be creative.

#### **660. Just make it upload!**

Posted by O.Ramos on 5/15/2002, 22:16:18

Just make it upload!

#### **661. NetMD -> PC necessary to remain competitive**

Posted by David Hardy on 5/15/2002, 22:33:42

I believe in order for you [Sony] to stay competitive with existing and emerging technologies is at least keep pace and allow digital transfer from NetMD to PC. Several MP3 units already have this functionality. I cannot really see how allowing this would damage the recording industry in anyway, and it would be boon to both MD consumers and Sony MD sales. This is a much needed feature if MD is to become a long term, viable format.

Thank you for your consideration,

David Hardy

#### **662. Audio Upload/Data Drive**

Posted by Jack Capper on 5/15/2002, 22:42:16

The two things that are sorely lacking as far as Mini Disc is concerned are: Allowing NetMD Audio Uploads, and a Data drive. Those two things would easily put Minidisc over the top.

#### **663. Important for musicians!**

Posted by Rick Nakahara on 5/16/2002, 0:39:32

Please implement this uploading function. As a musician, my main concern is to be able to record live sounds and be able to edit them in my computer.

#### **664. Important for interview recording.**

Posted by Matt Bryant on 5/16/2002, 1:23:16

A NetMD upload function would make easier radio news and documentary production. Imagine giving radio professionals a unique tool that speeds the transition of actualities from the portable to the editing environment. I started my career lugging around a Marantz cassette player, transitioned to smaller units later, and now I understand many radio newsrooms use HDD MD equipment. This is a chance for Sony to capture a loyal professional market.

Thanks,

Matt Bryant

#### **665. Band recordings are not illegal**

Posted by Mark Haldane on 5/16/2002, 8:50:29

We just want to be able to put our bands live recordings on computer so we can distribute it more easily. We NEED Audio Upload Sony!

#### **666. This would help secure the future of MD as a format.**

Posted by Nigel Thomas on 5/16/2002, 8:52:48

As an MD user for 4 years now, I am very happy with the format. But I am concerned that MD as a format will go the same way as Betamax in the face of competition from CD-RW and MP3 players. I'm sure making the MD format even more flexible and useful would secure its future for many years to come.

#### **667. Audio Uploading private recordings via NetMD**

Posted by Mario Vano on 5/16/2002, 10:56:27

Please consider adding this the capability of uploading private recordings to a computer at high speed (for non-digital recordings only, of course) to the NetMD specification.

This feature would greatly enhance our use of the format in various community radio and webcasting production tasks, and I don't believe that such a move is at any way in odds with Sony's current policies for protection of copyright material.

I presently own a NetMD, and am part of a small community of programmers and engineers associated with KFAI community radio in Minneapolis. We all use privately owned MD for interviews, ad-hoc music recording and as a fallback recorder for important concerts we record for airing (with permission, of course).

Allowing digital uploading of things we have recorded via the analog input would save us hours.

We presently are finding that non-MD solutions (such as direct HD recording) save us time this way, but we would much prefer to exploit the MD device's unique properties and to help Sony further both their product's success and our own desire to help ordinary people produce radio programs of professional quality.

thanks,

Mario Vano

#### **668. Yes Please**

Posted by David Shipp on 5/16/2002, 12:50:18

yup

#### **669. Uploading**

Posted by Ben on 5/16/2002, 16:35:00

I didn't know you couldn't upload files. I've just ordered the NetMD SONY MZ-N1 and I just assumed that uploads would be possible. But even if you can't upload files through the NetMD software you can still just put it through the line in on your sound card and record it as .wav and then convert it to MP3 later if you wish. With this being easily done anyway I can't see why Sony didn't integrate uploading into NetMD because it doesn't exactly stop people doing it. Unless of course it isn't possible (I can't see why not)

#### **670. LO NECESITAMOS , ES IMPORTANTE**

Posted by GUILLERMO FERRER on 5/16/2002, 21:56:45 , in reply to "Es Necesario"

LOS NUEVOS NetMD DEBERIAN INCORPORAR LA FUNCION DE PODER PASAR LAS GRABACIONES DEL MD AL PC. ES IMPORTANTE QUE SONY ATIENDA A LOS USUARIOS QUE APOYAMOS INCONDICIONALMENTE ESTE FORMATO

#### **671. Won't buy one until you fix mg and add upload capability**

Posted by Will Maxwell on 5/17/2002, 0:10:01

I have money sitting in my pocket and you're not going to see it unless you do as everyone is asking. I will buy from your competitors that said I really want a 707 but I won't buy one that is crippled!! just adding my voice

#### **672. I bought the MZ-N707 thinking it would allow me to upload!!!**

Posted by Michael Koons on 5/17/2002, 0:30:49

Now I think I may take this Minidisc recorder back to the store.

#### **673. Denied a useful feature**

Posted by Jason Tan on 5/17/2002, 0:53:52

I'd just like to add my support to this cause. An upload feature would make the format even more popular than it is now. Let's make it happen.

#### **674. Uploading worthwhile feature**

Posted by Bach on 5/17/2002, 1:04:56

Sony seems to enjoy leaving out the most useful features of a product. Seems as if they like to screw the consumers.

#### **675. allow uploading to the pc!**

Posted by Daniel on 5/17/2002, 5:13:11

please

#### **676. Digital Recording Without Digital Output?**

Posted by Susan Tucker on 5/17/2002, 9:52:35

I purchased my MD recorder to record live music that I create, wanting to get away from the problems of analog media and noisy sampling with my soundcard. The next step for me is burning it onto a CD. It's staggering to think that these great recorders don't feature a digital output. This policy seems to be driven by the idea that the majority of the users are thieves and pirates. Please abandon what seems to be a cynical and crippling design decision. And thank you for your consideration.

#### **677. Por que no?**

Posted by Francisco Montes on 5/17/2002, 13:29:23 , in reply to "LO NECESITAMOS , ES IMPORTANTE"

No entiendo esta limitación en el NetMD, ya que no perjudica derechos de autor y si a los usuarios que queremos grabar nuestra música producida por nosotros mismos y que no es ilegal. Esperamos una solución ya! Mi MZ-N707 no es precisamente barato...

#### **678. Please allow uploading from Minidisc to PC.**

Posted by Timothy Brown on 5/17/2002, 14:20:13

One thing I'd love to see in a Minidisc player is the ability to quickly upload data I take in the field (voice and background audio) to the PC. Right now, I have to use a laptop with a microphone input, but my life

would be significantly less complicated if this capability were added. The lack of this capability means that I will not be purchasing a Minidisc player right now, however; if this capability were added I would purchase one immediately.

Please do the right thing and listen to your community of avid listeners.

#### **679. PLEASE LET US UPLOAD FROM OUR MD !!!**

Posted by Santus on 5/17/2002, 14:56:06

Please do a totally free version of OpenMG Jukebox

#### **680. Petition Signature**

Posted by Mark Fullen on 5/17/2002, 17:22:51

Petition Signature

#### **681. Posibilidad paso MD a PC**

Posted by Javier on 5/17/2002, 18:25:47

Precisamente era de comprarme un aparato de sobremesa con posibilidad de conectar el MD al PC, ya que suelo hacer grabaciones en directo con micrófonos (conciertos de coros, sobre todo), y me ha llegado el momento en que tengo temas en MD's desperdigados. Quería pasarlos digitalmente al PC, y después compendiarlos. Precisamente, entraba aquí para enterarme bien. Para mi disgusto, veo que no se puede. Me lo voy a pensar.

#### **682. request for an upload function**

Posted by Brian Su on 5/17/2002, 20:14:13

I don't really have to much to say... I suppose some other people would say it better but, please try to fulfill the requests of all of us. I know that I'll be getting a NetMD soon myself, and I would find it convenient if I were able to upload at least something

#### **683. NetMD is awesome... Make it work the other way around**

Posted by josh on 5/17/2002, 22:33:07

High speed transfer from MD to PC would rock! Please make it possible...

#### **684. let's make it better!!!**

Posted by abel on 5/18/2002, 5:37:52

it's sure that if you don't make a free net-MD uploading it will disappear, because what we want it's to get free music. haven't you think why MD don't succeed? think for a while and make things better for everybody, and not only for commercial music houses!!!

#### **685. If there is no direct pc upload from Minidisc, I think I will go for a MP3 player**

Posted by Edwin Lau on 5/18/2002, 6:37:38

Minidisc have great sound quality. However, the fact that I can't upload my own music/lecture/interview/memo to a PC directly hold me from buy a Minidisc player. I am very much a computer guy who store everything one a computer. If there is no direct pc upload from Minidisc, I think I will go for a MP3 player. The sound may be not as good (for now). But convenience is more important factor for me. btw, if Minidisc player have that capability, I am sure the rest of the "digital-oriented" region like North America and Europe will love it.

#### **686. Uploading with a Minidisc recorder/player**

Posted by Nick Reinig on 5/18/2002, 14:11:10

As a DJ in the 21st century, I find the easiest way to record my sets being with Minidisc technology. Unfortunately the inability to upload what I have recorded greatly hinders the possibility of using such technology to a great advantage. I would love to be able to record a set, then upload it to my computer for a quick and simple burn of my recording to be distributed as a demo of myself as a DJ. I ask Sony, or even a 3rd party, to create a system in which Minidisc recordings may be uploaded.

#### **687. I need to transfer mic recordings to my PC**

Posted by Gregory Wilpert on 5/18/2002, 14:47:09

I specifically bought the NetMD MZ-N707 with the belief that I could digitally transfer my interview recordings from the MD to my PC and then archive them on a CD. While I can do it through the line-in, it degrades the quality too much, since I plan to use some of my recordings for an audio

documentary. Also, it takes much too much time. Please introduce this capability. I feel cheated. I could just as well have bought a much cheaper tape recorder.

#### **688. I have not bought a new Minidisc because there is no upload**

Posted by Jon Hassall on 5/18/2002, 16:56:04

If there was upload I would have bought a NETMD player, as I often make field recordings. Please remedy the situation.

#### **689. petition**

Posted by Mil Koh on 5/18/2002, 18:20:00

improve your product

#### **690. It is the only thing missing that would make it a worthwhile purchase in my field**

Posted by Terese Johnson on 5/18/2002, 19:20:53

I deal with original audio files only and need a quality, compact way of recording in the field with ease of transfer to my pc for processing. I, like most people, have respect for other's copyrights and would not intend to use this for anything other than legal purposes, since the unit already differentiates the type of input, it seems to be a simple task to differentiate what is allowed to be output. Eventually some company will offer this capability, why not you? Please consider this request seriously. Thank you.

#### **691. Disappointed**

Posted by Timothy Kepple on 5/18/2002, 19:34:17

I bought the NetMD so that I can record spoken word performances... and I'm highly disappointed that I cannot then directly upload these recordings to my pc.

#### **692. I need to upload interviews on my PC**

Posted by Pascal on 5/18/2002, 21:13:11

As a journalist, I'd like to use interviews registered on a MD to work on them on my PC. Please make it possible.

#### **693. Upload would be great for storing class lectures**

Posted by Christian Abegg on 5/19/2002, 12:16:04

Since I have started to use the Minidisc, I often record my lectures (two to four hours a day). The problem is that it takes hours to copy the MD on my computer for storing them.

With the new NetMD, it's possible to have high-speed downloads from the computer to the recorder.

It would be great if you could add the possibly to upload MD tracks with high-speed on the computer.

Thank you.

Christian

#### **694. I would buy a new MD for that.... sure !**

Posted by Mulet on 5/19/2002, 13:43:23

sure

#### **695. What a great device it would be...**

Posted by Nico on 5/19/2002, 14:41:43

... if only all that were possible !!

#### **696. Uploading**

Posted by Geoffrey Calderone on 5/19/2002, 16:03:16

The only good way to forever keep an important live recording!

#### **697. PLEASE ALLOW UPLOAD/EXPORT!!!!**

Posted by Jeremy Johnson on 5/19/2002, 18:25:49

I am in a band and take my MD player on tour with us...I would like to be able to upload our sets to my computer...this would save me hours of time that I waste after an already time consuming tour...

thanks

jeremy

www.yourblackstar.com

**698. Add upload for filmmakers and live event recording!!!**

Posted by Frederic Thomas-Dupuis on 5/19/2002, 20:38:00

I would definitely use this function for our movies and live event recording.  
AND THESE ARE LEGAL!!!

**699. Audio upload to PC**

Posted by Earl Da S.Q.R.L. on 5/20/2002, 1:47:48

I record comedy shows & live performances professionally, & would love to use this format to help speed up the process & burn promo CD's, as well as sending files to customers, for them to listen to & approve copy for production!!!

**700. I want some !!!**

Posted by CutKiller on 5/20/2002, 6:58:55

please just permit this kind of transfer and then the MD will be very interesting ( more than MP3 players) and then I will buy one... THX

**701. Give us audio upload**

Posted by Gareth Griffiths on 5/20/2002, 7:15:46

I have several friends in a band, who I can record onto Minidisc, however at the moment it is very awkward copying this music onto PC to master. It would be much simpler and easier (and not to mention perfectly legal), to be able to copy this music to the PC via the NetMD interface on my MZ-N1.

These could then be put on CD much easier.

Please do this!

**702. MD was dying until NetMD**

Posted by James Lawton on 5/20/2002, 9:33:08

The whole point of bringing out NetMD was to compete with the range of mp3 players that had been taking away sales from MDs. NetMD is brilliant and I'm sure that the sales of MD will have gone up, but that won't last. If you make this SMALL change, which will only require a patch then many more people will choose to come back to MD and many more will choose to stay. It wouldn't cost much to do the patch but if you don't then you will just lose sales.....you know it makes sense

**703. NetMD**

Posted by John on 5/20/2002, 10:51:45

If you had an audio upload function, i wouldn't have to transfer my MDs to a CDR before ripping to a computer. This would be great because then I wouldn't have to waste an entire CD-R each time i need to make MP3s of my band.

**704. upload mic recordings via USB...please**

Posted by Steve Oakes on 5/20/2002, 13:15:58

I purchased the 707 and a mic with my main objective being to record personal, uncopyrighted events. If I can't dump these recordings onto my PC in the most convenient way, I'm not happy.  
Please make this more accessible.

Thanks,

Steve

St. Paul, MN

**705. Je suis pour l'upload des fichiers via la transmission NetMD**

Posted by Adrien COLLOMB on 5/20/2002, 14:04:06

Je veux pouvoir récupérer mes enregistrements live, donc je suis pour l'upload sur le système NetMD.

**706. My sounds, not yours... MDs shouldn't be optimized for ripping only.**

Posted by Dave Haynie on 5/20/2002, 14:47:05

I'm relatively new to MD; I recently purchased a NetMD, primarily as a field recorder, for when it's impractical to lug along my DAT deck. And on the positive side, the recording experience is fine -- small, quiet, well-made MD player, very good sound with the latest ATRAC Type R, etc. Then we get home... and I'm forced to pretend that this digital recorder is little more than a small Philips cassette machine. I'm forced to dub analog to analog for PC editing (as if anyone does audio anywhere else). Ok, sure, I could run S/PDIF or Sony consumer optical with a home unit. I can run S/PDIF or AES/EBU with my DAT, too. I don't care to invest in more MD gear to use what I already bought. It's still a reasonable recorder, but only until something better comes along. If affordable MP3 or DataPlay units with field recording AND digital upload capability existed today, I probably wouldn't have considered a NetMD.

Then there's the ripper's side. Sony's claim is that they're opposed to piracy, and that's as it should be. As a person only concerned with fair use, I don't have a problem with the copying limits imposed. In fact, the system seems to only give a bit of annoyance to anyone who would mass produce digital copies. It really doesn't prevent permanent "trading" of music on MD.

So basically, I see a nicely streamlined system for the casual pirate, with digital recording via optical or fast digital recording via USB. Field recording, on the other hand, is not well served. And I'm recording music, generally at SP mode, so analog upload to the PC isn't a major issue in realtime. But the system with LP4, small size, long battery life, and fast computer uploads would be just perfect for dictation, interviews, other forms of speech recording. Only, without that upload, we have a 5-hour play-in. Ouch!

Please consider valuable features for the totally legit use of the MD units.

**707. Audio free Upload and Backup**

Posted by Pavel Gonzalez on 5/20/2002, 16:31:35

Since I became a MD user, I'm waiting for this option, last year i spend \$100 bucks just for the pc-link, and it's awful. I think if you let us backup in pc's own tracks it would be wonderful. I don't think (MD Users) want to make a buck if you set us free.

**708. enable MD to PC or I will just get rid all of the Sony products**

Posted by Binh Nguyen on 5/20/2002, 16:38:16

I am doing a lot of "on the field" interviews. However, I need to have ways to upload my interviews into the computer to edit them. Right now, I am stuck with the audio content on the MD disc only. It is crappy now w/o the function editing my own audio. I am going back to cassette tapes until this stupid SCMS is gone.

Binh

Producer of the Youth forum on KREH

**709. The perfect replacement for floppy ?**

Posted by Claude Chaudet on 5/20/2002, 18:07:04

Just imagine that your MD could be successful where Zip and Jaz failed... A low cost, reliable and rewritable storage media. I am really tired of being the victim of dumb commercial politics.

**710. g\_yin@yahoo.com**

Posted by Yin Gerard on 5/20/2002, 21:32:18

Dear Sony,

You new portable MZ-N1 is great, and I consider getting advantage of my studies in Japan to buy one. However, the impossibility to transfer data from MD to PC is in my humble opinion a major drawback. I would personally use my MD recorder as a mean to record and edit live performance of my jazz band, but actually I'm afraid of the possible limitations of the product.

I respect your company and your products a lot, please don't deceive us by a choice that is purely strategic, and not in any way technical.

Best regards,

Gerard Yin, French student in Japan

**711. upload TO MAC needed!!!!!!!**

Posted by michael on 5/20/2002, 22:15:07

I need to UPLOAD my original atmosphere and voice over recordings TO MY MAC, so i can edit digitally.

**712. MD Survival: Help let it thrive.**

Posted by paul titone on 5/20/2002, 23:06:26

I live in the United States where I have had to sadly watch the MD get less than positive responses from those people who don't want to change. The companies supporting MD technology are making leaps and bounds in enhancing the usefulness of the Minidisc. NetMD is an almost required option for the push towards MD Survival in the Market place. The things that Sony has done with this format in its home country of Japan have made me, more than once, wish to be able to speak Japanese so I could live in Japan and fully enjoy all this great format has to offer. Please, for me and all the others that love the Minidisc format, don't hold back in your advancement, let the world see what the Mighty Minidisc can do.

**713. Like a laptop with FAX only**

Posted by Toshi on 5/20/2002, 23:18:25

Dear Sony:

Minidisc without upload is like a laptop computer with no network interface. Imagine if every document you created could only be put on the Internet by sending a FAX that was OCR-ed at the receiving end! How popular an item do you suppose that would that be?

Sincerely,

**714. Uploading would be great for Student Government Meetings**

Posted by Tony Hanlon on 5/21/2002, 0:28:33

It would be perfect for my student Gov. meetings i could put the meetings on CD-r's for all the senators. it would be about 50x faster than tapes and everyone has a CD player. I also need uploading for class lectures and putting other important live recordings on CD's.

**715. Make it Happen!**

Posted by J.P on 5/21/2002, 0:30:01

With the existing technology available there is no reason that the option to up-load audio from Minidisc to computer isn't included in the players/recorders that are being made. Please make this happen in the upcoming models. THIS OPTION IS VITAL and is one of the determining factors in my upgrading now or later. Be the first to make this available in your models and the competition will be nonexistent!!!!

**716. NetMD could be the next big thing, if it were not crippled.**

Posted by Douglas Henke on 5/21/2002, 0:34:07

In the 15th century, England became a medieval superpower when they trusted the common man with longbows. In the 1990s, a Finnish student made commercial operating systems irrelevant when he gave people source code.

It is 2002. Sony has a choice to make. You can take your insanely great hardware, and let people use it to record their own performances, and write their own software for it, and use it in myriad ways you'll never anticipate.

Or, you can cripple it, and watch it join Betamax in the ranks of good technology that never quite caught on. And, another vendor -- or a dozen others -- will rush in to fill the void with products that aren't deliberately made to not work based on the unsupported assumption that the user is a thief.

The current policy has not and will not stop or even inconvenience one pirate bent on stealing commercial recordings. The only ones hurt will be musicians who want to record their own performances, scientists who want to make quality recordings in the field, and ordinary users who have found more enlightened software choices than Microsoft Windows.

Please reconsider.

**717. Sony has lost my business**

Posted by Ben Costello on 5/21/2002, 2:56:49

I am taking back my Minidisc player because Sony will not allow audio uploads. The recording feature is why I bought it. Many of my friends have also turned away from Minidisc because of this exact problem.

**718. just do it**

Posted by Thomas on 5/21/2002, 3:26:51

and the Minidisc will be your greatest product !

**719. Don't shoot yourself in the foot Sony.**

Posted by Brandon Kiesling on 5/21/2002, 3:37:32

I don't see the point in preventing uploads under OpenMG/NetMD recorders. If I want my digital copy of the contents of my Minidisc, I can get it with my deck. If people want to pirate music with Minidisc, they're wasting their time, Mp3 and Burned CD's work just fine. I will not buy a NetMD recorder until such features are available, until then I consider it to be crippled to be of any use to me.

**720. Field recording**

Posted by geoffroy montel on 5/21/2002, 4:30:59

I'm doing some fields recording and really need the upload function. I already own a regular Minidisc recorder and upload the analog way, but I would swap it for a Net-MD if it has the upload function. Thanks

**721. please extend the MD net**

Posted by hendrix john on 5/21/2002, 6:16:34

yes it could be a good idea

**722. Pétition pour Sony**

Posted by Vincent Barthelemy on 5/21/2002, 6:36:56

A quand le upload sur les MD?

**723. Audio Upload**

Posted by Chuck Wigley on 5/21/2002, 7:27:47

Don't let the MD go the way of the Beta VCR. Allow the NetMD to upload audio. Thanks

**724. Expand possibility and success**

Posted by Mark Devlaeminck on 5/21/2002, 8:26:39

My nephew who, like me, like to record our DJ-ing attempts, will not buy the NetMD without this upload feature. Only uploading analog recordings can't be such a problem?

Furthermore I have a laptop and a PC. Synchronizing between them would be an asset. It would be a shame if this was only possible with a hacked program. Copy protection is good and rightful, but only in ways that do not hinder our creativity!

**725. Extend NetMD with "upload"-functionality or else...**

Posted by Gies on 5/21/2002, 10:52:42

Hi Mr. Sony,

Back in '93 I was amazed by Sony's MD introduction. Sony proved to be far ahead of its competitors.

Now I am changing my attitude. It is very un-Sony that it takes so much time and effort to distribute one's private recording by CD or internet. Deciding not to enable NetMD upload comes down to deciding to harm Sony's reputation.

Thanks.

**726. What is the point?**

Posted by Simon Pinnock on 5/21/2002, 11:46:14

What is the point of being able to down load without uploading? I use my MD machine for recording lectures and want to upload quickly into my PC for editing and final storage on CD. I have no time to with an analogue cable. I have absolutely no use for downloading. Therefore I will not by a NetMD until an upload capability is available.

**727. I have simple needs- why make things so difficult**

Posted by Dino on 5/21/2002, 12:15:47

..well actually I think I know WHY, but that's not the point..

All I want to do is record MY OWN SOUNDBITES for video editing, and conveniently 'upload' them to my PC instead of having to record them back REALTIME WITHOUT INDEXING..I don't think I'm asking too much and I don't believe I'm breeching any copyright laws unless of course I decide to sue myself.

I am new to the digital audio scene, but I have spent a LOT of time researching. My search led me to the Minidisc format, and I was really excited about it until I heard about the upload limitation.

I'll have to be blunt.

Fix it, or I'm buying an MP3 recorder.

Thank you.

#### **728. "ze kol hashoni"**

Posted by yoav on 5/21/2002, 14:06:43

in hebrew there is a nice slogan for Sony saying: "ze kol hashoni" meaning that's all the difference so sony live up to your slogan and make all the difference .

#### **729. Practicality**

Posted by Christian Mathews on 5/21/2002, 14:47:29

As a live sound engineer, I often make record to MD. Can't really do much with those recordings though, as I don't really like the D/A/D conversion that I'm stuck with using my sound card.

#### **730. Dammit!!!**

Posted by Rick on 5/21/2002, 15:53:05

Come on Sony. I bought the mz 505 thinking because it had a digital optical in I could connect my digital studio and record on the mini disk and then to computer then CD Etc etc...

#### **731. L' upload est VITALE pour l'avenir du MD**

Posted by Charles on 5/21/2002, 16:36:31

Chez monsieurs de chez Sony,  
Vous avez été assez géniaux pour créer le mini-disc, petit CD ultra compact et ultra résistant car protégé par une boîte en plastique.

Vous avez su faire évoluer les lecteurs et enregistreurs avec brio, pour arriver à des lecteurs qui font maintenant à peine l'épaisseur de 2 MDs superposés.

Mais vous ne vous êtes pas arrêtés là, vous avez su habilement prendre le virage de la musique au format MP3, grâce au fameux et très controversé NETMD.

C'est d'ailleurs sur cette invention que je souhaite m'étendre: pourquoi le brider ????

Vous avez su créer quelque chose d'absolument GEANTISSIME, alors pourquoi vous auto-censurer.

L'argument de limiter la copie numérique sauvage ne me semble pas recevable pour la bonne et simple raison que de toutes les façons tot ou tard la protection sera cassée, alors quel est l'intérêt de s'obstiner à vouloir en faire...

De toutes les manières l'upload ne sera que bénéfique pour vous, car vous pourrez enfin prétendre avoir un produit concurrentiel des lecteurs MP3s.

Donc c'est vous qui voyez...

#### **732. Return NetMD recorder!**

Posted by Steven Smith on 5/21/2002, 17:37:20

Why did Sony make a recordable MD device that doesn't let you transfer your recorded material to your computer? Haven't they heard of MP3 CD players?

I returned my NetMD recorder because I couldn't believe how foolish Sony was to only let you transfer locked, copy-protected material which you will have purchased from them, or one of their compliant media affiliates.

Sony is taking control of more media-related companies. I guess they think they're going to have a monopoly on music distribution. It's not enough to buy the Minidisc product from Sony. They want to keep charging you money to use it -- They're selling these MD "recorders" as little cash machines that ultimately kick money back to Sony.

I have a five year old Minidisc recorder that transfers audio to the computer (in an analog connection) just as well as the NetMD, so I'm not giving them another cent of my money! I would encourage everyone boycott their products too, then maybe they'll wake up...

#### **733. Long live MD - NetMD Full Duplex**

Posted by Jay Ireland on 5/21/2002, 21:15:13

I have been a strong proponent of Mini Disc and the much overdue NetMD capability, however, the job isn't finished yet, the much anticipated NetMD capability is only half there ...

#### **734. NetMD must reach perfection thanks to SONY...**

Posted by David Nunez on 5/22/2002, 2:34:34

... so let the uploading begin.  
thanks,

David

#### **735. I WANT UPLOAD!!!**

Posted by Joe Pham on 5/22/2002, 6:52:56

My uncle is in a band and plays live gigs at clubs. I have done some recordings with my MZ-N1, and wish to upload it from my MD to the computer as an mp3 but the N1 does not allow for this. Very disappointing! it would be the ultimate recording device if it allowed for audio upload. think of all the things you could do.

#### **736. It is an essential function!!**

Posted by Timothy Sin on 5/22/2002, 8:53:25

we need it for our various live recordings

#### **737. go sony go**

Posted by antonin herbert on 5/22/2002, 9:00:22

Because just by sitting in your chairs, about 300 guys are ready to buy this product, imagine how many people will buy it if you do some commercials.

#### **738. I would like to use my MD with my computer**

Posted by Fontanin Alain on 5/22/2002, 9:30:52

I've got a MZ-R700PC (also a PS2 and a DSC P5!!!)  
I would like to use more efficiently my MD with my PC.

Please do something.

Best regards,  
Alain Fontanin.

#### **739. NetMD**

Posted by farli on 5/22/2002, 10:37:46

We are consumers and we want the MD free....

I'm French and I wanna know why you don't care about what we want .... friendly.....

#### **740. PLEASE GIVE US THE POWER!!!!!!**

Posted by Mike on 5/22/2002, 12:14:45

PLEASE!!!! I do a LOT of recording (interviews, church worship etc...) It would be SOOOOO nice to be able to transfer those audio files to the PC at high speeds. It would literally save me HOURS and HOURS and HOURS of work.

Thank You,  
Mike Sims  
mikesims10670@(remouve\_disz)yahoo.com

#### **741. Upload Function on NetMD is a real need !**

Posted by José Mauricio on 5/22/2002, 13:24:15

I've sure that Sony will provide this function on future units if their users request for it.

#### **742. Then I Can Use My Vinyl Again**

Posted by Jay Sidhu on 5/22/2002, 14:10:41

If you guys create the upload function on the netmd, I can be able to put my vinyl records onto my computer and listen to them while I'm working or put it on a CD. I can already do this process, but as you know it's a long process and it would be easier if the upload function was created. thanks

#### **743. Digital Upload Important**

Posted by Eric Goodwin on 5/22/2002, 17:48:23

I record many live events that I am involved with. From musician friends, to theater that I am involved with to meetings and interviews, I record them all to MD. I love the quality and have setup the best system I can to get the files onto my computer for archiving, editing, and CD mastering. What I would love more than anything would be to pop the MD disk into a NetMD drive in my computer & rip the file from that directly to wav or full quality mp3.

Thanks to Sony for any consideration of our request.

#### **744. Will only purchase MD with Digital Upload**

Posted by Darren McKinstry on 5/22/2002, 19:04:46

HI,

I regularly use an old MD recorder to record research meetings and interviews. I then re-record these to mp3 to have them transcribed.

I would INSTANTLY buy a new Sony NetMD if it allowed me to quickly transfer and convert my recordings to the PC/MP3. This would save me a considerable amount of time and the hassles of the analogue recording process.

#### **745. Radio journalists in community and commercial radio need this ability**

Posted by Neal Mathers on 5/22/2002, 19:55:50

Radio journalists record non-copyright spoken word audio. This can be an interview for news or documentary programming or the recording of lectures and events for broadcast or for streaming on the internet. Many community and commercial radio stations now use Minidisc as the format of choice for field recording, and particularly use affordable MD portables as professional DAT, PCMCIA, Minidisc and cassette recorders are prohibitively priced.

In my city (Toronto, Canada) many stations use Sony MD portables such as the BZ-3 and the popular though discontinued MZ-R50 portable.

The ability to transfer lengthy (74-148 minute) recordings to computer hard drive for editing as data files via the NetMD connection, as opposed to currently transferring in real-time over line level audio inputs would be a considerable improvement to the usability of Minidisc for radio journalism.

Please consider this requirement for future additions to the Sony Minidisc portable product line.

Neal Mathers  
Toronto, Canada

#### **746. For school**

Posted by Junior Gonzales on 5/22/2002, 23:34:19

this would be perfect for my speech and debate class. my friend could record class sessions and put it on disc and vice versa. i could actually use it for all my classes.

#### **747. audio uploading**

Posted by Dean M. Velazquez on 5/22/2002, 23:34:33

I bought this MD Walkman to record my band live, upload it back to my PC and burn it on to a normal cdr. However, because you people are so worried about people using Open MG Jukebox for piracy us musicians looking to put our original material on CD have to deal with your lame inferior software. Isn't SONY rich enough without ripping off the average middle class person? Either you guys have to greatly improve your Open MG Jukebox software, or you have to drastically lower the cost of your products.

#### **748. NetMD UPLOAD on n'en reve SONY va le faire**

Posted by CAPON on 5/23/2002, 1:26:01

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#### **749. Please sony!**

Posted by Lars Brouwer on 5/23/2002, 1:54:24

Please Sony! This would be very handy if you have a band or something, just like me...

Lars Brouwer, dear MZN707 user

#### **750. I agree to**

Posted by Nicolas Porte on 5/23/2002, 3:12:26

I'm a musician and when we do concerts with my little orchestra, I register it into my Minidisc recorder. The quality is unbelievable ! But after, i can only use the exit used by headphones to connect it to my computer in order to register with a different quality. So the USB is a great opportunity for me.

#### **751. Improve the functionalities of the MD technology !**

Posted by Joël Tetard on 5/23/2002, 3:23:43

To: Sony Corporation  
Tokyo, Japan  
Sony Corporation  
New York, USA

From: The Community of Minidisc Users on the Web

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WHEREAS,  
Users frequently need to move recordings they make onto a computer (PC, Mac, Unix/Linux or otherwise) for processing or further distribution, and  
WHEREAS,  
A Minidisc recording is intrinsically a digital format, and  
WHEREAS,  
The only existing method of moving Minidisc recordings onto a computer involves "recording" the signal through the computer's sound card, a lengthily and cumbersome process that generally degrades the signal by converting it to analog format and back to digital form, and  
WHEREAS,  
All Minidisc recorders already flag their recordings to indicate those tracks that have been recorded through the digital inputs (and are copy-protected) and those that have been recorded through the analog inputs (and are not copy-protected), thereby allowing the upload function to prevent unwanted copying, and  
WHEREAS,  
Sony's existing NetMD function already provides for direct transfers of compressed audio from computer to Minidisc,

WE THE UNDERSIGNED,  
kindly request that Sony extend NetMD so that it can be used for uploading compressed audio directly from Minidisc to PC, thereby providing users with a quick, convenient, and lossless method of moving their Minidisc recordings to PC.

Joël TETARD

#### **752. Invaluable addition to an already excellent product**

Posted by Ian on 5/23/2002, 7:34:28

The ability to upload our clinical trials interviews with patients directly to PC would be an excellent addition to the NetMD product line. I would encourage Sony to consider this addition

cheers

Ian

**753. Upload functionality a great addition**

Posted by Jen Abildsoe on 5/23/2002, 8:51:03

I have so far avoided upgrading my current MD recorder hoping that the NetMD functionality would improve. I think that the addition of the ability to upload would help convince myself and many others to reinvest in the newer units.

**754. allow uploading**

Posted by jean-alexis lauricella on 5/23/2002, 11:26:51

this is the greatest idea since NetMD!  
go ahead sony!

**755. great for social scientists**

Posted by Dan Meyer on 5/23/2002, 12:57:53

I use MD to record student group work sessions, and love the quality. However, I then need to convert the recordings to mp3 files for analysis. Digital transfer capabilities would greatly ease this process, and retain the quality that is so appealing.

**756. Strange that own recorded music can't be uploaded!**

Posted by Paul on 5/23/2002, 13:07:25

I find it very strange that even my own recordings can't be uploaded to the PC from the MD.

It would be a very valuable addition, and I hope it will be possible.

**757. why o why**

Posted by Timothy Fredriksz on 5/23/2002, 13:38:09

Dear sony,  
I've been using a MD recorder for a long time now and I thought that the new netmd would make it a lot easier to copy songs back to my computer. I was very, very disappointed that it only works from pc to MD. Still bought the netmd though, I like the transfer speed.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy Fredriksz

**758. Digital Uploading**

Posted by Chris Miller on 5/23/2002, 14:33:43

The lack of this important feature will likely prevent myself and a number of other users from embracing the NetMD technology. Add this feature now and make the new software available on your website as a free upgrade for existing users!

**759. MD for film and video - upload a must**

Posted by toby wallwork on 5/23/2002, 15:28:04

I am involved in the production of low budget and NO budget films and videos. I have used MD on many occasions to acquire high quality audio on location. Nothing touches the MD for price quality and convenience. The prospect of maintaining digital integrity all the way to the edit suite makes me more eager to add a NetMD device to my arsenal. Until now the analog transfers have been (begrudgingly) acceptable, but a fully digital pathway has been out of reach, the NetMD holds the promise of changing that.

**760. Re: Audio Upload & Mac Support**

Posted by toby wallwork on 5/23/2002, 15:31:27 , in reply to "Audio Upload & Mac Support"

I agree. I use Macs to edit video and audio, until now I have had to import audio thru an analog cable. Macs have USB, so why can't Mac Users have the full functionality of the NetMD?

**761. MD Upload to PC for personal live recordings desired**

Posted by David Sayen on 5/23/2002, 16:54:27

It would be wonderful to be able to use the MD the way I use my digital cameras, to record my own musical performances then edit them on the PC.

**762. MD uploading**

Posted by Phil Roberson on 5/24/2002, 1:44:53

Dear Sirs,  
Minidisc is the most versatile recording format on the planet. Why not create a portable with High Speed digital upload capability and make it the most versatile recording format in the universe!?

It's the next logical step.

Phil Roberson-Owner  
Minidisc Access  
contactmda@aol.com  
www.Minidiscaccess.com

**763. Audio Upload to computer**

Posted by Lachlan Gilbert on 5/24/2002, 2:00:40

Hi,  
I find it strange that Minidisc has gone for this long without having an optical out capability on the players. I do computer animation, and highly value the ability to get sound of a good quality easily, using a very portable machine such as the MD players. Would it be so hard to do? It looks like from this petition there are plenty of people who would love to have this function in-built into the MDs.

**764. Needed for Recording nature!**

Posted by Kolby Kirk on 5/24/2002, 2:43:14

I bought the MD recorder with the intention to record natural "music" from the rainforests of Borneo. It's upsetting to discover your MD recorders will not allow me to upload them digitally onto the computer.

**765. DO IT**

Posted by Wojciech Sobczuk on 5/24/2002, 5:26:56

Please don't do harm to your own products by supplying it with broken software.

**766. Petition**

Posted by Cedryc Jouniaux on 5/24/2002, 9:05:58

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**767. Minidisc**

Posted by Yannick PHILIPPE on 5/24/2002, 9:20:55

Signature de pétition pour un Minidisc sur PC

**768. Upload Function for NetMD**

Posted by Katharine Johnson on 5/24/2002, 10:45:10

I think it would be a great advantage to add this capability to NetMD units, enabling an already versatile and easy to use format to compete fully with the growing number of MP3 units available

**769. NetMD Macintosh / Unix Compatibility**

Posted by Julian Skidmore on 5/24/2002, 12:49:56

The MD format is perpetually full of unfulfilled promise. Even now that NetMD is available, it's restricted to only one O/S and it's therefore pointless me buying it or promoting it to my Mac (or PC friends). Surely, given that Sony has a long-standing history of Mac support, it could be extended to their USB MD devices?

-cheers from jules @P.

**770. Please save the format**

Posted by hugo manrique on 5/24/2002, 22:47:17

The MD format is in desperate need of a revamp, this new NETMD feature might as well save the format, or it will leave it in the dust for sure if it doesn't raise the bar.

First off, there is no way MD, as much as I love it (I have three MD walkmans and 2 component decks from sony and Aiwa), will

be able to compete with mp3 hardware, unless sony spends some big bucks in advertising and make this NETMD thing really

work.

A good start would be making the Open MG software more flexible, by broadening the spectrum of compression options (sorry but

132k as the maximum quality for SP mode doesn't cut it!), currently, for those of you who haven't noticed, the quality for SP

should be 292k as it has always been for conventional MD standards. And remember that most people stayed away from mp3s because they sounded crappy and embraced MD for the higher quality.

If sony decides to look the other way at this quality downgrade that the NETMD format represents (at least with the current

end user software) it might end up not convincing the hardcore MD followers

about the need for this new NETMD feature, making some snobbish noses to turn away from the format and not convincing the general public either, which at this point needs to be enticed with more options and flexibility (yes, I believe this is the key word here) than the ones they would get with their current mp3 toys.

This flexibility would include of course, the uploading of recorded material to a computer.

I am sure many people like parents would buy the units for lets say, making high quality digital recordings at an incredibly cheap price (where else would they turn for this?) of their sons first words or piano lessons or students who might want to

record their teachers' speeches or whatever you can think of, and then uploading the data (I also think data is the best way to think as of the material recorded onto an MD) to a computer where it would be nicely preserved and then if that's an option, reproduced.

The thing is all about value at this point for NetMD and what might honestly, and sadly may very well be the final days of the format, that is unless drastic improvement is made.

**771. NetMD without upload is like one hand clapping...**

Posted by Pete on 5/25/2002, 9:01:05

I haven't upgraded my MD deck since 1997. I really thought that NetMD would be the initiative to make me change. Without upload, I still won't change.

**772. USB upload capability => HEAVEN**

Posted by Dominic on 5/25/2002, 10:25:00

please find a solution, I've bought a NetMD product and it would be great if I could upload!

**773. Upload a must to not lose it to MP3-players**

Posted by Gary Niels on 5/25/2002, 10:51:54

Upload a must to not lose the fight completely to MP3-players. I short cheap Ipod-like players will flood the market. Where will MD be then?

**774. Live recording upload**

Posted by Roberto Villani on 5/25/2002, 12:32:36

Being Minidisc a typically pro-recording device, I think the presence of a USB port is absolutely useless if it doesn't allow upload to PC. I won't buy a NetMD till this problem will be solved.

**775. Audio Uploading**

Posted by Ian Coulton on 5/25/2002, 14:16:23

This would be a nice to have feature, as I have lots of Minidiscs which I would like to build compilations from.

**776. Has been waiting to go for MD, but not now until you have Upload feature**

Posted by Chotechai Piyavongsiri on 5/25/2002, 23:08:34

I've been following MD technology for several years, but do not jump to buy one because I am waiting for "fast transfer between MD and my PC". I will mostly use MD for listening to music, but occasionally I intend to record seminar, meeting, etc... which later want them to be downloaded to my PC.

I then opt for Nomad II several years ago. It serves me very well, only that the SmartMedia card is too expensive.

**777. Upload my music**

Posted by Dodo=tje on 5/26/2002, 5:32:03

Hi. It would be very need indeed to upload my own recorded music in the studio so I can edit and change it like normal music!

Thnx for the attention!

Erik

**778. digital output**

Posted by Paul Speckens on 5/26/2002, 5:50:45

dear Sony,

For rehearsal recordings and stage performance recordings we currently use Minidisc because its small size and good quality.

Three reasons for need for digital output:

1. Dont want to use DAT because after some time the tape gets dropouts. With a disk the data is more secure.

2. dont want to use DAT because (for example for rehearsals a small Minidisc is easier to take along and works on batteries)

3. no loss off data by using the DA converter of the Minidisc (output) and then again the DA converter of the home computers soundcard (input).

best regards Paul Speckens

www.fourandmore.com

**779. Valuable as a working musician**

Posted by carl olson on 5/26/2002, 10:10:38

It is of value to working musicians to be able to record on the NetMD and upload into the computer for editing.

**780. I need to transfer my recordings**

Posted by Carlo Bolchini on 5/26/2002, 13:24:29

Yesterday I bought the top of Sony Minidisc Portable players, spending around 300\$, since on Thursday I will play live with my band and wanted to record the show on a reliable medium and on a small and portable

machine not so huge as the CD recorder we used so far. With my surprise I discovered that I cannot download in any way my own recordings, for which I am the record owner and producer, onto my PC for editing and mastering. Tomorrow I will return the recorder to the seller and will buy another solution that will fit my need. You should really consider adding that capability to the recorders, they're good hardware really, but not everyone are music theft, and there must be a way for a legal record owner to work on his intellectual property. Best regards.

#### **781. Uploading to PC**

Posted by jack on 5/26/2002, 13:48:10

I understand you're trying to protect rights on music. But, we need this features for more than that. Uploading to PC is necessary when you record live sounds like interviews.... There's nothing about rights.... why can't we upload my grandmother voice to my PC, is that you're business ?? Best regards

#### **782. don't fight the future...**

Posted by justin on 5/27/2002, 0:38:57

With a constant struggle to stay alive in the states, Minidisc seemed to be a dieing force that couldn't be reborn in the USA. with the explosion of mp3 technology, Minidisc has a door that has been blown wide open for which to rightfully pass through...

mp3, computer technology, and Minidiscs are a combined force which should be allowed to show its fullest capabilities without being buckled down and masked for years to come...

don't fight the future, don't fight technology... give the masses what they want... give them the right to experience the underestimated giant that is the Minidisc...

#### **783. Get it ASAP**

Posted by Edwin on 5/27/2002, 5:42:36

Dear Sony,  
You have been able to sell a lot Minidisc equipment the past few years. Now is the time to make it possible to use Minidisc in a way that even more people are willing to buy. This should be enough for you to go around.  
For myself, I will buy a MP3 recorder if Minidisc is not able to fulfill the need as described in the petition quickly.

#### **784. I sure haven't copy-protected my audio diary!**

Posted by Christopher Granade on 5/27/2002, 6:44:51

Let me archive my digital diary!

#### **785. Improve MD by direct upload facility and I'll still buy Sony.**

Posted by huib smink on 5/27/2002, 6:45:12

For recording my own music this would be a real improvement. The beautiful quality of MD can be used more easily without loss from an unnecessary D-A-D conversion. And furthermore...for copying.. I'll buy Sony-CD's as long as Sony contracts my favourite musicians. ;-)

#### **786. MD-recording (via mic-in) upload to PC via USB**

Posted by Jaap Bastiaans on 5/27/2002, 8:44:26

Dear sirs,  
Recently I bought a NetMD recorder to record musical rehearsals for later evaluation.

Easy and digital uploading of these recordings to my PC would make my life a lot easier. Actually, when I bought the recorder, I was under the impression that I could both up- and download from/to a PC. Therefore it was quite a disappointment to find out I could not do this.

Therefore I would like to ask Sony to implement upload facilities, like those presented in Eric Woudenberg's proposal, in the next OpenMG release. If done so, this would be greatly appreciated!

Kind regards,  
Jaap Bastiaans

#### **787. Uploading would be so great !**

Posted by Xavier Halgand on 5/27/2002, 12:54:54

for field recordings !

#### **788. plus de facilité pour the MD&PC community**

Posted by Lecompte on 5/27/2002, 13:05:56

Messieur de SONY et autres fabricant et créateur de produit sympathique, pour nous petits consommateur, auriez vous l'amabilité de nous facilité la tâche en ce qui concerne la communication des données entre la manifique machine que vous appelez le MD et mon personal computer. Merci.

#### **789. Portable recording is what MD is all about**

Posted by Matt Zykan on 5/27/2002, 14:48:59

Don't castrate NetMD by withholding upload capabilities.

#### **790. Help independent artists**

Posted by Max Nealon on 5/27/2002, 18:09:34

I was very impressed with the recording quality of my Sony MD after a recent coffeehouse concert I staged. After spending 3 hours trying to download my own music to my computer, I'm shocked that Sony has not taken into account the needs of the performing musician! Please remedy this because it's an embarrassment to your software's capabilities.

#### **791. One big flaw in an otherwise great product.....**

Posted by Andrew on 5/27/2002, 20:23:57

Please add the upload feature and save real users a lot of time !!!

#### **792. NetMD-uploading**

Posted by Yuri on 5/27/2002, 20:30:14

I faithfully and wholeheartedly support the community of loyal Minidisc users in their grassroots efforts to urge SONY to add uploading capabilities to NetMD. I believe this is a natural and logical evolution for Minidisc as a true digital audio recording format that will enable its enthusiasts to create, record and playback music. If MD is to maintain its superiority and compete against other formats such as MP3s and WAVs it must add these uploading capabilities. In fact I recently purchased a SONY VAIO MX in belief that NetMD was the quintessential embodiment of Audio Integrated Operation. However, I do believe the this only a slight fallback and SONY will eventually realize the Minidisc's full potential and incorporate uploading capabilities to NetMD. Sincerely,  
Yuri  
a loyal MD user

#### **793. digital out is a must have**

Posted by richard on 5/27/2002, 20:49:02

Digital out would enable exact quality dupes of live sets and recording, helping to better establish the MD for amateur recording studios.

#### **794. Musicians need this feature**

Posted by silver on 5/27/2002, 20:57:46

Sony, Sony, Sony! - surely you see why musicians need this feature to make the best use of your product!

#### **795. MZ-N707 microphone recorded tracks cannot checkin**

Posted by Chetan on 5/27/2002, 22:43:42

I bought the MD thinking I can check in the files (street interviews) which I recorded using a Microphone, onto my computer as wave files ...and then edit the interviews to make them presentable to be played on the radio. But i suppose SONY designers did not thing about this feature. I would like this feature very much in it. i am currently using a Cable to input into the computer and record the stuff using the MusicMatch Juke box to make the wave files and edit them using Adobe premiere.

I have N-707. Please let me know if SONY people are clever enough to understand this simple thing.

Chetan

**796. I have wanted an uploading option for the longest time....**

Posted by Anthony bruscella on 5/28/2002, 0:48:46

I am VERY happy with my MZ-R70 MD walkman but a nice, high quality digital out and upload utility would make this line of players so great!

**797. So close to perfection**

Posted by Erik Lundberg on 5/28/2002, 3:43:49

Your product is so close to the perfect sampling tool, with the bonus of portable personal audio.  
For simple portable personal audio I would use an mp3 player or an ipod clone. What sets your product apart is it's ability to record good DIGITAL audio in a convenient package.

Please bring your product to it's full potential so that I can buy it. I would even force myself to use MSwindows! (if I had to)

**798. Make NetMD worthwhile**

Posted by William Blakeley on 5/28/2002, 8:09:11

I am using an older model deck, a Sony MDS-JE640, and will continue to use it until I see some incentive to move to a new deck. Group function, ATRAC Type-S and NetMD as it is now are not enough to make me move to a new deck, but as soon as there is an upload function (and the proposal mentioned by Minidisc.org is an exceptional one), I shall swagger down to my local store and make a new purchase!  
Come on, Sony, do it for my money and customer loyalty, and that of everyone who has signed this petition.

**799. BEN YA AUSSI DES FRANCAIS QUI SONT DACCORD!!!**

Posted by rams ramone on 5/28/2002, 11:50:08

OUIN MOI AUSSI JAIMERAIS POUVOIR FAIRE TOUT Ca, et meme sue je connais pleins de personne encore hesitantes qui seraient pretes a acheter un enrgistreur MD si cette technologie existait...

**800. It's sad it has to end like this.**

Posted by jason hagan on 5/28/2002, 12:43:34

Let me first say that I am a loyal MD user and have been for 8 years. (on the verge of evangelical at times!)I've owned many different models (Sony R900, R90, R55, R50, R30, B3, JE-500, R3, R2, MZ-1 and MDM-X4 Multitrack, and Sharp MS-200)  
I've also convinced friends buy MD gear...  
2 JE-500's, 1 JE-510, 1 R30, 1 R50)  
Most recently I've added a N707 to my collection.

Since I compose/perform rough takes of my OWN ORIGINAL music/sounds I NEED the ability to upload with no (further) lose to PC for further tweaking and to send to my out of state collaborators for sound additions/comments.

Also, I, myself "own" my recordings of my OWN ORIGINAL music/sounds. This is not a request for the ability to violate other people's copyrights as I would not want mine violated either.  
What I want is MY music to be unchained.

With that said, I will be returning the Sony N707 tomorrow. I sincerely hope we can do business again Sony.

**801. So close and yet so far.**

Posted by Jeffrey Lanham on 5/28/2002, 16:36:46

Without an upload facility, it's not close enough Sony!

**802. why a digital capturing tool(MD) can't "speak" digital?**

Posted by George Volakakis on 5/28/2002, 17:26:48

Dear Sirs,  
why a digital capturing tool(MD) can't "speak" digital?  
How useless would be my digital camera  
if I can't download and edit my images to my PC ?

**803. Recording seminars**

Posted by John Duke on 5/28/2002, 18:28:59

We record seminars and lectures with Minidisc. It's a great portable medium that requires no extra sound reinforcement system. But it takes a long time to re-record all these lengthy speeches back into the computer. On top of that you lose some sound quality in the Digital-to-Analog-to-Digital exchange. A quick digital upload to the PC would make our life much simpler and better.

**804. For a student in lecture halls**

Posted by Jeffrey Leng on 5/28/2002, 19:18:56

In college courses, teachers can often speak faster than the average person can write sparse notes. With a Minidisc and the ability to upload quickly and effectively, Archiving notes can be great for last minute studying for midterms and final exams. Think about the Students! Thanks.  
Jeff Leng

**805. Minidisc Universal Format For all OS**

Posted by Emmanuel Mourier (France) on 5/28/2002, 20:15:05

Dear Sony Corporate,  
I'm studying Theology to be a pastor and I'm using a lot of registering for courses, personal notes, songs etc. I'm computer fan (Mac fan) and I'm desperately looking for THE solution that could record with best quality, quickly transfer files from MD to my Macintosh (upload and download) and serve to transport any file.  
YOU'VE GOT THE SOLUTION !!  
with Minidisc you've got a Universal Format For audio transfer for all Operating systems !!!  
The Best one and not expensive !!!  
Why don't you make it true ?

I dreamt of it, Will you do it ?

**806. Portable Sampling**

Posted by Jim Cosby on 5/29/2002, 1:36:59

I am musician/audio technician and use Sony Minidisc to sample vocals, instruments & drum loops etc when in the field so to be able to directly upload these samples to PC in the studio would increase quality, vastly decrease studio time and hence increase productivity -  
I will be First in the queue !!!

(or better still a PC drive)

**807. Artists want it**

Posted by Matthew Mullenweg on 5/29/2002, 1:37:38

As a musician I think this would be a killer feature.

**808. I'm musician**

Posted by Fabrice Umiglia on 5/29/2002, 2:50:26

I'm Musician and i do a lot of live recordings it's absolutely stupid that i should not transfer it on my PC through USB !

**809. (no subject)**

Posted by Angel Padrino on 5/29/2002, 4:28:33

Hello,  
I have just bought a MZ-N707 walkman to store my recordings from my group into my PC for further developments.

I can not believe that i can store any other song but not mine!

Please do it  
Regards, A. Padrino

**810. it isn't so difficult!!**

Posted by francesco mastroeni on 5/29/2002, 6:18:31

and don't tell us about piracy and so on...  
you sell also CD recorders and so on!!!!

#### **811. I'd love to listen to my vinyl collection on the road**

Posted by Rohan Cook on 5/29/2002, 6:43:26

I had my NetMD just two days and I thought I'd tape some of my old vinyl collection to listen to whilst I commute. I thought the NetMD would help me store and manage this collection on the PC.

So I connected the NetMD to my amp analog output and proceeded to record three hours of MDs at SP, adding the track marks manually as I went.

Well now the crunch comes...I take the NetMD to the PC and find that it was a complete waste of time - I can't simply download the tracks to the PC, I have to re-record them in analog mode, taking another three hours.

So now I'm simply recording in analog direct to the PC and uploading from there.

The NetMD is great, but it could have been the ultimate MD recorder. It still could be - a software patch could add this ability. I understand the need to protect copyright but a recording uploaded to the PC could be locked to the NetMD recorder it came from thus continuing the protection.

#### **812. Please let the user upload numeric from MD to Computer with USB enhancement**

Posted by Sebastien MEDARD on 5/29/2002, 9:14:27

Hello,

With MD compression, the quality is less interesting than Digital Audio Tape .... but it is cheaper ..... but to transfer sounds or live music onto my computer I have to use the MD numeric/analogic converter and then the analogic/numeric converter of my computer sound card ...

Each conversion ... the quality is decreasing ....

Thanks to allow us Uploading music/sound from MD to computer via USB features.

Thanks again.

Sébastien

#### **813. bring it on!**

Posted by Brett Friedman on 5/29/2002, 10:30:32

n/a

#### **814. A qd le mindidisk reliable a haute vitesse sur ordi pour sauvegarde de donner**

Posted by RODRIGUEZ on 5/29/2002, 14:31:40

Il serait bien de pouvoir permettre au possesseur de MD de pouvoir utiliser a fond les possibilité du MD. En augmentant les capacité du MD lié aux ordinateurs vous y gagneraient car cela attirera plus de monde

#### **815. This feature would be greatly beneficial to Sony**

Posted by Scott Bennett on 5/29/2002, 15:38:43

This feature would increase the use, efficiency, and productivity of the already great Minidisc format, thereby increasing the demand for MD players and recorders. This would increase business for Sony, which already makes some of the best MD players and recorders around.

#### **816. one step forwards two step backwards for you sony**

Posted by johan verbrugge on 5/29/2002, 16:04:44

Babylon rising...

#### **817. Make MD the professional digital recorder**

Posted by Ryan Miglavs on 5/29/2002, 17:17:44

The Minidisc format is meant for recording. Why can't we edit on our computers with a pure digital copy?

#### **818. Pirating via MD? Absurd!**

Posted by Michael Booye on 5/29/2002, 17:53:48

Any jerk with a \$100 CD-ROM burner can pirate music all day long on cheap, cheap media. Handcuffing the NetMD product in this way does

nothing to address this -- it merely cripples an otherwise fine product and medium.

Please reconsider. Audio I've recorded via microphone is \*mine\*, and not subject to any sort of DRM scheme that will enforce the copyright of my own material.

This sorry state of affairs is the product of many, many management types completely isolated from the consumers, and how the consumers actually use the product. Everyone involved in this fiasco should be lined up and shot. You will succeed in killing the MD format, and little else.

Why make a product that records so beautifully, and shackle it to software that will not allow you to retrieve the recordings in any other than real-time?

Senseless.

#### **819. uploading would push the MD format to the top.**

Posted by Ernesto Bonilla on 5/30/2002, 1:05:28

I'm doing some fields recording and really need the upload function. I already own a regular Minidisc recorder and upload the analog way, but I would swap it for a Net-MD if it has the upload function.

#### **820. Only reason why I don't use MDs**

Posted by Jean-Alexis Montignies on 5/30/2002, 10:19:49

The portable Minidiscs are very useful for recording live events or rehearsals especially with the microphone entry.

However I don't want to buy a deck player and an audio interface just to transfer digitally.

#### **821. PLEASE**

Posted by Adam on 5/30/2002, 11:01:41

I LOVE SONY PRODUCTS, I WOULD MEAN A LOT TO ME IF I WOULD HAVE AN OPTION OF PUTTING MY SESSION FILES ON MY COMPUTER FROM THE MD RECORDER. YOU WOULD MAKE ME LOVE MY MD EVEN MORE. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE..... ADAM

#### **822. I thought i bought a recorder...**

Posted by Per Kristiansen on 5/30/2002, 11:20:50

That I could use to record meetings and archive them on the computer.

#### **823. Add upload of analog record audio to PC**

Posted by Martin Knudsen on 5/30/2002, 11:20:59

I'm using the NetMD for conducting field interviews and it is pretty cumbersome to have to copy the record audio manually through my soundcard instead of allowing the NetMD software to do this. Please add this feature in the software.

#### **824. The only thing missing**

Posted by Stephen Emmell on 5/30/2002, 12:23:49

If it weren't for copy protection rules and company paranoia, this would be the ultimate product, and I am truly disappointed that this feature was not included.

#### **825. Mes enregistrements personnels**

Posted by Olivier Tye Gingras on 5/30/2002, 12:47:12

Je trouve génial le fait de pouvoir enregistrer facilement les performances vocales de mon groupe, mais je trouve totalement ennuyeux de ne pas pouvoir les transférer directement sur PC, et d'en faire des CD démos. Repensez votre système de protection, car je crois qu'une présentation il est plus dérangement que bénéfique.

#### **826. An opportunity missed!**

Posted by Kieran Desoer on 5/30/2002, 17:42:03

I would love to get into wildlife sound recording. I have had a Minidisc recorder in the past but sold it on due to its lack of versatility. With my new interest I thought it was time to look into MD's again. NetMD! WOW! fantastic.....you can actually transfer files between your PC and MD. Wait a minute! there's a catch, you can only transfer files from your NetMD that

have been transferred from your PC in the first place. Oh well, another dream shattered. What are you thinking of Sony, aren't you in the business of making money? If so why haven't you realised that you are losing mega bucks in lost sales due to this missing function.  
GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER SONY, and fill the gap in the market that MP3 players leave wide open.

**827. incorporate USB Connections for Data Transfer on future MD units...**

Posted by strasser on 5/30/2002, 23:25:28

It'll be cool to incorporate data transfer capabilities through USB connections... aka MD Data... the media is cheap and it stores 140Mb per disc

**828. digital freedom**

Posted by Justin on 5/31/2002, 1:02:27

It is understood that the idea of the OpenMG concept is to protect the owners of copyrighted material from being infringed upon. It is also understood that the only form of infringement method that is being protected against by this method is production of digital copies via download & upload through the Mini Disc mechanism. However, considering the main distribution, and consumer use, of the copyrighted material in question is via Compact Discs, the protection provided for the owners is minimal, at best.

Improved features for the mini disc format, including digital upload for further processing, manipulation, and production has mainly gains for all involved. Users can finally have the true replacement for the compact tape format, and manufacturers would have only increased media sales in return.

Considering the digital revolution that Sony has helped to create, it is only logical that Sony provide an upload mechanism to seal the original intent of the Minidisc...which was to replace the compact tape.

**829. I need to upload my sounds on my PC**

Posted by Eric on 5/31/2002, 5:52:15

Si le chargement de ses propres enregistrements n'est pas possible, alors le NETMD me sert à rien.

**830. N707 Would Be The Best Walkman EVER.**

Posted by Jon Douglas on 5/31/2002, 7:06:42

Having had an MD recorder since the MZ-R3, I love the format, MD-LP made it great, NetMD made it greater. Uploading of analogue recordings (not direct digital, just analogue stuff) would make it the best Walkman in the world. Period.  
Please allow uploads over USB.

**831. I'd love to record jam sessions and to use an MD-based sampler.**

Posted by Andy Walker on 5/31/2002, 11:19:22

I'm a musician, and often I've found myself in a jam session, wishing I could record this and transfer it to computer for easy access while I incorporated the ideas into my own work. The recording facility of the MD would also come into its own coupled with a microphone, for use in sampling live sound - anything from taking a hundred different samples from a drum kit to standing by a road and recording the cars going past. With this amount of audio - I can easily spend an hour in a single non-stop jam - recording by analogue means would be tedious. Why should I have to wait hours for my samples to transfer, wait again for noise-reduction processing to remove transfer noise, then spend yet more time splitting up the single long analogue recording into single samples, when I could just transfer them all digitally?  
Sony, please heed the voice of the people buying your products. I've been wanting something like this for a long time.

**833. MD uploading should be available to ALL!!!**

Posted by Kimmy on 5/31/2002, 13:28:35

My Resolve issue:....  
The Digital age of music is here. MD is taking music by the mass. MDLP transfer rates up to 32x in LP4 mode. MP3 players and MD players are now finally on a level playing field in USA.

But still MP3 players have the advantage of Uploading. Why does Sony NetMD wont allow us MD loyal customers to transfer our MD collection over to new MD at high speeds? There seems not a problem with me for uploading. If you can download why not upload? The files that we already have should be able to transfer to other MD at high speeds. It clearly makes no sense.

In regards I don't know much of the technology like you guys at www.Minidisc.org do but I do know that uploading live recording or music should be allowed. PLEASE NETMD ALLOW UPLOADING IN A NEW DISC FOR US ROYAL SPENDING LOVING CUSTOMERS.

Kimmy

**833. definitely a "must feature" for a NetMD**

Posted by Dennis Goh on 5/31/2002, 17:39:52

not being able to upload is really a great set back for the NetMD....  
allowing it would allow greater flexibility for the format....

**834. Please respect the desires of artists**

Posted by Simon Tooke on 5/31/2002, 18:24:36

.. who wish to use your equipment to record their own original music, and upload it to their own PC in an unrestricted format.

Thank you,  
-Simon Tooke

**835. Who's rights are you protecting?**

Posted by John Karlsson on 5/31/2002, 19:02:11

One of the big pros of having an MD player was to record own material. Ok, maybe it should not be possible to transfer music from one PC to another via MD (who does anyway?? It's possible to send RAW CD data over the internet quicker these days). Ok, maybe it should not be possible to have more than four copies of a track. But I cannot see why I shouldn't be able to record something with a mic, or analogue at all, from my instruments, and move it to my computer for editing or archiving. Shouldn't you protect my rights to use my own material in the first place? If not, the piece for \$400, is not what i paid for. The recording capability is the key function in the MD concept. You are choking your own market.

**836. MD - pc**

Posted by Paul Dzurec on 5/31/2002, 21:33:29

Allowing MD to PC uploading would open up a whole new world to garage bands, like Weezer and Stone Temple Pilots once were to get into the spotlight to create CDs easier. I don't see any hard in allowing this as individuals have the ability to burn CDs, why not make the next move to MDs?

**837. Good Business**

Posted by Jonathan on 5/31/2002, 21:46:51

MD creators,  
Many consumer media electronics manufacturers produce personal, portable, audio units which have the ability to transfer media from the player to the PC. The manufacturers (including Sony) produce MP3 players, nearly all of which have this capability. It seems ludicrous as a customer to purchase a media device which does not have this capability. NetMD and Sony MD players need to be brought up to date in order to compete in the portable media player market.  
I am an avid MD advocate. I have a younger brother who insists his Lyra MP3 player out performs my Sony MD player. Of course he is wrong but until i am able to refute his platform of "mp3's go pc to player to pc" I will be unable to defend my currently less capable Sony MD player.

**838. Re: MD - pc**

Posted by Jonathan on 5/31/2002, 21:50:29 , in reply to "MD - pc"

Paul Dzurec brings of a very good point. Giving start up musicians easier, more effective means of creating music allows the recording industry to more easily identify new talent and business prospects.

**839. Re: Good Business**

Posted by Mike Mofal on 5/31/2002, 21:53:40 , in reply to "Good Business"

As a business marketer and co-owner of a corporation call .OrezD., I much agree with the business opportunities that Sony is missing out on that Jonathan is speaking about. Why not just allow these new MD Players to go MD~PC? I'll buy it!

**840. MD - PC**

Posted by Gao Yin on 5/31/2002, 21:54:18

Dear Sony,  
I'm implied in helping young musicians play in concerts and promote their activity, and I would surely be using the MD to PC upload to record their performances, and to make sound samples available on the association website. For now, I already have a recording solution, so I can wait a few moments more. And I'm sure you will understand that, since so many people request this feature (you will, no doubt have to add it eventually), I'm am going to wait until the next solution comes up (no matter how long, we know that you'll have to release it). And I wished that your company making us wait is not a poor marketing trick such as "Let's wait until Xmas, there will be much more buyers". I will buy the next evolution of NetMD (if it features the MD to PC transfer), no matter when it is released. We, customers, are just awaiting a move from you. Why don't you make an announcement you show us that you've heard us, announcing the next release of the NetMD within a few months (weeks?).

Best,  
Gao

**841. NetMD won't be a new standard without this feature**

Posted by Wiphu Rujopakarn on 5/31/2002, 22:19:10

NetMD won't be a new standard without this feature

**842. Why's this product line marketed without uplink-ability?**

Posted by Arden Bercovitz on 5/31/2002, 23:47:46

I called Sony support today and found out the awful truth, that a big discrepancy exists in the capability of my Minidisc recorder. I've got hours of recorded presentation and no quick or convenient way to transfer that digital information to my PC, to my web site, to any other format. Nobody told me about this missing link, when I purchased my MD Walkman. Sony, this is no way to treat or serve your customers.

**843. With uploading capabilities, NetMD units would be ideal for my needs**

Posted by Tyler Hauck on 6/1/2002, 0:12:48

When I first heard about NetMD, I was excited. I had been considering buying a Minidisc unit for some time for the purpose of making Minidisc recordings of my record collection for portability purposes. NetMD seemed even better--I thought I would be able to back up my collection on my computer hard-drive relatively easily. I also am an amateur journalist and thought NetMD would be a great way to put recorded interviews up on the website I write for.

I also bet there are many many more people who would love an uploading feature with NetMD for one (or both!) of the reasons I just mentioned. Please, let the data flow both ways!  
-Tyler Hauck

**844. Upload capability would greatly expand the uses and lifespan of MDs**

Posted by Ray Ambrosi on 6/1/2002, 3:46:02

I am a social science researcher and our project team often needs to catalogue taped interviews. It would be very useful indeed if we could record on MD in the field, edit the tracks on a computer and store the edited tracks on computer. I sincerely hope to see this feature added to new Sony Decks or portables in the future

Thank you for your consideration

RA

**845. Pour la survie du MD !**

Posted by Gum on 6/1/2002, 5:03:47

Cette évolution est vraiment nécessaire pour que le MD puisse survivre aux nombreux supports qui arrivent et qui vont arriver, offrant tjs plus de possibilités...  
PLZ SONY

**846. Bought it for this feature, I feel misled.**

Posted by Joe from Boulder on 6/1/2002, 5:31:17

June 1, 2002

To whom it may concern:

I produce a variety of types of radio broadcasts, from actual to interviews to radio theater. I am a long time Sony customer and own many pro- and consumer-grade Sony audio and video devices.

I was led to believe that this recorder would allow me to use an external microphone to record live audio onto Minidisc digital media and later transfer it to my computer for editing via the USB interface.

The inability to do this severely diminishes the utility of the device, rendering it effectively an analog recorder for any live audio application. While I realize you may have legal concerns that led you to disable this capability, you are penalizing many faithful customers with endless legitimate uses to prevent the hypothetical acts of a narrow few.

Please remedy this by enabling audio recorded via the microphone input to be uploaded to a computer and saved as a standard audio file format.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, as well as for your contributions of many great products over many years.

Here's wishing for our continued mutual success!

Joe P

Boulder, Colorado

PS - My device has a "Rec" (Record) button next to which is a sticker that says "ATRAC3-MP3-WMA-WAV Compatibility" [sic], and "USB Connection"...

PPS - and while we're at it, can you please make it work with the iMac?

**847. Why not**

Posted by RienkJan on 6/1/2002, 6:19:42

Why can't i make own recording of my band to my computer over mine USB cable ? Is this the Japanese freedom in the World ?

**848. Why not ?**

Posted by Tim Valbert on 6/1/2002, 6:25:51

The Minidisc system would be even better, so it will convince more people to buy a Minidisc system instead of a mp3 player !

**849. Show us why MD players are better than MP3 players!**

Posted by Hop Ho on 6/1/2002, 8:00:08

Show us why MD players are better than MP3 players!  
MD are rewritables while MP3-Cds are not! Take Advantage!

**850. MD free!!**

Posted by nicolas on 6/1/2002, 8:57:39

live us free, please..

**851. please!**

Posted by alex on 6/1/2002, 10:05:10

**852. Please.**

Posted by Leon Shmulevich on 6/1/2002, 10:19:44

Uploading music from MD to the PC is the next generation in MD, it is the only feature that is a must in the next MD product.

**853. Live Music Needs**

Posted by Ashley on 6/1/2002, 11:54:19

Echoing the sentiments of other users above, I too wish to express how convenient it would be for me to be able to upload my live music recordings from my NetMD player onto my hard drive. I do not, nor do I wish to use this function for pirating or bootlegging purposes. I simply need to be able to burn the music of my own band, and those of my friends, onto my computer. The methods available for circumventing the restrictions of the Open MG software are useful but ultimately cumbersome. Why not put the power into the hands of the music owner to manipulate their recordings as they see fit? I understand the logic behind your restrictions, however as an avid MD user and musician I implore you to examine this request, as it is the sentiment of so many others as well. Thank you.

**854. Sound recording for micro budget movies**

Posted by Simon Cooper on 6/1/2002, 12:32:26

I am currently in post production for a feature length movie I have written and directed. I bought the NetMD believing that I could upload recordings I made to my PC through the USB connection. I am re-recording clean dialogue to drop in the edit. I was very disappointed when I discovered that Sony had hobbled the NetMD. The quality of sound for my movie could be significantly increased if Sony relented.

**857. MZ-N707 is misleading**

Posted by Mark Bacchus on 6/1/2002, 12:45:10

One of the main functions that I bought the Minidisc for is being blocked. Consumers should have been/should be notified of this feature before they bought/buy this player. This was done intentionally by Sony. And this will prevent me from buying any more Sony products.

**856. (no subject)**

Posted by Tobias on 6/1/2002, 12:44:19

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**857. Up for USB Upload!**

Posted by killian on 6/1/2002, 12:58:40

Up for USB Upload!

**858. Please allow uploading of netmd audio to PC**

Posted by Gary Fesler on 6/1/2002, 13:28:05

SONY, please remove the serious restrictions that legitimate users have to face with your netmd products. I bought the NZ707 and love it. I need to upload live digital recordings made on the netmd to my pc !!

**859. Please allow MD->PC transfers**

Posted by Matt Harmon on 6/1/2002, 16:38:45

Dear Sony;

It would be advantageous for those of us using your NetMD recorders for making recordings of non-copyrighted material to be able to transfer the digital audio to our PC's for editing without having to go d->a and then a->d with the resultant loss in quality. I am very impressed with the MD technology, but this one deficit is annoying.

**860. MD petition**

Posted by boursier on 6/1/2002, 16:52:48

it will permit me to record more quickly

**861. USB Uploading Required.**

Posted by Richard Cross on 6/1/2002, 17:22:04

I spent money on this device, expecting that it would be able to transfer home made recordings back to my pc for mixing and editing. But alas, the NetMD while great in other respects falls short at the last hurdle. Quality recording is what I expect and get from the Minidisc, and as a musician, a portable Minidisc is great for recording live audio. It would be great to transfer it digitally back to my pc, quickly and without loss in quality.

**862. MD great for Archiving**

Posted by Duncan Wilcock on 6/1/2002, 20:39:37

I have started archiving my Cassette Tapes on MDs - i should be able to back them up on the PC.

**863. Gives us the right to upload**

Posted by Tony B. on 6/1/2002, 21:25:29

Since you have the ability to download why not the ability to upload also? There's many people who would like this feature. I am a musician and having the ability to upload by bands songs would help me greatly. Until then I'll use CD r's to mix my bands song on my computer. Sony whose side are you on?

**864. Upload Please!**

Posted by Philip Brown on 6/1/2002, 22:44:53

I do a lot of recording of my own songs and performances using a Minidisc recorder. It would be ideal to be able to use my MZ-N1 to upload digitally into the computer, rather than having to record in real-time in the analogue domain.

Please consider the option!

**865. Just do it ! make it upload.**

Posted by DAN NITESCU on 6/2/2002, 0:07:26

....also do some changes on OPENMG jukebox ! What is this ? ATRAC3 132 kbps ? Why this limit ?

**866. If you make it, i'll buy one...**

Posted by Daniel on 6/2/2002, 0:15:15

It isn't hard to prevent copyright infringement...

**867. cant SAMPLE without uploading capabilities!**

Posted by Erin Keeffe on 6/2/2002, 2:32:45

i just bought a NetMD Sony Minidisc player, mainly because i needed a portable devise to take good quality audio samples for making my own music, and im thoroughly upset that i cant digitally upload! the NetMD Minidisc player has great potential as a beginners portable sampling tool... but not being able to quickly upload through USB and being forced to upload through the analogue phone jack is a major pain... especially when the technology is right there, but is unable to be used! please allow uploading, your products have so much untapped potential! thank you.

**868. Live Recording**

Posted by Andrew on 6/2/2002, 3:31:50

I do live recording... what good is the one way speed of USB?

**869. Grosse deception**

Posted by Julien DESCOTTES on 6/2/2002, 4:07:48

J'ai acheté le MZ-N1 et je trouve déplorable qu'à ce prix on nous interdise de récupérer ce que l'on enregistre avec un microphone sur son PC ! Il faut faire quelque chose !

**870. It sure would help my line of work !**

Posted by Simo Savisaari on 6/2/2002, 7:12:34

I'm a theatre sound designer and I use Minidiscs as the main sound source in our performances. I also use a portable MD for recording sound effects of my own... the possibility of transferring data (faster than real time) from MD to PC for editing purposes and then back to MD would be greatly appreciated by me and my colleagues all over the world. I've been waiting for something like this since 1993!

**871. I am angry about OpenMG 2.2**

Posted by J.Lukas on 6/2/2002, 8:25:05

I'm Musician too, and i do a lot of live recordings it's absolutely stupid that i should not transfer it on my PC through USB !

**872. Back support**

Posted by Gary Jung on 6/2/2002, 9:00:38

I don't know, if this was stated before, but i still own an old mz-r55, i love everything about it. But i'm kinda disappointed, why you don't or can't back compatibility to support NETMD for this MD player? i already have xitel USB transfer, and would love to use simple burner, i would gladly buy the program. Well hope this isn't totally out of subject discussion, but i hope sony make the upload.

#### **873. Digital Recording Without Digital Output?**

Posted by Alexis Waltz on 6/2/2002, 9:13:58

Digital Recording Without Digital Output?  
this is crap! sony the company for the last century!

alexis waltz

#### **874. Please, free music on MD !**

Posted by Matthieu Berthion on 6/2/2002, 9:42:21

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#### **875. The MD could be a universal support!**

Posted by Ekoh on 6/2/2002, 10:43:25

For mp3, wav and other and why not informatic data?  
PS: I'm a young French and my English is a little bad... I use the MZR-900

#### **876. petition**

Posted by romain on 6/2/2002, 11:01:07

vive l'upload

#### **877. ULOADE FOR OUR MD**

Posted by Mohamed on 6/2/2002, 11:14:49

PLEASE WE ONELY WANT MORE FEEDOM WITH OUR MD  
WALKMAN  
THANK

#### **878. Critical for staying with MD!**

Posted by Bjarne Mjelde on 6/2/2002, 11:17:01

I upload many own MD recordings to PC, and I find it obtrusive to being denied the opportunity to do so in a more flexible way.

#### **879. enable upload.**

Posted by Frank Gruska on 6/2/2002, 12:55:20

I am a musician and like to use my NetMD for live recordings and later post processing on my PC. An upload function is critical for me.

#### **880. Microphone users need some love!**

Posted by Andy Weston on 6/2/2002, 13:18:25

I need my own live recordings on my PC in a digital way!

#### **881. A revolutionary product, If...**

Posted by jon perkins on 6/2/2002, 14:14:17

This feature would make Minidisc, NETMD, the undisputed leader in digital portable audio.

#### **882. This is technology.. THERE SHOULD BE NO RESTRICTIONS**

Posted by Tareq Fadel on 6/2/2002, 16:02:02

Could you please remove the restriction of being able to upload files from a Minidisc to the PC. It is possible.. so I cant see what the problem is. Thanx

#### **883. The strongest argument for MD upload of recordings using an analog source:**

Posted by Don Kruger on 6/2/2002, 19:00:52

I am so glad this website exists. I am a professional musician, and I have been using the MD format for more than 3 years now for recording of live performances.

Thank you, webmasters, for writing such a good petition to SONY. The strongest part of the argument is: . . . WHEREAS,

All Minidisc recorders already flag their recordings to indicate those tracks that have been recorded through the digital inputs (and are copy-protected) and those that have been recorded through the analog inputs (and are not copy-protected), thereby allowing the upload function to prevent unwanted copying . . .

May SONY listen to their customers. I might have to change formats to the Archos Jukebox recorder/hard-drive (oh but the ease of editing on the MD is so good . . .!)

#### **884. I love SONY. Pity that my love isn't mutual.**

Posted by Ghost on 6/2/2002, 19:33:38

So strange that I can use my SAMSUNG digital voice recorder (\$100) to store digital voice recording, but I can't to do the same with MZ-N1 (\$350). Just afraid that we will be able to buy a spaceship sooner that SONY fix this strange problem.

#### **885. I need MD -> PC Transfer Capability**

Posted by Ken Knollman on 6/2/2002, 20:47:47

I record live performances and need to transfer them to PC, ultimately to CD so they can be played, for one, in my car! Please make this part of your lineup!

#### **886. Need upload from MD to PC function**

Posted by Bobby on 6/2/2002, 21:00:33

We need it in order to organize our old music on our old MD's.

#### **887. MD --> PC**

Posted by Sue on 6/2/2002, 21:07:58

I require MD to PC upload for interviews.

#### **888. I don't have any reason to buy a MD recorder without digital upload capability to a PC**

Posted by Paul on 6/3/2002, 1:56:14

My whole purpose in getting a Minidisc recorder is to record live music from musician friends who want to have CD's of their performances. I thought the way to do that was to record on the MD player, then connect to a PC and burn a CD.

It seemed obvious to me, so I'm surprised that this function is not available. This is very disappointing.

#### **889. Come on Sony - Let the upload working**

Posted by Sylvain on 6/3/2002, 3:11:49

I'm very disappointed that we cannot upload to PC.

It's a shame !

#### **890. Uploading from MD is essential**

Posted by Steve Groves on 6/3/2002, 3:46:07

As an amateur social historian, recording the recollections of people about historical events in the lives I find it frustrating that I cannot digitally upload these to my PC from my NetMD recorder.

#### **891. This is the next step for Minidisc to be a standard**

Posted by MOUNEYRES RAPHAEL on 6/3/2002, 5:35:07

As a long term user of Minidisc for it reliability and excellent sound, i often transfer music recorded everywhere (for example a live session) to my home PC to treat them with mastering software. Copying this takes a long time, and an essential tool for the Minidisc is a rapid transfer FROM the MD TO the PC.

More and more people are using Minidiscs, everyone would appreciate a such useful feature.  
sincerely, Raphaël.

#### **892. I need MD --> PC transfer**

Posted by Ferez Gatrif on 6/3/2002, 8:55:25

I need to transfer my interviews and my live recordings to my PC, that would let me edit them and store them in my hard disc.

#### **893. Upload recorded tracks to MAC/PC**

Posted by Jan Beckman on 6/3/2002, 11:37:46

As indicated as far as the software issue is concerned I as most others find it really retarded that you are limited like a way one way street in the fact

that you can upload to Minidisc digitally but not out from Minidisc to computer or other digital source? I mean if piracy or copyright is an issue then that is an issue totally thrown out the window anyway since this if need be can still be achieved by anyone should they want to. It would just take more time, duh.. making the Sony limitations a real joke and utter insult to its customers as well as to Sony's own ingenuity. Also... what gives... near \$300.00 and the best Sony can do is give a backlit controller? Nice but what about the unit itself... I don't use the remote so it really sucks when you are in a low light situation period!!! This unit would have scored a perfect 10 ( I am referring to model MZ-1N) if it had only included these two other additions which many myself included deem more as necessity as opposed to just additions. I could have included one or two others but these are the main complaints right now as far as most are concerned with the 1st of the aforementioned needing priority! I have seen similar mistakes made before on products that could have really kicked ass in the past but except for the companies short sightedness and lack of customer concern failed to do it... One company that comes to mind is Sega.. now rightfully out of the arcade hardware business! Granted the Minidisc itself may probably not make or break Sony but Sony can enrich itself, the future of the much deserved and under appreciated Minidisc format as well as it's loyal customer base! C'mon Sony do the right thing! Propel this great audio format into the stratosphere and don't hold it back as has already been the case as set by the restrictive limitations already imposed! I suspect the limitation is none other than software related and can and should be updated to include the digital out as a free upgrade and offer to its Minidisc customers! I play in a band situation and record and it's a real pain in the ass and there's nothing pirate or infringing about that (my or our own music being recorded and transferred digitally out to my pc hardrive)!!! But no.. instead i have to wait 74-150 or 320 minutes while the damn thing records manually!!!

-Rich-

#### **910. Upload**

Posted by Lee Hardin on 6/4/2002, 0:42:02

Pleas add the upload functionality. Ready for a REAL user friendly Device? I AM!

#### **911. Please add MD to PC upload**

Posted by Steve Dossick on 6/4/2002, 1:30:15

It would be great to finally use my MD portable as a way to move music from one of my computers to another.  
It would be great, too, if I could transfer non-music files somehow between computers.

#### **912. Please i need it 4 a school science experiment**

Posted by peter on 6/4/2002, 1:59:55

Please i need it 4 a school science experiment  
that goes like this  
Recording -> Minidisc -> Computer

#### **913. it's a shame .....**

Posted by keko on 6/4/2002, 2:02:28

all is made as usual to protect the billionaire interest of the big recording and music production houses which are getting rich with the talent and creativity of the bands and musicians .  
This big shit must change and it will soon ...fortunately.

#### **914. Necessary FEATURE!**

Posted by Jason Wright on 6/4/2002, 4:14:17

Please make it happen!

#### **915. i need this.....**

Posted by Chris Hayden on 6/4/2002, 4:29:39

not only does the sheer weight of atrac3 files on my pc slow it down, its also crippling my storage space. having waited for ages for this NetMD, then paying £200 for it, am i going to then have to expand my already 20gb hard drive just to save myself time?

#### **916. This restricts Live recording & editing**

Posted by BillDelPrere on 6/4/2002, 8:36:19

I purchased my MD to make live recordings of my band. My hopes were to be able to easily (& digitally transfer these recordings to my pc for editing & archiving. This restriction is silly & should be changed.

#### **917. why not?**

Posted by jolle on 6/4/2002, 9:53:46

This recorded-MD to pc feature should be a necessary next evolution

#### **918. audio upload - pétition pour Sony**

Posted by Nicolas Presseau on 6/4/2002, 10:28:09

un plus pour le NetMD !

#### **919. Please make our dream come real**

Posted by Nicolas on 6/4/2002, 11:03:49

We think that if you give us this facility, you will certainly give more attraction to your product making it one of the more interactive and pleasant item in the high technologies market, please make it ...

#### **920. A true digital MD computer interface goes both ways.**

Posted by Steve Torrens on 6/4/2002, 11:16:52

I was so disappointed to find that I could record digitally on my new MD-707 which has USB but could not send audio out through the connection. Mac and PC support of this would make the MD a hit.

#### **921. Would be a great thing**

Posted by Saul Areyzaga on 6/4/2002, 12:47:47

I just switched to MD from CD-MP3 and although Net-MD's are great, the possibility of uploading your recordings digitally would make MD the best music product.

#### **922. It will not sell if this is not done**

Posted by Paul Riley on 6/4/2002, 12:49:16

If this capability is not added, I would never buy it and neither would most people. Please help keep MD alive by changing. thanks

#### **923. This is why everyone hates the RCAA**

Posted by Jim Gardner on 6/4/2002, 13:48:50

This is highly oppressive and just plain wrong. There are many things which someone may need to record an item and then email the sound file to someone else. I can think of many times this could be used in the law firm I work for. This is just like Microsoft and their "copyright protection". Someone will find a way around it, so why even try to stop it?

#### **924. After calling tech support. I want to return NetMD.**

Posted by William Ho on 6/4/2002, 13:52:58

Having connected the idea of having a RECORDER, MICROPHONE IN, and USB, I bought the MZ-N707 Minidisc recorder without reservations. I called into tech support for some answers prior to seeing this petition. The engineer, Doug (call no. E17251859) (1-866-456-7669), said it's not Sony's problem, and to look for answers elsewhere. I was very disappointed by the call. Having seen this petition, the problem I have with the product is widespread.

The main reason I bought the Minidisc recorder (MZ-N707) was to import audio for digital video onto my Macintosh or PC via USB. Turns out there's no support for Macintosh, and I can't import audio recorded via USB on either platform.

Please, add this capability to NetMD. It WAS the main reason why I bought it in the first place.

#### **925. MD is a optomagnetic cdrw**

Posted by Panagiotis Sambanis on 6/4/2002, 14:36:23

putting software/hardware restrictions only makes it a less appealing device.

#### **926. National Geographic needs digital uploading to justify supporting the format**

Posted by Brian Strauss on 6/4/2002, 15:15:12

Currently i have 10 Sony MD recorders in inventory for recording natural sound and interviews for National Geographic Magazine's Award winning website.

Why must i re-digitize my digital content to use it on our website?

In order to transcribe interviews, i must dub the digital recordings to tape.

If i had a simple digital upload method, i could rapidly inventory the MD recordings on a server and have a business model to justify supporting the format.

Please enable this needed functionality for analog recorded MD content

Brian Strauss  
Manager Digital Multimedia  
NGM

#### **927. archiving my band's rehearsals**

Posted by Arnaud Bourge on 6/4/2002, 15:25:48

I am a musician and I use my portable MD recorder as a powerful tool in the scope of rehearsals. Any improvised idea is caught on the MD and can be included in a song even after everybody has forgotten it. The only drawback for the moment is that it is painful and time-consuming to archive all this on the PC (where I could easily organize the data in appropriate folders). This is why I would greatly appreciate the possibility to UPLOAD the my music from the MD to the PC.

#### **928. ever heard of the snowball effect ??**

Posted by Uli on 6/4/2002, 15:28:45

Hi . first of all: in the past i was very satisfied with Sony Products . I've got a sony monitor a sony amplifier(over 15 years old and still doing its job) a sony Dv cam (PC 100) a sony tuner a sony CD player , and : a Sony NETMD

. i would like to have the sony broadcast mobile , too . but it 's a bit too expensive ....:-)

so i come to the point : please solve the problem we have with the NETMD-mans .

#### **929. Upload**

Posted by Giampaolo Cetraro on 6/4/2002, 15:30:51

Upload, Upload!!!!

#### **930. Minidisc Upload : a need**

Posted by earion on 6/4/2002, 15:37:40

We need uploading for practical reasons !

#### **931. Semiprofessionals**

Posted by Christoph klenert on 6/4/2002, 15:48:11

I bought a Sony quality product. And it doesn't keep what it promises. It's so restricted, i could cry. I just want to take to my computer what i created myself. Manage what you want, don't manage MY RIGHTS!

#### **932. le MD upload pour remplacer la disquette**

Posted by david on 6/4/2002, 15:57:33

Je possède quasiment tout les accessoires MD et je pense qu' avec le MP3 cela aiderait pour le transferts de données et le stockage.

#### **933. Please don't let this technology die.**

Posted by Nick Smith on 6/4/2002, 16:25:44

I enjoy using the Minidisc in making field recordings. However, the limitation of digitally inputting the MD audio onto a PC is a pain. The quality suffers, and more time is required to cover up 'generational loss'. Screw this, I'm going back to DAT for now.

#### **934. Allow us to save Recordings.**

Posted by Don on 6/4/2002, 17:32:04

Allow us to save the recordings that we make and share or personal recordings of our family and the events that our children perform in (i.e. band and choir).

Thanks for your consideration.

Don@nuttkcnet.com

#### **935. Why microphone**

Posted by Chris on 6/4/2002, 17:40:48

I just purchased a MZ-N707.. one of the reasons I went for the expensive model was that it has a microphone input. I was shocked to learn that the things I record with my Minidisc I cannot transfer to my pc without using a plain old record function. We are back in the days of analogue tape here.. we need upload as well please.

#### **936. I want to upload audio**

Posted by Patricio Oelckers on 6/4/2002, 18:54:33

Sometimes I record the audio of my classes and conferences. I had the idea of doing with my Sony Minidisc recorder, but it is very disappointing to have to play it and transfer it in analog format to my computer for storage. I believe that audio uploading will make the big difference with MP3 players

#### **937. upload is absolutely necessary for this product to maintain its presence.**

Posted by greg payne on 6/4/2002, 23:31:52

I have 5 Minidisc recorders that I use for recording live masters for garage bands. If I want to master these I then have to record via analog or digital to my desktop via a high quality digital capable sound card in real time. It would be so much easier to be able to upload directly from the disc. This makes the Minidisc a viable and convenient component of my mobile studio. Soon I will have to consider bypassing the MD altogether and recording straight to a computer or start using Recordable CDs. Until upload is available I will have to return the NetMD unit that I purchased. If it does come available soon I will continue to support MDs, if not it will go the way of my DCC decks.

Thank you

#### **938. Stop the restrictions and let the a great product go where it should, the top**

Posted by Joe Tran on 6/5/2002, 0:04:27

I love the Sony Minidisc format. Everything about it is awesome. But given that, why is it being hindered by software restrictions concerning uploading/downloading via PC? Stop playing games and give the format some freedom to grow; it has the potential.

#### **939. Uploading Capabilities**

Posted by Eddie Smith on 6/5/2002, 0:39:41

I bought the Sony MD MZ-N1 for the single purpose of taping my teaching, uploading it to my PC, editing it, and making it available to my students. The salesman told me it was no problem. So I bought it and brought it home. The first thing I discovered was that it would not do what the salesman and common sense would say it should. What do you suggest now?

#### **940. I agree, there needs to be a way to import audio.**

Posted by Brian Hartvigsen on 6/5/2002, 1:05:11

I am attending college this fall, and it would be nice if I could record the professor, and upload his lectures to my pc for later reviewing.

#### **941. NetMD upload**

Posted by GENE Z. on 6/5/2002, 1:19:29

Sony, need MD pc upload, MD boombox too please

#### **942. It'll be perfect with this feature!**

Posted by Wynne on 6/5/2002, 1:26:08

As title! Please add it!

#### **943. Rien n'arrête le progrès, alors aidez-le donc!**

Posted by Paul on 6/5/2002, 1:46:52

Rien n'arrête le progrès, alors aidez-le donc!

#### **944. Field Recording**

Posted by George Macklin on 6/5/2002, 2:29:03

I would like to use my Minidisc as field recorder. Simple as that. Presently it is too much of a hassle to record and then have record again when I get home.

#### **945. A benefit to all**

Posted by Daniel Lopez on 6/5/2002, 2:30:10

I don't play any instruments but love listening to music. I could see original artists really getting use of an upload feature. DJ's and other artists already use MD because of its convenience but I'm sure would be thrilled to be able to upload and give themselves much needed exposure. I would also appreciate the upload feature so I can record interviews and upload them for videos I shoot and edit.

#### **946. Fixing the NetMD Bugs**

Posted by Marcus on 6/5/2002, 3:21:59

There are some Nasty Problems with NetMD that should be fixed.

1. Linux support
2. upload audio recorded over line-in or mic in to pc (allows Minidisc as replacement for dat recorders)
3. Allow to "burn" Atrac 1 instead of atrac 3 via USB-upload (for playing ion old players)
4. remove the deleting and managing lock that prevents to kill or change NetMD tracks directly on the player. I am not willing to keep 10 gb of "playlists" in order to be able to delete my disks
5. 32x upload with 66 kbit/sec (lp4) was said by the marketing. 3x is reality. please change that
6. NetMD players should also run on an active USB hub
7. many people reported on problems with OpenMG: crashes at 8%, even without a hub, only solvable by reinstalling windows. this is bullshit! please fix this open mg bugs! this has to run without reinstalling every 3 weeks
8. Add a line-out to the players. The headphone out is not the best way for analog recording to a pc. a digital line-out also would be interesting

Even if point 2 and 8 will not be done because of the copyright problems (but who is such stupid to use NetMD for mp3 exchange? this means 3 conversions mp3 --> atrac3 --> mp3. ) such a loss of quality! everyone exchanges mp3 via CD-r and that can never be prevented with such childish "copyright protections". ) , the other points are normal bugs that do not infringe copyright and should be fixed!

No one would buy a car that only runs with the fuel of one brand and where the motor stops working all 20 miles!!!!

#### **947. lost a sale**

Posted by Richard Simpson on 6/5/2002, 7:39:10

I purchased a Sony mz707, but quickly realised that I could not transfer mono speech recordings to my Pc using the OpenMG software. So I took the machine back and got a refund. So that's Sony £200 out of pocket.

#### **948. Upload my own music to arrange and mix it**

Posted by Fernand05 on 6/5/2002, 9:12:49

Dear MD inventor,  
I'm a musician in a rock band in France. We play a lot of music and we would like to store our own music. Like this, we can record easily on a numerical support an we can arrange the sound of songs by the PC to make a numerical demo of our music and send it to our producer.  
I think is a good think to all the people that use MD. Don't stop the progress.

Thank

Fernand

#### **949. NetMD upload**

Posted by Dan Martin on 6/5/2002, 10:29:00

I use 2 MD Recorders for additional tracks for VIDEO production and recording our church services each week. I would be great to have UPLOAD capabilities for my audio instead of doing it real time this would save me hours each week.

Regards  
Dan

#### **950. MD upload**

Posted by marc dolgin on 6/5/2002, 11:15:25

I was clearly among a considerable number of people who only discovered this problem, to their dismay, after having bought the MD recorder. I had hoped to use it to transfer my kids' performances to CD and would be pleased to accommodate copyright concerns in some way if that made it possible.

#### **951. Re: I agree to**

Posted by Marc Dolgin on 6/5/2002, 11:17:26 , in reply to "I agree to"

Hi. That solution is better than nothing at all - how do you do that?

#### **952. NetMD**

Posted by Brian on 6/5/2002, 11:31:26

I purchased Sony Minidisc Car, Home and Portable products. Unfortunately they did not have the MDLP capability. I now have to purchase all new equipment. This also means I have to transfer my 95 Minidiscs (SP mode) full of music over to the new mode (LP mode) as well. The problem is, there is not a way to get it there from MD-->MD or from MD-->PC-->MD. I need the capability or there will be no point in upgrading....which means loss of a huge sale and loyal Sony customer. Thank you,

Brian luckey

#### **953. enable Mac**

Posted by hapo on 6/5/2002, 12:37:38

Sony should support creative Mac users.  
Please extend it connectivity and possibility to transfer to your USB MD devices!  
cheers from a newbie MZ-N505 and all time Mac-User  
hapo

#### **954. An excellent product hindered by a lack of upload**

Posted by Ray on 6/5/2002, 14:29:35

The excitement that I had when I bought my MZ-N505 quickly turned into a disappointment soon after I installed the software on my computer. I do understand the PC to MD copyright management features and I can live with them, but being unable to upload your own recordings to your own PC is simply not acceptable. I would say until Sony finds a better scheme to protect copyright owners this feature should be disabled as it reduces the usability of a good product by a big margin. Sony let us manage our own recordings... Please!!!!

#### **955. audio upload, along with higher quality copying, is the ONLY way NetMD can gain market share for MD**

Posted by Ben Allen on 6/5/2002, 15:27:08

Minidisc's have their niche. Recorders. that means live recordings and studio recordings. with a multitrack Minidisc recorder and a NetMD recorder, a musician should be able to make high quality recordings of his own music and upload his creation to his computer. restricting uploads may be useful in preventing copyright infringement, but only alienates MD's core audience, musicians and recorders. please respect the community and make MD an even better recording tool for the musicians who use it.

#### **956. Make MD win the battle against other formats**

Posted by Juan Sebastián Vélez on 6/5/2002, 15:32:24

I'm sure MD will disappear when a reliable solid state format arise. But, until then, you can make MD the KING of all the formats out there by simply putting this upload feature on. It's a great innovation that will be appreciated for all of us, the MD users community.

#### **957. allow uploading**

Posted by Stego on 6/5/2002, 17:15:16

it could be a great system...

#### **958. Upload NetMD - A logical competitive step**

Posted by Cam on 6/5/2002, 17:40:53

The Minidisc medium in the long term will be bound to fail if upload of NetMD is not allowed. MP3 does and is already taking making substantial inroads into the MD market. It will wipe MD out if the NetMD format is not allowed the same freedom of movement of audio. Please make my NetMD purchases worthwhile Atrac is preferable and I do not want to have to shift my allegiances to the inferior MP3!

#### **959. Digital IN-OUT**

Posted by David on 6/5/2002, 19:25:28

Minidisc technology is more easy to carry than CD. Due to its size, you can easily put it in your pocket to do jogging. Much more difficult with CD formats... That's my first point of interest.

But I travel a lot, and I already have a "CD-Radio" in my car (don't know the word in English!). When I hear music in other countries, In my car, I connect my laptop to the output of my radio to record music. Then back to home, I send all songs to my PC and then burn them on CD.

The great interest with Minidisc is that you can record music with many sources: Analogic, Optical, USB. BUT no way to send them back to my PC with DIGITAL QUALITY.

Now that we entered in the world of all numeric, with DVD in example, I'm looking for something to keep the best quality for my personal records.

Converting data from analogic to digital (Radio-MD) then digital to analogic then analogic to digital (MD-analog cable-PC). As you know, this is not so good to keep best quality.

If DI-Output was working, I would only have analogic to digital conversion between my radio to my PC. Much more interesting...

2 month ago, when I saw new Minidiscs players with USB link, I thought it was that I needed. But before buying one, I tried to get information on the net, and big problem: DI-O is not possible.

So I will continue to do as before: with my laptop in my car...

Now that you can buy MP3 players with USB link so DIGITAL IN-OUT, I think Sony MD would be much more interesting than MP3 because sound quality is much better. But at the moment, MP3 is one step before MD, because you can do all you want with link to PC.

OK, MD is a little bit expensive, but when I will see that it's possible to store my music to my computer, I will buy one MD in a couple of days. (In French: J'en ai rêvé, Sony l'a fait) So, please do it.

I continue seeking for news about that...

#### **960. Minidisc as a Versatile as... storage medium**

Posted by Assaf Litai on 6/5/2002, 21:28:54

I use USB drives and compact flash to store information (and music). In the post SDMI days, MP3 jukeboxes allow saving and retrieval of more than just Audio, it would make sense for MD to compete on these applications as well: 160MB is very usable and would make MD the most cost effective portable storage available.

#### **961. Logical and useful and absent**

Posted by Ron Spalletta on 6/6/2002, 0:00:11

The MD to PC transfer should be part of the MD package if MDs are ever to gain wider use. If use of MDs are restricted in this way, the already semi-obscure format of MDs will be less able to compete with the highly manipulability formats of CDRs and flashmedia powered MP3 players.

#### **962. I want uploading**

Posted by Simon on 6/6/2002, 3:36:19

Please! I have lots of live recordings to upload.

#### **963. MZ-N1**

Posted by Kowar Anna on 6/6/2002, 4:04:23

Ich finde für den Preis vom MZ-N1 sollte schon mehr Service dabei sein, denn ich habe zwar sehr viele alte CD, aber wo kann ich gratis Musik auf meinen MZ-N1 laden.

Außerdem ist die Bedienungsanleitung umständlich.

Es sollte eigentlich im Interesse von Sony sein, eine 'einfache' Anleitung zu entwerfen.

Denn ich kann sooo nicht den MZ-N1 weiterempfehlen.

KOWAR Anna

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Austria

#### **964. Why cripple an otherwise great product?**

Posted by Andrew Masch on 6/6/2002, 4:33:50

I bought my MD recorder, as opposed to an MP3 alternative, because it could \*RECORD\*. To find that it has been crippled and doesn't allow uploading digitally onto the computer is upsetting to say the least. This omission is worse than being unable to use the software at a bit rate better than 132! Sony sort this out please.

#### **965. Don't cripple me with crippled products.**

Posted by Hawkeye King on 6/6/2002, 5:48:01

Your product will be better if you enable this simple feature. Give the greed factor a rest!

#### **966. Uploading plus Linux support**

Posted by Nigel Hannam on 6/6/2002, 7:09:50

I have Minidiscs that friends have used to record their own band material. Uploading from these discs to PC would make life easier.

Also, there are a LOT of people out there that use Linux as their main O/S. It is Sony's interest to open the potential benefits of NetMD to the widest possible audience, so support for the Linux O/S should be high on the list of priorities.

#### **967. Uploading**

Posted by Andrew Jeffries on 6/6/2002, 9:16:08

Please extend NetMD so that it can be used for uploading compressed audio directly from Minidisc to PC. Make this software work the way it should have been configured.

#### **968. YES TO UPLOAD !!!!!!!**

Posted by azaza on 6/6/2002, 9:30:20

YES TO UPLOAD !!!!!!!

#### **969. upload plz**

Posted by Kwok Kei on 6/6/2002, 10:06:26

Where is Sony afraid for? copyrights? don't think MD alone will make any different (mp3/cdr combo).

M\$ is already exporting its wma into consumer markets, having an export feature will def. increase MD's appeal.

#### **970. Upload function for all kinds of file**

Posted by Bernard Giroux on 6/6/2002, 10:47:00

What would interest me greatly would be to use a NetMD device for all its current capabilities, but also as a sort of portable external drive to carry any kind of digital data (not only music) from one USB PC to another (and for Mac OS and Linux machines too :-))

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Thank you

#### **971. I would buy one if . . .**

Posted by Josh Schnarr on 6/6/2002, 12:23:33

I would buy a NetMD recorder if it had digital upload capability. I'll just have to wait for MP3 recorders to mature (take a look at the Archos Recorder). All recordings that I would do on a MD would be legal. The main copyright problem with portable players is the use of MP3s from the Internet. Why punish enthusiasts who want to do something good with their equipment?

**972. More functionality = Greater Sales**

Posted by Al Verbenko on 6/6/2002, 12:37:32

If the NetMD can be used for a wider variety of tasks, it will inherently draw a wider user base. Expanding functionality with a possible firmware upgrade seems elementary.  
More compression options would also be greatly appreciated.

**973. MD upload**

Posted by Richard on 6/6/2002, 13:54:13

i do this on my desktop through a digital output from my MD deck to digital board on pc so why not make it easier and available on the laptop, this is half the point in my mind. frustrating. surely someone will deliver a hack for it at some point as it is only software restrictions right?

**975. Uploading from Minidisc NETMD Walkman MZ-N707-R**

Posted by Noel Trigg on 6/6/2002, 16:00:08

I too bought a Minidisc for recording our West Gallery quire music during rehearsals. I wish to edit it and distribute it to the quire members, via CDs. I selected the NETMD for its high specification and was advised by the Sony store, to buy the best possible microphone that I could afford, to create excellent recordings.  
The results were good but I was dismayed to find that the Jukebox program had no upload capability since my own recordings were regarded as 'copyright'. I contacted the store and Sony staff and was told that there was no way of doing what I had bought the equipment to achieve.  
Please enable this capability as soon as possible.  
Regards, Noel Trigg

**975. Not having this feature hurts musicians**

Posted by Scott Windsor on 6/6/2002, 19:30:52

I have been using my NetMD to record jam sessions, but then they become limited to only Minidisc format! I can't burn the really good ones and send them to anyone. The only way is to play out via analog and record in to my PC (which makes it sound terrible b/c of the digital to analog to digital conversion). Please help out amateur musicians who can't afford expensive studio recording equipment!!!

**976. One more sale lost to Sony**

Posted by Shawn Dehkhodaei on 6/6/2002, 19:49:09

All I can say is that I was waiting four months for the NetMD products to come out, and when they did, I was extremely disappointed and aggravated that Sony completely missed an opportunity to capture a reasonable market segment. It's completely illogical to have USB connection on the device and not use it. Why just use a "one-way" connection? Why not allow people to put their own amateur or jam-session recordings on their own computer? There is not digital rights issues involved. No one can make sense of this deliberate and harmful decision. I guess it's Sony's loss. They just lost one more opportunity to pocket \$400 for their bad decision-making.

**977. Home recording studio is a good selling point**

Posted by Charles Foley on 6/6/2002, 22:44:59

Not that you crooks would be cool...

**978. My contribution**

Posted by Emmanuel A. on 6/7/2002, 2:55:47

Dear Sony,  
Although I am not planning to buy myself a Net-MD, I would like to help those who are asking the upload feature.

I'm a keeper in a French electronic store, and since the launch of the NetMD, I've seen maybe 8 or 10 people coming in the store and trying to get their NetMD refunded. All of them were excepting that an upload function be available, but as it was not the case, they were deceived from them. My boss' policy is not to refund items, so they couldn't get their money. My boss, afraid of the fact that this could give a bad reputation to the store, finally decided to took that seriously, and wrote clearly that sign "Chers clients, Nous vous mettons en garde sur le fait que le NetMD offre la fonction de dowload du PC vers le MD mais n'offre pas la fonction d'upload du MD-PC." (Dear customers, We'd like to warn you on the fact

that NetMD allows to download from the PC to the MD, but doesn't allow uploading from MD to PC). And he gave clear indications to all the sellers, telling us to warn every customer who wanted to buy the NetMD.

This is not really serious from a company such a Sony. Why don't you react quickly (I when I write quickly, I mean real quickly). This petition is about to have 1000 people who have signed, but maybe it doesn't count all the people who were angry at me because I couldn't refund their device. Really, this is not serious.

So, what are you doing Sony? It's time to react \*fast\*.

Sincerely,  
Emmanuel A., France

**979. Why**

Posted by Vincent on 6/7/2002, 6:04:51

Why?

**980. It's Impossible**

Posted by Marco Veneziani on 6/7/2002, 8:51:22

I'm a Piano player, I use to record my works in MD and I need to upload my music (that hasn't got copyright) from MD to Pc..... Why Do I can't do it?  
It's Impossible

**981. Necesito calidad digital de grabación para mis estudios.**

Posted by N. Celia Vich on 6/7/2002, 10:30:09

Soy musico (soprano y pianista), he comprado su magnífico grabador de Minidisc porque necesito su calidad de registro, en especial para mi voz lírica. Debo presentar muestras de mis audiciones y sólo puedo trasferirlas por la salida analógica que resta calidad. El aparato tiene conexión USB y sólo unas líneas de código en su programa me darian la grabación digital de calidad. Con esta idea lo compré. Comprenderán mi sorpresa y frustración al no poder hacerlo, ya que a nadie perjudico con ello. ¿Querrian resolver este problema? Les quedaria muy agradecida. ¿Qué les puedo decir a mis compañeros de estudios que piensan comprarlo? -¿Les puedo decir que el programa de "download" va a salir a la luz?. Gracias.

**982. I need to transfer my records to PC.**

Posted by Boris on 6/7/2002, 13:18:52

NetMD is perfect equipment, but restriction for transfer my recordings to PC is not right.

**983. Recording**

Posted by Jim McCormick on 6/7/2002, 15:26:38

I want to be able to record interviews and upload to my pc. I want to publish my interviews on the web.

**984. It will be FANTASTIC !!!**

Posted by Jeremy on 6/7/2002, 16:33:53

Please do it for your customers..... We love SONY and it would be bad to buy electronics in another company.

**985. Upload!!!**

Posted by JoNNy on 6/7/2002, 17:50:08

I want to upload to my PC what I am recording, such as samples, loops and other audio clips not loosing quality by normal jack cable!!!!

**986. I want to upload my Minidisc files, for my work**

Posted by Julian Middendorf on 6/7/2002, 18:29:59

I cannot understand Sony and why they block uploads. please make the uploads available it would be so helpful for my work as an professional performance artist.

**987. uploading**

Posted by D Hunter on 6/7/2002, 21:04:08

Sony really need to look at this

**988. How can you do away without Upload!**

Posted by Jagjeet Singh on 6/7/2002, 21:11:11

I do some music recording of my own and want to save it in mp3 format. Is it ever going to be possible?

**989. Uploading would liberate live music recording communities.**

Posted by Matt Kennedy on 6/8/2002, 0:37:25

The ability to digitally upload my live recordings would be invaluable. I would own a Sony NetMD player/recorder by now, but have been baffled by the lack of digital outputs on it.

**990. open import/export possibilities**

Posted by Gregor Bruhin on 6/8/2002, 10:46:57

Please publish technical info so the NetMD could be used with Linux, somebody interested to write a driver with me ?

**991. meetings, unit classes etc...would be great to upload!!!**

Posted by Adam on 6/8/2002, 13:05:39

I fully understand what you are trying to do, however I think that if you would include uploading you would profit more in this way. It would make is so much easy for the customer and you would produce a better and more wantable unit, anyway keep up the good work!!!

**992. Upload from Minidisc to PC**

Posted by R. Durand on 6/8/2002, 14:37:38

Please

Could you study the possibility to transfer numeric data from Minidisc to PC

It should be very useful for musicians that have to work after having record live music during courses.

Thanks for your attention.

It should give to you a lot of customers that are today waiting this function

**993. digital upload**

Posted by James Kim on 6/8/2002, 16:03:41

We are currently using your MD technology but we are changing over to a CD recorder for recording music - it is cheaper and we are able to take it digitally to the computer.

We really like the MD technology and would like to continue to use it but because of the lack of digital out to the computer it takes too long to record via analog AND the quality drops.

We looked into some high end MD ones with digital out capability but they are too much...

If you put in this capability there are a lot of others to whom I would recommend your technology - even if it cost a little bit more...

Thanks!

**994. NETMD Uploading**

Posted by Keith Schreifels on 6/8/2002, 16:39:45

I will not buy any more Sony products until this issue is resolved!!! I have been severely BURNED by the OpenMG restrictions. I cannot even copy over my songs from other MD's. Pissed off consumer!

**995. Uploading**

Posted by Vernon Williams on 6/8/2002, 17:14:39

Why am I unable to listen to the music on my MD by storing it on my hard disk to listen to it at home!

**996. Music lessons on MD**

Posted by Jim Ventola on 6/8/2002, 19:33:48

I know I can copy my music lessons from the MD using line out--but why not make it easier? Also, I would like to create some lectures for my

students (not music, philosophy) on the fly and be able to stream them. The MD is so close to being useful it is very frustrating.

I hope you sell a ton of them--then someone will figure out how to serve customers.

**997. For UNESCO Choir in Paris, and for the entire world !**

Posted by Olivier Moiron on 6/8/2002, 20:13:59

Thanks for your wonderful product ! But, the ONLY specification I want to use is not possible with the NetMD recorder: To make a CD from microphone recorded tracks with a digital quality instead of analogic signal... For sure, your positive decision would be greatly appreciated in our choir !

**998. Upload and copyright protection need to be revamped.**

Posted by Daniel Robertson on 6/8/2002, 20:50:39

Upload and copyright protection need to be revamped in order to make full use of my Minidisc product, there needs to be digital data transfers in both directions. And automatically putting a restricted copyright-original flag onto the recorded data does not aid in the recording/distribution of my band.

**999. NetMD can actually be useful with uploads!**

Posted by Brandon Thompson on 6/9/2002, 0:26:23

Preventing people from uploading with NetMD is a sign that the American government feels that the American public is not to be trusted, just as when the Framers of the Constitution created the electoral college to elect future presidents. The common man was viewed as being too incompetent to be trusted to choose who should be president. Have we really come this far, only to realize we haven't gone anywhere at all?

**1000. I need the feature...**

Posted by Ken on 6/9/2002, 3:58:47

Read the subject

**1001. Academic needs upload for fieldwork, classroom**

Posted by Benjamin Smith on 6/9/2002, 5:01:48

I have been curious about MD technology for quite sometime, partly because I want a format that won't skip while jogging/that is more convenient for travel than easily scratched CD's/that does not have the storage limitations of Mp3 players. When I heard about the microphone record option, the tremendous storage capacity of the MD became very appealing for field interviews/notes and for having copies of my lectures for absent students. Unfortunately, after much research on your product, unless there is upload (one HAS to back up their field notes and not all students who need lectures have Minidiscs), I will continue jogging and recording with tapes. Otherwise it is another expensive electronic toy that would take more time than it is worth to switch to a new format. Please make what is by all indications an excellent product fully functional.

**1002. Record improvements**

Posted by Nodus on 6/9/2002, 5:17:26

Why did Sony do that ? If we buy their products, we should be able to use them by our own.

**1003. Upload from MD to PC based broadcast playout systems**

Posted by Martin Cox on 6/9/2002, 7:43:24

I am the Senior Broadcast Engineer at Radio Humberside, a BBC Local Radio station in the UK. We have used Sony portable MD recorders for news gathering and music recording since 1994. We have a PC based playout and editing system and audio material originated on MD has to be dubbed in real time, often unfortunately as analogue audio.

The ability to upload digitally directly from MD to PC would speed up the process and minimize any loss in audio quality. As a broadcaster, the ability to download to MD is of little use but an upload facility would be invaluable.

We are starting to look at solid state recorders using memory cards.

However these machines are, in my opinion, overpriced and overcomplicated. The one advantage is the ability to upload material to PCs. If the MD format would allow uploading it would be unbeatable for our application.

**1004. I own it. I should be able to upload it. You opened the door, you might as well let us in.**

Posted by david morris on 6/9/2002, 10:53:20

I am in the same situation as many others. I bought your product with full expectations of being able to record a lecture and be able to upload that lecture to my PC but to my surprise, NOPE.

I have always been a supporter of Sony but this time I think you guys really dropped the ball. Since the largest majority of copyrighted audio on the market is in CD format (with the exception of some leftover people of the 70's and early 80's still using tape and vinyl), the flooded market of CD rippers are used to extract that data and store them on the PC. Also, with the file sharing resources available like the highly publicized Napster, the intention was still to store the files on the PC.

To that end, I cannot realistically image that many if any would actually use the MD recorder to originate copyrighted material. The only exception I can think of is when MD's were first released, there were prerecorded selections available. My local store that sold them stopped quite a while ago so I don't even know if they are still being produced.

So let us recap. The possibility is higher that the data being stored on the MD via NetMD originating from the computer is pirated than the data originating on the MD and being uploaded to the PC.

Being a programmer myself, I cannot believe that this simple realization did not come up in any of your war room meetings (that is what I always liked to call them) during the initial design of this software. Or maybe it did and was dismissed. Either way, the decision was very poor and desperate needs to be reanalyzed or you may end up losing more of your supporters than you think. This one included. Blowing \$225.00 on a non-usable product but a vendor is not how I like spending my money and if you pull a shenanigan like this on one product, who knows what else you will try.

In conclusion, please reconsider your position on this matter. Appease your client base because we are the ones that keep you in business.

**1005. #####\_Open MG**

Posted by Deschamps on 6/9/2002, 11:31:33

I haven't got any NetMD, only a MD but I want to buy one soon and I just wait for a new version of open MG without any restriction

**1006. To use combined with my Sony VX2000**

Posted by Juliana Nicolela on 6/9/2002, 12:48:02

I'm a film student and I use the Sony minidv camera. I bought the MZ-N707 thinking I could record better my actors with Lavoisier microphones (I also bought a Sony microphone). But I can't upload the sound to computer and edit (I have a Sony Vaio!). I use a whole bunch of Sony products, SO YOU SEE YOU PEOPLE COULD DO SOME MARKETING ABOUT THIS SYSTEM TO ALL FILM STUDENTS AND MINIDV USERS. Until there, I'm getting the NetMD back to the store.

**1007. Sampling and Easy Recording**

Posted by Erik Ramseth on 6/9/2002, 13:53:15

it would be great so i can easily get samples without having to buy an enormously expensive professional sampler! also then you could record portions or segments of a song and master them later on the PC..... all in better quality because it is not going through the analog wire.

**1008. (no subject)**

Posted by Mathieu Prentout on 6/9/2002, 15:42:34

Sauvegarde de données, transport... pleins de bonnes raisons pour le faire ! Vite !

**1009. Live music making and processing.**

Posted by Egon Joergensen on 6/9/2002, 16:46:15

I would like to use the MD in the same way I can with a CD-Recorder/Player. The MD is more mobile and more convenient to use in the field.

**1010. Please bring upload and MAC Support**

Posted by Douglas Dobbins on 6/9/2002, 17:20:53

I would love to be able to record my bands sessions for making demos. I would also love to see support for the Mac platform, as well.

**1011. This is not fair from Sony!**

Posted by Felix Griesser, Switzerland on 6/9/2002, 18:52:04

SHARP devices don't have any shrinking methods but same price... I will switch it, if you won't change your policy.. YOU DON'T OWN MY VOICE...

**1012. (no subject)**

Posted by CthulHu on 6/9/2002, 18:53:29

au prix d'un lecteur, pourrai bien faire ca.....

**1013. i wont buy a new one till its a feature**

Posted by cole reed on 6/9/2002, 21:04:11

i was considering buying a new Sony NetMD model until i found out there's no digital uploading feature. i will not be buying a new one until this feature is included. i would hope that its exclusion is do to technical constraints at the present time, and not greed. this is a necessary if feature if Minidiscs are to continue to be the choice for sound experimenters.

**1014. Digital recording for consumers**

Posted by Steve Rentmeesters on 6/10/2002, 1:56:45

Having a digital upload for recordings I make myself on MD would provide the most economical way to digitally record. There is no reason why consumers should be deprived of this capability.

**1015. need to upload my concerts and need Mac support!**

Posted by Arthur Richards on 6/10/2002, 2:03:24

as a musician, making recordings of rehearsals and concerts are essential for further development of skills and artistic enrichment. Minidisc recorders have proven to be a magnificent medium through which to record, however transferring my live recordings to another medium (i.e. my computer) is incredibly difficult and burdensome. with the advent of NetMD, i was thrilled with the thought that I'd be able to upload my recordings to my computer quickly and seamlessly, but i was crushed to find that NetMD does not currently support uploading from the MDR to the computer. also, as an artist, I've come to rely heavily on Macintosh computers as a superior tool to PCs for digital music recording, editing and publishing, and i am incredibly disappointed that NetMD currently has no Macintosh support. i am forced to rely on Open/NMD software that isn't as reliable or stable at this point in comparison to that which is released for PC with NetMD. i hope that in the future these minor inconveniences will be remedied with future models. thanks for pioneering the digital audio frontier!

**1016. net-MD needs uploading!!!**

Posted by Andrew Zinn on 6/10/2002, 2:36:31

Why can't Sony cater even slightly to those who record with Minidiscs? A method of uploading Minidisc audio to PC would make Minidisc the format for field recording...

**1017. upload facility**

Posted by John Spitz on 6/10/2002, 3:40:03

I think it would be of great benefit for all users of Minidisc players to have the upload facility. I for myself would really appreciate it.  
John

**1018. NetMD**

Posted by Jan Weimar on 6/10/2002, 4:33:48

I strongly support flexibility and ease in using MD

**1019. MD > PC data transfer**

Posted by David Brown on 6/10/2002, 5:37:20

I have just been given an MZ-N707 as a gift so I can record my DJ mixes. This is important to help me improve the quality of my work. I was very surprised and disappointed to find out the limitations of the device and the software. Entering the data through the PC's sound card wasn't an option in the first place as the recording is less than perfect, not to mention a hassle. Why is there a limitation of the uploading of data from the MD to PC? If it's a copyright issue then it's a ludicrous standpoint. This kind of restriction won't stop pirating of songs. Especially since you can dl from somewhere like Napster and then put the information on MD!!

What you have done by limiting the types of data that can be transferred is something you've had to plan and organise. It took effort to do so. It is more difficult for you to design software that precludes this type of transfer than it would be to simply allow any data to be uploaded.

In this way, you have effectively denied the rights of your customers to enjoy the full benefits of what is otherwise incredible technology.

I would go as far as to say MDs are sold under false pretences. What's next? You're going to make it so your cameras won't be able to photograph things like Coke cans and McDonalds signs due to trademark and copyright issues.

#### **1020. CDR vs. MD**

Posted by Karl Williams on 6/10/2002, 8:12:34

I've recently purchased an expensive Sony MD full-sized deck for recording church sermons using LP4 mode. My intention was to upload these using a NetMD portable to a PC to archive them and make them available on our web-site to our church members and missionaries abroad. I had initially decided to purchase a Philips CDR deck but changed my mind at the last minute when I found out about NetMD. Unfortunately I did not investigate it thoroughly enough and I am extremely disappointed at the lack of upload facility. I now greatly regret adopting the MD format over CDR.

#### **1021. allowing UPLOAD will help Sony NOT hurt it.**

Posted by David Harding on 6/10/2002, 10:42:17

Dave Harding

#### **1022. Useless without Upload to PC?!!**

Posted by F.Gruender on 6/10/2002, 11:47:57

Upload was the first missing function of the N505. I haven't found any hint of this restriction on the package. It's annoying.

#### **1023. Mini Disc Future**

Posted by Luis A. Del Moral on 6/10/2002, 12:28:26

The only way Mini Disc will survive as format is to allow two way digital communication. Download and Upload - Mini Disc from/to PC. Please seriously consider option.

#### **1024. this would be the key feature for many people**

Posted by heinz erhard on 6/10/2002, 13:15:42

because i think a lot of people do analog recording - why should they transfer it to PC in such an old-fashioned way?  
NetMD as it is now is useless!  
and \*please\* support the Macintosh community!

#### **1025. don't lose your market share!**

Posted by Celina Guerrero on 6/10/2002, 13:49:33

After purchasing my MZ-N707 I realized that there's no digital output! All my musician friends are just waiting. Please make this possible. Secure your piece of the market share!! Not everyone is going to wait around for Sony to make the smart move to upload. Other companies will move first, and we'll all follow.

#### **1026. I don't buy one if this is not feature**

Posted by Heiko Laug on 6/10/2002, 14:29:55

Hello,  
i went to my electronics shop to buy me a NetMD.  
Nobody told me before that i can't upload any songs.

In my humble opinion it is a must have.

sincerely

Heiko Laug

#### **1027. NetMD: A useless tool**

Posted by Michael Konrad on 6/10/2002, 15:21:09

As an artist, I like to record my own original sounds with a microphone to my MDLP unit. Then I transfer these sounds to my PC and edit them. The NetMD restrictions make this impossible and restrict me from uses that aren't even against copyright law! Please get rid of these ridiculous restrictions. Until then, you've lost another customer.

#### **1028. I assumed uploading was there, but will now return my NetMD**

Posted by Anand Dholakia on 6/10/2002, 16:02:05

When I used my new NetMD to record on of my own live shows, I was extremely excited about it's ease of use and recording quality. I looked forward to easily transferring the gig to my PC and making a live demo CD, until I tried the software and it didn't work. Searching online I found out this is not a capability.

Although I am not aware of the reason behind this, I am a disappointed customer and will be promptly returning my NetMD.

#### **1029. Shock at Sony's restriction on digital upload**

Posted by Atmapoorna Saraswati on 6/10/2002, 19:32:10

Dear Sony

We have just purchased a NetMD walkman to record yoga lectures and meditation practices. We are deeply shocked and disappointed to find that there is no way to transfer the digital recording on to the PC for editing. If Sony continues to restrict this practice then it should make it clear in all literature that it is unsuitable for making good quality recordings. Sony will definitely loose out in the long run when the truth becomes well known. AP

#### **1030. we need upload functionality!**

Posted by Sasha Kipervarg on 6/11/2002, 2:12:22

The only thing that is keep me from buying any of the new model Minidiscs is the lack of upload capability. Sony, the window to dominate the market is small! Please make the functionality available before we are forced to switch to MP3

#### **1031. Digital uploading is a crucially important capability**

Posted by Bret Durrett on 6/11/2002, 3:04:59

Greetings,

I am a member of a small church choir that occasionally performs in Europe. We would like to be able to record our concerts and perhaps pull the best tracks out to put on a CDS. The sales of this would greatly help our choir obtain new music. I recorded our last concert on my MD 505 and was looking forward to being able to put it on my PC to remaster it since a professional recording and mastering is simply beyond our budget. I am EXTREMELY disappointed that I am unable to do this digitally and therefore have to resort to an analog transfer. As you are aware, the quality difference is staggering and for a 20 voice choir that sings classical unaccompanied music, it makes a difference in the usability of the recordings for commercial sale later. I respectfully request that the digital uploading capability be added to the NetMD family as soon as possible so that the users have the ability to do what they need to do with their legally owned/recorded materials.

Thank you  
Bret Durrett\

Member of the choir of the  
Anglican/Episcopal Church of Christ the King  
Frankfurt am Main, Germany

#### **1032. Live Music Needs**

Posted by John Michael Tinio on 6/11/2002, 3:46:57

As disk jockey, i need a MD player to record my live sessions in order to evaluate my progress and create mix tapes. The lack of Uploading my own mixes limits the purpose and functionality of the new NetMD technology.

#### **1033. need to make CDs of amateur performance recordings**

Posted by Michael Yourshaw on 6/11/2002, 3:54:42

I purchased a MZ-N707 on the salesperson's claim that I could use it to record live amateur folk music performances, upload them to a PC, and make audio CDs. Apparently this harmless activity is blocked by the copy protection scheme. I'm returning the unit for a refund.

#### **1034. MD-->PC**

Posted by MICAUX D on 6/11/2002, 5:31:44

MD--> PC ça me semblait être une évidence!...

#### **1035. Uploading capability for musicians**

Posted by phil chaundy on 6/11/2002, 6:26:26

It is very disappointing that the NetMD players can not upload to PC. This would be a hugely beneficial feature to a musician like myself that finds mini disc an ideal live recording tool for ideas, rehearsals etc to share with other musicians. When will this be available? Surely the present NetMD players are capable, but the software is not enabled. If Sony doesn't do it, someone else will.

#### **1036. MD to pc**

Posted by greg macchi on 6/11/2002, 10:54:27

There are no laws being broken by recording something one owns onto MD then wanting to transfer it onto a pc so it can be burned onto a CD.

#### **1037. MD recording to pc**

Posted by Chris E on 6/11/2002, 11:49:15

i bought the new NetMD player solely for recording my grade 10 piano because it is digital and would have a better sound for me to upload it through USB rather than sound port and record a CD off of it. yesterday i discovered that you can't even upload your own recording to the computer using OpenMG 2.2

#### **1038. It's ideal for recording events**

Posted by S A Fahmy on 6/11/2002, 12:01:05

I use Minidisks to record events, talks and lectures, and this is precisely the problem I've been trying to solve. We need this functionality. I know more Minidisc recorders would be sold if it happened.

#### **1039. s'il vous plait**

Posted by Miscopain Adrien on 6/11/2002, 12:18:42

Je soutient tout mes collègues.

Je serai heureux que vous puissiez faire quelquechose en notre faveur.  
Merci

#### **1040. it's only user unfriendly, not 'copy proof'**

Posted by Joël Meurisse on 6/11/2002, 12:49:04

I'll just have to transfer to my pc the old way... sampling. As a musician, it's very useful to make recordings of my own performances and rehearsals. And most of the time, the recordings are to be processed on pc.

#### **1041. Its "win win" for everyone**

Posted by Joseph on 6/11/2002, 13:10:44

Sony, you have the technology and after reviewing the legal issues you can only come to one conclusion. Transferring live recordings from MD to PC is much less a hot issue than transferring internet music to MD. Furthermore, augmenting your software enhances the benefits of Minidisc players versus MP3 players allowing the ability to record and transfer live audio to a PC which would prove very useful for many people. The MP3 player market will soon recognize this and it would behoove Sony to get the jump on all of that and compete as an equally viable platform. Minidisks are instant archives versus the hassle of storing music/audio recordings from computers to disks or CDs. Please consider this relatively basic request and ultimately practical solution.  
Thank You

#### **1042. Want to buy one but not without upload**

Posted by EOD on 6/11/2002, 15:46:30

I have been debating picking up either an archos or creative MP3 player to play all my stuff while mobile. I thought the NetMD was perfect when I say it as an alternative - long playback - decent capacity - and real light - perfect.....but I want to be able to record brainstorming sessions and distribute the content across the company. When the product pages said you could do voice recording i was sold on the product. Now that I realize I cant upload the recordings however I just cant buy it. discs are designed for mobility - not as an archive storage system for digital media. Back to the archos for now.....If we get upload on MD I'll change to MD

#### **1043. And furthermore...**

Posted by David du Plessis on 6/11/2002, 17:45:59

I don't own a Minidisc player, but had been seriously considering buying one until I discovered the unnecessary limitations imposed by this new NetMD technology - if a person owns the music why shouldn't they have the right to make as many copies as they want? How am I supposed to make compilation MDs with one of these things (or at least, any more than three times with each track)?? What happens if you lose an MD or it gets damaged? Doesn't this mean you would no longer be able to make three copies, but only two; and what happens when these get damaged/lost? I'm personally not so bothered about upload facilities, but I can see everyone's point; and if someone is determined enough to pirate music they will find another way to record digitally (like through a laptop).

Most importantly, I think, there is no point to building copy protection into the NetMD program, as cracks will become available for it and everyone will use them to get the program they should have been given in the first place.

All of this is academic as far as I'm concerned, as Sony haven't made a version of the program available for Macs, and until they do there's less than no point in my getting one of these things; but if they did make one available, unless it had no copy protection whatsoever I wouldn't buy any Sony MD player knowing what I should be able to do with one. I'll stick to burning compilation CDs... and since people can do this and download music with impunity what is the bloody point of copy protecting MDs except to make them less popular?

#### **1044. this is annoying as hell**

Posted by Jeremy Gilchrist on 6/11/2002, 21:41:35

I am a musician and purchased the mini disc as a way to record cheaply my live performances for quick demo purposes. I was disappointed when the software didn't allow this because of copy protection. It is MY music !

#### **1045. je veux le MD net upload !**

Posted by Sebastian on 6/12/2002, 3:04:01

je veux le MD net upload !

#### **1046. My Rehearsals**

Posted by Stephan on 6/12/2002, 5:11:12

I'm playing in a band as many others on this petition and I need the upload feature, because it's MY MUSIC and I don't know who would be interested in preventing me from dubbing my OWN tunes ... the 707 could be THE killer thing for any musician !!

#### **1047. MD naar PC**

Posted by Marcel on 6/12/2002, 7:05:36

MD naar PC PLEAEEEEEEEEEE

#### **1048. Active upload**

Posted by YODA44 on 6/12/2002, 8:47:12

Active Upload !

#### **1049. Love to transfer choral recording to PC**

Posted by JC Trouilhet on 6/12/2002, 9:06:35

I was planning to by the Sony MZ-N1 for making recording of my mother's choral and transfer the recording to CDs using my computer. As I cannot yet upload NetMD recording, I'll have to wait for the Upload facility to be enabled before I can purchase the equipment.

#### **1050. Let me use my NetMD!**

Posted by Keeran Hawoldar on 6/12/2002, 9:09:36

Why so restrictive? This unit cost a fortune and can't do half of the things the packaging leads you to believe. Sort it out please!

#### **1051. Let me download**

Posted by Russ on 6/12/2002, 10:16:29

I made a legit copy of a CD to MD on one pc then tried to check out the files to my other pc with no luck, please allow me to upload the songs to my PC

#### **1052. NetMD**

Posted by Antonio Nocera on 6/12/2002, 12:02:05

You should allow users to upload to PC. I am a huge fan of your products, but I have always resented the fact that you trade features and quality parts for future business and upgrades. From the current NetMD issues to your cheap lasers in CD players and overall TERRIBLE cheapness in construction of your PS1 and PS2 consoles, you need to respect your customers a little more.

#### **1053. Upload of music recording**

Posted by Mike Farnsworth on 6/12/2002, 12:09:16

As a musician, it would be very desirable to be able to upload music recorded onto Minidisc onto my PC, even if it stayed in ATRAC3 format.

#### **1054. uploading of recorded tracks would make me buy one**

Posted by thomas hallaran on 6/12/2002, 12:11:57

I am a journalist with the saint louis independent media center. The IMC has been evaluating the usefulness of MD technology for our work but has decided against it because of the lack of the ability to upload tracks from the MD our editing stations digitally. A marantz field recorder better fits our needs than the NetMD.

#### **1055. PC >> MD Plz listen to your customers.**

Posted by Norick on 6/12/2002, 12:30:00

With all due respect, plz take your customers reclamations into account, so that we can keep on enjoying buying your quality products. So that u can keep selling them as well. Don't forget, there's always a limit not to cross, and customers' points of view matter in order to keep things within acceptable boundaries.

In adv, thx for your consideration.

#### **1056. Musician usage of MD**

Posted by Donald Adams on 6/12/2002, 12:42:34

I am a musician and have been considering buying a MD recorder for quite some time. My purpose is to record my work and upload it to my computer for editing. I expected to buy a NetMD for that purpose, but now I find it will not work. So much for the NetMD! Would be nice to see a change! Thanks.

#### **1057. upload osx**

Posted by Parrot on 6/12/2002, 13:23:08

et le mac ?

#### **1058. We need uploading!!!!**

Posted by Don Downey on 6/12/2002, 13:28:10

Please add the upload feature to NetMD! Don't let this great technology get passed by!

#### **1059. Misleading advertising**

Posted by Mike Feigin on 6/12/2002, 13:54:52

Can Sony be taken to court for misleading advertising?

When they say that there is a USB cable that can transfer files, you'd think you could upload your own recordings using a microphone! That is the only purpose I bought the player for... now I have to use analog anyway.

#### **1060. NEED UPLOAD OF NETMD**

Posted by Duy-Anh Dinh on 6/12/2002, 14:40:06

I am a student and require to record lectures....thus please make NetMD upload function, functional.

#### **1061. i just wanted to sign the petition**

Posted by nate on 6/12/2002, 15:22:41

i agree please do allow this

#### **1062. Enable digital audio uploads**

Posted by Piotr on 6/12/2002, 16:22:07

It'd be really useful.....that's all...

The choice between MD , and mp3 players would be much easier then...

cheers

#### **1063. copyrights vs. user's rights**

Posted by Duane Galensky on 6/12/2002, 17:45:33

I am a musician. I already pay a premium to purchase DAT tape to record my own music. I already pay a premium to purchase "music CDRs" to record my own music. This drives me nuts. No one is sending me a royalty refund.

Now that I've discovered NetMD, it's deja vu all over again.

It seemed to be a perfect tool to allow a raw capture and then upload to a PC to do editing of between-song time, etc. when we do practice sessions. I was just about to order a new MD with the feature when I discovered I cannot upload my own music over the USB port. Suck!

Since this offers absolutely no advantage to me over the MD I've already got (I \*never\* re-record other artists' music onto MD or DAT or CD for that matter), you can be certain that I'll not be purchasing an MD upgrade until this deficiency is fixed.

There has to be some way of both meeting your copyright concerns and allowing rapid uploading of captures. Let's face it: a committed pirate will just as easily to an intervening analog conversion and for their purposes get a recording of sufficiently high quality, even over multiple tandem encodings. Whether or not you save them a few minutes by offering a faster-than-real-time option is not relevant to them.

But as it stands, if I choose MD, I have to do that intervening analog (real-time) step myself for music that I own (dammit! I OWN IT not Sony), so I'm really better off either going directly to laptop or using the Creative Labs Nomad hard disk jukebox. That's too bad, because the MD is really otherwise quite a nice form factor.

Oh well. You lose.

#### **1064. Handicapped technology**

Posted by Matthew MacDougall on 6/12/2002, 17:58:21

The product has incredible potential to carry any file type or allow uploads of recorded meetings or lectures.

#### **1065. Crippleware**

Posted by Jean Pierre Lavoie on 6/12/2002, 18:24:30

why not make it upload  
at least for analog recordings

#### **1066. upload would make my NetMD 10x more usable**

Posted by Richard Giddens on 6/12/2002, 20:19:55

I DJ- and use my MZ-n505 walkman to record mixes. It would be very useful to be able to upload mixes I make to my PC for burning to CD. Would buy another NetMD walkman with this capability if it becomes available....

#### **1067. Upload was the reason I bought, I am returning!!**

Posted by Evan Housh on 6/12/2002, 21:05:55

If I can't upload my recordings this thing is useless to me for recording my speeches. I will just go back to my digital recorder. AND Return my MD. Its like a car with no wheels.

#### **1068. It would be such a better value**

Posted by Dan Diamond, MD on 6/12/2002, 23:55:31

Please reconsider and allow an update to the current software that would allow us to update live recordings. I recently recorded my son's high school band concert with my new NetMD device only to be discouraged to find that I couldn't make a copy for the band director. The Sony MD device has such potential. Please help!!!

#### **1069. Capabilities**

Posted by Eirik R. Thormodsrud on 6/13/2002, 3:27:29

Upload capabilities would be great, giving an already good product the edge.

More support for file formats would be nice as well. Possibility to rip to mp3 inside OpenMG eg. And support for bitrates up to 320kbs. I always rip my CD's into 320kbs, and I find it annoying to have to "down-code" them before I can copy them onto my MDplayer...

#### **1070. uploading**

Posted by Barry A. Kintner on 6/13/2002, 5:51:20

-- Accident interviews, witness interviews, recorded statements, statements to be played in court, news stories, my classroom and seminar presentations, even children's storytelling sessions.

-- Many of these are uses which the 2000 members of one of my groups could make use of for very legitimate and legal recordings.

-- Many have been looking for a way to move to digital recording, but the harsh restrictions placed on recordings made for business make Minidisc a dead format as we are restricted to real-time loading to the computer.

-- Give us the ability to use the 650meg (Data II) disc also, as well as the use of rechargeable AA batteries and NOT AAAs or proprietary batteries - if you want businesses to adopt the use of Minidisc.

#### **1071. Please add MD -> PC connectivity**

Posted by David Wicken on 6/13/2002, 6:46:51

It would indeed be a useful addition to what is already an exciting line of products. Use MD to record from live sources, so stuck with real time recording via 'generic' Analog sound card, so losing quality. This addition would remove this quantisation problem as a direct digital to digital transfer.

#### **1072. Open MD or Close Shop**

Posted by Rasada on 6/13/2002, 9:02:03

Please make the software for the Mini Disc do what all we know it can do

#### **1073. Please let the NETMD live!**

Posted by Murilo Freitas Coutinho on 6/13/2002, 9:25:25

Let the NetMD Live , it will die without connectivity.

#### **1074. Bands would appreciate it**

Posted by Nuno Melo on 6/13/2002, 10:28:28

I have a garage band and only with upload capabilities NETMD has some interest for us. and I'm sure lot's of "us" out there.

#### **1075. Yes, please...**

Posted by Clinton Hammond on 6/13/2002, 10:41:12

I am also a musician, and bought the MD with the intention of using it to out together a demo CD...

The intervening 'real time' step is not an insurmountable obstacle, but sound quality would be sooo much better, were the connection digital...

Streaming would be a HUGE convenience...

Please do consider adding software to support this feature...

Thank you

Clinton Hammond

#### **1076. Digital out from MD to PC is needed.**

Posted by Saurabh Saxena on 6/13/2002, 12:03:35

Being from the movie industry, this capability will enhance audio production immensely in my profession. Please do consider the capability

to record and then upload the digital sounds and music from MD to a PC through Minidisks.

Thanks,

#### **1077. MD to PC Transferability**

Posted by Scott Daniels on 6/13/2002, 12:46:14

I work as a musician. I must say the MD is crucial to my work, and MD to PC transferability is crucial as well. Please allow the technology to be built for this. Your MD audience in the U.S. needs this.

#### **1078. Upload and SP download. Enable them!**

Posted by Michael Munie on 6/13/2002, 14:03:28

It's really a reasonable request. And now since you've even allowed for your downloadable music to be burned to CD in UNENCRYPTED format, why needlessly restrict Mini-Disk usage?

Thank you.

#### **1079. Uploading would help in my work teaching children**

Posted by Bon Davis on 6/13/2002, 14:37:05

Greetings Sirs:

I would be most appreciative if you would consider adding uploading capabilities to the NETMD units. I work teaching handicapped children to play music and interact with others. If I were able to record the music they make and edit it on my Macintosh portable I would be able to give them a finished CD to listen to THAT DAY. This sort of direct feedback could be very beneficial in the children's development to productive society members and future Net/MD sony consumers.

Please add upload and Macintosh compatibility for the many educators and artists who would like to purchase your technology. Thank you very much. Bon Davis, Drums Not Guns (501c Not For Profit Organization)

#### **1080. i got this Minidisc to record interviews for work...**

Posted by Grant Burningham on 6/13/2002, 15:27:20

The limits are stupid.

#### **1081. LOVE SONY MZ-1N M.D. BUT HATE 1 WAY LIMITATION & NO BACKLIGHT!!!**

Posted by Richard on 6/13/2002, 16:02:17

Sony Dudes - This is not the dark ages is it??? What's up with the one way limitations of Minidisc uploading??? I need to be able to upload from Minidisc to pc. I think everything about the model MZ-1N portable recorder rocks (looks, ease of use, slim design etc.) except for two very important things!!! The inability of upload 32X or faster to pc and what no led backlight! For near \$300.00 you are absolutely killing me!!! Please do the right thing by your customers and at the very least give a software upgrade that allows the MD to pc upload capability!!!!

#### **1082. MD uploads**

Posted by shannon on 6/13/2002, 17:39:04

allow them

#### **1083. Please allow transfer from MD to PC**

Posted by Greg Geter on 6/13/2002, 23:59:48

I do live recordings of my own music and would love to be able to digitally transfer these to the computer. Thanks.

#### **1084. If CD's can, why not MD's**

Posted by Jeff Markowski on 6/14/2002, 0:01:57

I and everyone I know who uses MD's just uses CD's to up load and then downloads back to MD's. Because of this, none of us has committed to MD's, even though we all would in a heart beat if they where as convenient as CD's

#### **1085. I bought it to record my daughter**

Posted by Nick on 6/14/2002, 2:28:54

I did not know it had a stupid restriction that prevented me to move private recordings from the MD to my pc in digital format. I will have to return the unit to the store.

Nick

**1086. Bring it**

Posted by Yikong on 6/14/2002, 2:50:09

Upload would be nice for mic recordings

**1087. audio upload**

Posted by gilles Cloiseau on 6/14/2002, 6:25:18

I bought my MZ N707 NetMD thinking the function was possible, I do interviews for research. Terribly disappointed!! I feel I've been conned.

**1088. petition**

Posted by Julien on 6/14/2002, 8:15:29

je suis pour une utilisation plus large du MD.

**1089. Let NetMD reach its full potential**

Posted by Rémi PLAYE on 6/14/2002, 8:24:49

There is no valuable reason for crippling that amazing technology.

**1090. No uploading is too restrictive**

Posted by Ananga Sivyer on 6/14/2002, 10:19:05

I am a musician who masters my own music to mini disc - which I then cannot upload via my NetMD device to my own PC. This is a major restriction - had I been aware of it before purchasing I would not have bought this mini disc player

**1091. I'd like to upload to PC**

Posted by Chris Tsai on 6/14/2002, 11:32:43

I record lectures at school, and there are times when I would rather have the files on my computer rather than on my MD. I have found that my friends would like to listen to my recordings sometimes, especially if they missed a couple classes, but they don't have MD, so I can't share my class notes.

**1092. MD --> OC**

Posted by Tijl on 6/14/2002, 11:40:29

I want to upload my music, recorded with a microphone, to my computer by USB

**1093. Makes me want to exchange it for an MP3 player**

Posted by Trevin Joyner on 6/14/2002, 12:46:25

I chose the NetMD over mp3 players because I liked the idea of being able to record my own music and upload it to the computer for editing. This is a valuable feature over mp3 players and the like. Since I can't do this I might as well return it and get the mp3 player which are supported by Windows Media player and RealPlayer. I hate the OpenMG software, very buggy. The songs on the player do not always show up.

**1094. ##### you sony**

Posted by susy on 6/14/2002, 12:48:39

it's time to change your #####ed up politics.

susy

... and, yes, I'll buy the thing then....

**1095. Re: ##### you sony**

Posted by susy on 6/14/2002, 12:54:39 , in reply to "##### you sony"

of course i was gonna write:

f\*\*\* you sony.

it's really getting annoying with censorship, copyright control, proprietary systems and suchlike....

cheers

susy

**1096. MD-->PC USB Upload for Mic created audio**

Posted by Mark Duffin on 6/14/2002, 12:55:01

Adding upload functionality will improve the quality of recorded interviews (news/PR content) AND allow for backup of irreplaceable audio content.

**1097. upload**

Posted by Lyle on 6/14/2002, 14:24:08

The whole reason I bought this unit (MZ-N1) was because I was under the impression that I could take my demos that I do on mini disc (I am a songwriter) and transfer them to my computer digitally and have instant demo CDs. PLEASE HELP, this was a very expensive unit \$645! I promised to have new demos in the mail today, now I am in trouble! If anyone can help, please send me info at electric@sprint.ca Thanks!

**1098. I miss this feature**

Posted by John Kivac on 6/14/2002, 17:58:27

It would be much faster and easier for me to move my live recordings from MD to PC if you enabled this feature.

**1099. Please!**

Posted by Joe on 6/14/2002, 19:25:39

I almost consider myself tricked into buying my MZ-N707. I thought that it would be at least as capable as an mp3 player. This is my third MD Recorder(first NetMD)....and my LEAST favorite. Please enable me and my fellow consumers to do what we most wanted with these devices.

**1100. A Bit of a Rip-Off**

Posted by Mike Thomas on 6/14/2002, 22:58:39

I bought my MZN 505 to record live music (public domain) in the church where I work. I thought I was getting USB transfer to upload to the computer, and the Sony Authorized Dealer's salesman did not advise me otherwise, though I explained my purpose. Now I find that I really have no better USB transfer than with the MD 500s that lack a USB port. Sony (and the rest of the industry) is just a bit too paranoid about rip-off of copyrighted material. How about the rip-off of the customers who bought the "new, improved" USB-enabled machine, only to find it only works for ripping pre-recorded material from a computer.

**1101. The benefits of uploading outweigh the possible detriment**

Posted by Paul Imseih on 6/14/2002, 23:15:33

The benefits of uploading outweigh the possible detriment.

The NetMD devices would be infinitely more useful if files could be transferred both ways. What Sony is doing is issuing a challenge to hackers who will gladly accept and defeat the system somehow, sometime.

As we saw with DVD in Australia, hacked DVDs able to play region 1 discs finally became the norm when the numbers of people beating the "system" was too much to ignore.

If sony was worried about copyright infringement, they should not have entered the party with NetMD.

Oh, by the way, don't believe all the crap coming from the "Copyright Club" of Sony, BMG et al. Corporate dinosaurs will realise that the consumer is well ahead of them on all counts and they better catch up or miss out altogether. They will tell you about the "artist's loss" but they are really talking about their fat cat, greasy executives who are trying to protect "shareholder interest".

Scaremongering doesn't need fact, only a semblance of it. If you look closely enough, you'll only see a few facts, only true in parts.

I bought the MZ-N1 and am pretty happy with it so Sony's got my cash. Let's see it used at its full potential.

Looking forward to seeing the hacker's breakthrough!

**1102. upload my own compositions?**

Posted by andrew cromwell on 6/15/2002, 1:33:10

i need to upload music i create to use at performances etc, its why i bought a sony mzn707!

**1103. Uploading MD to PC**

Posted by Arvinder Singh on 6/15/2002, 2:39:01

I bought a new 707 to do live recordings. Even though I spent a lot of time comparing different models, I didn't realize Sony doesn't allow digital uploads of live recordings. That sucks. I regret the decision now. I also didn't realize this thing doesn't let you change recording levels during a recording. Why the hell does it have to keep switching to auto rec level every time I stop. I now realize that Sharp listens to its customers and Sony doesn't.

Add the uploading feature!

#### **1104. Audio upload is a natural evolution of the MD**

Posted by OPERON on 6/15/2002, 6:36:34

According that a bidirectional communication is necessary for a lot of musical applications, MD recorders are not actually very interesting devices. Many people would prefer buy MP3 devices. This is a non-sense, MD technology is born many years before, and is not as mature as MP3...

#### **1105. Also, Mac support**

Posted by Ben Byrne on 6/15/2002, 10:20:11

any time now, guys....

#### **1106. Give me uploading capability, and I will buy!**

Posted by Michael Healy on 6/15/2002, 11:47:33

I have purchased thousands of dollars worth of Sony audio equipment in the past 10 years, including one of the first MDBundle sets. That said, I've been searching for a reasonable way to convert my collection of vinyl LP's to MP3 format. I thought that NetMD might serve as a useful go-between until I found out that there is no MD to PC capability.

If the capability to go from MD to PC (either to WAV, or directly to MP3) was to be added to your software, I could guarantee you at least one sale, most likely a top-of-the-line unit.

#### **1107. Annoyed customer....**

Posted by Fran Ambrose on 6/15/2002, 13:07:33

I have just bought a NetMD. It doesn't do the precise thing I bought it to do. It wasn't obvious from the sales pitch that it wouldn't do it either....

#### **1108. Imagine all the LOYAL MD users you could make happy....**

Posted by Kristin on 6/15/2002, 15:00:22

You're missing the boat here without MD to PC uploading capabilities. Please consider what is important to MD users. It is frustrating when you are trying to record your own music and the unit that you bought to help you do this instead restricts you. Also remember many audiophiles are Mac users...Thanks

#### **1109. You have such a wonder product here, don't betray the faithful MD owners...**

Posted by Paul Scott on 6/15/2002, 15:51:47

Well, I've been a loyal MD owner for close to 10 years now, and NetMD is a welcome addition to what has been a fine tradition of killer personal audio electronics gear from Sony.

I personally would LOVE to have the ability to upload (or is it downloading from the MD unit? Go figure) data from my MD recorder (I just bought a Sony MZ-N1 unit this week - love it) to my computer. I own an HP laptop with 3 USB ports on it, and I do enjoy recording concerts/shows/etc just for posterity's sake. I'm not looking to rip off any artists, I just like to have a recording for memory.

The ability to upload/download to and from a NetMD unit would only increase the likelihood that more people would buy NetMD units.

Sony: If you're reading this, don't screw us this time around. You have a wicked evil cool product (the best kind) and people would love it that much more if (IF IF IF) you would just go that extra mile and give us what we're looking for.

Supply and demand folks... if Sony doesn't acquiesce to our \*request\* (since it hasn't gotten to the \*demand\* status yet), we can choose not to buy their products.

Just my two cents...

#### **1110. let's aim a bit better the struggle for copyright**

Posted by Antonio Savorelli on 6/15/2002, 16:42:50

This time the request is not a matter of "freedom of listening": it's, as far as I see it, a matter of "freedom of creating". Now Sony has provided us with the perfect technology -- more versatile, more portable, simply easier than CD burning, and more reliable than mp3 -- and it would take just a small step to make Sony's motto a reality: GO CREATE.

--Tony, Bologna (Italy)

#### **1111. Please add upload**

Posted by Valentin Descamps on 6/15/2002, 18:06:50

This is THE feature to have with NetMD : transfer analogically recorded tracks on PC (and add mac support at the same time...)

Thanks a lot.

#### **1112. Not only Audio Files (pls) but any file**

Posted by Peter Purcell on 6/16/2002, 2:11:50

Imagine the additional uses...

#### **1113. (no subject)**

Posted by wendy mouthaan on 6/16/2002, 6:37:27

on this moment i hate my buy

#### **1114. Need audio upload**

Posted by David Horton on 6/16/2002, 11:14:44

This would let me up load live recordings for fast editing

#### **1115. Need audio upload**

Posted by FX on 6/16/2002, 13:12:07

This would let me up load my live recordings.

#### **1116. Piano Recordings**

Posted by Brandon Lester on 6/16/2002, 14:07:21

I love my new MZ-N1, and furthermore I have no respect for anyone who says they "didn't know" the machine won't upload because they didn't do their homework. However, I am a piano player and love to play, I've acquired a decent amount of pieces I'd like to record to CD. I would appreciate the ability to transfer from MD without quality degradation. Thanks.

#### **1117. I will move to Sharp units**

Posted by Luis Guarapo on 6/16/2002, 14:56:24

I have a R700 unit and recently purchased a N707 unit... very bad choice. I love the MD format and recommends the Sony units to everyone that i know, but only after 2 days of playing with it, i am disappointed by restrictions and bugs in the OpenMG, NetMD unit and quality recording. One of the reason of my purchase was the recording of meetings with microphone and then upload the recording to the corporate Intranet of the company i work for. However, it is possible only in the old way: ANALOG RECORDINGS!!! what is going on?

#### **1118. Horribly restrictive**

Posted by Mike M on 6/16/2002, 17:43:33

subject says all. i have writers' block today or something.

#### **1119. No point to not having it**

Posted by Phil Cazaban on 6/16/2002, 18:02:44

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#### **1120. I need this function!**

Posted by Jason Small on 6/16/2002, 23:06:16

I do a lot of live recording and record my guitar playing through my Minidisc. Having a digital upload to the computer would be invaluable. Friends of mine have mentioned that this drawback holds them from buying Minidisc themselves. Please add this feature so that the NetMD models can upload their digital content!

**1121. Sony: Corporate assholes.**

Posted by C. Browning on 6/16/2002, 23:16:14

Sony owns a bunch of music rights, so they will probably go down fighting for their Minidisc technology, as well as their pathetic MP3 anti-piracy offerings.

**1122. Can't listen to all media at once!**

Posted by Max Riethmuller on 6/16/2002, 23:40:23

Given I copy all my original (paid for) CD's to different media for playback in different environments (Car, Home, Work etc), and given that I can't be in two places at once, how can it then be in contravention of copyright law to copy to other media. I can only listen to any one copy at one time, and my intention in copying is not to broadcast, but only to ensure I can listen to MY music when I feel like it.

OPENMG limits the usability of the MD device and I am very disappointed that I paid \$530 AUD for a digital device that doesn't accept native digital formats (such as the widely popular mp3), nor can I upload recordings to my computer without using the ANALOG features of my soundcard, and suffer the inherent loss of signal quality that poses.

I also find it disturbing that I cannot use the device to transfer files from my home computer to my laptop or work machine. These three computers all belong to me and are only used by me. Again there is no contravention of the spirit of the copyright act in my listening to music on these different machines. Since I have paid a royalty to the owner of the Music for the right to use that music for my own, non-commercial, personal purposes, I consider that I am entitled to copy the music to other media, providing I don't broadcast the music or copy it for other people.

Sony consistently demonstrates it's contempt for consumers by dictating through equipment design, how consumers listen to and manage their music collections. Sony in effect has taken away consumer choice with regard to the Minidisc format, due to a petty and narrow minded approach to protecting Record Company profits. If Sony showed true creativity and an interest in looking after consumers, they would find a means of protecting the copyright without throttling back the native capability of the MD recorders.

**1123. MXS10 NetMD joke - betamax is back**

Posted by Jerry Cohen on 6/16/2002, 23:46:07

I recently purchased a Sony MXS10 "Digital Studio" computer with NetMD Minidisc. While the TV portion of the machine is great, the Minidisc is a joke. My MZ-R70 & MZ-R3 are faster and they've never trashed a disc. If you're looking for the ultimate in Minidisc editing, look elsewhere. I'm afraid Sony's going to take MD the way of the BETAMAX!

**1124. MD uploads**

Posted by Jostein Lima on 6/17/2002, 2:59:56

Please make sure that we can upload audio. And, since my computer also runs Linux only, please provide drivers for the Linux platform.  
Best Regards,

Jostein Lima

**1125. I am very disappointed uploading wasn't considered by default!**

Posted by Marcel Oats on 6/17/2002, 3:26:13

I record a lot of material, ranging from mucking round at home, to music I compose, to such things as a journey through the 2002 "Audio Expo" here in New Zealand using Minidisc. All reasons stated in the text of the partition apply to myself, and I wish to add another possible clause: that the Net-MD software itself, is modified to use standard windows keystrokes, so as someone (such as myself) who is totally blind, can use it with a screen reader, easily and simply; it's near impossible at present to use the software which is loaded onto a windows-based system, with \_speech\_output\_alone!! I want to keep my recordings completely in the digital domain.

**1126. MD->PC->MD OPEN THE DOOR**

Posted by Markus Marweg on 6/17/2002, 4:20:18

There is a right for free data/voice/music transfer from MD to PC and vice versa.

Open the door and unlock this barrier.  
Thank you.

**1127. Please allow NetMD Uploads!**

Posted by Jeff C on 6/17/2002, 5:33:18

I'm sure there are many other users who like me do field recordings of various things such as sound effects (which MD was advertised as a sound effects recorder in Australia). I would like to be able to transfer these back to my PC, even if it is in real-time I wouldn't mind as that would be better than plugging in a headphones port and in to the MIC/LineIn port but high speed would be appreciated.

It would also be very cool if you could possibly add some kind of data storage to current MDs which can use CURRENT MDs (and not those special data ones).

**1128. Good Player, Bad Software**

Posted by Joshua Dessert on 6/17/2002, 7:06:39

I just "upgraded" my first Minidisc Portable player/recorder from a MZR-500 to the MZ-N505. This is perhaps the best unit I could have hoped for. Unfortunately, its downfall is the OpenMG software and the copyright protection that will potentially cause me to return my 2 day old unit for my previously analog player. The ability to upload is not particularly a feature I intend on using, but would allow many of my friends a cheap portable alternative to DAT. My 1300 MP3s on my comp were obtained LEGALLY from my own rips of my CDs. Internet audio is not high quality. I patch my comp through to my stereo for the ease of quick, customized playlists. OpenMG will not successfully import all music at once without crashing. I also do not need it to make another copy of every song I send to my MD in another format. This just makes it difficult to conserve hard drive space and wastes my time in deleting it after every use. I do not mind waiting for the program to convert every file before it sends them to my MD. Its still faster than real time. By writing this, I not only hope to have you change your mind/policies, but I hope to encourage a third party to re-create the music transfer software or at least a ATRAC3 file editor so we can change copy issues to allow us full use of our MDs when we are away from our computers. I personally do not like being shackled to my computer being forced to conform to your rules about MY music. I agree with Grant Burningham who would like too use them at work. A friend of mine was really interested in an MD until I told her you could not upload or at least have a line out. She runs her own radio program with many interviews and a variety of music edited on her home computer. You have ruined a very good product.

**1129. don't turn MD in a struggling niche more than it is**

Posted by eric hanuise on 6/17/2002, 9:13:49

The last thing Minidisc needs is artificial limitations and hindrances. Minidiscs are far superior to tape and lend themselves to many professional uses.

Such limitations only hinder large acceptance.

Pros want to be able to record live events, and upload them to their PC's to work on them, as wav or mp3 files, unrestrictedly.

Pirates won't be hindered by these limitations as they have other ways around.

Take a good look at what happened with CD's, is happening with CD copy protection schemes, software protection, electronic books, and all DRM-related events.

The consumers don't need or want this  
the pros will always turn to platform without these  
free the Minidisc from that crap.

**1130. I would like to be a Sony customer**

Posted by Paul Geary on 6/17/2002, 9:32:28

I have decided not to purchase the MZN707 purely because it does not have the ability to upload.

Everything I read about the product sounds great, but this lack of functionality makes it just too limiting.

**1131. NetMD needs Digital Uploading to survive in the market!**

Posted by Brian on 6/17/2002, 11:03:11

You really need this feature to make Minidisc worthwhile in the marketplace. It isn't necessary for this to be so restricted, it doesn't protect anyone, and we would really benefit from the change.

I'll be selling my MD if this doesn't change.

**1132. Upload to PC !**

Posted by Jeff on 6/17/2002, 12:08:33

I would like to be able to upload my own audio to my PC (for archival purposes). Please allow for uploading of MD audio to PC!!!

**1133. NetMD upload**

Posted by djguard on 6/17/2002, 12:50:13

sil vous plait la protection pour le transfert MD pc merci

**1134. I would buy one, but...**

Posted by Darcy on 6/17/2002, 13:01:56

If I can't upload, I won't.

I take sound recordings for field research purposes and would love to be able to transfer recordings directly to my pc to edit. I borrowed a Minidisc recorder for this purpose and loved everything about it, except the lack of upload and that is a deal breaker for me. Unfortunately the only option if I use Minidisc is to jack into my sound card and play each recording one by one to record to the pc--this takes DAYS AND DAYS to accomplish, then I can finally begin editing. If they ever make the Minidisc upload capable I'll buy it, but until then it is useless for my work.

**1135. NetMD Uploading**

Posted by Steven LeBeau on 6/17/2002, 13:31:22

Please realize the potential of this great technology and allow us to upload ATRAC data from Minidisc to PC. Also, by ignoring the Macintosh you guys are severely limiting your marketability. Support the Mac!

**1136. I would buy into NetMD if...**

Posted by Darren Krattli on 6/17/2002, 15:35:52

The only way I would invest into NetMD is if it allowed uploads and truly acted like many of today's MP3 players.

**1137. Considering using NetMD for recording**

Posted by Yaron on 6/17/2002, 16:35:57

MD recorders seem like an ideal format for recording my own music inexpensively. However to get the music off the MD onto a computer involves converting it to analog and then back to digital, a ridiculous and unnecessary process. I will not go into the Minidiscs until this is changed.

**1138. change please**

Posted by Mathew Graff on 6/17/2002, 17:09:00

I don't like the way you can't upload your tracks from Minidisc to computer. and transferring songs to the Minidisc I don't like the way you have to convert everything to the compressed ATRAC3 format you guys say it only takes 3 min. to copy a song but for me to copy a CD it takes about a half an hour to a hour.

this idea is a very good one but badly executed. and i also have been reading that the OpenMG software is really buggy.(i haven't had any problems with it.) You guys should change the name to Sony Media

**1139. I bought 707 to be able to upload seminars...**

Posted by Chris Stockwell on 6/17/2002, 17:09:30

I believe that Sony in disallowing uploads to a pc is being deceptive and dishonorable in their business practices.

I also mainly utilize the superior Macintosh O.S. and your lack of mac support is appalling!

I own a bunch of Sony equipment. But it wasn't until three days ago I learned just how "Orwellian" your business tactics really are.

I will rethink my electronics purchases in the future due to you lack of putting your customers first.

Chris stockwell, D.C.

**1140. Re: Also, Mac support**

Posted by Mathew Graff on 6/17/2002, 17:14:30 , in reply to "Also, Mac support"

Also can you guys(SONY) give support to Macintosh Please I also use the Mac's.

**1141. Making a fool of me**

Posted by Yngve Nordkvelle on 6/17/2002, 17:14:56

I have waited a long time before buying a MD. NetMD looked very promising for my use: scholarly work on recorded material. The Minidisc salesperson promised me this was THE thing to get. Discovering this silly regulation was a tremendous disappointment. I want my money back!

**1142. NetMD**

Posted by D Cone on 6/17/2002, 17:23:49

I love my D-5 cassette portable, but after 20 years it's time to step up to a digital portable. Sony has all the technology in place, with affordable, good-sounding MD recorders, and now a direct PC connection. Why did you have to cripple it with a software design that presumes your customers are all stealth-recording criminals? We use your products to get work done!!

**1143. Bought one, exchanged it.**

Posted by Sammy Harris on 6/17/2002, 17:31:40

A potentially wonderful device made nigh useless by one stunningly stupid limitation.

**1144. Live recordings**

Posted by Michael J. Ackerman on 6/17/2002, 17:49:04

I use MD to record my shows. I am a performing musician and I thought that NetMD would allow me the time saving ability to upload my music at high speed rates. I already have other MD recorders and I didn't need another one. How disappointing it was to find out after purchase that it can't do what I need it to.

**1145. MD to PC**

Posted by Erik Easton on 6/17/2002, 20:47:58

First of all, I love the MD!

As for the MD to PC, I did by the NetMD in hopes that I would be able to record 2-3 hour seminars into a good digital recording and then be able to transfer that file to my PC vs. using my BIG laptop to do the recording. Please consider this as a future enhancement. I think you'd be glad you did.

By the looks of the popularity of this feature and I'd be willing to bet you could OWN (at least be the 1st to market) this part of the MD industry by advertising it as such! Just an idea?

I'm going to return the NetMD for now, (I already own 5 home units and 2 portables so I don't need another. ) but will be on the look out.

I'll be honest, regardless of whether this ever makes it to market, I love Sony products! Nobody produces so many incredibly cool, high quality products as you guys! Keep on keeping on!

Thanks!

A huge fan from MN!

**1146. Let's be reasonable!**

Posted by Matthew McFarlane on 6/17/2002, 21:28:24

It's silly to have a recording device for PERSONAL use that cannot interface with other media storage options. This is 20th century thinking. I would love to be able to record law school lectures and archive them in a logical format on my computer, but I can't. So this remains a stand-alone technology. I'll use it because of convenience but when another more flexible option comes along, I'll take it.

**1147. Make the lives of musicians like me easier**

Posted by Colm Fitzmaurice on 6/18/2002, 0:14:50

Dear Sony,

As a young singer, I love your Minidisc because I can record all my performances, pick my favorites and burn my own CD's on my PC. In the transfer of information to my PC, i find that the line-in port tends to

diminish the quality of my recordings. Creating a digital upload link would really make your product more attractive in the future especially since I am much more interested in uploading to my pc than downloading to Minidisc. Your product is a goldmine for young artists like me. Please remember us "uploaders" when considering your future models.

#### **1148. Digital upload**

Posted by Matt Anderson on 6/18/2002, 0:19:08

I have to say I was disappointed that digital upload wasn't supported. I have absolutely no interest in pirating music. I would simply like to record lectures and be able to upload them quickly to my computer. I would greatly appreciate an upgrade that would allow this to happen. I read the owners manual and understand that music pirating is of key concern in the design of the NetMD. I feel it is unfair that copyright protection is being added to hardware making it less useful for honest uses. If there is any way digital upload could be supported while still preserving the copyright protection I, for one, would love to have it. I would also be proud to tell friends and relatives what a great and useful product the Sony NetMD is. Thank you.

#### **1149. Uploading and Mac OS X support a must!**

Posted by Jose Lemus on 6/18/2002, 1:56:36

There are millions of Mac enthusiasts that buy your products. Please give us support.

#### **1150. I want to upload my own music to my PC for editing**

Posted by Shaun Darragh on 6/18/2002, 2:13:55

I just purchased an MZ-N707 to record my own music and digitally upload it to my PC for editing in Cakewalk. I purchased this machine so that I don't have to always use my DAT for this purpose. Now I find that the simplest of features has been intentionally left out of the software in a ridiculous bid to limit piracy. Guess what, you're not limiting piracy, but you are annoying folks with legitimate uses for your technology. If I don't find a decent way to upload my music shortly, this machine is going back to the store it was purchased from and I will warn all of my musician friends against buying any of your products in the future.  
Shaun

#### **1151. I need it for my band records**

Posted by Florian Zierer on 6/18/2002, 4:05:57

Why is this uploading MD>PC restricted?  
I often record my band and want to edit this records with my PC, but I have to use my soundcard for this.  
NETMD is really great, but this function needs to be implemented soon, please.

Flo

#### **1152. Please, Sony, give us audio upload !**

Posted by Etienne on 6/18/2002, 4:30:14

And the MD will definitely be the BEST portable audio ever.  
A French MD fan...

#### **1153. deceiving NZ707**

Posted by r.goetty on 6/18/2002, 4:38:42

I will never buy a Sony product again and I'll tell it to other people.

#### **1154. Re: Please, Sony, give us audio upload !**

Posted by fab on 6/18/2002, 6:17:06 , in reply to "Please, Sony, give us audio upload !"

And the MD will definitely be the BEST portable audio ever.  
A French MD fan...

#### **1155. Give the NetMD recorder UPLOADING capabilities**

Posted by George R. on 6/18/2002, 7:15:48

Dear Sony,  
Digital uploading capabilities are necessary to people in my profession (archiving), for quick and easy uploading of speeches and interviews to computer. Do you know how crippling it is to the modern world of live recording it is to have virtually NO convenient devices via which one can

record an event in a high-bitrate format, and then upload it to a computer without the fuss of real-time delays? Extremely crippling.

There exists, in reality, no such product on the market.

If you, Sony, give the NetMD this simple feature, AND advertise it properly, I guarantee you will triple your sales of Minidisc recorders. They are convenient, they are high-quality, and if digital uploading is implemented, they will be the PERFECT format for recording interviews and speeches by archivists world-wide.

Regards,  
--George D. R.

#### **1156. NetMD Upload**

Posted by Eric Pace on 6/18/2002, 7:59:11

I bought NetMD recorder for the sole purpose of recording my digital piano and then converting the recordings to CD. I am very disappointed that I can't upload the recordings digitally. Once again Sony has produced a great product my hamstrung their customers with restrictive practices. One more reason to limit my purchases of Sony equipment.

#### **1157. Need audio download**

Posted by Terry Edwards on 6/18/2002, 8:38:30

The mini disk is a wonderful recording device.  
Give us improved downloading. Sony builds great products!!

#### **1158. MD must survive the MP3 players and such**

Posted by Philip Mangione on 6/18/2002, 9:19:48

With all the MP3 and digital audio players having the ability to download and upload at really fast speed, the only main advantage the MD units still offer is the ability the user has to have a lot of recorded Minidiscs to choose from at any time. Otherwise the Minidisc market is losing ground. FAST.

#### **1159. Must include audio upload**

Posted by Greg on 6/18/2002, 11:41:03

You must include audio upload if you want this device to be used by the public. We OWN this music and therefore MUST be allowed to copy it to whatever device(s) we please. If you don't we will just not buy your hardware or software. There are too many alternatives in today's market for this not to happen... "if you don't build it, they WILL leave!!!!"

#### **1160. NetMD Uploads FOR SURE!!!**

Posted by Derek Lowes on 6/18/2002, 12:03:43

The upload feature would allow me to keep audio dictation on my computer for reference and editing purposes - we would all use more discs - and if you don't i am sure some clever developer will produce shareware that will counter act your copyright bullshit!!! - you do not hinder piracy with this restriction -  
also - GET THE BUGS OUT BEFORE YOU SHIP SOFTWARE PRODUCTS!!!!

#### **1161. Come on Sony**

Posted by Rob Gaskell on 6/18/2002, 12:29:10

Do it

#### **1162. Won't buy another without audio upload**

Posted by John Mathews on 6/18/2002, 13:38:14

Unless this feature is added, I would never buy another MD player. It's too bad that the product is so frustratingly crippled, because I love the ability to record. MD player/recorders could totally outclass all the low-quality MP3 devices out there.

#### **1163. Perfect MD goes like this:**

Posted by Jan Yskout on 6/18/2002, 13:45:41

Changes that would make the portable Minidisc recorder perfect:  
\*Use the 650MB MD Data2 Media as used in the Sony Discam series, in addition of the traditional MD's

\*Offer SP/LP2/LP4 modes + a hardware mp3/wma decoder chip.

\*Build in Li-Ion battery, recharges through USB (2.0) or firewire or AC Adapter

\*USB 2.0 or Firewire connection, with full speed SP transfers

\*Backlight LCD display on the main unit (as featured on the Sony MZ-S1)

\*Last but not least, upload to PC of (analog) recorded material.

I hope you are aware that these changes are necessary to compete with flash/hard disk based mp3 players..

#### **1164. NetMD upload to pc**

Posted by Mark on 6/18/2002, 18:18:11

I play in a Band and record rehearsals & gigs, and feel that as easy method of upload from MD to pc would be fantastic as I can then burn to CD, or archive on pc,

#### **1165. Where's the needed USB Audio Upload?**

Posted by Greg M on 6/18/2002, 20:14:22

Dear Sirs,  
I have recently purchased a NetMD MZ-N707 Type-R. So far I have enjoyed it very much and I love seeing the look on friends' faces when I brag to them how I got four complete Simon & Garfunkel albums onto "this tiny little disc" with bonus tracks AND room to spare. They always ask me "what is THAT? A CD of some type?" And then I explain to them (and promote) the Mini Disc. And then I surprise them further by showing them that the device that can play and record Mini Discs can fit in one's pocket. Then I tell them how you can record on the disc over and over and over unlike a CD. Then I tell them they can use their computer to delete and rename songs and change song order via the USB connection. They are always impressed and rightfully so.

And, you know what? I don't mind at all the restrictions placed in OpenMG which supposedly stop piracy. I don't mind the check-in check-out scenario allowing only 3 copies of a song to be exported to MD since I don't personally need to copy a song more than one time from CD to MD. I think OpenMG is pretty good software since I can copy bunches of CDs to HD in very little time and play back songs on the juke box using any number of playlist options.

Here is what DOES bother me about the NetMD. When I initially purchased it, it was not really for the purpose of having portable music. What I wanted was a simple way of recording my own music and then transferring to my computer either for further processing in either CakeWalk or Logic and then burning to CD. Unfortunately, I cannot at this time digitally transfer my own recordings of my own original songs to my PC from MD. And, I've got friends and family whom I am dying to distribute to.

To be honest after thinking about it, the NetMD really would not be useful for pirating music anyway even if audio upload were implemented with no restrictions. One could do that with just a CD burner and the appropriate software with very little trouble. (I neither practice nor endorse pirating music)

But, the NetMD would be extremely useful for people like those who have posted above, people like myself- songwriters and musicians. Not to mention the journalists and college students who simply want to record interviews and lectures.

In short, the MD format is perfect. All I need now is the ability to upload my own personal live recordings and recordings I might make of my band to OpenMG for the purpose of:

#1 Add to an OpenMG Jukebox playlist

#2 Export to \*.wav format for use in CakeWalk or Logic

#3 Export to \*.mp3 format for archiving and burning direct to CD

Thank you for an otherwise perfect product as well as your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Greg M

(A somewhat satisfied customer)

P.S. The amendment proposition seems to include only allowing the uploading of music recorded through the analog input and not the digital input. But, I hope I can upload music recorded through the digital input because the mixer I use in my studio (Roland VM-300 Pro) has a digital output which I really would like to take advantage of when using it to make some simple recordings of my own songs.

Thanks again!

#### **1166. Re: I need this function!**

Posted by Norbert on 6/18/2002, 21:13:26 , in reply to "I need this function!"

I just bought mine and because it does not have this function I'll return my back to the store . If I would like to record my own farts and load it into my hard disk I couldn't do it . Not fair !

#### **1167. We Need this feature**

Posted by Calvin Coolidge on 6/19/2002, 0:15:52

Please allow us to upload home recordings!

#### **1168. Upload capability for musicians**

Posted by John Wygonski on 6/19/2002, 2:03:09

I am a musician and frequently record myself using Minidisc. I would love to have an upload capability, and if a new technology presented itself with this feature, I would buy it.

#### **1169. Voice to PC to CD ?**

Posted by Ron S on 6/19/2002, 3:20:55

I recently recorded a meeting . It was transmitted via FM radio. I used a fm radio to sony ne505 recorder. great job, but could not transfer direct to pc (check in). Yes you can use audio connections to pc but direct pc interaction is so much easier. Please add a feature.  
Thanks for reading this far (smile) have a nice day

#### **1170. As a Sales Trainer I need this function.**

Posted by Bruno Mortier on 6/19/2002, 4:09:30

Please make it available, it would save me a lot of work.

#### **1171. NetMD is great, but OpenNetMD would be so much better!**

Posted by Stuart on 6/19/2002, 10:35:59

Dear Sony,

I recently purchased the MD N505 NetMD unit. I was very impressed with the speed at which I could download my music onto an MD, and with the quality of the SP4 codec. However I was a little more than disappointed upon finding that I was not able to make a recording and then upload it to my PC through the USB cable. At the time of purchase I was under the impression that it was possible for me to load my own recordings from my MD to my PC.

Since finding this out, I have done some research and found that many of your loyal customers are extremely dissatisfied with the lack of such an obvious feature. I'm sure you can sympathise with all of us, there are many people signing petitions around the world I am sure in order to show their support for Sony as well as their support for a MD to PC feature, it is not difficult to find websites to demonstrate the amount of support and demand such a feature has.

I work for a large retailer in Melbourne and most of the people I've talked to regarding the NetMD complain that it can't upload and would rather stay with CD or go with MP3 players than to set their sites on MD which is a shame because it's such a great format, I'm really impressed with it, except for the lack of an upload function.

In closing I would like to thank you for reading my letter, and would ask that you provide us (your loyal customers) with a workable and worthwhile solution in the near future.

Best regards,  
Stuart Bowden.

**1172. Musician in a group ask for MD->PC Uploads**

Posted by Bertrand Faure on 6/19/2002, 12:49:43

I'm a musician and me and my music group can't do digital transfers from the MD recorder we use to PC to be able to mix or burn CD-Audio. Please allow for uploading of MD audio to PC!!!

**1173. Re: Musician in a group ask for MD->PC Uploads**

Posted by J. Kingsford on 6/19/2002, 12:57:26 , in reply to "Musician in a group ask for MD->PC Uploads"

For those of us who love getting that once in lifetime set on tape/MD.. The pain and ardor required to real-time dump seems an antiquated procedure, especially in an era of digital information. The ease and utility of a method to upload MD-pc would be an immense improvement on an already great idea. I think I speak for the majority of musicians when i say, this needs to be implemented.

**1174. MD > MAC upload urgently needed!**

Posted by Susan Deikman on 6/19/2002, 13:29:54

I use my MD recorder to record my voice lessons, lectures and choir rehearsals. I desperately need to be able to digitally transfer files to my MAC so that I can burn CDs to listen to (and practice with) in my car. I do a lot of commuting and I used to use cassettes this way. At the moment, I'm forced to record from my MD to my MAC in real time and it has to go digital>analog>digital. Much is lost in time and quality. Please, please correct this and provide a digital output with software to convert files to AIFF or WAV. I don't want to have to switch to a MP3 recorder. I love the quality of my MD recorder and want to continue to use this format. Please let me know when the technology is available and be sure to make it MAC compatible!

**1175. MD Uploads needed**

Posted by Roland Aalto on 6/19/2002, 15:22:34

I bought the n707 and thought an upload function was a default option but although the gadget being ever soo nice this is a major drawback!

**1176. Do it yourself !!**

Posted by douveneau on 6/19/2002, 17:45:07

Do it yourself or we'll find a way to do it on our own !!!!

**1177. Unacceptable Product Limitations**

Posted by Chris Dibble on 6/19/2002, 18:16:55

Think about it sony, your just shooting yourself in the foot. If anyone knows best, its the people BUYING your products. A wise decision would be to satisfy customers, not push them away.

**1178. Sony Electronics must stay apart from Sony Music**

Posted by Luis Guarapo on 6/19/2002, 19:20:25

When a large corporation have different divisions like Sony, they must stay completely apart each other and work for their own interests (business) or both will suffer the consequences of bad joint practices. The goal of Sony Electronics is to satisfy customer and let Sony Music to fight against piracy without affecting the satisfaction of MD customers. This stupid limitation (UpLoad) and bad software (OpenMG -has nothing of "Open") will stop the grow of interest of new customer in the product. I have a 700DPC and N707 units and i am still using the Xitel digital link for recording. I have lost my money with the N707.

**1179. I like cake**

Posted by Seamus on 6/19/2002, 20:12:13

Now that your reading, please include an upload feature. I honestly would not have bought my MZ-N707 if i knew it was basically a crippled Rio player...

**1180. Uploading music is key for Minidisc**

Posted by Ben on 6/20/2002, 2:03:04

Please, Sony i have owned and loved Minidisc products for years. NetMD can really help Minidisc, but you have to let people upload music for it to survive in today's marketplace!

**1181. It really just makes sense.**

Posted by Jesse Dhillon on 6/20/2002, 3:23:38

Please Sony, don't let your interests in the recording industry ruin what could be a great addition to a good technology.

**1182. Mr. SONY, please listen to your customers !!**

Posted by Brunitou on 6/20/2002, 5:41:07

1) Sony music must stay apart from Sony Consumer products!!  
1b) a voluntary product limitation is unacceptable from a hardware maker

2) there should be a respect from Sony to their customer, who keep a certain fidelity to the brand

3) this system definitely won't stop the piracy thing - personally, I sometime CHOOSE to buy a CD (when I really like the artist) and having 10,000 copied CDs DOSEN'T MEAN 10,000 lost CD sales!!

**1183. Let MD live!**

Posted by Emilio Corneta on 6/20/2002, 7:30:35

What's the point in imposing the upload restriction to MD? The technology needs to advance, you need to prove MD is better than MP3! So let NetMD UPLOAD music!!

**1184. Add audio upload to PC**

Posted by Hannibal on 6/20/2002, 8:32:00

Please Sony add the audio upload!

**1185. We can do it anyway, make it better**

Posted by Douglas on 6/20/2002, 12:24:49

As current, we can already record from our Minidisc to our computers. This is useful for live concerts and recording ones own songs and voice audio. It only makes sense to allow digital uploading, preserving the quality of the recording and making things simple.

**1186. bound...**

Posted by joseph bigham on 6/20/2002, 13:10:28

one of the features i looked forward to in this product was recording lectures and environmental sounds as samples. what the ####..you paranoid ####s breaking the ankles of your own products and deceiving your customers.....you should be castrated if you all have testicles or some kind of female equivalent

**1187. Sony NetMD**

Posted by Abhijeet Shah on 6/20/2002, 13:14:53

I have 2 MD recorders, one is a Sharp MD-MS 702 and the other is the Sony NetMD n707. I would really appreciate if Sony could somehow enable uploading of files from a MD to a computer using the USB port

**1188. I would buy if you enable MD to PC Uploads**

Posted by Jose on 6/20/2002, 14:20:50

Please, please, please....

**1189. uploading MD**

Posted by Robert on 6/20/2002, 16:25:23

I don't see how a device as good as this can be left without the upload capabilities needed for creative people, which I believe is the market for the walkman MD. Just think of how many more could be sold using the uploading of live digital music to the pc as a selling feature!

**1190. Do I have to wait for portable mp3 recorders?**

Posted by Wieger on 6/20/2002, 17:31:41

Dear Sony,  
Minidisc recording has virtually all the features that I'm looking for: small size, digital, and the disks are cheap. But why would you want to prevent me from transferring my own recordings digitally to my computer? It's not even possible to make a backup. I'm confused.

Regards,

Wieger

#### **1191. NetMD uploads**

Posted by Greg on 6/20/2002, 17:48:07

Add this functionality, there are bands that allow recordings of their live shows, and MD is a nice portable technology to use. NetMD with uploads is off the hook.

#### **1192. Field Recordings**

Posted by Cole Vanicek on 6/20/2002, 20:24:14

Minidisc units would be far more versatile with ability to upload to computer. I have been looking into buying a Minidisc player/recorder in order to capture sounds, upload them to my computer then digitally edit and arrange to make electronic music composition. I am now not sure if I will purchase a MD player/recorder.

#### **1193. Another frustrated musician who needs upload**

Posted by Yitz on 6/21/2002, 1:19:15

I am ready to buy a huge Archos Jukebox 20 to make a live recording of my band. Please make MD's uploadable!

#### **1194. MD is the premier amateur recording medium**

Posted by Berm Lee on 6/21/2002, 2:55:21

There are not yet any medium that rivals this-- MP3 encoders are hard to find and often unreliable, and you're always worrying about running out of space or "when am I going to upload this?" I like how you can carry a pack of MDs, record a few sessions with my band, and carry the stack back. The only thing that kept me from keeping that trial MD recorder was the fact that now I have a stack, and I won't ever do anything with them because I can't edit them. To edit them, I would have to load them onto my PC. I don't have the patience to wait for "real-time" uploading. Please don't let this awesome medium die.

#### **1195. MD to PC and MD to Mac !**

Posted by JM Couturier on 6/21/2002, 5:06:39

I am a French student in electro-acoustic music and I use an MZ-N1 to record sounds for my musical compositions. I will be glad if I could upload my recordings quickly and digitally. A lot of students and composers are waiting for this feature.

Moreover, as the most important part of the musical community, I am using a Macintosh computer, so I would be enhanced if you will develop NetMD solutions for mac (for example, an iTunes plug-in or OpenMG for mac). Sincerely,

Jean-Michel Couturier

#### **1196. Please enable digital upload**

Posted by Eric Williams on 6/21/2002, 5:09:13

I am planning to buy an MZ-N707 to record an oral history of my family as told by aging relatives. I would dearly like to be able to transfer these recordings digitally so that I can 1) digitally edit the stories, 2) make multiple backups without sound degradation and 3) make copies for the rest of my family without degradation. This project would in no way infringe upon any copyrights. Given that NetMD already distinguishes between recordings from the mic and recordings from digital inputs, please give us the capability to transfer our own recordings digitally. If anyone has the inclination to make illegal digital recordings, they can do so with other products. Keeping this capability from MD recorders only hurts those who will use them for their own legal recordings.

#### **1197. upload my own music**

Posted by Toni Dabic on 6/21/2002, 6:00:24

please enable upload of my own music  
Thanks

#### **1198. Minidisc for Radio Interviews**

Posted by Edgar Wilson on 6/21/2002, 7:00:16

The Sony series MDs were justifiably well recommended by the profession audio experts HHB Inc for their convenience, facilities, robustness and audio quality for radio reporters. As radio studios are becoming more and more automated, a digital upload facility from a NetMD would so simplify the procedure and make the newsroom story cutting digital all the way from the microphone.

#### **1199. What A Disappointment!**

Posted by Cathcart Weatherly on 6/21/2002, 10:48:44

All the technology and no way to party! Come on Sony enable digital uploading from your Minidisc range.

#### **1200. MD to PC more important than PC to MD for me**

Posted by Dave Lewis on 6/21/2002, 12:26:32

I wish to speak for the many people who have chosen to use Minidisc recorders to record the audio portion of a video shoot. Amateurs and professionals alike use the MD's because of the high quality and extreme portability. I own one recorder (MZ-R900) which I purchased soon after the became available. LP2 recording duration was what made it viable for me to use. A DAT recorder was never an option for me because of its cost and size.

We record live productions with the intent of using the audio in the video edits. We MUST upload from the MD unit to PC to do this.

Many issues can and do arise while uploading not the least of which is that the computer must be configured not to make any sounds of its own. It is cumbersome and because the process is subject to problems it is necessary to preview the audio once it is on the PC to ensure quality. This takes time and taxes confidence.

Due to the inherent difficulties in that process, I don't want to use the MD as an archive medium. Once I upload, I burn to CD because I can get the same file back without issues. Video projects require the files to be exact duration. Digital Video tape is an archive medium because I can recapture the identical footage because it is doing a file transfer from camcorder to PC. You sell camcorders that do this very thing. You should do the same with MD.

Providing support for uploading analog audio from MD to PC will allow me and others like me to rely more on the MD recorder both as a source medium and as an archive medium. That would most certainly bring about more sales of blank discs and accessories. I'm predict it would explode sales of MD units.

#### **1201. Please allow NetMD upload**

Posted by Don Downey on 6/21/2002, 13:22:36

Pls keep the Minidisc format alive!

#### **1202. Please Allow Digital Upload**

Posted by Michael Brown on 6/21/2002, 14:47:00

Dear Friends:

Your NetMD concept is so fantastic, all it really needs to complete it is digital upload and Mac OS X support. I'm sure I speak for many artists when I say this.

Thanks in advance for your consideration.

#### **1203. sony NetMD enable upload recordings to pc**

Posted by retrobongo on 6/22/2002, 3:19:45

no shit Sherlock!

#### **1204. It would be great if.....**

Posted by Peter Timms on 6/22/2002, 8:36:02

this feature was enabled. Our church is trying out different options for recording the service. At the moment we are trying Minidisc as opposed to MP3 on a computer. However the time taken to transport it back to a PC for editing is a real downside to this technology. For the sake of original recordings please enable this feature, thanks, Peter Timms

#### **1205. NetMD upload**

Posted by Paul Crivellari on 6/22/2002, 10:39:14

As an independent filmmaker I choose the Minidisc format as an inexpensive alternative for recording sound on set, and ambient environmental recordings. I'm constantly balancing price against quality and these decisions are often made more critical due to small budgets and tight shooting and post production schedules. Adding audio upload to MD would not only give me the higher quality that I need, but also save me valuable time while transferring sound to the pc. In my mind I see this feature as an inevitable evolution of MD and one that Sony will not want to miss.

#### **1206. check in live audio**

Posted by S. Ansems on 6/22/2002, 12:54:51

Sony,  
I want to check in my live audio recording to my computer. I'm singing in a choir and record the singing with my Minidisc recorder. But now I can't check in my live recording. It is my own recording so I want to get it on my computer!!!  
Please take care for it and make it possible to do so!! If not I won't buy any thing from Sony any more! I want to control my own recordings!! I understand that you want to protect the copying of CD's and other music, but this live recording are my own stuff.  
Make it possible!

#### **1207. Sony Wake Up!! Do you really fear MD users?**

Posted by Brent Lemons on 6/22/2002, 13:41:29

I own 5 different MD devices ranging from car to portable and have tons of music recorded on the MD format. Bought the MZ-N707 yesterday. What a great product this WOULD HAVE BEEN if I could use it to upload my existing music to my PC. I am returning the MZ-N707 today. Will buy it again once this LAME restriction is removed.

#### **1208. It sounds like I need to buy a digital HD recorder**

Posted by Allen Strand on 6/22/2002, 20:10:57

As an artist/producer, the MD design issue that doesn't allow high-speed digital transfers to AND from a real-time editor for post processing is very limiting. Please add this capability to the mini-disc.  
I understand the Copyright issue. I for one don't like my works being copied but someone can always break copyright schemes. I am not convinced that adding this level of copy protection to MDs does anything other than keep them from being used for low-end recording projects. Additionally, medium budget recording projects might want to interface with digital inputs to improve the A/D conversion. With the current limitation on digital MD transfers it doesn't sound like they can be used in my studio equipment rack.

Please consider adding the digital to/from transfers to MD.

#### **1209. Waiting to buy**

Posted by Ken Mikos on 6/22/2002, 23:05:23

I begin working on my Masters soon and am planning on recording lectures for later review. I would prefer the Mini-disc format for quality, however, I cannot spend 4 additional hours getting the information onto my PC. I was forced to buy an Olympus Digital Voice Recorder which uses a Smart Media card to store recordings. While the quality isn't near as good, it will serve my needs. Please enhance an already wonderful technology by removing the uploading restriction.

#### **1210. What Sony doesn't want you to know**

Posted by michael rosen on 6/23/2002, 0:47:53

Everyone looks at the copyright issue surrounding the inability to upload with NetMD. Obviously a distraction from the real issue: Sony makes money on every Minidisc that is sold. If the upload feature were added to NetMD, those who use mini discs to record in the field would simply record on one or two MD's, send the recording to the computer and, if needed, burn it to (a much cheaper) CD-r. Money, as usual, is the answer; The end.

#### **1211. Language researchers need this feature**

Posted by H Ta on 6/23/2002, 2:53:30

For people like me who use a lot of Minidiscs to collect human speech, we definitely want this feature. SONY, please don't make your customers' life miserable when they buy your products without this feature.

#### **1212. Uploading is a must**

Posted by jeroen on 6/23/2002, 9:38:09

To all Sony portable gear developers  
For a lot of people Uploading is a must. I own a MD-player, but want to buy the N1-recorder. I only buy it if uploading is possible because i need it for making recording from our bands music. SO MAKE IS POSSIBLE  
OUT LOSE A POTENTIAL CLIENT!

#### **1213. Minidisc to Mac Uploads.**

Posted by Gordon on 6/23/2002, 10:18:24

A Sony Store employee lied through his teeth the other day and told me I could use the Minidisc recorder I was about to buy from him to upload to my Mac using USB. Not entirely trusting him, I pulled out my Powerbook and put it on the counter to test it out. He balked and then his manager announced to me that it couldn't be done. What use is this thing to me without USB uploading? I would have to take my Minidisc player back to my house and transfer it through analog signal chain to my G3 and then Ethernet that back to my Powerbook! Give me a break!? I can't believe all of the Mac audio people wouldn't be cash enough to inspire Sony to have the decency to include this obvious option. I guess since Sony is in the blank business as well as the record label business they're just trying to sell more CD's and blanks with their technology rather than enable creatives to get the job done. Another lost sale until they (or a third-party) get on board with Mac uploads. Thank god I didn't shell out 400 cash before finding out the sad truth.

#### **1214. It would be so much better!**

Posted by Mark on 6/23/2002, 11:15:51

the fact that you can not upload data from the MD to the PC makes a very strong point for me not to but the Sony MZ-N1 Mini disc, i have loved using my sony MZ-R91 for over a year now for capturing audio for media projects, and the pc connection function of the N1 made a much better device for me to use, but when i found out that you can not upload audio to a pc i was forced to decide not to but this product.  
if this feature could be added, and say the software downloadable from the internet or shipped will all systems it was make the Mz-N1 miles apart from other systems, which i think it fails to do at present.

#### **1215. Transcribing Lectures**

Posted by John F. Wilson on 6/23/2002, 12:55:11

One of the most useful applications of Mini Disc recorders is taking them to training classes and recording lectures. This simplifies note-taking and reduces the pressure if you miss something along the way. When transcribing lectures it would be so much easier to just copy the file to the PC and play it back with keyboard stop/start control while typing. I do not understand why this function is not available as standard - it would broaden MD's appeal enormously and make it a must-have product for every University student in the world. Surely not a small market?!

#### **1216. analogue dj seeking digital transfer**

Posted by Chris on 6/23/2002, 15:49:51

As an analogue DJ I lose enough quality as it is. To be required to record through analogue port on a sound card using my MD player simply to transfer digitally recorded data is an unacceptable loss of quality, especially when a USB port is provided on the unit itself. I would have recommended to my community the use of this product if it were not for arcane attempts at copyright protection, which only hurt the recording industry.

#### **1217. MD to PC upload would be so useful for DJs**

Posted by David Morales on 6/23/2002, 15:57:14

Dear Sony Designers,  
I am a professional DJ and have been using MD equipment in my mixes for 5 years now. I currently own three Sony MD units (MZR-900, MZE-900 and a MZ-N1). I use a pro MD deck as a playback device during my mixes, and my MZ-N1 to record. However if I want to record the mix into my computer for playback or burning into a CD-ROM I have to use the analog output / input of my sound card which degrades the sound quality.

An audio upload facility would be extremely useful in terms of audio quality and time, especially since I spend in the order of hundreds of pounds every month in original records.

Thanks for your attention and time

Sincerely

David Morales

#### **1218. MD Uploads**

Posted by Michael on 6/23/2002, 16:53:00

I often use my MD recorder to record myself playing with my band. Unfortunately it is impossible to upload from OpenNetMD ! Please help us ...

#### **1219. Stupid Restrictions!**

Posted by Michael Walles on 6/23/2002, 17:34:20

The first thing i wanted to do when i bought my Minidisc player was to download the music that i had recorded on a friends Minidisc player from a drum and bass event put on for the Anthony Nolan Trust in the UK. Downloading the Audio would allow me to compile a CD which i could then sell to people who came to the event and who were part of the society for drum and bass which would have provided additional money to donate. Instead i had to record it live which took all of 60 min or so for each Minidisc, and when i record one for 300min it will take me a few hours! What a stupid restriction, i think sony really shot themselves in the foot, why not may DVD just read only, that would be just as clever?! I am hoping someone will crack the program so that i can use it as it seems a complete waste of money having the USB link and not being able to use it.

**SORT IT OUT SONY!!!!**

#### **1220. Please help make NetMD become 2nd to none!**

Posted by Barney Kahn on 6/23/2002, 18:28:00

Dear Sony,  
I have been a audio hobbyist for over 25 years and never bought any portable audio gear, that is until MD arrived onto the market. And because MD has so many advantages over other portable audio digital devices, I feel that MD can be the number one choice for consumers and professionals if only a few limitations could be removed and some new features added.

Allowing NetMD to quickly upload audio to the PC would greatly add to the usefulness, ease of use and help extend MD's market share particularly since there are other portable digital audio devices currently on the market that already allow for this type of function.

Allowing NetMD to easily upload and download full quality ATRAC Type-R recordings even if only in real-time or faster would take full advantage of the high quality audio that MD is capable of. Doing so would greatly benefit audio hobbyists such as myself to keep the quality of my audio mixes as high as possible for use in my car and portable MD players.

And finally, if future MD products could be designed to store the same amount or more memory than what a regular CD holds, that would effortlessly allow for CD quality on a MD and would greatly extend the recording/playback time in regular ATRAC and much more recording/playback time using compressed ATRAC (LP2/LP4)...easily making MD top choice for audio quality and playback time for portable audio devices.

MD was designed with the future in mind and has nicely matured in the last 10 years.

With the few suggestions above, I can easily see the MD format continuing to be very

competitive even in a market where digital technology changes very rapidly.

Sincerely,

Barney Kahn

#### **1221. MD -> PC Transfers for personal recordings**

Posted by Olivier TG on 6/23/2002, 22:10:08

I work a lot with choirs and singers, and I was hoping to make CD demos with my computer. But NetMD presently doesn't allow me to transfer my recordings, and analogic transfer causes great losses in quality. In the name of all the ones in my situation, I beg you to reconsider this restriction.

#### **1222. banning uploading is doing nothing but cost sony sales**

Posted by Tyler Maynard on 6/24/2002, 0:26:30

everyone knows that music was, is, and always will be shared freely across the net. people download songs put them on CDs share the CDs, and they go around if you can put songs on a CD, you can take it and put the tracks on someone else's computer for their convenience, and nothing is wrong with that but u cant with MD? not allowing us to is just one more reason to not spend our hard earned money

#### **1223. Please allow uploading.**

Posted by Joshua Sidwell on 6/24/2002, 2:19:01

I am a university student who wants to be able to upload my lectures to my PC without having to record the out signal on my in port for my audio card.

#### **1224. I'm postponing my purchase for this...**

Posted by Patrick McNally on 6/24/2002, 2:22:31

I'm putting off buying a Minidisc until Sony implements this. The simple fact is, I want to be able to make digital recordings of my friends band (Car Bomb Dating - "More Rocking than a Rocking Horse"), but at the moment I don't have thousands of pounds to spend on my equipment. Come on Sony - I want an MZ-N2!

#### **1225. Allow uploading any kind of format vs. PC**

Posted by stefano on 6/24/2002, 4:55:08

Allow uploading any kind of format vs. PC

#### **1226. What's up with my private records?**

Posted by Gerhard Beck on 6/24/2002, 5:03:53

...this limit is not acceptable!!

#### **1227. MD to PC**

Posted by ComaR on 6/24/2002, 6:57:21

it would be great to record with a good quality my dj set. Moreover, using it for storing data would be nice to

#### **1228. petition**

Posted by damien on 6/24/2002, 8:09:33

je vote pour ce projet

#### **1229. MD to pc upload for my mz n1**

Posted by Gilles Gottlieb on 6/24/2002, 8:36:53

i have bought a mz n1 to make live recording of my musical group and ... i cannot digitally upload my recordings to my computer to work on them i bought this excellent product just to do that and i feel now it is not a good choice because of this nasty limitation i don't care about making copies of commercial CDs. I didn't bought my recorder to do this please make me trust that i didn't make a mistake in buying Sony products

#### **1230. Re: MD to PC upload would be so useful for DJs**

Posted by G-ROM on 6/24/2002, 10:52:59 , in reply to "MD to PC upload would be so useful for DJs"

Merci à sony de penser a nous (DJ), qui mixons a partir de vinyl et pour qui il est plus compliqué de passer nos mix du MD au PC. Le seul moyen que j'ai actuellement (pour ne pas perdre de qualité) c'est d'enregistrer mes MD sur CD en passant par un graveur CD de salon. Alors s'il vous plaît penser à nous, car le MD est un produit à fort potentiel qu'il faut développer. Merci de toute l'attention que vous apporterez à mon message.

**1231. Theatre use**

Posted by nchstechie on 6/24/2002, 11:40:42

I am involved in High School theatre, where we use Minidisc extensively, both playing sound effects, and recording our productions. Yes it is legal for each person in the crew and cast to have one copy of the show. The problem is that most people don't have MD. So without the ability to upload quickly to a PC to make a CD version, it requires MUCH MUCH MORE TIME. Time that I don't have.

**1232. very useful for pro audio**

Posted by david cavuto on 6/24/2002, 13:04:37

we make recordings of our own live performances. it would be extremely useful to be able to archive and burn those performances directly to CD from the Minidisc.

**1233. Sorry, I returned my MD-payer after frustrating week**

Posted by Albert Dommer on 6/24/2002, 13:24:06

When I learned about NetMD in my electronics store I thought this is just the right thing and spontaneously bought the nice gadget. After on week I returned it: There is no way to operate it together with my Mac even with Virtual PC. There is no upload, the way from MP3 to MD seems to be long and dreadful. I would have love to use MD instead of hard disk or Chipdrive based devices, but not with this present solutions... Sorry Sony.

**1234. NetMD good, OpenMG software fucking crappy :@**

Posted by /Timon\ on 6/24/2002, 13:24:26

i just use a audio cable to record from my NetMD recorder :D, perfect quality but not fast, but i don't mind

**1235. Please allow Digital NETMD upload.**

Posted by Gustavo Sanchez on 6/24/2002, 13:30:44

I love the Minidisc and I consider it the best portable gear in digital audio, and without the possibility to upload digital info from a MD to a computer; the "beauty" of this "beast" is gone, because if the intention of this restriction is to eliminate piracy (which I agree), is completely absurd, because there are other thousand ways to copy music. So why limit the possibilities of the equipment when you can transform it into the #1 preferred gear. With all due respect, I believe Mr. Akio Morita would wanted that way. Please follow his path providing to the consumers innovative and versatile products.

**1236. dire need to upload**

Posted by greg on 6/24/2002, 16:30:11

Please consider a upload/path. My needs are to upload my own notes. I had hoped this function was common to the mz-n707. I was stunned at the short sightedness of Sony not to include this basic need. This will cause great dysfunction in Sony's attempt to establish this format to the marketplace. Consider CNET's comments about this Sony product. Almost half who purchased the MZ-N707 are very upset including myself about the lack of the upload feature.

**1237. I want to record lectures and copy them to pc.**

Posted by Shaun Kanak on 6/24/2002, 17:12:24

I'm looking for a way to make good quality recordings of speakers and store them on my pc. Currently, I have to copy via analog connections in real-time. This is time consuming and ridiculous since there are no copyright issues involved.

**1238. Restrictions get on my nerves!**

Posted by Lucas Rendon on 6/24/2002, 19:49:17

Come on guys! What's with all the restrictions to upload MD files? Give us consumers what we want and we'll keep on buying

**1239. I am extremely disappointed with OpenMG**

Posted by Sterling Wu on 6/25/2002, 4:35:21

I am a dj and was hoping to use my MD as a convenient way to record my music. MD's are excellent at breaking up continuous music into tracks, which is why I bought mine, however, finding that OpenMG doesn't support uploading "original" music, my sole reason for buying the damn thing, I'm left back at square one and all the poorer for my "faith" in Sony

**1240. Uploading from NetMD**

Posted by Damian Watson on 6/25/2002, 7:12:57

Having an extensive MD collection already before buying my NetMD, being unable to upload my existing MD tracks onto my computer is so frustrating. Specifically this means I cannot have the existing music I own on Minidisc in OPEN MG format. Sony should be very concerned about this as it destroys the 'create my own music' philosophy they communicate and I associate with sony products.

**1241. Mac support / Uploading**

Posted by S Holledge on 6/25/2002, 9:20:06

Mac support and uploading urgently needed. Can Sony pull their collective heads out of the sand? SH

**1242. DO IT YOURSELF !!**

Posted by Richo on 6/25/2002, 9:53:21

Dear Sony engineers,  
Please free us from your proprietary code, let us write on NetMD recorder what we want when and how we want ... otherwise I'll rip all the Sony production of the world for everybody in the WORLD !! ... so be serious and give a second chance to MD ...!

**1243. MD to PC Transfer**

Posted by Steve Walker on 6/25/2002, 16:39:10

As a musician I want to be able to record on my portal mini-disc and copy to my PC for editing. This seems like a simple request and I would like to be able to buy a new NetMD to do it - but I can't !

**1244. Our Performances need to be recorded by the best technology - yours! Please let us.**

Posted by Steve Risebury on 6/25/2002, 16:51:17

I fully respect the copyrights held by recording artists, but the unfortunate situation is CD copiers are taking advantage of them. However, restricting uploading of MD data to PCs merely affects people like myself, who would like to archive their own musical performances on MP3. Please allow us to do this, and let your technology fully blossom.

**1245. What happened to 'The customer is always right'?**

Posted by Timothy Mulla on 6/25/2002, 18:04:06

I was looking forward to buying a new NETMD to make recording and storing the counseling sessions I run easier. However when I found out I can't upload my own recordings I realised it would be a waste of time buying one.

What I really struggle to understand is there is a clear market for a product with this function but no one seems to care.

If you are so scared of copy right abuse then may I suggest you ban recording anything and start prosecuting people.

People will always find a way around the copy right law, but does that give you the right to make things harder for those of us who honour the law.

As a result of your shortsightedness you've lost a loyal customer. Over the past 15 years the majority of my music equipment has always been Sony. However, I've decided to stop buying your stuff and I am telling all my friends to same.

With Sharp making strides with their own NetMD maybe they'll get smart and corner the market before you wake up.

In a changing world companies that don't put their customer first and think long term won't last long. Don't forget what happened to IBM, Bill Gates is a richer man for their stupidity.

**1246. Upload on NetMD Please**

Posted by J Murray on 6/25/2002, 18:25:59

Hello, I use my NetMD walkman to record my friend's band, and he always asks if I can burn him a CD so he can play it in his car, at home or even send it off to record labels. It is such a hassle to do this, as I have to go to another friend's house who happens to have a sound card with digital inputs. I'd love to be able to upload the music to my PC using USB then burn it from my CD writer. I hope you will be able to produce a new version of the PC Software that will enable this useful function. Many Thanks in advance, J. Murray - UK

#### **1247. My Recording, My Copyright... Common Guys**

Posted by Stephen Lantz on 6/25/2002, 19:58:56

Please allow me to access my own recordings with technology from this century.

Thank you in advance.

Stephen  
Stephenz@attbi.com

#### **1248. Audio gathering for video use**

Posted by Bill Wallace on 6/25/2002, 20:07:31

Hello,  
I saw my first NetMD units earlier this year while my wife and I were in Hong Kong. I thought that I had found the perfect device for recording audio for video, good sound quality, small size, and MD robustness. I did not purchase it immediately since I was not familiar with the technology.

I made the correct decision not to buy at this time since there is no digital upload capability via USB. I would rather not have to run my video through the units Digital Analog Converter and then my audio cards Analog Digital Converter with the attending loss of quality, cabling problems and the general hassle.

I will buy one almost immediately when easy USB upload of recordings that I have made is available. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Bill Wallace

#### **1249. MUSICIAN standpoint**

Posted by slade simkins on 6/26/2002, 2:49:50

From a musician's stand point, the MD can be very useful if we could upload to our computers. I love to create stuff and load it to the computer. The fact that your company puts restrictions on that makes me not want to support sony ever again. I had nothing against the company up until now. Listen to the consumers please.

#### **1250. sample management.**

Posted by Jonas Åman on 6/26/2002, 7:21:37

I need an easy way to transfer my sound samples to make music on my computer. please.

#### **1251. Uploading recordings to PC**

Posted by Bob Berardino on 6/26/2002, 8:19:03

I'm writing this to petition Sony to allow digital uploads of recordings created on a Minidisc. I already own two Minidisc units that I bought a few years ago, and have considered buying a new NetMD unit to replace one of them. However, the lack of the ability to upload recordings from the Minidisc to PC has postponed this decision for me. There is little incentive to replace my units with new ones. Direct uploading of content from the Minidisc to PC is a significant enough feature for me to buy new Minidisc units.

I prefer the Minidisc format because of the flexibility it offers. PC's are not needed for simple transfer of content from CDs to Minidiscs. I can do this on my stereo system, where I listen to all my music anyway. While MP3 players requires a PC to store all content (and files are transferred back and forth from a PC to the MP3 device), I prefer to store everything on Minidisc because of its portability and nearly indestructible nature. (I prefer it even over CDs because of these features, and currently I'm converting most of my CD, cassette tape, and album collection to Minidisc format to keep the portability, but provide better durability.) NetMD uploads would

help here in two areas. First, I would want to use the PC as a way to backup all my Minidiscs in case I lose or break one. It is not convenient (or even possible many times) to transfer content to a PC first, then download it to a Minidisc. Many times, the content is stored directly on the Minidisc, and I want to backup the Minidisc by uploading to a PC. (I can then easily re-create my Minidisc by simply downloading the files to a new Minidisc without re-recording everything.) Second, with all my files on the PC, it would be very easy to create my own MD compilations. Both of these reasons are lawful under current "fair use" legislation, and this is not any different from what people did in the past with vinyl albums and cassette tape (only without the PC!)

As I use the Minidisc format, the lack of NetMD uploading is preventing me from investing in new units, or speeding my attempts to move portions of my music collection to a portable, durable, inexpensive format (thus preventing more Minidisc sales!!) There are thousands, if not millions, of people like me who want to use the Minidisc in completely lawful enterprises. Don't assume all of us are criminals, and prevent useful features in the Minidisc format from being developed and implemented. Thank you for your consideration.

#### **1252. upload will not damage music industry**

Posted by kieran on 6/26/2002, 12:59:06

piracy is never going to be easy to stop. it is almost impossible most people would say because a clever man creates an antipiracy idea but there is always a clever man to break it and create piracy.

i wish to upload my old Minidiscs rather than have to use pc CD drive and your software to rip disks. I do not agree with piracy but the music industry has always survived no matter what and in a lot of cases mp3s for example have boosted sales when people have heard music

#### **1253. Would really like to upload my own sounds of nature.**

Posted by Chris Berwager on 6/26/2002, 15:16:29

I am really disappointed that NetMD is restricting my ability to upload some really nice audio I have recorded of nature settings. I originally intended to purchase two Minidisc recorders in hopes of capturing the atmosphere of nature in quadrasonic recordings. Imagine having your surround sound system bring you the sound and spatial depth of a waterfall scene right in your living room.... Well that's just it, I have the purest recording of some in digital format but with no way to upload and combine the two stereo tracks into an appropriate format... I'm not sure if I want to buy the second one for the rear channels. Please SONY, if you listen to our requests, you will continue to be the top of the market with not just loyal fans, but the happiest following of all.

#### **1254. Sony - Why???**

Posted by Alex on 6/26/2002, 15:20:26

I have made a lot of recordings from various sources using my NetMD but I was surprised to find I could not use OpenMG to send these recordings to my friends via e-mail etc. Please Sony, grant us this one wish!

#### **1255. Absolute must for business**

Posted by Charles Saldanha on 6/26/2002, 18:40:24

With the steps forward Sony have taken in reducing size and increasing battery life, the mini disc is being taken up by business people everywhere. Particularly for trainers being able to record training sessions and one to one questions which SHOULD be able to be uploaded to PC for later inclusion on computer based training, is essential!

Please "Make it so!"

#### **1256. If Minidisc is to survive, it must have a strong offensive**

Posted by Jonathan Davis on 6/26/2002, 19:52:22

Minidisc has been my favorite format for years. I have no doubt that it could easily be a standard for music in the U.S., but for this to happen, this initiative must be passed. Please strongly consider adding the requested functionality in order to ensure Minidisc's long, successful future.

#### **1257. NetMD -> PC link**

Posted by Yosi on 6/26/2002, 20:30:56

We wanna use Minidisc for live concerts recording but since Sony have blocked the transfer of tracks from MD to the computer, we have returned all 20 portable MD recorder, which we bought from them. well, dear Sony representative, please contact me when you apply this VERY IMPORTANT feature.

Sincerely,  
Yosi

#### **1258. Live Music**

Posted by Eric Morris on 6/26/2002, 20:40:48

I bought my MD to record and edit my band's music. I must say I am SEVERLY disappointed to see there is no way to upload to my computer. Eric Morris

#### **1259. MD to PC Needed**

Posted by Buddy on 6/26/2002, 22:00:04

I sell to radio broadcasters and the ability to go from MD to PC would greatly enhance your fine products in the daily use of my customers.

#### **1260. NetMD upload - a must**

Posted by Juan Miguel Monzon on 6/27/2002, 2:53:28

if they want the MD format to survive, they should allow the upload portion as well.

#### **1261. MD to PC, why not? I've got passed the 3 music limit. Its a bug**

Posted by Steven on 6/27/2002, 4:25:38

People are not buying NetMDs as there are these restrictions. What's the point of an upload restriction? There is a wider majority of people who would buy NetMDs if it had upload capabilities, to upload their own recorded songs, to succeed in becoming rising stars. above all, Isn't it all about the music? I'm sure many of you all know, about the bug about how to get passed the 3 music file d/1 limit.. but for my sake, I ain't goin to tell any one incase sony updates their software.. If I stumbled upon this bug just using the software, -importing-, \*hint \*hint, then anyone can... I'd like this opportunity to add that there should also be features like raising treble and bass BEFORE recording. I've heard lp2 old songs that have sounded with much better clarity then the current lp2 NetMD recorded songs.. and plus those were analogue too.

#### **1262. Sony does not own my material**

Posted by Lars-Erik Nilsson on 6/27/2002, 6:23:19

I find it strange that Sony puts restriction on the distribution of any audio material. I purchased the NetMD to be able to move files back and forth and edit them in the best way possible. Now I need to spend lots of time converting back and forth between stupid formats and minding rules for checking in and out files. If Sony needs a way to protect the copyright for their signed artists that's fine by me. But I purchased the NetMD to be able to work with my material which I don't need to protect. Open up your software Sony or someone please produce a software that will let me so I can uninstall OpenMG.

#### **1263. please make NetMD both senses open**

Posted by clary on 6/27/2002, 9:13:08

I'm musician and i would like to be able to record quickly my sessions on my PC instead of spending hours on recording... please trust in music

#### **1264. REDICULOUS: I record My children Playing MUSIC... AND CAN'T E-MAIL IT TO MY FAMILY !??**

Posted by Jay Martin on 6/27/2002, 11:53:30

I want to be able to RECORD my Kids via MY very expensive Sony MZ-N707 and be able to convert the recordings to MP3 so that I can share them with the rest of my family via E-Mail! This is the only reason I bought this thing.... I unfortunately made the mistake of recording a CONCERT RECITAL of my daughter at school using this SONY MD-RECORDER!!

AND NOW I CAN'T DO SHIT WITH IT!!!

THIS IS REDICULOUS!!!

NO WONDER THIS TECHNOLOGY HAS NEVER TAKEN OFF!! I WOULD NEVER RECOMMEND A "MD" TO ANYONE!! SONY.... YOU SUCKERED ME ON THIS THING.... I WILL NEVER BUY ANOTHER SONY PRODUCT AGAIN!! EVER!!

Jay Martin  
looking4info@email.com

This is ridiculous since there are no copyright issues involved.

#### **1265. my band**

Posted by ande on 6/27/2002, 12:27:14

I bought this to tape my band what's up ?

#### **1266. MD -> PC please!**

Posted by SADif on 6/27/2002, 14:11:06

Adding this feature would complete the Minidisc format...

#### **1267. (no subject)**

Posted by Loir on 6/27/2002, 17:39:45

Petition pour l'amelioration du netmd

#### **1268. oral history recording/ sony no longer my brand**

Posted by matthew on 6/27/2002, 23:41:09

I purchased the MD-505 with high expectations. I was disappointed on the standpoint, that the recorder is useless to anyone wanting to record their own voice or the voice of others. Sony, you are arrogant to assume that other product companies will not take your place because of this hardware restriction. You do not own the property rights to my voice. I have made it a point, as will others, to inform everyone I know that this hardware is a waste of money. Your paranoia cost you mine.

#### **1269. I'm a musician...**

Posted by Frank Swanson on 6/28/2002, 1:18:48

Sony,  
In purchasing my Minidisc, I was under the impression I would be able to record my music and easily send it to friends, family and fellow musicians.

In getting to know my purchase, I found I am sadly mistaken. I urge you to incorporate the proposed additions regarding uploading from MD to OpenMG Jukebox. Without it, this technology truly offers limited benefits over chip-based products.

#### **1270. I have been framed !**

Posted by Esteban on 6/28/2002, 1:23:59

I bought the USB cradle model to avoid digitalizing my field recordings. Thank you very much for not stating it clearly on the sony.com website (I'm being ironical). I am truly disappointed, and hope for a solution.

#### **1271. live recordings**

Posted by Harry on 6/28/2002, 3:28:46

Hi,  
I use the Minidisc very often (one in my car, on in my living and one for the band). We often make live recordings of our band, which I would like to store on a computer for editing and to make multiple copies for all the band members. It would be great, if it is possible to upload a recording to the PC !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

#### **1272. Lots of people make their own (not copyrighted) music**

Posted by John Brown on 6/28/2002, 8:06:37

Cut + Pasted from an Irish Tin-whistle forum..  
Hello all, I just got a sony mz-n1 with ms907 mic. Here are my initial impressions.....  
And, the number one thing that sucks, there is no digital upload. If you record tunes at a session, for instance, to get them up to a pc, you have to go analog out the headphone jack into you sound card in real time, Major Bummer. ...

You'd sell a lot more of these to amateur musicians with this feature.

Thanks,

jb

**1273. Com'on Sony, the world need NetMD -> PC**

Posted by Nang on 6/28/2002, 9:18:43

It's so important to share own family sound and music through internet like children's laughter.

Nang

**1274. Band's allow me to record concerts, why can't I convert them at a higher speed**

Posted by Matthew Gorman on 6/28/2002, 14:01:06

There are many bands that allow, and even encourage the taping and distribution of concert audio. But while recording on MD, I have to convert the audio to my HD in analogue format, loosing sound quality, as well as waiting for real time conversion. This is the major disadvantage of taping on MD rather than DAT.

**1275. The musician's barrier**

Posted by Scott Wilton on 6/28/2002, 14:15:26

A digital upload capability would be a great enhancement to the NetMD Minidisc units. Musician's will especially hold an appreciation for this since it will give them fantastic versatility in sound editing and recording. Digital uploading capabilities is the only barrier keeping many musician's from purchasing these units, myself included.

**1276. MDNET backup (From a Runner)**

Posted by David Clavey on 6/28/2002, 16:20:16

I feel a cheated. When I bought the MD NET I was assured it could talk to a PC. but having bought it I find I can't UPLOAD and backup my live music. Nor can I send it to my friends.

I am a Runner using an MDNET (MZ-N707) and very very happy with its non-jog behaviour and sound quality. So how about finishing the product with a proper upload of "Audio" recorded data.

Also the protection is crazy and easy to get round by using two PC's. please Sony either remove or modify your protection software.

**1277. PPLLEEEFAAASSSEEEEE!**

Posted by Tom Wilson on 6/28/2002, 16:23:49

sony - u have an amazing reputation and implementing upload would further improve it. This feature I'm sure would increase your profits drastically and could give you a real boost!!!!  
PLEASE IMPLEMENT UPLOAD. If you did add an upload feature would you need to buy a new player or would it just be a piece of extra software / hardware ADD-ON.  
cheers sony! ;-)

**1278. i need to upload**

Posted by Josph Bliss on 6/28/2002, 16:28:14

I use my Mini-disk to record audio from interviews and use it for DV. I would love to keep it digital all the way but right now i have to put it on the computer via analog. This is a BIG disappointment.

**1279. Would buy if uploading worked**

Posted by Max on 6/28/2002, 17:52:51

I like to record nature sounds. It is safe to say that I would not hesitate to buy an MD Player/Recorder from Sony IF it had the capability to upload digitally to my pc. As it stands, I'm considering different alternatives for my next recording device.

**1280. I Would Purchase a Sony MZ-N505 if upload possible**

Posted by Trey Thomas on 6/28/2002, 20:55:48

I am an audio enthusiast. Always have been. When I was a kid... I made my own custom cassette tapes from records. The last thing audio enthusiast wants is restrictions. Uploading from a portable Minidisc player to my computer is not going to "Rob the Recording Industry or Artists"! Please consider giving me the consumer/customer (who used to be always right) control over my own listening habits.

Thank You,

Trey Thomas

thomastrey@hotmail.com

**1281. Re: I have been framed !**

Posted by sereinblue on 6/28/2002, 23:21:21 , in reply to "I have been framed !"

I too, feel framed. I read the NetMD information over and over again before purchasing it, and had the distinct impression that it would be possible to upload songs from my MD to my PC. More specifically, I assumed that since it was possible to "check-in" songs to the PC and possible to record live music onto a Minidisc, then it would be possible to transfer live music to my PC as well.

I'm disgusted that such a simple function is not included in this package. It was the entire reason for purchasing the NetMD, and if the store will accept a return on this opened package, I'm taking it back.

Certainly there could be a plug-in for Open MG Jukebox that would allow it to check in music recorded directly to the MD?

**1282. this is a waste of a chance**

Posted by Matt Sephton on 6/29/2002, 7:33:40

NetMD could be so much more!

**1283. Class room recording**

Posted by Mike on 6/29/2002, 8:36:18

My teacher wants me to record his lectures on Minidisc, so who ever misses his classes i can upload them onto my computer, who ever misses the class goes online to hear what they missed.

**1284. NetMD Upload**

Posted by Alex Chilcott on 6/29/2002, 8:52:34

From preventing upload from the MD, small time artists have to use analog recording. This is a hassle, but still, the artist gets what they want - they manage to get the audio to their PC. Why, then, did you incorporate this protection when it doesn't prevent the audio from getting to the PC but just wastes time. I should imagine that anyone with their mind set on piracy will not use the Minidisc in the first place, but probably download MP3 versions of music.

Please read this carefully and take my views into account.

Thank you

**1285. MD to computer**

Posted by aad on 6/29/2002, 8:54:52

I'd love to upload my own work to the computer, but now there is no possibility.

**1286. I'm agree**

Posted by jordan on 6/29/2002, 9:46:52

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**1287. My purchasing of NetMD equipment solely depends on this.**

Posted by Jeff Fuesting on 6/29/2002, 10:02:41

My purchasing of NetMD equipment solely depends on this.

**1288. NetMD is not like what it is advertised**

Posted by H.H Nguyen-Ngoc on 6/29/2002, 10:07:42

Looks good on advert, blah..blah..blah. In practice it is a load of C\*\*p. You cannot check in your own music and after 3 goes the whole system locked up. Sony presumes that we are all private. I'll tell everyone I know not to buy Sony MD

**1289. NetMD**

Posted by Basil on 6/29/2002, 10:36:53

Definitely providing the upload function extends functionality of the MD format for its users. Do it Sony...

**1290. Think, Please....**

Posted by Robert Tarnell on 6/29/2002, 11:10:33

I have had the n707 for 1 day now, and I love the small size and all the feature, but reading from the web about this stuff and all the hassle regarding protecting 'copyright'. It's no fun with NetMD. Please enable upload.....

I still have 29 days for return..

Rgds, Robert.

#### **1291. NetMD upload for musicians**

Posted by Jens on 6/29/2002, 11:47:22

The ability to upload live recordings to a PC for editing would make Minidisks far more attractive to musicians. Being able to quickly transfer recordings of jams or songs to a computer for editing would speed up the whole creative process. I'm sure that if Sony did include this function, they would quickly notice an increase in sales - not only do most musicians have their ear to the ground when it comes to new technology, they also tend to be quick to buy it.

#### **1292. Uploading would be a great feature**

Posted by Adolfo Blanco on 6/29/2002, 14:32:32

I've been using MD for years and I was thinking about buying a NetMD for all the convenience it brings, but I always thought you could upload to you PC as well, just as many other devices do. Why did you fail to implement this? I can't believe you didn't think about it, so it must have been neglected for some reason. I advise you to go back again and think how much benefit will come letting people upload against what you considered before not to implement this. As a result, I am confident you will think more on the needs of the market this product serves and make it available in anyway possible.

#### **1293. Sony... the best ?**

Posted by thibault Massart on 6/29/2002, 17:09:15

That's what I always thought... time to change my mind? Prove me it is not !

#### **1294. Freedom for the MD**

Posted by Camboulive on 6/29/2002, 18:06:28

Laisser les MD en liberté vous en récolterez les fruit avec le MAVICA qui va faire un tabac, le MD son devrait suivre C la bonne direction selon moi et nous. MERCI DE TENIR COMPTE DE NOS AVIS.

#### **1295. Asi 'pa que !**

Posted by Juan Fernandez on 6/29/2002, 19:34:35

Asi no tiene chiste.

#### **1296. Downloading my recordings**

Posted by Flemming on 6/29/2002, 20:47:44

My purpose for owning an MD Recorder is to record stuff myself. Interviews, my kids, etc. It is rather ridiculous and impractical that I can't easily download them to my PC, which is where they're going to end up.

#### **1297. Uploading Lectures / Dictation**

Posted by James Ivey on 6/29/2002, 23:52:26

I record my instructor's lectures in order to help myself review the finer points of classes I'm taking - It's extremely aggravating to have to record the tracks back into the pc 1:1 when a USB upload feature would simplify the number of steps needed to archive/index them.

#### **1298. MD -> PC for Live Music**

Posted by Roderick Morrison on 6/30/2002, 0:28:46

I record our band on MD. It is unacceptable not to be able to transfer copies of the recordings to other band members without going through analog transfer.  
- Rick

#### **1299. upload from Minidisc**

Posted by Pierre AUBERSON on 6/30/2002, 3:59:13

Why is it not possible to upload files which was analog recorded ?

#### **1300. Ethnomusicological Recordings**

Posted by David Walker on 6/30/2002, 4:17:35

As an amateur ethnomusicologist who records music around the world, the mini-disk is ideal for traveling. I have just bought an MZ-N707 because the advertising material and the box talked about USB Data Transfer, which lead me to expect that I could upload my recordings to a PC. On opening the box and reading the instructions, I found that I could not. So, I'm stuck with the old analog transfer, and might as well have stayed with my DAT recorder, or bought a cheaper Sharp or Panasonic unit.

#### **1301. Re: I have been framed !**

Posted by AC on 6/30/2002, 5:40:27 , in reply to "Re: I have been framed !"

Looks like I am not the only one who got caught in this. I had bought two 707's, one for me and one for my wife. Once we found that we could not upload our recordings, they went back into the box, and back to the dealer. After 10 years Sony has come so close to getting the format to be perfect, only to leave the job half finished.

#### **1302. NetMD upload would very cool**

Posted by Simon Stiefel on 6/30/2002, 10:41:41

Hi!

Please add the NetMD upload feature to your great Minidisc player an recorders.

And I'm sure, you won't damage the music industry!  
MD4ever!

Greetings,  
Simon

#### **1303. I can't understand....**

Posted by Kishorimohan on 6/30/2002, 11:31:19

When I first purchased my recorder, I was under the impression that it could upload as well as download. Needless to say, I was disappointed. I record live music daily as well as lectures and half my day is spent playing the material in real time into my computer in order to edit it and then convert it to mp3. Many of my friends have desired to purchase a Minidisc recorder, but when I tell them what they'll get, they change their minds immediately. I'm considering going with ArchosJukebox. It would be extremely beneficial to the healthy future of Minidisc if they would cater to their consumers and add an upload function.

#### **1304. No MD to PC upload - Why?**

Posted by SBEN on 6/30/2002, 11:36:24

Sony, sometime back you decided not to produce an MDD (Mini Data Disk) due to its 'insufficient capacity', personally I think you would have cleaned up. Now you've given us Net-MD but are preventing it from fulfilling its potential.  
Come on Sony, give the public what they want!

#### **1305. Have to do it!**

Posted by Stanislav Tomashpolsky on 6/30/2002, 13:39:09

MUST!

#### **1306. Why should legitimate users suffer?**

Posted by Graham Gray on 6/30/2002, 14:49:48

I recorded my recent live set at Glastonbury on my new Sony MD, only to find that upon my return I was unable to transfer it back to my PC for editing using the supplied software. Closer examination revealed this site & petition. This is basically outrageous and will be returning the player to my local Sony shop for a full refund as it is clearly not capable or performing the tasks for which it was required.

#### **1307. I bought my MD recorder just to record and edit spoken word recordings.**

Posted by Nick on 6/30/2002, 16:29:33

I am training as a Counselor / therapist and need to be able to record my client sessions for supervisor review. I asked in various stores about the capability and looked at the materials. Only after purchasing the item have I found I can't do this. I am very disappointed.

**1308. dictates and notes to upload**

Posted by Erwin Brückl on 6/30/2002, 16:49:20

Dear Sirs,  
I use my Sony MD Recorder for dictation on various purposes. I really miss the opportunity to upload that on my computer.

Yours,

Erwin Brückl

**1309. If I can't upload, I will return my new mz-n707.**

Posted by Janet Schrock on 6/30/2002, 17:30:09

I wanted to record sound effects and voice-overs for my digital video. Not being able to upload ruins my plans. It is disappointing.

**1310. You cannot create your own compilation with stupid restrictions..**

Posted by Valerie J. L. Frost on 6/30/2002, 20:22:18

no MD to PC transfers make creating my own compilations extremely difficult... it's bad enough with the checkin/out feature, but that blows...

**1311. wont waste my cash**

Posted by Ashley Savage on 6/30/2002, 20:22:55

yeah this has to suck... I put all my vinyl on to MD... so if I can't upload to the PC... I'll keep my crappy 2 yr old unit....

**1312. NetMD Upload feature please**

Posted by Robert Russell on 6/30/2002, 21:41:56

I don't have a NetMD yet but want to buy one. I will buy one as soon as upload is supported. I prefer Sony as I feel they make better quality units but if another manufacturer makes an upload enabled unit I will buy it. Making the Minidisc like a portable disk, i.e. download and upload, could finally take Minidisc where it belongs - as a replacement for CD. Also the cost of the units in Australia is too high (\$530+), it puts it way out of reach for most people. It will never corner the market at such a high cost.

**1313. Purchased NetMD to digitally record for video dub**

Posted by Dr Vroegindewey on 6/30/2002, 22:29:31

Dear Sony,  
Please enable the record to computer capability of NetMD.  
I purchased the NetMD to digitally record oral histories to dub into historical video. Currently using two Sony digital cameras, DCR-900 video (Sony), and two VAIO computers (Sony). I am extremely disappointed and surprised Sony would not have its suite of digital equipment compatible.

**1314. Live band - record to PC - then CD**

Posted by Chris OConnor on 7/1/2002, 0:03:13

Hello,  
I use a MD to record sessions with my band - and can then review stuff later. While it would be a "first cut" - it would be GREAT to be able to copy these MD tracks to my PC - and then convert to WAV (and burn a demo CD for easy/cheap sending) - and also convert to MP3 - to upload to our band's web page.

Being a "NETMD" - it seems odd to limit to one-way music loading. I do understand the copyright issue - and applaud Sony's attempt to limit piracy (being an artist myself - who would hopefully make money out of it - someday).

But - why cripple the ability of the new Net-MD ?

**1315. The customer is ALWAYS Right !? and should be informed**

Posted by E Z on 7/1/2002, 0:59:02

I am a photographer expanding into videography. I have many friends in bands, and digital media production. We are all prospective customers. We

all agree that you have a fine product, but it is missing features described here by others that would finalize our decisions to purchase your product for our uses in Sound, and Multimedia. Any company that does not heed the requests of prospective customers should at least post a reason why they cannot, or will not implement features in their products that those customers request. This is at the least a respectful way to treat those making such inquiries, and will assure that your company is held in equal respect by those individuals. Leave us in the dark and we will seek a light elsewhere. Keep us informed and we will reconsider our decisions with a more informed perspective, and then possibly buy your product. I myself am looking for a small device that will record sound from a stereo microphone at live performances, and can also be used to transfer my video to service providers that will make multiple DVD-R copies from my source files.

Respectfully Yours;

Eric Z

**1316. Live recordings**

Posted by Codrin on 7/1/2002, 3:16:13

Hey guys, I need to record my conferences, public ones and to share them with my colleagues. We buy this stuff so, we rule!

**1317. I'm a DJ**

Posted by Pete Gleadall on 7/1/2002, 6:35:56

I recently purchased a Sony NetMD but am currently on the verge of returning as a result of this issue. I'm a scratch DJ and had envisaged the NetMD to be a fantastic solution to my problem of recording the music I create when outside my studio. As I imagined it, I would be able to record audio of myself and other people I work with without needing to transport large amounts of equipment simply by using the NetMD, recording the audio on the fly and then checking it in to my pc and editing it etc. With the situation as it currently stands, I have to record all the data I wish to work with through my line in port... making the process far too lengthy to be a realistic alternative to the laptop solution I had previously sought to avoid. I find the current stance on MD to PC transferal incredibly restrictive and, to be honest, I am currently advising all my friends with similar audio needs to steer well clear of Minidisc options

**1318. Recorded a family wedding**

Posted by Tony Ling on 7/1/2002, 7:51:15

I recently recorded a family members wedding at our church via a Minidisc deck, with the intention of copying it to the pc for editing, before recording on cdr to later present to them. I was very disappointed to discover that the NetMD I purchased was not capable. I returned it for a refund. Now I have a Minidisc recording that was easy to record, but very difficult to improve. The bride and groom are disappointed too. I hope one day you correct the error.

Regards

Tony

**1319. Upload Please**

Posted by Kiernan Celestina on 7/1/2002, 8:04:38

This is the only way forward for NetMD in the future. Please consider this proposal carefully!

**1320. Upload easier on CD**

Posted by Steven Lyons on 7/1/2002, 8:32:03

Allowing upload on NetMD would be no different to allowing digital uploading of CD's which can be done with a sony CD-ROM. Face it, Beta failed because VHS was more popular. MD can succeed because like beta, it is a good product, but it shouldn't be limited, it needs to be made popular. The upload issue doesn't help, especially with lot's of people returning the product for this reason. Flash RAM recorders will probably supersede MD as they are not being limited like this and they are cheaper. If it's not breaking any laws, why not allow it? It's the next step in personal audio equipment.

**1321. Re: live recordings**

Posted by Vincent on 7/1/2002, 8:33:26 , in reply to "live recordings"

I absolutely agree with you. When I recorded my band I was sure that I can upload this recording but I had to stay 2 hours on my PC to record it with a

analogic quality !! It crazy with a numeric recorder and a PC (numeric !!!)  
to have to convert the music in analogic !!

#### **1322. Why not?**

Posted by Gynnko on 7/1/2002, 8:39:02

WHEREAS,  
Anybody can make a copy of any given audio CD, so why go through the  
hassle of using MD to unlawfully duplicate music?  
WHEREAS,  
I have grown to old & lazy to use my old LPs, but would rather digitize  
them using a NetMD & store them on my PC as MP3s (can be done using  
the soundcard, & is not illegal, at least not in EU).

WHEREAS  
I have stored most of my (legally bought) collection of CDs onto MP3, and  
would like the ability to quickly record 1 or 2 MDs with a selected playlist  
without having to first "checking in" from the MDs before "checking out"

WHEREAS  
"A thief thinks every man steals" - what do you think Sony?

#### **1323. I need MD --> PC**

Posted by Tim Benest on 7/1/2002, 9:44:08

I use my NetMD MZ-N1 to record training sessions that i give. I would like  
to be able to transfer the recordings of those sessions from the Minidisc  
recorder to my pc for editing etc. At present you do you allow me to do  
this, it would be cool if you could, heck why not make folks lives easier  
instead of harder.

#### **1324. Sony is downgrading is material for \$\$\$ reason**

Posted by franck bausela on 7/1/2002, 10:24:21

I made my own music with real (physical) instrument ...  
Why this doomed software could not allow me to record myself, and then  
mix it on an PC.  
Should y by a laptop and directly record myself on it ? So I will trash the  
Minidisc ...

I believe the future of Minidisc is freedom or trash.  
Hope sony will understand.

I m feed up by the World Company, they just want money, to play golf and  
have big stock exchanges ...

#### **1325. Sony should once again take the lead - innovate!**

Posted by Will in Austin, TX on 7/1/2002, 13:13:11

Honorable Mssrs. Nobuki and Stringer-  
It is inevitable that this shall come to pass. Whether Mini-Disc or some  
other long-recording time digital format (smart media, etc.) -- digital  
uploading of live recorded music will be a reality soon. Why not D/D - as  
opposed to D/A/D ? It is my hope that Sony will re-write the excellent  
NetMD software to embrace these features before the competition does.

Sincerely,

Will Kreth  
Austin, TX

#### **1326. digital editing of field recordings**

Posted by Kurt Albershardt on 7/1/2002, 14:38:30

At the current time, I have no interest in MD due to the fact that I can not  
transfer my own recordings to my own PC without purchasing an  
additional home deck with S/PDIF output.  
I have zero interest in using MD as a Walkman-style playback device for  
copyrighted material--its sole use would be recording live music and  
capturing ambient sounds for later postproduction.

If NetMD were bidirectional and I could extract .WAV files from my own  
recordings for editing and processing on my DAW, I could purchase an  
MD recorder for the task. Now that DAT is going away, what other options  
do we have for true portability? If Sony doesn't take the lead, some other  
manufacturer will eventually grab it. If this happens, Sony will lose a lot of  
their sales to the amateur recordist overnight.

#### **1327. Please enable uploading**

Posted by Jeremiah McCarthy on 7/1/2002, 15:57:02

This would be an invaluable asset for me

#### **1328. NetMD is useless for interviews!**

Posted by Chris Stocker on 7/1/2002, 21:18:23

I bought my NetMD player based on the suggestion of another journalist  
who said the compact players were perfect for field interviews. BOY was I  
wrong. I don't have the time to upload everything in real-time analog!  
PLEASE give us digital track uploading!! We're not MP3 fiends, we're true  
music/audio lovers who need alternate means to move music/audio around!

#### **1329. UPLOAD PLEASEEEEE**

Posted by Gonzalo Gomez on 7/1/2002, 23:11:58

I use my NetMD to record meetings, and it would be great to have upload,  
please enable it!!!

#### **1330. Recording live music**

Posted by AI on 7/1/2002, 23:34:02

The only reason for purchasing my NetMD player was to digitally record  
my band. We've recorded our live concert and it worked great. Now we're  
sitting here trying to bring those songs onto the computer so that we can  
make a CD. This inability to utilize the USB transfer technology has left  
me with a very sorry taste for this product. After spending \$240 on the  
NetMD and \$90 on a stereo microphone, I now find out that the only way  
we can copy this to the computer is through an analog line (this really is  
upsetting). There was no mention on the packaging or in the instruction  
book that I would be unable to utilize the USB for the digital transfer. I will  
investigate returning this product.

#### **1331. uploading**

Posted by Arjune Rama on 7/2/2002, 0:03:53

I'm trying to upload songs I've recorded and it's pretty inconvenient that i  
can't do this, and kind of misleading that they don't mention it at all on the  
box.

#### **1332. I agree**

Posted by Jclendenan on 7/2/2002, 0:57:14

This feature would be invaluable for university students who need to record  
notes and then transfer them to a more long-term medium (HardDrive...  
etc). I am currently looking at this and with the antishock built-in to the  
current models it is the only feature missing. Having tested the  
uploadability it looks to be possible to transfer back the files, but the  
OpenMG software is the only thing which is preventing this.  
Please reconsider this, Digital watermarking may be good for the record  
industry, but you are missing a huge market in Dictaphones and speech to  
text devices which have only one real-time (input) step.

Thanks

#### **1333. Why my speech recording can not upload to my pc ?**

Posted by Bob Chen on 7/2/2002, 3:25:33

This function is a "must". why "my" voice recording can not be loading to  
"my" PC. and you call MD a recording machine around the PC World ?

#### **1334. NetMD Uploading**

Posted by Ben Macrow on 7/2/2002, 6:04:09

I have to agree with all of the current signatories, the NetMD is brilliant  
extension to the Minidisc format, but the lack of the ability to upload from  
the recorder to PC is a wasted chance. With the addition of that function  
there it would open up endless opportunities for people who need the  
ability to easily record from live, to PC with minimal quality loss.  
I ask you to reconsider your decision not to include this functionality.

Many Thanks  
Ben Macrow

#### **1335. upload netmd**

Posted by Nick Allum on 7/2/2002, 6:31:15

I am a social researcher who bought the Sony NetMD to record interviews. It would be extremely useful to upload direct to PC into transcription software. There is no future in restricting digital equipment as the netmd is now. Someone will crack the system before long. Wouldn't it be better if Sony did it properly?  
Nick Allum

**1336. Sound transfer from MD to computer**  
Posted by Anders Carlson on 7/2/2002, 7:42:11

I bought a NetMD Walkman MZ-N1 for one single reason, to be able to upload sound recordings from MD to my computer. Today I feel deceived, no information from the shop or on the box indicated that Sony had blocked this function.  
Please unlock this function, you owe this to your customers!

**1337. yes yes yes yes yes yes!**  
Posted by James Anderson on 7/2/2002, 8:21:31

We use Minidisc to record our church service and if we could transfer the sermon to computer and CD it would be great!

**1338. Why not?**  
Posted by Josh on 7/2/2002, 9:25:19

Audio that I record with a Mic I should be able to upload to my PC. I can transfer it analog, but that is slow and the quality isn't the best. The main reason I bought a NetMD was to upload, it's not clearly stated that you can't do it!!

**1339. My own voice**  
Posted by Rob Cohan on 7/2/2002, 9:49:40

I appreciate what Sony has done in making it possible to move content to Minidisc media in an easy manner.  
When I have a public speaking engagement, I often record myself for later tune-up of my speaking abilities. Currently, I must capture the great sound quality from my Sony Minidisc equipment with an inferior analog sound card, in real time, to be able to edit what I wish. It would be wonderful to be able to upload the content of a Minidisc of my own creation to my PC directly, and digitally. I appreciate any consideration which may be given this possibility.

**1340. NetMD & Live recording**  
Posted by Paul McKeown on 7/2/2002, 14:04:54

I am a concert sound & recording engineer. Uploading digitally to my computer is the final missing link which would make my sony MD recorder the ultimate live/location recording/editing device. I can make digital transfers direct from CD to my hard drive - why not my own recordings on MD?

**1341. Support for NetMD uploading**  
Posted by David Adams on 7/2/2002, 15:51:18

We have a lot of live recordings on MD and really need to convert them to MIDI or some other manageable format. Uploading to PC would be really helpful. Please.

**1342. NetMD upload is necessary!**  
Posted by David Descheneau on 7/2/2002, 16:32:35

Hello, I am a computer support analyst at the University of Alberta. I am occasionally involved in multimedia projects which require field recordings of interviews, musical performances, and sounds as material in electroacoustic compositions. I have recommended the purchase of MD recorders to clients in the past, and was excited at the arrival of NetMD technology for its potential for digital transfers of analog recordings to PC. After recommending the units to a social sciences department, my clients and I were very disappointed to learn that the MD->PC transfer option is disabled in OpenMG Jukebox. The MD recorders are therefore at a disadvantage to cheaper, lower quality voice recorders that do offer recorder->PC transfers. The department is now returning several MZ-N707 units that were originally purchased for recording interviews, and they are investigating other options.  
I can not understand why MD->PC transfers of analog recordings are not supported. This would be a breakthrough for ease-of-use and quality in a portable recorder. I can realistically say that because of the lack of MD-

>PC operation, my purchase recommendations will mean that thousands of dollars in potential MD sales will never happen.

Please allow your already excellent product to achieve its full potential.

**1343. ras le cul de se faire avoir**  
Posted by camille on 7/2/2002, 17:21:35

Je dépense 2000 balles dans un lecteur Minidisc avec le cable Pc-MD et je m'en sert JAMAIS.  
Merci Sony(go #####) et la prochaine fois j'irai voir la concurrence et je ferai pas attention a la marque sauf Sony. Sinon si vous faites un effort commercial (incroyable) laisser les logiciels en libre échange. Envoyer moi un e-mail pour me tenir au courant de vos améliorations sur les Minidiscs.

**1344. Please allow me to upload my own field recordings**  
Posted by Richard Whitehouse on 7/2/2002, 17:21:46

Making field recordings of my own music performances is the reason I bought a portable Minidisc recorder (MZ-N1). I will not be using it to transfer pre-recorded music from CD or MP3 files to the Minidisc, but it would be very useful for me to be able to transfer my own recordings from Minidisc to PC, converting them to .WAV files at the same time, so that I could load them into my audio editing software. I hope you will consider adding this functionality to the NetMD protocol.  
As it stands now, I will have to use the N1's audio line out, and record to my computer's sound card in the analog domain, thus resulting in a needless digital-to-analog conversion (ATRAC to analog), and then another needless analog-to-digital conversion (analog to WAV). It would be so much cleaner to simply be able to convert the ATRAC file to WAV, and upload it to PC in the digital domain.

**1345. Uploading Live Recordings**  
Posted by Rick Hadley on 7/2/2002, 19:23:04

There is really no point for me to have a Minidisc if I can't upload my recordings. I frequently attend shows such as Phish and moe where recording is not only allowed but encouraged. I bought a Minidisc because it was an economical way to record digital music (versus a portable DAT). However since I can't upload the songs to a computer I have now returned my Minidisc recorder and will not purchase another until this feature is supported.  
Rick Hadley

**1346. Just like everyone else.**  
Posted by Darwin Conley on 7/2/2002, 22:08:18

I am a national trainer and have found quite possibly the best tool to record my talks but can not use the tool to publish my talks after recording. It would be an outstanding piece of hardware if it could be uploaded to a PC where I would be able to edit the recording for duplication and publication.

**1347. NETMD -please consider**  
Posted by maku on 7/2/2002, 23:27:33

Dear Sirs,  
Please consider the way you are packaging your product comes across as deceptive to the average buyer. When there is a USB port attached to the NETMD player and you are told you can upload files to the computer a purchaser will assume that they can record onto the MD device and then upload as well. On behalf of all the very dissatisfied customers, who are going to be your best advertisers, please re-evaluate what you have done. For a purchaser like myself, I cannot even return the device since the country I live in, does not take returns on working equipment. -I bought it to record teaching sessions and save myself time by upload to computer and burning out to CD so we could distribute to the students.  
Thank you for your consideration!

**1349. Can't upload, will return NetMD Player**  
Posted by Darren D. Croom on 7/3/2002, 1:11:43

I will be returning my recently purchased Sony NetMD Player this weekend because of the inability to upload analog recordings to my PC. I'm thoroughly disappointed.

**1349. too many restrictions**  
Posted by George Iannetta on 7/3/2002, 1:40:17

Your customers pay good money for your NetMD players because of their convenience and portability, not to indulge in copyright infringement. You are restricting your way out of the MD business (your own invention!)

**1350. Please add upload capabilities**

Posted by Masud A. Khan on 7/3/2002, 3:08:13

Hi,

I make a lot of live recordings of lectures and [non-bootleg] performances and this capability would greatly help me at my editing stage.

**1351. Upload**

Posted by ARKaN-FF on 7/3/2002, 4:34:35

you must to do it !  
BECAUSE ITS GOOD

**1352. Please consider providing upload**

Posted by Breandán Dalton on 7/3/2002, 5:14:57

The only thing missing from an excellent product

**1353. Pourquoi?**

Posted by LeLaulau on 7/3/2002, 5:40:33

Le Minidisc coule petit à petit. Dans quelques temps on en entendra plus parler, il faut réagir!

**1354. 2-way functionality**

Posted by Miles Golding on 7/3/2002, 6:16:09

I was thinking of acquiring a Sony NetMD with USB. Now I won't, because I have discovered that such a supposedly sophisticated tool surprisingly does not allow live uploading of audio from MD to PC. I am incredulous. I won't buy until I find a machine that has this facility.

**1355. Be streetsmart sony**

Posted by ike victor on 7/3/2002, 6:18:43

You know it makes sense. without this capability netmd will be obsolete in a couple of years! do it before it's too late!

**1357. NetMD : content à moitié**

Posted by Patrice ODDOS on 7/3/2002, 8:01:03

JE suis musicien, et je l'avoue que le Minidisc est très pratique. cela fait 8 ans que je m'en sers et quand j'ai vu que la nouvelle Génération comportait la Fonction NetMD, j'ai tout de suite acheté un nouveau produit. Qu'elle a été ma désolation de ne pas pouvoir uploader du Minidisc vers le PC. J'enregistre beaucoup de prestations live sur MD car la qualité est largement suffisante et le prix de revient est moins cher qu'un DAT . C'est vraiment dommage que le transfert ne soit possible que dans un sens car je suis obligé d'attendre chaque fois 74 minutes pour le transfert alors que cela pourrait etre fait en 10 Minutes. Donc je vais ramener mon MZN1 en attendant que vous ou un de vos concurrents ( SHARP-Panasonic-AIWA ... ) sorte un protocole pouvant marcher dans les 2 sens. En attendant le NetMD 2 , j'espère que ma remarque vous aura fait réfléchir au problème Patrice ODDOS : un utilisateur francais du NetMD pas content du tout

**1357. Usable software AND upload feature thanx!**

Posted by Erik Almqvist on 7/3/2002, 8:11:51

I've bought a MZ/N1, it cost 4300 SEK (~\$480) and I can't even use the OpenMG software!  
It crashes all the time. I've tried re-installing both Windows 2000 and OMG, but the crashes remain.  
Not being able to upload music also is a petty.  
Preferably I would like to see a Linux/OSX version as well (pretty similar systems, could share a lot of work) or at least want to see the specs opened for the Open/NMD guys (<http://opennmd.monochromatic.net>).

You really need to do something about this, you really do.

Thanks in advance  
Erik

**1358. Feature please**

Posted by Rob Ward on 7/3/2002, 9:09:46

There should be an upload feature as many people use the recorder for recording other sources than CD - it would be great to upload interviews rather than record again in real time. Make sure its an new feature of the software so we don't have to buy a new MD again

**1359. OpenMG ver 2.2 SUCKS ! pathetic software !**

Posted by Andrei 76 on 7/3/2002, 10:24:36

Fix it !

**1360. upload for NetMD**

Posted by douabin justin on 7/3/2002, 11:17:31

yes to the upload

**1361. Please incorporate uploading**

Posted by Brody McDonald on 7/3/2002, 11:34:55

As a music teacher and a member of several a cappella ensembles, I rely on my MD for rehearsal and even concert recording. Having the option to upload from it via USB would make it much more useful.

**1362. (no subject)**

Posted by Janusz Biegaj on 7/3/2002, 13:51:57

Please consider providing upload

**1363. I like the upload idea**

Posted by Sal Ochoa on 7/3/2002, 15:26:25

I like the upload idea because it allows me to edit some of my music more easily by recording live vocals or instruments. It is a good idea.

**1364. for NetMD Audio Uploading**

Posted by Michel Cremieux on 7/3/2002, 15:30:04

I am a Sony Minidisc French end user that would like to point out the importance of having a NetMD uploading functions for recording sounds on the Minidisc via a microphone for those how would like to upload ATRAC3 file to pc's...  
Michel CREMIEUX  
8, rue du chateau  
01200 BILLIAT  
FRANCE

**1365. add upload function.**

Posted by Jen on 7/3/2002, 16:24:03

I've been meaning to switch from my CD player to an MD player. with the information i have found here, i am thinking twice. this would be such a great device but the limitations [software and absent upload function] make it too bothersome to even consider. if you want the MD to become more popular, take out all the limitations.

**1366. Can't upload easily, Regret on buying limited hardware!**

Posted by Oren Elimelech on 7/3/2002, 18:57:51

I am sorry for purchasing the MZ-N1 from Sony.  
I have expected better from them!  
Please think about the users.  
Oren

**1367. Upload function will expand your market**

Posted by Francisco on 7/3/2002, 19:24:21

many more people would go into your product if that function was available.

**1368. Freedom**

Posted by Roy on 7/3/2002, 20:49:58

The 1st Amendment guarantees freedom of religion, speech, and the press. I think we should have the freedom to use people's music without paying for it. That is why we buy an MD player. We don't buy a \$300 object to make replicas of objects we already have.

**1369. Easier than digital out**

Posted by Nick Dan on 7/3/2002, 21:04:48

If I could upload my filed recordings with full digital quality and without having to buy a Minidisc deck with digital out and a soundcard with digital in that would be great. It might even be able to upload at more than real-time (1x) speed. This would make all my hours of recordings interface much more easily with my PC.

#### **1370. NetMD**

Posted by Gary Fesler on 7/3/2002, 23:18:31

Please upgrade NetMD to allow digital transfers from the MD to PC. Also please allow Simple Burner to transfer in SP mode as well as LP LP4 modes. Thank you.

#### **1371. Guilty until proven innocent?**

Posted by Matt K on 7/4/2002, 0:30:31

I am not a criminal. I do not steal music. So why am I not allowed to upload my perfectly legal recordings from my Minidisc player? Oh yeah, because some other loser might try to steal music with it. And pissing me off is going to do \*so much\* to fix that...  
Sony, take Apple's approach. Piracy is a social problem, not a technological one. Trying to stop it with annoying DRM "features" like check in/out and no NetMD uploads that unnecessarily restrict fair use will only annoy your previously loyal customers.

#### **1372. Check-in**

Posted by Duan Wei-Shin on 7/4/2002, 5:38:41

Dear Sony Minidisc Designers:

Sony's NetMD extension is a wonderful boon to the Minidisc format and has helped bring Minidisc into the networked world of online music distribution. Our petition seeks an enhancement to the Minidisc's NetMD facility to enable Minidisc users to move their audio recordings directly from Minidisc to PC. It is not our intention to cause general trouble or engage in ad hominem harassment of Sony. On behalf of all Minidisc users, we kindly ask that you heed our petition, as follows:

WHEREAS,  
Minidisc recorders are ideally suited to making digital field recordings, and  
WHEREAS,  
Users frequently need to move recordings they make onto a computer (PC, Mac, Unix/Linux or otherwise) for processing or further distribution, and  
WHEREAS,  
A Minidisc recording is intrinsically a digital format, and WHEREAS,  
The only existing method of moving Minidisc recordings onto a computer involves "recording" the signal through the computer's sound card, a lengthily and cumbersome process that generally degrades the signal by converting it to analog format and back to digital form, and WHEREAS,  
All Minidisc recorders already flag their recordings to indicate those tracks that have been recorded through the digital inputs (and are copy-protected) and those that have been recorded through the analog inputs (and are not copy-protected), thereby allowing the upload function to prevent unwanted copying, and WHEREAS,  
Sony's existing NetMD function already provides for direct transfers of compressed audio from computer to Minidisc,

WE THE UNDERSIGNED,  
kindly request that Sony extend NetMD so that it can be used for uploading compressed audio directly from Minidisc to PC, thereby providing users with a quick, convenient, and lossless method of moving their Minidisc recordings to PC.

#### **1373. I have conformed to the masses :|**

Posted by Martin Parzonka on 7/4/2002, 5:39:09

I don't have any original thoughts, I think the hundreds of previous points sum it up quite well so I won't recycle old words into my own pearls of wisdom, I just support them.

#### **1374. Upload! Upload!**

Posted by Boon on 7/4/2002, 6:16:11

I will only buy a NETMD when the upload feature is in!

#### **1375. Je suis musicien...**

Posted by Antoine on 7/4/2002, 6:43:01

... et la fonction d'upload ferait du MZ-N1 un bon produit. Fidele acheteur de matériel sony depuis de nombreuses années, je suis de plus en plus souvent déçu par les nouveaux produits, et j'ai beaucoup de mal à de comprendre la politique de sony ; Exemple : avec le MZ-N1, il est impossible d'effacer une piste enregistré en Net-MD (avec O-MG), alors que cette même piste est effaçable avec N'IMPORTE QUELLE AUTRE platine MD !!!!!

Aujourd'hui, je regarde aussi les autres marques....

#### **1376. upload NetMD**

Posted by Lukas Stadler on 7/4/2002, 6:56:05

Warum kann ich meine persönlichen Aufnahmen nicht auf meinen PC laden????

Greez from Switzerland!

#### **1377. Uploading keeps MD alive**

Posted by Markus Wahl on 7/4/2002, 7:09:49

In order to keep MD alive amongst all the competitive systems launched in the last years, it'll be essential to allow high speed transfer in both directions and in all kinds of compression, especially in the native ATRAC-format!

#### **1378. Musical rehearsal and live recordings**

Posted by Laurent Burgbacher on 7/4/2002, 7:56:17

I have a MZ-N1 MD, great device. I use it to record my musical rehearsal and live performances. Then, I just record the result back on my PC to encode it to mp3 and send it to the other members of the group. Since I can't do it directly through OpenMG, I loose a lot of time doing it analogically, and also loose some quality.  
Please allow your customers to bring back to the PC via USB the songs that were recorded analogically on the MD (like live sessions).

If another MD constructor does it before you, I'll happily forget Sony and buy the other one. Please listen to your customers.

#### **1379. FREE NETMD**

Posted by Charles on 7/4/2002, 8:04:44

Please, Mr. Sony, let me upload my baby first talk to my PC to send it to her family!

...and if I could use it as a storage device, it would be great !

P.

#### **1380. if SONY does not offer PC compatibility then somebody else will**

Posted by Klaus Stabert on 7/4/2002, 8:55:34

I am a SONY enthusiast, my home is full of SONY consumer Video/TV/Hifi/cellphone/car stereo equipment. I bought NT1 and I am very sorry for that. I was believing to buy a machine for up and download of sound. I record conferences with MD and have a need for convenient editing. Now I still have to use my HIFI equipment connected to the digital port of my soundcard. It doesn't prevent me from recording. I know the problem is: 'Sell something and keep it at the same time'  
-Klaus

#### **1381. Sounds great!**

Posted by John Nielsen on 7/4/2002, 10:38:36

That would really be nice! It's about the only thing that the NetMD is missing...

#### **1382. Make NetMD more useful for recording musicians**

Posted by Christopher A. Mejia on 7/4/2002, 11:24:41

Make NetMD more useful for recording musicians

#### **1383. Upload and refine Open MG!!!!**

Posted by Claudio on 7/4/2002, 11:30:42

Minidisc is such a great format, why limit it's capabilities?

#### **1384. NetMD**

Posted by Dams New on 7/4/2002, 12:24:15

I totally agree with your ideas about NetMD : Sony could have a great benefit in production and distribution by allowing a direct transfer, I can't even understand why they haven't done it already !!

**1385. C'est vraiment pénible....**

Posted by Cédric on 7/4/2002, 13:16:03

J'ai des morceaux PERSONNELS que j'ai enregistré avec mon MZR-35 que je ne peux pas les transférer sur mon PC tout ça à cause d'une stupide protection qui de toutes façons n'entravera pas le piratage. Enfin voilà maintenant je me suis bien cassé les c.... à transférer ces fichiers via ligne analogique.  
MERCI SONY.  
Cédric

**1386. an easy mode to make and save my own records**

Posted by Oliver ACE on 7/4/2002, 13:55:59

an easy mode to make and save my own records  
i don't understand, there are hundreds of commercial methods to download-upload data and music to PC!!!!

**1387. Upload**

Posted by Harry Garland on 7/4/2002, 14:10:54

Please supply the software for uploading, and keep the Mini Disk format alive and in the forefront.

Harry Garland.  
SCOTLAND  
United Kingdom

**1388. Upload**

Posted by Harry Garland on 7/4/2002, 14:11:42

Please supply the software for uploading, and keep the Mini Disk format alive and in the forefront.

Harry Garland.  
SCOTLAND  
United Kingdom

**1389. upload**

Posted by Eythan Holladay on 7/4/2002, 15:03:37

gotta have it..

**1390. Please allow uploads - Recording my own songs in my computer**

Posted by Ricardo Solorzano on 7/4/2002, 15:06:58

Please allow the feature. I'm a musician from Caracas, Venezuela, and always record my rehearsals and original songs on my MD, It would be perfect if I could send them to my computer and mix them up.  
Thanks in advance

**1391. Allow two way transfer on USB and real ATRAC-R !**

Posted by Eric on 7/4/2002, 17:22:26

I have returned my MDS-NT1 recorder, because it does NOT allow two way transfer of audio data through USB (f.i. my own recordings). Also it does not allow me to make real ATRAC-R recordings (292 kbps), only LP2, converted to SP.  
I consider this to be two very serious flaws in the current NET-MD machines !!!!

**1392. Uploading Speech Samples**

Posted by Christie Priem on 7/4/2002, 17:54:17

I am a Speech-Language Pathologist and work with children to improve their communication abilities. I would like to use the versatile mini disc recorder rather than a tape recorder to record speech samples from my clients. The purpose of the recordings would be not only to listen to them later, but to upload them to my computer in order to run them through speech analysis software. I am currently unable to efficiently do this with

your portable consumer product and I request that you make this capability possible.

**1393. upload**

Posted by Chris Rynders on 7/4/2002, 18:20:26

Dearest Sony,  
Please consider this proposal. I have chosen Sony MD products because of their ease of use and versatility to record live performances. Unfortunately the only thing left out was an easy way to upload this audio back into my computer. Because of this I have had to invest in costly audio cards, adaptors and software. Please consider this proposal which will greatly help promote Sony in the fast growing competitive MD market.

signed,  
Chris Rynders

**1394. Prises de sons pour video editing**

Posted by Cédric D on 7/4/2002, 19:51:30

J'ai acheté un MZ-N707 pour prendre des sons d'ambiance dans le but de les introduire dans des montages vidéo.  
Si j'avais su que je devrais faire mes uploads en analogique, j'aurais peut-être acheté un MD Sharp, moins cher car ne possédant pas ce port USB qui ne me sert à rien!!!

Je suis certain qu'une ou deux lignes changées dans la programmation d'OpenMG pourraient aider pas mal de gens sans rien changer au piratage.

Merci d'avance.

**1395. want to record concerts with mic and upload. Why can't I?**

Posted by Michael Davis on 7/4/2002, 21:06:48

I wish I could find a crack for this.

**1396. Liberty**

Posted by Vector on 7/4/2002, 22:51:23

Laissez nous faire des montages audio de qualité

**1397. OpenMG will be cracked anyway!**

Posted by Steve Ashby on 7/4/2002, 23:39:31

Sony, you may as well get on the good side of technology and allow upload/download of music directly to PC w/o the need for check-in/out procedures. You know one day the code will be broken and cracks will ensue. Sell more MDs! Remove the security!  
--a MZ-N707 owner.

**1398. i record live music**

Posted by Jamie Lay on 7/5/2002, 0:23:34

this would be nice...

**1399. I Record live music and my own tracks**

Posted by Babis Dousgos on 7/5/2002, 2:54:34

I got out and bought a netmd only to be greatly disappointed like many other people by the lack of being able to upload from MD to pc. Since the only way to record the live sessions to my pc is through analog recording or at best using spdif but since using spdif would make me buy an extra deck MD that also means more expenses for me for something that i should be able to do using only my netmd.

An MZ-N707 owner

**1400. Broadcasting**

Posted by Arno van Jaarsveld on 7/5/2002, 5:18:51

As a reporter I would love to be able to make a recording on my NetMD player. Later back in the studio transfer it to our digital audio workstation to edit my recording.

**1401. Yes, I want to upload!**

Posted by Oliver Boldt on 7/5/2002, 5:22:20

The only reason why I bought a Minidisc is to make live recordings of my self-made music. When I heard of NetMD I first thought "that's it" but later found out that NetMD is just one-way. I could actually live with one-way, if it were the other way round (MD->PC).

I know a lot of musicians who have the same problem and do not understand why this has not been understood by the MD makers.

#### **1402. NetMD upload capability**

Posted by Jan Buitenhuis on 7/5/2002, 5:42:46

Using MD in combination with a PC is a necessity. The combination of OpenMG, Simple Burner and RealOne make downloading music to the NetMD very easy. Only thing missing is an upload capability. MD can be used for a multitude of purposes, not only copying CD music. The possibilities (recording on the MD and uploading to the PC) are at this moment disregarded. Copy protection seems more important than optimum use of a very useful recorder. Please update exiting software.

#### **1403. allow upload**

Posted by Peter Wheatley on 7/5/2002, 8:23:38

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#### **1404. Upload**

Posted by Kevin Lowther on 7/5/2002, 8:38:53

Completely agree that the restrictions on uploading is heavy handed and detracts from the value of an otherwise good product. Come on Sony - change the program.

#### **1405. Upload would be fantastic**

Posted by Richard Kent on 7/5/2002, 8:52:53

As a home musician the ability to make recordings on my MD and upload and edit them digitally would be fantastic. I currently have to sample them into my laptop at real-time and using analog sampling. There's no need. While on the subject why can't NetMDs store other data files (so can be used as big floppies). Would kill Zip drives instantly...

#### **1406. Téléchargement Minidisc vers PC.**

Posted by Yves Prigent on 7/5/2002, 12:47:05

Ce serait si bien de pouvoir télécharger facilement ses enregistrements du MD vers le PC !!! Je crois que dès que ce sera possible il sera temps de remplacer mon MD Sony MZ-R91. Tant que ce n'est pas possible je crois que je vais attendre ...

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**I would be so nice to upload easily music recording from MD to PC !! As soon as it will be possible I think I will have to replace my old MZR91. Well, I will wait for that ...**

#### **1407. NetMD audio Upload**

Posted by Arno Theron on 7/5/2002, 16:19:27

- Bought PlayStation 2: Loved it.  
- Bought MTV Music Generator: Made my own music  
- Bought NetMD: copied music to NetMD (Kew!!)  
- Wanted to burn CD of my music from MD: I can't  
Now I am most upset.  
Please Sony!! DO IT!

#### **1408. Please allow a NetMD uploading facility**

Posted by John on 7/5/2002, 16:52:00

Dear Sony,  
Please allow a NetMD uploading facility so that we can easily transfer our music "to" and from PCs digitally and conveniently without loss of quality.

Thank you

John

#### **1409. Current Software does not complement the hardware**

Posted by Timmy Dax on 7/5/2002, 17:52:02

The current software; OpenMG 2.2(.07) does not include anything of any real use to me, and the ability to upload is not included. I would greatly appreciate this capability, as it means i could backup my current files to my laptop.

#### **1410. Please do it!**

Posted by Sergio Massaglia on 7/5/2002, 18:28:11

allow us, common deadly men to download music for our divine Minidiscs!

#### **1411. PLEASE!!**

Posted by Paul Holland on 7/5/2002, 18:45:24

This function would be fantastic and greatly increase the demand of NETMD.

#### **1412. Uploading**

Posted by Fitzroy Wright on 7/5/2002, 20:15:07

Anybody who really wants to steal music will find ways to do it. It makes no sense to make honest people suffer because you cant find a way to catch the dishonest ones.

#### **1413. Do it for a long time supporter of sony.**

Posted by Ben G., on 7/5/2002, 21:56:49

Ever since I was a child I have been around the sony brand name. And today I am still with the brand. MY TV, boombox, game system, any thing that is electronic is sony. So I was disappointing to find out that netmd didn't allow me to upload my class lectures. I know that you strive to be the best but this time you have let me down when you didn't include this function in the program. If you were to include this soon you can be sure that you and I will do business for a long time if not you will have an thus you will probably drive me away. So please listen to my plea, I really enjoy "most" of your products. Thank you for your time.

#### **1414. I sample audio in the field, for the aviation training industry, what a crock that I can't upload!!**

Posted by Troy Saxton-Getty on 7/6/2002, 3:18:21

I record audio for aviation training video creation. The Sony MD is a wonderful digital sampler. What a rip-off, everyone I know feels they have been defrauded by Sony.

It isn't clear on the packaging, and I am sure at least 20% of their MD sales would drop off if they cleared it up.

It is time for Sony to come clean and allow two way transfers digitally.

Troy Saxton-Getty

CEO

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#### **1415. Upload capability will make MD an unbeatable portable audio player**

Posted by Rosav on 7/6/2002, 3:37:50

The upload function will definitely make NetMD an absolute number one in the world of portable audio.

#### **1416. Sony is going to lose the support of musicians**

Posted by David Diaz on 7/6/2002, 3:58:23

As a musician, a large part of the reason I bought a NetMD walkman was to be able to easily record and edit live music. Minidisc is a great format for this purpose.

The lack of support for uploading recorded music to a computer is a major limitation, and as it is essential for musicians to be able to digitize music in order to sample, mix, and add effects, the current implementation of Minidisc just doesn't cut it. Having to copy music to a computer in real time after it's already been recorded in real time results in a loss in quality and a loss in precious time.

The ability to upload recorded tracks via USB to a computer would vastly broaden the range of Minidisc applications and can only be a sound business decision.

To boot, it must be blatantly obvious, looking back at the history of technology, that NetMD will eventually be hacked and made to suit the needs and desires of its users, which include digital upload capability. Possibly even before that happens, Sony's competitors will probably

respond to the desires of their customers in providing such capability, unless Sony takes the cowardly legal road to quashing such free market activity.

The argument that digital upload capability would allow illegal reproduction of music is rather moot, as CD burners are ubiquitous and just as easy to use to distribute music. Even so, upload capability could be implemented to avoid such reproduction by only allowing the upload of sound recorded directly to Minidisc via the microphone or line in jacks.

In short, give us USB upload capability. It can only be a good thing for Sony and its customers.

**1417. Upload function would assist in so many ways!**

Posted by Mark Balducci on 7/6/2002, 4:24:02

The main purpose i use, and sell sony Minidisc recorder walkmans, are for recording interviews, group sessions, focus groups, market research, the ability to upload it and put it on the clients file would be the most helpful took available!!!

**1418. Bidirectional digital audio connection (both ways)**

Posted by Anton van Kinderen on 7/6/2002, 4:42:29

I have all equipment in place to upload and download my recordings to and from the computer.

I use a SPDIF\*-card in my computer that happily strips ANY protection method from the SPDIF signal. This protection discarding is common practice in PROFESSIONAL equipment. Also sold by Sony.

So why, WHY, please do explain me WHY this digital sound upload functionality is stripped from the USB connection on the MZ-N50SS?

I am NOT copying or selling protected recordings illegally, I just want to handle my OWN made records in a way that meets MY standards.

Best regards,

Anton van Kinderen.

By the way: Any recordable MD, CD and Compact Cassette that is sold in the Netherlands readily includes an amount of money that is given to the Dutch Media Rights Controllers (BUMA, STEMRA).

That money is always paid for even if one uses the medium to record the sounds of your cat or the ticking of your alarm.

\*)

SPDIF - Sony Philips Digital Interface

**1419. AUDIO UPLOAD IS A MUST !!!**

Posted by ANTONY CASTLES on 7/6/2002, 8:00:24

PLEASE CAN YOU FIX THIS WORLD WIDE PROBLEM SO THAT ALL OF US CAN RECORD OUR AUDIO RECORDINGS VIA NETMD RECORDERS ONTO OUR PCs

**1420. please include audio uploading**

Posted by Kaye Amul on 7/6/2002, 8:28:01

audio uploading would really be useful and you'd cater to more customers if you include this in your software. thank you.

**1421. Please allow uploading**

Posted by lolali on 7/6/2002, 10:53:27

I would love to record my chorus practises and upload it to the pc for storage and future rehearsals. Please put in the uploading feature via USB and please also provide a way to upgrade our existing NetMD player to have the capability so that we need not buy a new one. I don't see why uploading should be barred since Sony digital voice recorder (ICD-BP350) has it! Sony, please do it quickly before competitor does it!

**1422. I make music**

Posted by Jasper on 7/6/2002, 12:43:33

I would like to plead for an uploading feature on NetMD because, just like a lot of people with me, MD is a cheap and good way to record your own music.

So when I heard that Sony brought the NetMD to me, I was very thrilled. I went to the electro store and bought my very own NetMD. But when I got to the point of mixing my own music on my computer I realized that uploading was not possible. I was very angry with this because I thought

that there had finally been a break-through I recording music for the small man.

Just for this reason I return my new NetMD to the store to get my money back.

I am really waiting for a MD player walkman with the possibility of uploading my own music to my PC.

Yours, Jasper van Zuilen; the Netherlands

**1423. The only thing holding me back from a purchase.**

Posted by Scott Schick on 7/6/2002, 14:41:18

I have read of a hack that will allow you to use a Minidisc as a storage device as well as play mp3s in mp3 format rather than a converted form. It is by Pony Engineering and it is for the MZ-N1 and that will be the only unit I buy but only if it can be found. I know that it is downloadable and that it is an actual firmware update so your existing MDs will be useless but the advantage is that you now have a portable "ZIP" Type drive as well. Why is this not available to the public. This is excellent technology that is so limited by stupid software.

**1424. upload for content creators. . .**

Posted by Robert Holford on 7/6/2002, 15:26:18

I have long been into multimedia projects of all sorts. The current trends in computer "filmmaking", independent film, and Shockwave style media authoring leaves a large vacuum for a small (size & budget), yet high quality means for capturing sound. This is the perfect format, but I have held of on any purchase for the lack of ability to capture voice, music, and field recording and then upload the digital file for editing. Please consider this for the future.

Regards,

Rob Holford

**1425. Llibertat per l'MD**

Posted by Igor Jané Guasch on 7/6/2002, 15:43:13

Semblen absurdes les limitacions que se'ls han imposat, per una banda s'expandeixen les seves possibilitats amb el Net, donant un gran pas, que per altra banda sembla fet amb por, i jo em pregunto, por a que? El que passa ara és que en podem baixar al MD tots els continguts que volguem, però per a pujar-ho ens hem de "morir" fent-ho a temps real. O és absurd, o jo no n'entenc els motius. L'únic que s'aconsegueix amb això és demostrar les possibilitats del format (i també un motiu publicitari), però ni de bon tros, se'n treu tot el suc que es podria. Com és possible que un reproductor senzillot d'mp3 sigui totalment lliure i que els mds haigim d'estar tan restringits? Recordeu que tots són al mateix mercat, i a la mateixa votiga. No esteu sols al món. Gràcies. Espero que es tinguin en compte totes aquestes peticions.

**1426. DJ Needing to upload and distribute demos of own work**

Posted by Adam Cotterall on 7/6/2002, 16:11:22

Current software limitations are highly impractical for the user and this is my main complaint regarding the NetMD. It has led me to advise some friends and other DJ's to avoid purchasing the equipment unless it became upload capable.

Thank you.

**1427. MDS-NT1 no upload possibility**

Posted by Harm Wierenga on 7/6/2002, 18:09:09

Dear Sony MDS-NT1 designers,

An example of my use of MD:

At a local (low budget) Radio Station I record (on MD) small stories in dialect.

Some 20 stories are recorded in one session (about 1 hour in total).

I take the recorded MD home, via a MDS-JE510 I copy the MD via a digital input on my soundcard into the computer.

In the computer I divide the one hour recording in several tracks and do all the necessary editing to delete the coughs and correct the mistakes made by the story teller, and I make some level corrections.

These 20 tracks are recorded on CD-R, not on MD because it is much faster on CD-R than on MD and I do not need to manual divide into tracks again on MD). Each week a track is used in a radio-program.

My MDS-JE510 broke down and I'm looking for a replacement. Attracted by the multispeed and direct (USB) connection I came at the MDS-NT1.

My default perception of recorders is, in analogy with all kinds of recorders (tape, CD, hard disk, MD...), that you can also read from recorders (at multispeed). The information in your publications does not clearly state that upload is not possible. Luckily I discovered by consulting the information in this discussion group that upload is not possible. So I will BUY an MDS-NT2(?) when the upload is possible. Meanwhile I will use my good old MD walkman to copy the MD into my computer (via analog line in).

Regards,  
Harm Wierenga  
The Netherlands

#### **1428. Radio Production work requires this feature**

Posted by David Shipp on 7/6/2002, 19:23:33

I do production work for my student radio station and I require the ability to record from MD to my PC, and to be able to do this via NetMD would be a god sent.

#### **1429. uploading capabilities would mean the world to musicians**

Posted by Nicholas Piercy on 7/6/2002, 20:58:30

I myself am a musician, and i appreciate being able to record my performances in order to listen to them at a later time. i have found that recording onto mini-disc by far sounds better than any other way of recording that i have access to. i actually bought the MZ-N707 thinking that music could be uploaded to a computer for editing, and sharing with friends, and people possibly offering opportunities for me to join a band. i also have recently spend thousands of dollars constructing a recording studio, and had hoped to record into my mini-disc player, and then edit it on my computer for a great end result. Sony needs to make uploading to a PC possible, not having that feature is a definite design flaw.

#### **1430. NetMD Upload Feature Needed !!**

Posted by Justin marks on 7/6/2002, 21:10:48

I will be returning my NetMD Minidisc player/recorder as it does not allow me to take field recordings and then upload them into my home studio equipment. This feature would help out musicians and home studio owners considerably.

Sony is fooling themselves by believing that by keeping this feature unavailable people will pirate less music. Just search any peer-peer network and you will see that illegal music piracy is taking place excessively and will continue unimpacted by this insignificant decision by Sony. The main and simplest method of music piracy is to take any CD and with free software such as WinAmp convert the CD into MP3. No wonder Sony has not been able to achieve much success with the Minidisc platform.

#### **1431. As a DJ...**

Posted by Chris Carlson on 7/7/2002, 0:13:25

I often make recordings from my mixer into the analog input of my Sony portable Minidisc player. I absolutely love the quality my Minidisc players provides to me, but am disappointed with the inability to digitally transfer my own recordings to my PC to further edit them and convert them to MP3 or burn them to CD.

#### **1432. MD Upload**

Posted by Chris Healey on 7/7/2002, 1:13:18

Recording from my guitar to MD, then placing on computer would be greatly beneficial for my schoolwork + future musicianship

#### **1433. if you know what's best for the company then it'll fall in place!!!!**

Posted by justin on 7/7/2002, 3:09:25

i only have one practical use for this would be additional feature, and that is when i film, i use audio tracks from my mini disc (which were recorded from vinyl or tape) and record them into my comp via sound recorder through my audio in jack for video editing purposes. and it would make my life easier if i could do this in a fraction of the time, i hope that this will be seen in future models and wish that it would become a standard.

#### **1434. Uploading files from an MD to a computer**

Posted by Casey Moore on 7/7/2002, 4:15:24

I would like to strongly encourage that Sony quickly make possible the ability to upload files, being as the reasons for owning an MD are quickly diminishing.

I purchased my MZ-N707 to replace my previous MZ-R50, with the specific intention that I would be able to quickly transfer files recorded on my MD, to my Computer. You can image my surprise, and frustration to find this wasn't the case.

We also own a Creative Nomad II MG, which I can record on and easily transfer files back and forth between computer and player. The only reason for suffering through the use of a machine with tenuous vulnerable parts, is the potential for higher quality recordings than currently possible with MP3 player/recorders and the lower cost media. Aside from that, the MD is outdated technology.

If we are not provided revised software allowing this operation very soon, I will dump my MD on the market, and vociferously express my opinion as to why no-one should waste their time and money on this technology.

I will be looking forward to hearing from you SOON!

Casey Moore

#### **1435. No PC upload = return MD Recorder for refund**

Posted by Togay Atac on 7/7/2002, 4:43:52

I record class lectures as well as my own live music . The inability to directly upload to the PC is enough to make me want to return the MZ-S1.

#### **1436. 32bit ATRAC codec for Wavelab?**

Posted by Graham Walker on 7/7/2002, 5:21:13

As "unprofessional" as the format may be, the MD format has nonetheless captured the heart and soul of many a fine performance, only to be locked-up forever in the ATRAC file format. Please set these souls free.

#### **1437. Professional musicians need NetMD upload facility**

Posted by jeff miller on 7/7/2002, 7:33:53

I, like many professional musicians, rely heavily on field recordings of rehearsals and performances. I have recently purchased a Sony NetMD recorder to facilitate these recordings, only to find that digital upload is not possible. As these are my own recordings of my own material, I cannot see the sense in this.

If you wish the MD format to succeed in the serious professional market, you need to improve the digital interaction between pc and recorder, or consumers will look elsewhere for technology that serves their needs.

#### **1438. Live recordings upload**

Posted by Jake on 7/7/2002, 10:29:38

I bought this MD thinking I would be able to upload my performances up to my computer so I could work on them on such programs as Spark. Of course as soon as i tried to do so it wouldn't let me and I had to use a program to covert digital-analogue-digital reducing the sound quality and very time consuming, USELESS. And why do I pay all this money for the most expensive MD and get the same shitty headphones as the cheapest. Not happy

#### **1439. Sony Minidisc**

Posted by JCourtis on 7/7/2002, 11:51:00

Please would you alter the software to allow uploading, as it seriously affects the potential of the legal use of the new technology.

#### **1440. 1**

Posted by Tobias Theuer on 7/7/2002, 13:46:18

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#### **1441. Audio Uploads**

Posted by Alex Burns on 7/7/2002, 14:34:24

I use MD to record field research, classes and personal DVD commentaries. The lack of an MD-PC upload feature "compromises" my workflow and the quality of the final recordings. Copyright protection is clearly Sony's concern; their decision remains a barrier to many field researchers who would prefer supporting the MD format over rival products (such as Creative Labs' MP3 players).  
Alex Burns  
alex@disinfo.com  
www.disinfo.com

**1442. Why am I not allowed to transfer own recording to my PC?**

Posted by Jelmer C. on 7/7/2002, 14:52:52

I paid 280 euros for my mz-n505 which to me is a lot of money. I was looking forward to being able to transfer recordings of my band digitally to my PC to enhance sound quality. I'm really disappointed in Sony that they do not reckon with musicians like me. I insist that they will fix this very soon!

**1443. MD to PC**

Posted by DNWJr on 7/7/2002, 15:01:50

I am a professional musician. Including a way to record from mini-disc to PC would greatly improve the functionality of your equipment. Most of the people I know are musicians who either own MD players or desire to purchase one. I would be able to strongly recommend your products with the inclusion of this feature. It would be so much easier to release live mp3 footage of recent performances to the web. Thanks

**1444. Networked Drive Access!!**

Posted by Andrew on 7/7/2002, 15:33:52

I store my MP3 files on a network file share. Sony: Please allow me to copy these files across to my NetMD without first copying them onto my harddrive.

Hardware-wise, the NetMD MZ1 I purchased is fantastic - it's such a pity that the supplied software is such a letdown..

**1445. Save community radio - free DIGITAL upload!**

Posted by Reuben Walker on 7/7/2002, 18:25:22

Sony,  
Thank you for producing such a fine product... HOWEVER, I purchased a MZ-N707 with the hope of easy digital transfer and editing of speeches recorded for my local community radio station. Of course we all know that this is not possible and thus we waste hours of our time transferring audio in real time. PLEASE free uploads, the MD community in Australia is a small sector of the music world mainly using your product for recording private events... not pirating music (as so many other petition signers have argued). There are so many easy ways to rip and distribute music that the restrictions you impose will have no effect save infuriating and frustrating those of us that want to use the MD to its real potential!

Regards,  
Reuben Walker.

**1446. uploading DJ sets**

Posted by Eric Pop on 7/7/2002, 18:40:01

As a college radio station DJ and a mobile DJ, I've been looking for the perfect portable solution for recording my (and other DJs) sets. The one thing keeping me from getting a NetMD player is its inability to upload those sets back onto a computer and share them with friends or promoters. Please consider enabling this feature. It will help make the MD format more popular.

**1447. I bought the N707 to upload to PC**

Posted by John Siemens on 7/7/2002, 20:11:19

I bought the N707 to record my own live music and then upload to PC. Please allow transfer of files to the PC. Thank you.

**1448. Allow upload**

Posted by Aldert Hoogland on 7/7/2002, 21:51:37

I sign the petition

**1449. why create a product that doesn't work?**

Posted by Jeff M on 7/7/2002, 23:24:23

i have recently bought a sony netmd and a microphone. i have since used the mike to record tracks onto a Minidisc.. now i want to figure out how to transfer these Minidisc files onto my harddrive and convert to either wav or mp3.. the sony software only seems to go backwards, ie take mp3 and convert to Minidisc.. but it doesn't recognize these microphone-recorded tracks..

even worse, the salesman at the store that sold me this sony product mislead me by stating that this type of transfer was possible.

bottom line, if sony is unable to provide software to convert Minidisc files to mp3 on harddrive, i will be forced to return the product for a refund as it will be of no use to me.

**1450. Why not?**

Posted by Matthew Hill on 7/7/2002, 23:36:27

Another draconian digital rights "feature" from Sony.

**1451. please allow upload**

Posted by dong nan on 7/8/2002, 6:12:10

If it's allowed it is a great advantage for the Sony products.

**1452. Upload to PC of home and field recordings**

Posted by Chris Jackson on 7/8/2002, 7:10:48

If I could digitally upload home/field live recordings made on a portable Minidisc, this would be fantastic. I (and millions of others) would definitely purchase such a product. It would be the perfect home/field recording device - allowing easy digital transfer to PC where it could be mixed, enhanced, edited and burnt to CD. As it is, the MD format will lose out and other formats will win.  
Sony, keep the Minidisc format alive and introduce this upload feature quickly!

**1453. please**

Posted by Hannes on 7/8/2002, 7:47:43

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**1454. Keep it fluid, uploading completes the circle.**

Posted by Gryffen on 7/8/2002, 8:38:31

We are excited and amazed by every glamorous vision of the future not because of the new technology, but by it's seamless integration into our everyday lives.  
Be fearless Sony, you have the technology to make it work.

This is why people don't like multinational corporations.

**1455. please**

Posted by Pawel Raczkowski on 7/8/2002, 9:03:49

MD to PC necessary for every musician.

**1456. I wont buy until you allow upload from MD to PC**

Posted by Ian Dodson on 7/8/2002, 9:48:50

I have a requirement to use digital recording devices in a government department for reporting purposes. The inability to transfer these recordings to PC eliminates MD as an option.  
Ian

**1457. NetMD Audio Upload**

Posted by Jonathan Flaxman on 7/8/2002, 11:14:17

I record my class lectures every day and I really would enjoy being able to store them in and organized manor on my computer. Please allow for NetMD audio upload!

**1458. Allow uploads to PC**

Posted by Bob Bowler on 7/8/2002, 12:37:47

Allow uploads to PC

**1459. NetMD-Based Audio Uploading from Minidisc to Computer**

Posted by Malte on 7/8/2002, 12:43:11

NetMD-Based Audio Uploading from Minidisc to Computer

**1460. do it**

Posted by Stanislaw Raczynski on 7/8/2002, 12:48:37

i can't think of any reason why shouldn't you do it...

**1461. Please allow MD-PC upload**

Posted by Aaron on 7/8/2002, 12:50:14

Dear Sirs,  
I purchased my MD specifically for recording live talks and performances. These are all allowed to be recorded and the MD makes it easier than carrying a lot of bulky equipment.

The only way I can listen to the material outside of the player is to transfer to a CD. I also need to email this material to other clients so that they can hear the discussions.

I understand that you are concerned about copyright infringements, but it is the operator, not the tool that causes these problems.

I will be forced to return my product and purchase a competitors recoding device if this request cannot be met. Thank you for your consideration with this matter.

Sincerely,  
Aaron Bailey

**1462. I really would like to copy my voice recordings to my PC.**

Posted by Jason Rasmussen on 7/8/2002, 13:14:44

I am a student and use my NetMD all the time to record lessons. If I could upload my live recordings back to my PC it would help a lot. I could archive all my important lessons, back them up, even send them to other students if they needed them.

While not being a student I work on audio production and the NetMD is a great way to sample sounds. To keep the audio quality high, I would love the ability to transfer my samples back to the PC.

I totally understand the need to have digital rights management, but what about my rights? Copying digitally secure music back to the PC should be prohibited, but any live recordings I make I should be able to transfer digitally back to my PC. Thank you.

**1463. Bi-Directional MD audio transfer**

Posted by Aaron Roberts on 7/8/2002, 13:19:44

Adding upload capability to the NetMD line of Sony products would be a wonderful addition to a superior product. Many students use MDs to record lecture notes and should have a way of uploading these notes to computer. I have seen reporters use MDs in the field, who I'm sure would love to transfer their field recordings to computer.

Thank you,  
Aaron R>

**1464. supporting the above data transfer parameters**

Posted by sandor gyurkovics on 7/8/2002, 14:50:04

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**1465. come on!**

Posted by tim on 7/8/2002, 17:05:39

when I got this i though I would be able to take old recordings and copy the original atrac onto the computer for compression to mp3 or burning to the cdr for other friends

**1466. please...**

Posted by guru rattan khalsa on 7/8/2002, 19:13:24

the Minidisc is useless to me without upload. i might as well use 3 inch CDs. not only should you allow uploading, you should also allow data storage and transfer of all types on the MD format. after all it is a data disc. only then will i buy a player.

**1467. Uploading as a music instructional tool**

Posted by Pat Japenga on 7/8/2002, 19:33:27

Please add the ability to upload field recordings to the PC to the NetMD feature set. As an active musician playing Irish music, the Sony Minidisc is an ideal field recording tool. I use it to record live music "sessions" in pubs and in house sessions. These are spontaneous jam sessions, in which musicians participate for the fun of it, and maybe a pint or two of Guinness. New tunes are traded between musicians, and the folk tradition continues. When a particularly wonderful session occurs, it would be great to be able to upload my Minidisc recording to PC and burn it onto a CD for sharing with other musicians who want to learn new tunes.

I was very disappointed that this feature was not included. Since the "check-in" feature exists, I just assumed that it was possible to transfer any recording from the MD to the PC over the USB connection.

Thank you  
Pat Japenga

**1468. do it**

Posted by akira on 7/8/2002, 20:15:24

go on please

**1469. please**

Posted by gary crowe on 7/8/2002, 20:16:25

please do it

**1470. allow upload**

Posted by jim hanak on 7/8/2002, 21:50:15

Sony should take the position of Apple. Make the hardware, leave the moral decisions to the users.

**1471. NetMD Audio Uploading Proposal**

Posted by eddie padilla on 7/9/2002, 0:31:43

Give this poor multimedia student a break will ya! Allow upload. - eDDie m. p.

**1472. Live recordings upload**

Posted by Olav Naayer on 7/9/2002, 5:06:26

I agree, this is a feature that I am looking for a very long time. Make a NetMD with speedy upload, or release the internal computer MD's as found on the Japanese market.

**1473. Why have record function on Net-MD**

Posted by Rich Perkins on 7/9/2002, 5:42:03

Without the ability to save it to your computer. Makes for recording speeches, and notes pretty much useless.

**1474. Demand for free uploading**

Posted by Jernej Krmelj on 7/9/2002, 6:03:51

Like all the musician who make their own music there is also me who want to transfer it into PC. So their is a need to make open upload for all music recorded on NetMD and similar devices.

**1475. why ?**

Posted by fernando tornisiello on 7/9/2002, 7:05:36

why i cannot edit my MD recordings on pc ?

**1476. DO IT PLEASE**

Posted by Lannon frederic on 7/9/2002, 7:26:58

DO IT PLEASE

**1477. MD integration**

Posted by Giorgui on 7/9/2002, 8:11:36

Come on guys, stop stalling. We all know its gonna happen one day, so lets just make it happen sooner. £200 for a NetMD and u cant have both way compatibility; the corporate machine loves one way streets.

**1478. Uploading would help distribute my sound recordings**

Posted by Alan Mountain on 7/9/2002, 9:15:26

To whom it may concern,  
I am currently recording songs, and would really find it helpful to upload my songs onto computer, and then record them onto CD to distribute.

Thank-you  
Alan Mountain

**1479. Upload Capabilities**

Posted by Eric Yang on 7/9/2002, 9:50:54

Please include upload capabilities to the NetMD Interface

**1480. MD Upload**

Posted by Loic Matthey on 7/9/2002, 12:34:23

I'm for this modification.  
It's a bad limitation, and it limits the utilisation of MD for private use

**1481. Uploading would be cool!**

Posted by Jonathan Wise on 7/9/2002, 14:55:32

Please add this feature!

**1482. Field Recording PC Transfer Required**

Posted by Yanai Danan on 7/9/2002, 15:25:47

After purchasing my NetMD, I was very excited, the possibilities seems endless, but I quickly realized that Sony had placed restrictions on those possibilities. Restricting the transfer analog recorded material to computer, greatly diminished the value to the NetMD and with the addition of several of the protection features that significantly complicated the music file management system and the inconsistent behavior of the copyright detection system (the system will transfer a mp3 track extracted from a CD, but refuse the next). I see no alternative to returning the player. I hope to solve those problems and add the necessary features to the player as they don't diminish the copyright protect.

Thank for taking into consideration my request and those of users worldwide,  
Yanai Danan

**1483. Uploading urgently needed!**

Posted by Chris on 7/9/2002, 15:54:08

I support the petition to Sony to enable uploading. I am a DPhil Student of Modern History and I have do a lot of interviews. Being able to edit them on the PC would be most convenient and time-saving. Please add this feature.  
Chris

**1484. NetMD and upload function**

Posted by Arnie on 7/9/2002, 16:53:26

I am musician and I often use MD to record my guitar parts or my band at concerts. I already have 3MD units and I was planning to buy the new NetMD system but .... I was amazed to learn there is no possibility for uploading from MD to PC !  
I think that would be great to have an Uploading option on the NetMD. I hope you'll work on that feature for the next releases, and surely I'll buy new MD recorder !  
Thanks for the great devices you are providing !  
Arnie

**1485. Lack of upload prevents purchase**

Posted by Britt Gathright on 7/9/2002, 17:55:57

I work in a call center where we record agent's calls for quality purposes. The MD format is especially good for this potentially, but the lack of upload ability (so that the agents can listen to their calls from computer instead of the MD unit) prevents me from purchasing a MD unit at this time.

**1486. Upload makes sense**

Posted by Raymond on 7/9/2002, 18:33:07

The Minidisc format has been supported in large part by musicians who use it to record their work onto MD and now with netmd, would like to be able to edit their own recordings. This is a source of frustration for many people. Please help

**1487. NetMD Audio upload**

Posted by Frederico Cunha on 7/9/2002, 21:23:35

I would like very much if you could considerer this. It would be a great help mainly because i help a band in Portugal to edit their music and i use MD to transfer the music's but when i try to record from the MD to the pc i loose quality in the process. I hope you read all opinions and that you considerer and include the upload in the NetMD. I own a mz-r35 which can't record and a mz-r91 which is impec and I'm going to buy a MZ-N1 mainly because of the NetMD. Thank you.

**1488. Uploads**

Posted by David Chan on 7/9/2002, 23:03:18

Uploads would immensely simplify any live recordings I do of my own classical music (pipe organ) performances. Many thanks for your consideration..

**1489. Recording from Minidisc to PC**

Posted by Seung-Ah on 7/9/2002, 23:31:26

I am a student composer at Brandeis University. I use the Minidisc recorder to record performances of the music I have written. I purchased the MZ-R900 recorder because of it's excellent recording capabilities. I am quite disappointed that I can't transfer my music to the PC. I would like to make CDs of my performances as well as potentially make some snippets or whole pieces available on the web to promote my music. I hope you reconsider adding the MD to PC recording capability to your future products.

**1490. Minidisc as data storage!**

Posted by Kit on 7/10/2002, 0:09:17

Why not allow upload to PC, and use the MD recorder as a portable "floppy drive". Wouldn't it revolutionize the way we transfer data between computers, and provide us with a replacement for the floppy drive. The floppy is the oldest technology (and the slowest) in our computers (except the keyboard of course).  
ALLOW UPLOAD FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGY!!!

**1491. If Sony is ignoring this petition, why don't we...**

Posted by Ping on 7/10/2002, 2:34:22

Send the petition to Sharp? I am sure that Sharp would appreciate suggestion to gain more MD market share.

**1492. MD to PC**

Posted by Simone Martelli on 7/10/2002, 3:28:17

Take us the upload

**1493. From MD to Mac toooooooooo!!!!**

Posted by Smalll on 7/10/2002, 5:30:38

uff.. why not??

**1494. Free the technology**

Posted by Spanners on 7/10/2002, 8:06:20

I create a lot of my own mixes and beats, I use Minidisc for the majority of this as it is an extremely versatile medium. When the NetMD came on the market I was excited, however it is sad to see that there has been such restrictions placed on a promising technology. I am now contemplating purchasing a CD mp3 player instead.

**1495. why should you not make this possible?**

Posted by Wouter on 7/10/2002, 11:41:25

Why am I not allowed to copy my own (!!) home made music!?!?

**1496. Add Upload and Mac Support**

Posted by Matt Dempsey on 7/10/2002, 15:51:10

There are a great many reasons to add uploading to NetMD and many of those that would use it are Mac users as well.  
You will only increase the use of Minidiscs in the long run by adding these features.

**1497. Really would have more people buy into the MD format**

Posted by Nick Lee on 7/10/2002, 16:55:45

If the MD format is going to survive MD needs some changes such as allowing unhindered uploading and downloading. Why go with the OpenMG standard when the rest of the industry has been so slow to follow. Or just have it so you can download your mp3s 3x to the NetMD then it just won't go anymore.

**1498. Would make MD viable again**

Posted by Greg Leffler on 7/10/2002, 18:16:05

Solid-state MP3 players already let you upload your songs back to the computer. It's only common sense - please allow it!

**1499. upload request**

Posted by Chuck Pliske on 7/10/2002, 19:50:45

I use my Minidisc to record in the field, then take it home and put it into my computer. I would very much like to be able to upload data directly at higher than real-time speeds. Incidentally, myself and a great many other audio professionals use the Macintosh platform!

**1500. Why not make the product better?**

Posted by Andy Wu on 7/10/2002, 21:07:10

The upload feature is essential for the survival of MD. There is not reason why users can not record at a live concert or college lecture and upload it into their hardrive. More over, the OpenMG software is not only tedious to use, but also a waste of hardrive space. I am forced to have two copies of the same song every time I want to export the song to my MD.

**1501. Great for recording live events**

Posted by Brian Baker on 7/11/2002, 0:04:31

We were hoping to use the NetMD to (among other tasks) help us record classes and lectures at our church. Adding digital upload capabilities would ease the process of creating multiple CDs of the recordings.

**1502. disappointed Sony customer**

Posted by TRH on 7/11/2002, 0:10:53

I bought the Minidisc with the reasonable assumption that I could record audio and upload it to my computer. I was preparing to call Sony Tech support tomorrow and figure out what I was doing wrong but I thought I'd look online first. Well, it seems that it's not possible. I'm quite disappointed and will probably return the unit.

**1503. recordings are compromised**

Posted by Simon on 7/11/2002, 1:27:09

One of the reasons that I bought a NetMD player was to provide myself with a cheap live recording solution. Given that the interface exists between PC and MD to transfer files, I find the fact that I can't upload tracks to PC from MD (for later transfer to CD) is extremely frustrating. Why should the quality of my live recordings be compromised by some corporate music copying policy when I have the rights to perform and record the music??

**1504. Re: From MD to Mac toooooooooo!!!!**

Posted by Jazzy on 7/11/2002, 1:32:02, in reply to "From MD to Mac toooooooooo!!!!"

Like iPod on PC.

**1505. upload demand !**

Posted by Sergei on 7/11/2002, 2:00:59

SONY! I'm very disappointed !  
The reason I'm interested in MD is only one, its NetMD capability !  
If it's not allow upload as well as download, then I don't need this \$hit.

Sergei.

**1506. Please do this...**

Posted by Nick Carney on 7/11/2002, 2:55:20

If I could do this, I would certainly buy a new NetMD walkman and deck to replace my old standard Minidisc ones.

**1507. Easing usage and work load**

Posted by Robert Lieberman on 7/11/2002, 5:20:21

As a cantor of a large synagogue, I have about 45 bar mitzvah students per year. I use my SONY MD to make recordings of their assigned chants. The ability to speedily upload my recordings direct to the computer would greatly ease my workload and be a fabulous way to use this technology. Many thanks.

**1508. Let NetMD have Uploading ability, you must do it, understand!!**

Posted by bridie on 7/11/2002, 6:01:00

please i must record teacher's voice at classroom  
,then uploading to my computer store.

**1509. Minidisc Audio Uploads (MD-PC)**

Posted by Jeremy Pile on 7/11/2002, 6:04:22

The Minidisc is an impressive format, and the NetMD USB link allows very fast downloads of pre-recorded music for personal use. However there is one feature lacking, and that is a mechanism to allow audio uploads from MD to PC. I am a PhD student and often go to conferences and give presentations. When worrying about your own presentation it is very easy to miss crucial points made by other speakers. Using the MD to record the sessions helps me to review points that I may have missed during the session. It also helps me to analyse my own performance. However the only way I can review these recordings is through the NetMD player/recorder. This limitation also prevents the loss-less archiving of such material to CD-R. I respectfully request that the Sony Corporation consider adding an audio upload feature to their already excellent product.

**1510. do it**

Posted by Kim Williams on 7/11/2002, 9:34:33

I'm an academic - bought the NetMD to record interviews. I need to be able to move the voice files back to the PC! That's the main thing I want NetMD to do.

**1511. For all the people that as me are broke and have a band!!!**

Posted by Gabriele on 7/11/2002, 10:35:18

I play in a band and uploading is the lonely reason for who have no money and who don't want to go in a record room  
Thanks

**1512. I agree**

Posted by Richard on 7/11/2002, 11:45:10

I agree

**1513. I bought this! disappointed!**

Posted by Seth Meyer on 7/11/2002, 12:04:11

I own one....But I didn't know I couldn't upload, imagine my disappointment! I wanted to conduct some interviews then upload them to the computer...what a disappointment!

**1514. NO UPLOAD CAPABILITY REALLY.....**

Posted by Rich on 7/11/2002, 16:05:48

NO UPLOAD CAPABILITY REALLY SUCKS!!! THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE REDICULOUS! WHATS THE MAJOR DILEMNA? IT WILL NOT STOP PIRACY... BESIDES THAT MOST PEOPLE (THE MAJORITY) WANT UPLOAD FOR LEGITIMATE REASONS MYSELF INCLUDED. DON'T LET A FEW BAD APPLES RUIN THE MINIDISC FUTURE OR MAKE YOU LOOK LIKE THE NAZI'S OF THE MUSIC WORLD... GIVE US OUR UPLOAD CAPABILITY NOW!!!!!!

**1515. (no subject)**

Posted by Sylvain on 7/11/2002, 18:16:17

Dear Sony Minidisc Designers:

Sony's NetMD extension is a wonderful boon to the Minidisc format and has helped bring Minidisc into the networked world of online music distribution. Our petition seeks an enhancement to the Minidisc's NetMD facility to enable Minidisc users to move their audio recordings directly from Minidisc to PC. It is not our intention to cause general trouble or engage in ad hominem harassment of Sony. On behalf of all Minidisc users, we kindly ask that you heed our petition, as follows:

WHEREAS,  
Minidisc recorders are ideally suited to making digital field recordings, and  
WHEREAS,  
Users frequently need to move recordings they make onto a computer (PC, Mac, Unix/Linux or otherwise) for processing or further distribution, and  
WHEREAS,  
A Minidisc recording is intrinsically a digital format, and  
WHEREAS,  
The only existing method of moving Minidisc recordings onto a computer involves "recording" the signal through the computer's sound card, a lengthily and cumbersome process that generally degrades the signal by converting it to analog format and back to digital form, and  
WHEREAS,  
All Minidisc recorders already flag their recordings to indicate those tracks that have been recorded through the digital inputs (and are copy-protected) and those that have been recorded through the analog inputs (and are not copy-protected), thereby allowing the upload function to prevent unwanted copying, and  
WHEREAS,  
Sony's existing NetMD function already provides for direct transfers of compressed audio from computer to Minidisc,

WE THE UNDERSIGNED,  
kindly request that Sony extend NetMD so that it can be used for uploading compressed audio directly from Minidisc to PC, thereby providing users with a quick, convenient, and lossless method of moving their Minidisc recordings to PC.

#### **1516. Waiting for other technology**

Posted by Steve Cahill on 7/11/2002, 18:31:34

I've got a little band and have avoided MD format due to the waste of time in getting the recorded data into my computer. I bought an Archos mp3 recorder which works great at the transfer...but the recording itself sucks so bad (and I returned 2) that I am still without the solution that this proposal would solve in a medium that has proven itself field worthy.

#### **1517. crippled USB port**

Posted by Jesse Gilbert on 7/11/2002, 19:00:02

I was very disappointed to find the SONY MZ-N707 USB port crippled with a limitation on uploading my own live recordings to my computer. I record live news event coverage and sporting events for radio broadcast. Dubbing a three hour ball game over the earphone jack takes three hours. When I bought it, I never imagined the USB port would be intentionally limited to one way audio transfer. What's so sad about this limitation is that the MZ-N707 is otherwise a work of art. Sony's technology is amazingly good. But this limitation makes it half the product it would otherwise be.

#### **1518. Returned MZ-N707 the same day it was purchased.**

Posted by Larry Sikora on 7/11/2002, 19:03:52

I just purchased the MZ-N707 for the express purpose of recording, via mike, high quality music from my musical instruments at home and from my club. I also produce digital videos and dub sound recorded live and hoped to use the MZ-707 for that purpose as well. As is, the unit is WORTHLESS JUNK to me and is going back immediately. Make it worthwhile and allow high speed digital transfer via USB from mini disk to all computer platforms. Soon, if not Sony, some quality company will offer a good solution. Until then, I will save my money.

#### **1519. uploading audio is important**

Posted by Joe Keto on 7/11/2002, 22:24:47

Audio upload is an obvious need for making the record feature of the Minidisc player useful. It does not encourage copyright violation any more than having a computer and a cdrom does.

#### **1520. I almost can't believe it!**

Posted by John Guest on 7/11/2002, 22:35:24

With MD being such a versatile digital medium with excellent sound quality, I can hardly believe that the NetMD cannot upload personal recordings to a PC for backup, editing, etc. I'm a linguistics postgraduate and constantly record dialogues, interviews, lectures, etc. for personal and academic use. I thought of upgrading from my trusty MZ-R90, but this senseless software restriction doesn't make it worthwhile. Sony, please reconsider!

#### **1521. A Real disappointment**

Posted by Eric on 7/11/2002, 23:19:02

After I bought my Netmd, I started to mess about with OpenMG. Many hate this proggy, but its useable. I wanted to hear the difference between sp lp2 & lp4, with the same song. at first I was pleased with the quality of lp4, but when I found out that I couldn't download it a fourth time, I got real disappointed. I work at a radio station in my spare time, and like to make jingles. The software however prevents me from combining jingles over and over again. Sony, Please wise up and let the people be creative with your high-tech device's. After all it's you who tells us to "GO CREATE" Please see to it that we can...

#### **1522. need upload feature.**

Posted by josh kissinger on 7/11/2002, 23:21:10

an upload feature would be awesome, so i could record lectures and such and store them on my hard drive to refer to them later. there are also hundreds of other uses that this feature would allow. please change it!

#### **1523. A Waste of Money...**

Posted by Eurus Kim on 7/12/2002, 0:26:24

When I first heard about the new NetMD players/recorders, I was so excited that there was now the next generation of recording on a great medium. To my surprise, now I just found that I can't take the info off of the MD players as easily as I can put it on. Now I understand it's all a marketing ploy to get people like me to go buy a new MD player with your advertising of 32x transfer from the computer. I'd much rather see the ability to take info from the MD to the PC than the opposite. Until I see this happening, it's back to the store with the MD player.

#### **1524. You turned your backs on your customers**

Posted by Kevin on 7/12/2002, 1:06:58

I was not happy to learn that you MD players will not upload. It is a major mistake. I was going to purchase a mz-sl only to find out before my purchase wouldn't be worth it due to this backwards thinking feature. It would be an ideal format for recording live dj sets which is a culture in itself and would prove to be a lucrative market for you. Instead you turn your back on the people that support you, your customers. Soon your customers will turn their backs on you! I work for Radio Shack, and we sell this product there--i will be sure to steer everyone away from ANY sony product. After scams like this i can now see clearly what kind of a company you really are. Its sad.

#### **1525. I'm a DJ, I'm just trying to record my mix CD**

Posted by Bruce Glover on 7/12/2002, 1:37:16

I'm a DJ, I'm just trying to record my mix CD.

#### **1526. Do it for musicians**

Posted by Matthieu Amiguet on 7/12/2002, 9:36:14

As the preceding messages seem to show, a two-way USB connection would be of great help for musicians. As a professional musician, I really support the idea of adding this feature that would ease my daily work a lot. In the beginning, copy protection was supposed to protect musicians. Do we really want it to work against them now? One more word: if you ever do it, don't forget mac and Linux users (e.g. by using standard USB-storage protocols)

#### **1527. Uploading**

Posted by Matthew Coulson on 7/12/2002, 9:38:55

What's the point in making a MD recorder that can connect directly to a PC via a fast interface when it can't be utilised to the full? Not having to mess around with optical leads and re-recording tracks, when a few clicks of a mouse could be used to copy the recording onto a PC is surely a good thing!

**1528. UnCripple a Potentially Useful Songwriters Tool**

Posted by Kernel Green on 7/12/2002, 9:50:22

I have original recordings on MD which I would like to digitally upload to my PC. Of Course I can re-record into my Audio Sequencer, but this is needless additional.

Sony is merely greatly reducing the value of their hardware offerings to try to save some of their media copyright royalties--This will not work in any case.

**1529. Upload**

Posted by Uwe Themann on 7/12/2002, 10:14:13

Please add the upload feature to the NETMD-Minidisc-recorders and don't forget the MONO-mode for upload and download  
Uwe Themann

**1530. Upload Capability**

Posted by Matthew on 7/12/2002, 11:20:19

I think that this will be one of the best features added to the MD. I am currently faced with the problem of not being able to transfer any of my music that I currently have on MD to CD to be able to playback using other media. My biggest concern is being able to play my music in my car because I have a CD player and not a MD deck. I know that MD decks and changers are available for the car as well, but I don't see that as being a great investment if I already have the music. All I am lacking is the mode of transfer which the upload capability would offer.

**1531. Great for live recordings**

Posted by Andrea Cisternino on 7/12/2002, 11:49:30

I'm a sound technician and an upload option would be great for high quality recordings in constrained conditions or when "full-scale" equipment is not available.

**1532. Can't record DJ mixes???**

Posted by David on 7/12/2002, 12:57:25

Please add the ability to transfer your own music into the pc, i can't even transfer any of my dj mixes to CD with the USB cable...the main reason I got this unit...

**1533. Please add an upload function to NetMD**

Posted by Matthew B. on 7/12/2002, 13:36:06

Please add an upload function to NetMD to allow for the transfer of recorded material from MD to PC over the high speed USB port.  
Thanks  
matthew b.

**1534. Make a great product even better!**

Posted by A.L. on 7/12/2002, 13:59:48

As a veteran MD user/fan, I was thrilled when I came home with my new NetMD recorder. However, the lack of upload ability has dampened my enthusiasm for the product (only slightly, though). I record concerts and my own playing and would like a fast, high-quality method of uploading analog recordings to my PC to burn onto CD-R media. Given that the NetMD recorder is able to read the disc and report the contents of the TOC through the USB connection, audio upload of analog-recorded tracks is technically possible. This in no way would encourage piracy, as most people who dub CD's to MD do so in the digital realm, which would mark the SCMS bit as "1" and hence would not be allowed for check-in. An analog recording, on the other hand, could be sent as raw ATRAC to Open MG for export to the .wav (PCM) format. Perhaps OpenMG could also include a utility for burning such tracks direct to a CD without exporting them to a wav editor. Please consider the upload feature. It would be a great way of ensuring that MD remains the format of choice for smart consumers and musicians!

**1535. don't beta us**

Posted by Michael Randleman on 7/12/2002, 14:11:58

I have been a loyal Minidisc user since inception, please allow us audio upload. we all love the format, don't make me put my Minidisc players next to the betamax in the attic

**1536. Let uploading be possible!!!!**

Posted by David on 7/12/2002, 14:40:18

I've always wanted mini discs to have this feature so i can record my drumming and then plug my MD in to my computer to upload and edit it.

**1537. We need better quality, faster!**

Posted by Jay on 7/12/2002, 15:37:17

As a web developer, I would love to put audio demonstrations on web sites at the highest quality possible. My Minidisc is awesome but I can't seem to transfer that same quality to my computer.

**1538. Lets Grow Minidisc Format**

Posted by Sérgio Godoy on 7/12/2002, 16:45:48

uploading is necessary, I have a Minidisc for 5 years and I will only buy my next unit when the uploading function arrives

**1539. NetMD: enabling MD to PC connection**

Posted by Xavier Lanusse-Cazalé on 7/12/2002, 18:03:53

Please consider adding this feature to your product.  
I currently own a MZ-R30 and was thinking about upgrading to a new MD recorder for that particular feature until I found out about its limitation. Until this feature is added, I unfortunately don't see the need to purchase a new MD recorder.

Thanks for considering the idea.  
Sincerely,

Xavier Lanusse-Cazalé  
FRANCE

**1540. NetMD Uploading**

Posted by Andrew Gaskins on 7/12/2002, 18:16:21

This is a very critical request for people who desire to use the NetMD products in the field.

**1541. MD to PC...**

Posted by jim on 7/12/2002, 18:51:50

It can only help MD format to grow. Please consider allowing this.

**1542. MD upload into my Mac**

Posted by jimg on 7/12/2002, 21:39:18

I'm a musician (wearecybrid.com) and we use MDs to record each and every live performance for archival purposes, and also to post as MP3s on the web. Currently, we have to spend an excessive amount of time re-recording from MD into a computer (Macintosh) for further editing and conversion to MP3. This also results in a generation-loss if the analogue connection is used. I am definitely in the market for a small, cost-effective, portable unit which would allow me to record to WAV/AIFF/MP3 and then upload to my computer via drag-n-drop (preferably via FireWire).

**1543. Uploading compressed audio from MINI Disk to PC**

Posted by Joe Kasperek on 7/12/2002, 23:45:34

This is absurd!! I have audio voice files, "Air Checks", I wish to load to my PC. Your unit considers them to be from another computer. To say that I'm frustrated with the performance of your product, NetMD, in this regard doesn't even begin to explain my feelings.  
Let me put it this way; I will think twice before I purchase another Sony Product. May be TASCAM would be a better choice.

**1544. The future of MD is in large customer base, not buy for MD only music.**

Posted by John Perry on 7/13/2002, 2:26:41

Currently the NetMD expansion of the Minidisc only adds the very small online music buying customer base. This market may grow or may die, but a guaranteed market is in the live recording market. I personally would love to be able to do all my audio for video projects on the Minidisc format and then (through USB) transfer that digital audio file to my Mac so I can resync it with the video. There is a boom of new independent filmmakers that would gobble up the Minidisc recorders as fast as you could make them for this same purpose. Our church would use the technology as well to make recordings of classes and sermons available on CD just minutes after the sermon. Finally there are (as you can see by other peoples comments) a huge number of bands that would flock to the MD format to make recordings and demos. I believe this current market far outweighs the potential markets you might be protecting by disallowing uploading via USB.

Please remove the barrier between the best format available and these huge markets.

**1545. Please Develop software to enable Upload from older or original disks**

Posted by Justin Dotson on 7/13/2002, 4:24:45

I have many Minidisks that have My Personal Thoughts and meetings recorded on them. To be able to directly upload these and other audio files I have accumulated on MD over the years would be wonderful.

**1546. Upload recorded music**

Posted by Tim Jongen on 7/13/2002, 5:47:28

I'm just wondering why it is illegal to upload field recorded material (analog) to your pc. I understand that it is illegal to copy digital recorded material. But it is nonsense that we can't upload our own recorded material. Regards, Tim Jongen

**1547. Please add this feature**

Posted by Sean Linkenback on 7/13/2002, 12:22:25

As an active musician, I use my MD for a variety of fieldwork and can't believe I can't upload my recorded files to my harddrive. This is a vital function, please add it!

**1548. this will increase MD sales by ..er..a lot...btw this will b available in Europe has well rite?**

Posted by Neal Tanna on 7/13/2002, 14:27:55

this will increase MD sales by ..er..a lot...

**1549. Great for Post Production/Radio**

Posted by james kallias on 7/13/2002, 15:59:49

we use thousands of Minidisks around the world. i am involved in foreign language media translation and have been looking for a way to transfer our own content back to our computers in a faster than real time method. this is something we desperately need.

**1550. Upload Please**

Posted by Neil Rogers on 7/13/2002, 17:23:08

I would like to do "unplugged" recordings of my brother playing his music and then put it to CD for everyone else in the family. Please make this tech available.

**1551. Easy to convert SP to LP**

Posted by pau dominkovics on 7/13/2002, 18:57:26

I changed my old MD recorder for the new MZ-N1, I'm very happy with this change.

I like to convert some old MD recorded in SP in LP mode to enjoy music when I go out for a few days (the battery lifetime is great!!)

For this reason and others (give my own music to my friends in a CD, or publish it in my web page,...) I ask you to make software that we can upload audio from Minidisc to pc.

I'm very happy if you tell me if there are news related with my request. Thanks.

yours.

Pau Dominkovics Coll (Barcelona)  
pauminku@yahoo.es

**1552. Thank You**

Posted by Roy Lavender on 7/13/2002, 19:47:55

If it were not for this petition, I would have thought direct MD to PC recordings were possible. As this is 100% of the feature-set I want in a Minidisc recorder, I plan on waiting for a solution before I invest in one. Right now I record concerts for local bands under their permission and make CDs for them. I use a Minidisc deck with a digital output connected to a digital input on my PC. It works great but is a 1x speed transfer. If NetMD could make this process 32x (as advertised), I would buy one in a heartbeat.

**1553. Upload from recorded and purchased MD is a positive thing.**

Posted by John Benini on 7/13/2002, 19:49:51

Upload from recorded and purchased MD is a positive thing.

**1554. Draconian big brother software**

Posted by joe tittiger on 7/14/2002, 0:30:53

You are only kidding your selves and making enemies with your pirating of song that I have purchased or created. Have you been paying attention to every other attempt at playing big brother on the net? write some decent software that does what your customers want it to do....

**1555. Seriously thinking of returning my unit to where I bought it**

Posted by Michele Lanzetta on 7/14/2002, 1:56:23

Dear Sirs,

I am still in the 30 days grace period and testing my new MZ-N505 but have found the missing digital uploading a great defeat of the product I expected it to be COMPLETELY DIGITALLY PC CONNECTED (the NetMD...). I am very disappointed about that and I am observing my same reaction from all those I present my new gadget: a very bad image loss for Sony. I hope you will change your mind and policy.

Please let me know.

Sincerely,

Michele Lanzetta

**1556. Why I have not purchased MD home or portable products.**

Posted by Elmer Sharp on 7/14/2002, 3:16:17

The only reason that I have not purchased Sony MD equipment for by home and work place (music studio) is the inability to upload the recordings digitally from the MD to my computer for editing. I hope you will reconsider because an MZ-N1 sized device would be great for recording my jam sessions and teaching sessions and bringing back to my PC to edit and record back to MD's.

E. Sharp

**1557. Please Adddddddddddd this feature!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Posted by Zengnan on 7/14/2002, 4:26:21

I've bought a n1 recently, but i was pissed when i found it couldn't even check-in the digital image i recorded and this is not because of a hardware limitation.

**1558. Minidisc Audio Upload + DATA Download and Upload**

Posted by Laurent Worms on 7/14/2002, 5:55:39

I hope one day my Minidisc will be able to make audio uploads (from MD to PC) but also DATA downloads and uploads !

Regards,

Laurent.

**1559. Adding Upload Capability to NetMD**

Posted by Ricco Law on 7/14/2002, 10:27:28

As a dj I would be very grateful to sony if they would consider adding an upload feature to their NetMD . It would become as important to dj's worldwide as their decks and records. It would be an invaluable tool for me and other dj's across the globe. Regards: DJ Ricco Law ;-)

**1560. Sony breaks UK Sales of Goods Act (Revised).**

Posted by Richard Brunton on 7/14/2002, 11:01:14

According to the UK Sales of Goods act (revised) goods should be sold as described and fit for purpose.  
When the full act is read and the limiting features discovered, it is clear that Sony is breaking this act of law in the UK.

I purchased this item with the clear understanding that I could transfer any music format to the MD without restriction.

However, once you start using the software it is clear that you are only allowed to transfer a track three times, now when the software repeatedly crashes and causes transfers to fail, and even freezes during conversion, this is entirely impractical and unusable.

This item contravenes the act on both of the above counts.

**1561. Please!**

Posted by Shaun on 7/14/2002, 11:14:33

I have just bought the mz n707 and think it is a great product! I will not use it for recording, but I can see that there is a great market for it and being able to upload music via USB rather than via the earphone jack would be a great asset - pushing the product into new markets - which can only be a good thing!

**1562. NetMD is a REAL JOKE !!!**

Posted by phranc on 7/14/2002, 11:52:20

I'm shocked ! no possibility to upload my best songs. that's really impossible ! if I can't upload my own songs, this product makes no sense. incompatibility with other MD players (LP2,LP4) is although a problem.

**1563. I feel cheated**

Posted by jane on 7/14/2002, 12:21:57

I bought this because I was under the impression that - finally - I would be able to upload material that I make for community radio on my MD at a pace a reporter needs. I am deeply distressed that I cannot do this.

**1564. NETMD, THE SHADE OF THE YEAR**

Posted by Guillaume BIET on 7/14/2002, 12:25:32

So, We dreamed about it, Sony made it . You could think that was well done, but ...  
The software, this SHIT called OPENMG is very poor, and the number of bugs is highly greater than the number of good functionality.....  
GRRRRRRRRR

Now, I learn on the web that we can't upload a Minidisc to the PC ; It's too.....

Sony, don't profit of your monopoly in the NetMD world, and GIVE US SOFTWARES WE CAN CALL SOFTWARES, NOT SHITS !

**1565. I Need Uploading For my Band**

Posted by Mike H on 7/14/2002, 12:43:53

Sony

I am extremely disappointed with you, what is the point of having 'NetMD' if you cannot upload from your MD player, and also i would use the 'line-in' to rec my band practices, so what's the point of not being able to upload these to my computer.

(this product could have been a complete market shaker if you had allowed uploading)

Mike

**1566. Wasted my money, thanks to \*\*\*\*.**

Posted by Timo Finnilä on 7/14/2002, 18:12:12

I bought my MZ-N707 in the hope that I'd be able to record my own band's jam-sessions and import them to my PC. And what did I get? This crappy MD-recorder which I can use to record our jam-sessions & playing, yes, but I can't upload them to my PC.

**1567. Have courage to add this feature !**

Posted by Sebastian Koehler on 7/14/2002, 18:23:04

If you don't add this function (upload) potential customers will simply use the products of a competitor.

There's already a truckload of other mp3 players that can record and can simply be connected to the PC without ANY limitations !

This artificial limitations of MD is the ONLY thing that scares away customers, otherwise the MD (and especially NetMD) would be a real big seller.

**1568. Please add optical upload from MD to computer**

Posted by Daryl Joseph on 7/14/2002, 19:09:35

as above

**1569. Two Way Transfers**

Posted by Chris Carpentier on 7/14/2002, 21:42:49

Having the ability to move music and other recordings from the recorder up to the PC is critical to the complete functionality of your product. It gives the consumer freedom to manage their recording collections the way they see fit.

**1570. We're taking it back tomorrow. Too bad!**

Posted by Bradley Nelson on 7/14/2002, 22:04:20

My daughter is a singer/songwriter. Last night she had her second paying performance at a local coffee shop, and I bought her a MZN-505. We got it working during her performance, and we were both amazed at how great it captured the sounds. Today, we spent a lot of time trying to figure out how to upload her music to the computer, so we could transfer them into .WMA files and post them on her website. Imagine. Imagine how disappointed we are to find out that no, for some incomprehensible reason, no uploading is POSSIBLE with this nifty little device. We have no choice but to return it and get our \$149.00 back tomorrow. I can see now why this technology is going to go absolutely nowhere. What a shame! I suspect the cocaine-brained music business has had something to do with this, right? Well, if you people have half a brain, you will fix this problem.  
Great Idea, but hamstrung and doomed to fail.

I rate your product an "F" since for us, it is basically useless. And we were both soooo excited, too.

Brad and Kristi Nelson

**1571. Just a guitarist trying out recording via MD to PC...**

Posted by Adrian on 7/14/2002, 23:39:16

It certainly would make a difference in sound quality and time should transferring via USB be a success. Still pending on buying an MD just because of this fact. Was disappointed, tot NetMD already allowed this feature.

**1572. This is something I really need in my MD**

Posted by Mark on 7/15/2002, 2:38:19

I record a lot of meetings with my MD and need to edit these recordings on my PC. as of now I record then from my MD to my PC but it would save me much time if I could just upload them to my PC.

**1573. I've just wasted 250 Euros**

Posted by Anthonie on 7/15/2002, 4:49:49

I bought my MZ-N707 for one reason only: to make quick and easy digital recordings. Now it turns out I can't transfer anything to my PC. While I appreciate the fact that Sony wants to protect my pathetic amateur recordings, I would like to be able to transfer to my PC without DA-AD conversion. I am VERY disappointed, VERY VERY disappointed. And I've wasted a lot of money.

**1574. MD >>> PC Uploads, Sony would double their sales**

Posted by Richard on 7/15/2002, 6:31:29

Let it be software restrictive only

**1575. we need it :-)!!!**

Posted by Max on 7/15/2002, 7:35:31

we wait !

**1576. Usage for lecture recordings.**

Posted by Nick Grundy on 7/15/2002, 8:31:04

I went and brought a NetMD to be able to use for recording lecture at University. I've also purchased a 150 dollar sony microphone to suit. I now find out that I'm reduced to using analogue output to get the lecture recording to my computer? Surely you are able to recognize when audio is live recorded such is the case of my lectures.

**1577. almost perfect**

Posted by Karen Rodgers on 7/15/2002, 10:58:36

I chose the Minidisc over IC recorder options because i thought it would be a better all-round solution, and for the most part I'm satisfied. It allows me to use the same tool for voice notes as i use for entertainment. But how much more useful it would be if i could upload my vocal notes to my computer and process them through my voice recognition software! I'm hoping that the software will one day allow this, and then i will become your devoted spokesperson.

I recognise and support the need for protection of music, but i also resent being treated like a pirate. I have no interest in making anything but personal copies of songs. When i upload CD's to my PC, I'm always careful to keep them out of my shared folder to avoid breaking copyright and making them available to all and sundry.

When i download music from the free services (limewire, etc.) It is almost always either a rare item that is not available for purchase, or a sample. If i like it, i buy the CD.

I honestly don't believe that being able to upload from NetMD will result in mass music piracy. I believe that music distributors might be satisfied that the MD format protects their interests if an alternate method is employed. Tag the uploaded files as watermarks are used by stock photographers. Use a leader or time-stamp solution for voice recordings which would interfere with music recordings but work adequately for dictation and/or interviews.

Or employ your organisation's obvious creativity and resourcefulness to find a solution that also meets the needs of amateur musicians.

Not allowing uploads from MD is a limitation that has a profound detrimental impact on the usefulness of the MD format. As an almost satisfied customer, I ask you to reconsider.

**1578. I want to upload my environmental recordings!!!!**

Posted by Sean Metrick on 7/15/2002, 11:54:04

I want to be able to upload my recordings I make of birdsong etc. They are my recordings so why am I restricted?

**1579. Upload My sound Now**

Posted by Patrick S on 7/15/2002, 12:43:47

c'est quand meme un comple pour un matos de ce prix la et de cette qualite aue l'on ne puisse pas uploder ses banque de son sur sont pc dan sun but de cree des application multimedia on est obligé de les recapturer en analogique avec un autre soft.

Bravo !!! sony va falloir arreter de nous faire chi.r avec vos histoire de gros sous vous en avez pas assez.

**1580. I want to upload my live speech recordings on to my comp**

Posted by Vijay on 7/15/2002, 13:00:42

HI,  
I want to upload my live speech recordings on to my PC using MNZ 707. Just tell me HOW?

Thanks & Regards,  
Vijay

**1581. MD is the future for the new music band**

Posted by Rouzaud on 7/15/2002, 13:40:07

Depuis quelques temps avec mon groupe de rock, nous enregistrons nos concert, pour se souvenir de nos débuts. Le problème s'est qu'ils sont long et pour les sauvegarder sur notre PC, il nous faut le faire en temps réel, et cela représente une perte de temps assez importante.

**1582. not worth it without it**

Posted by Luisa on 7/15/2002, 15:26:37

I'm not purchasing a MD player/recorder until the uploading feature is included in the device. In the meantime, I'll continue to use the recording equipment I already have. I don't see the difference if I can't upload.

**1583. Professional Use**

Posted by Gareth Jeanne on 7/15/2002, 17:34:30

I am a student studying at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff, Wales, U.K. We are constantly looking at new equipment to use for audio editing and recording on the move. We where days away from buying 20 NetMD recorders when we checked the fine print and discovered that uploads to a P.C are not available. This lead to us not buying the Minidisc recorders as we where going to use them to record external atmospheres and sound effects for use in theatre, film, TV soundtracks. I hope you can see that this feature not being available is almost certainly costing you a lot more money than you would ever loose through copyright infringement, people who want to take illegal copies of music on the move will just avoid your products and use a Hard Disk device that doesn't use such domineering and unnecessary "copyright" procedures.  
Your Sincerely

Gareth Jeanne  
RWCMD  
Castle Grounds  
Cathays  
Cardiff

**1584. Improve the MD**

Posted by Martijn on 7/15/2002, 18:03:08

Dear Sony,  
Please allow an upload possibility (MD->PC)...  
This would benefit me in several ways:  
1) I can save recorded class lectures on my pc  
2) I can save meeting minutes from my association on my and make it available as a download  
3) I can finally use an MD instead of the bulky stuff I use now to tape my friend's band.

**1585. Please let me upload my live recorded sound files from my Sony N707 to the PC.**

Posted by Arne Roedvik on 7/15/2002, 19:05:35

I record my own music at the band rehearsals. Please make the 32X USB connection a 2-ways connection!

**1586. You lost the battle (remember where DIVIX is now?)**

Posted by Charles Barone on 7/15/2002, 22:25:29

I don't really understand why you do not get it. I would of thought the VHS format would of shown you reality. A cheap easy format, yes beta was better but did not win. Everyone made money from VHS, how many Lion King videos were sold? sure there was copying. If you make it kiss ass simple to download and pay for then why all the controls. People will pay for good clean music.

They will also find a way to crack your software and copy with out checking in and out. It is inevitable.

PS I like MD's, much better than SD cards and 64 mb junk...

You have a great product but are missing millions billions of dollars of revenue. I will buy DVD's for under \$20, even \$26 for special editions rather than pay \$10 or less for a boot leg. Offer a product for a far price and you will make a ton of money. market something like the Divx crap and you will get burned!!

**1587. Please support upload!**

Posted by FanGoul on 7/16/2002, 0:06:33

I just purchased a MZ-N707 and as this unit has no digital outputs besides USB it just makes sense to enable upload via the USB connection. Sony it is inevitable that if you do not enable this function that some enterprising individual will. Come on and be the hero of the MD community  
PS. We know you want to ;-)

**1588. SVP Rajouter cette fonction**

Posted by Teddy on 7/16/2002, 0:57:52

IL est nécessaire de rajouter cette fonction car c'est tout ce qui manque à ce chef d'oeuvre de technologie

**1589. PLEASE ADD THIS FEATURE!!**

Posted by Korin Crawford on 7/16/2002, 1:26:16

I bought this product so that I could upload live recordings of my music and lectures to the PC. Without this feature, this product is too limited. The value proposition is extremely diminished.

**1590. Live record to a PC hard disc**

Posted by gaetan perrotin on 7/16/2002, 3:58:09

I'd like to import freely the tracks I record from my upright to my hard disc with no quality loose... I NEED IT !

**1591. don't castrate the power of MD**

Posted by mindjam on 7/16/2002, 6:20:54

live recordings, notes, samples, and fair another ton of possibilities of MD - > PC uploading. a missing feature that makes MD less attractive in many users eyes. and heck, don't blame the end-user for piracy with limitations like that. its not bringing anything forward, its castrating potential. and btw ... piracy will find its way anyway. it always had, it ever will. realize it, face it and let us users not suffer from some individuals that don't understand fair-use. thnx.

**1592. please add the upload option in jukebox !**

Posted by Joël on 7/16/2002, 7:14:46

as a musician I am a bit irritated about the fact that I cannot upload on an easy way what I record direct on my MD-player (NetMD N505). I thought that MD was very useful for 'live' recording and then uploading it in my computer .. 2 bad that this is not true. I think it would be a very useful option if it would be possible to upload my own music via OpenMG jukebox !!  
Ow .. another reason for me (at this moment) why I am telling people NOT to buy the NetMD is the fact that the compression (OpenMG compression) on SP,SP2 is too bad. when I take a CD, and am recording it on my MD via jukebox, the music is not clean anymore.  
And since I know that mp3 compresses too, I know it is possible to compress AND to keep a good sound. This would also be a good thing to put some more time and effort in.

**1593. (no subject)**

Posted by Roland Boilau on 7/16/2002, 8:21:27

Il me semble que l'ajout de cette fonction aurait peu d'incidence pour Sony mais nous serait très utile. Aussi !!!

**1594. Upload from recorded and purchased MD is a positive thing.**

Posted by Gilles on 7/16/2002, 10:17:49

Just do it !

**1595. Sony: Please enable MD to PC transfer**

Posted by Eric Limbach on 7/16/2002, 13:23:38

I support this petition, this is my vote for it.  
Thank you

**1596. Adding this feature will show the user community that Sony is dedicated the MD format.**

Posted by Matthew Brown on 7/16/2002, 13:24:52

Dear Sony Executives,  
I was disappointed when the Betamax video cassette format was out competed and abandoned. Just like Betamax, MD is a better format than comparable alternatives. Please allow this great format to compete with other digital formats by allowing high-speed upload. Unauthorized copying of copyrighted material could still be controlled. You must understand that unless the format can compete, it will soon be rendered obsolete. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Thank you for your consideration.  
Best Regards,  
Matthew Brown

**1597. Good going**

Posted by Colby Collie on 7/16/2002, 13:50:32

I have not yet purchased my NetMD because of this issue. Hopefully we can win this right in the near future. I would also hope that there would be a firmware upgrade, so that everyone who already has one can enjoy. I appreciate all your efforts and would like to offer my support to you as well. My Username is c78935156 and my e-mail is that plus @hotmail.com feel free to contact me.

**1598. No point...**

Posted by Bill Daugherty on 7/16/2002, 14:17:02

I don't see the point of this without uploading capabilities; I was previously interested in buying a NetMD device, but as there is no uploading available, I am most likely not to buy one, and will continue to look wearily for a solution, most likely away from Sony.

**1599. how to make money**

Posted by bob on 7/16/2002, 15:12:57

very simple !! just listen users desire !!  
I've got a mp3 car system(jvc), but a lot of Minidisc, what can i do ???  
Minidisc changer is not available for jvc, and cannot go to mp3 from Minidisc .....

**1600. Uploading my mates sets**

Posted by Darian Moody on 7/16/2002, 16:02:25

My mate is a dj, it would be so much better if i could record his sets easily and then upload quickly to my hard drive and then post it on my web page. Please make the uploading feature work with the MZ-N1, somehow, if its possible. And make SP transfer faster. Cheers

**1601. Upload of analog recordings essential**

Posted by charles martin on 7/16/2002, 18:07:35

My main use of MD is for personal field recordings. Digital upload of these recordings is not a copyright threat of any kind. I will not purchase a NetMD device until this feature is made available.

**1602. i believed it was possible before buy it. really bad**

Posted by Alex Boilley on 7/16/2002, 21:05:34

All is in subject...i hope that will be possible in the near future.  
Thanks for read

**1603. Extremely Disappointed**

Posted by Anna Green on 7/16/2002, 21:58:23

I purchased my Sony Walkman N707 for the SOLE PURPOSE of recording myself playing improv jazz so I could make a CD to send in for an audition. I am now 2 MONTHS past the date the audition CD was due, because I could not upload the audition. I also wanted to be able to record my school band rehearsals (I am a band director) and play back to the students. Also to record concerts and make low cost recordings for the students as I work in a low income area.  
If I could take the unit back now I would. It is practically useless to me.

Anna Green  
Kent, WA

**1604. Uploading to Hardrive**

Posted by Glen Thomas on 7/17/2002, 1:53:58

As a film professional I believed the writing on the box and thought I could Upload my location sound FX files...boy was I in for a shock. What is the reason for this very silly idea

**1605. Any attempt to intentionally cripple a device or technology...**

Posted by Oliver Gehrke on 7/17/2002, 2:34:20

...will be regarded as being put under tutelage by many users. Especially in the MD target group, ie young people. Think about it, Sony!

**1606. An important feature missing.**

Posted by Brett Johnson on 7/17/2002, 2:36:44

As of now I don't have a NetMD Minidisc player. But a feature like this in next year's model will convince me to upgrade from my R900

#### **1607. Please Support Upload**

Posted by Laura Baird on 7/17/2002, 6:39:22

I am a musician and songwriter and as such believe that copyrighted materials should be protected by laws and ethical behavior, not by software that gets in the way of a majority of musicians and songwriters who are legitimately creating live recordings.

I thought the Minidisc recorder was PERFECT until I realized that it's inability to upload recorded music for which I myself own the copyright renders it practically useless to me and many other musicians.

Too bad, cause this could have really been a ground-breaking product.  
-Laura Baird

#### **1608. Pourquoi pas!**

Posted by Kevin Ory on 7/17/2002, 7:36:52

Chère Sony.

Tout d'abord je m'excuse d'écrire en français, je me rend bien compte que je suis le seul.

Pour en revenir au NetMD, je pense que cette fonction est très utile pour les utilisateurs de Minidisc. Moi même je n'en suis pas un, mais il est fort possible que je m'en achète un dans peu de temps. Et comme on peut l'imaginer, la fonction NetMD pourrait être un argument majeur pour que j'achète un Minidisc Sony ayant cette fonction au lieu d'un autre model. Alors pourquoi pas, cette fonction ne peut être qu'utile, et sans doute peu coûteuse en développement.  
Kevin

#### **1609. NetMD would be so much better with UPLOAD!**

Posted by Philip Moline on 7/17/2002, 8:26:09

NetMD would be so much better with UPLOAD!

#### **1610. Cross-platform NetMD**

Posted by Brendan Duffy on 7/17/2002, 10:05:36

I'm a musician who has now put the last six years of my own work onto MD. To make NetMD a viable upload option for MP3 users would greatly increase the opportunity for myself and others like me to share our music. I already own 2 Minidisc machines, both Sony, and it's only fair to say that they have completely changed the way I both consume and produce music. If you made it possible, I'd go out and buy a NetMD machine tomorrow. I can't see how anybody would lose out if you just take this simple step.

#### **1611. Voting with my dollars**

Posted by Edward Hansen on 7/17/2002, 10:45:25

I'd be far more inclined to purchase more SONY products if I felt that the company was responsive to this consumer's needs and wants. You are largely a consumer products company. Produce products with features I want and I will purchase them. Don't and I will shop elsewhere. Simple.

#### **1612. Won't buy without it.**

Posted by Gordon Craig on 7/17/2002, 11:16:46

I won't be buying NetMD unless it has 2 way transfer

#### **1613. Make MD even better than it is already! (In Dutch)**

Posted by Andries Tom on 7/17/2002, 11:50:54

Ook in België wordt er opgenomen met MD's; het is immers het ideale toestel! Lijkt het dan ook niet meer dan logisch dat je je muziek digitaal op PC krijgt!?!  
Tom from Belgium

#### **1614. uploading from friends MD**

Posted by Alf on 7/17/2002, 13:47:04

it would be awesome if u can upload because my friend listens to rap and i would like to upload...and i listen to rock and he would like to upload ...jo know...

#### **1615. Sony you've lost another sale**

Posted by glenn judge on 7/17/2002, 15:33:06

I want to upload voice recorded lectures during my university course and edit them on a pc. Since I can't upload with a Minidisc I'm going to get a Creative Lab MP3 jukebox. Come on Sony sort this out before you lose more of your customers.

#### **1617. A Petition Asking Sony to Enable NetMD based audio uploads to computer**

Posted by Terry Little on 7/17/2002, 15:54:00

Sounds like a great idea to me. I record 2hours of God's music at my churches each week and distribute them to home-bound parishioners. The MD format is an incredible asset to provide music and prayer services to those who cannot attend.

Yours in Christ,

Terry Little

Singer/Guitar player/MIDI musician for the Catholic Church in Glendale,Az.

#### **1617. why are we waiting?**

Posted by alan on 7/17/2002, 17:10:57

I've bought a lot of Sony equipment over the years - monitors, digicam, hi fi, televisions - but I will definitely NOT be buying a Minidisc Recorder until it has the upload features I require for my work. Sony - I believe you are missing a great opportunity here.

#### **1618. Come on you guys....**

Posted by Jose Ramos on 7/17/2002, 19:52:25

This seems to be an ugly joke

#### **1619. Please and Thank you**

Posted by Steve Wood on 7/17/2002, 21:39:57

I'd very much appreciate digital upload to the computer for editing of my recordings.

#### **1620. Uploading recordings from MD to PC**

Posted by Trevor on 7/17/2002, 23:44:27

The MD is an ideal live recording medium but the inability to transfer the recorded data at high speed is a significant restriction. Not just the fact that the transfer has to be converted to analogue and back to digital, but that the transfer time is the same as the recording time! This means having to tie up a both your MD and PC for up to 4 hours to transfer the recorded information! This takes us back to the dark ages of tape recording. Memory card recorders, while lacking the overall convenience and flexibility of MD, certainly provided the much needed transfer speeds.

#### **1621. por favor**

Posted by gabriel segundo on 7/17/2002, 23:54:33

HAGanlo por favor, es sumamente necesario esta capacidad en nuestros queridos aparatos diseñados por ustedes

#### **1622. Minidisc to PC**

Posted by Padraig Maguire on 7/18/2002, 5:23:43

I got a present of a NetMD from my wife. I used it to record some live Irish music (what I wanted it for) and was extremely happy with the recorded quality. Got a real shock when I found out there is no way to get my recorded music off my Minidisc. This is a real let down.  
Padraig

#### **1623. I want to upload the recordings of my father playing music**

Posted by Alexander Sparkowsky on 7/18/2002, 6:13:56

Minidisc is a really cool format. ATRAC is far more better than MP3. The physical format perfectly sized and robust. My father started recording his playing on a MZ-R1. I really would like to get them to my PC easily

#### **1624. WTF!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Posted by Dave on 7/18/2002, 6:22:12

Sony needs to support there customers needs. Why offer a versatile product like the MD only to limit its capabilities and not updating its software. I say we reverse engineer it and do it ourselves

#### **1625. Using MD for Foley Recording**

Posted by Keith on 7/18/2002, 8:07:14

I want to use the MZN1 to record foot steps and other sounds for use in video game sound effects.  
I obviously need to upload these using the USB feature, I want to keep the source material in it's native format for quality reasons.

I will buy the MZN1 if this feature becomes available in the near future.

#### **1626. OpenMG Jukebox is crap**

Posted by Joris on 7/18/2002, 10:41:11

The software that comes with Sony MD recorders (OpenMG Jukebox) does not allow you to transfer live recordings from MD to pc, which is exactly what I want to do. This has nothing to do with copyrights, so to my humble opinion this software is crap. Hope Sony will soon do something about it...

#### **1627. it would be great**

Posted by Ross on 7/18/2002, 11:44:51

Pleas give us this functionality.  
thanks  
-Ross

#### **1628. It seems a shame...**

Posted by Jake Yapp on 7/18/2002, 12:09:30

...For people making their own music etc to be penalised.

#### **1629. Can't send mic-recordings (lectures) to the PC (as Wave) for further workflow.**

Posted by André Biedermann on 7/18/2002, 13:03:19

These NetMD players seemed to be a good idea. I bought the MZ-N1 today. But it is rubbish. Even the resellers can't handle this mess with abbreviations and restrictions. The dealer told me something wrong. I will give this beta-fake back tomorrow. I need a recorder for recording lectures and transferring to PC. Not even that is possible. This should have been possible 4 years ago already. It is a shame.

#### **1630. Stop Hindering Artistic Potential**

Posted by Dario Del Degan on 7/18/2002, 14:19:00

Dear Sony,  
I am a professional musician and audio engineer who was given a NetMD MZ-N707 as a gift.

I was thrilled to finally have a portable digital recorder to capture environmental sounds for original composition and to record my live musical performances and academic lectures.

Unfortunately, the lack of support to digitally upload my original work for further editing and/or storage is infuriating.

Please rectify this salient issue otherwise you risk alienating those of us who enjoy utilizing technology in the creation of new and original art.

#### **1631. Sony is a bunch of money-grubbing virgins**

Posted by Jamie Smith on 7/18/2002, 14:38:36

Sony and this OpenMG/Spyware/Hard Drive Ruining/Unstable POS software need to go. They have no right to do this to us. They need to burn in hell with the rest of the greedy losers.

#### **1632. Missing significant market potential**

Posted by Greg Silsby on 7/18/2002, 14:58:46

Among the numerous market segments that have weighed in with their request for MD to PC uploading capability, I would stress that in the very large U.S. market, the house of worship market potential, now mostly cassette-based, is huge (about 389,000 churches), but requires this capability for MD to take over.

#### **1633. audio uploading from Minidisc to pc**

Posted by gennaro puorto on 7/18/2002, 16:23:58

It would be great!!!!

#### **1634. Uploads from NetMD**

Posted by Diane Thackray on 7/18/2002, 17:01:21

Without this facility your fantastic new product is only half finished - shouldn't you therefore be reducing your prices and stating the lack of this facility clearly on your packaging. Better still just add the feature before someone else does!

#### **1635. This is what the Minidisc is made for...**

Posted by Ben Chernivsky on 7/18/2002, 19:51:44

The Sony Minidisc is made for people to record and mess with music. I am sure a lot of people record from the Minidisc and would like to upload those tracks onto their computer at faster than real-time speeds. It is only logical. Halting this feature does not end piracy, it just enrages people who spend nearly \$300 on a could-be-better piece of hardware. We all know this is a matter of a few software updates that would fix this problem. Easy task for Sony.

Ben

#### **1636. I had -no- idea ...**

Posted by Brek Allred on 7/18/2002, 19:52:03

As a complete MD newbie, I was -astonished- to find that I couldn't upload my recordings (homemade, mind you) directly to my PC without the whole real-time sound-card capture nonsense. Pleecease support the ability to upload.

#### **1637. Look at apple**

Posted by Alberto Callerio on 7/19/2002, 5:20:56

I recently bought a Sony 707 MD. It's hard to call OpenMG a software! Fortunately I downloaded Simple Burner, not included in the Italian Package (why?!)

Look at apple iPod: it seems to work as an external drive, now also for PC. Why my NetMD, better than IPOD in many other features, not? Please Sony, let me download and upload anything on my MD! Thanks.

#### **1638. Who buys this crap with all this restrictions and incapacibilities ?????**

Posted by Ralph Berner on 7/19/2002, 5:41:56

Can't even copy my live recordings to my PC as wave for further processing.

#### **1639. I brought this tamagochi back to the shop today and after insisting i got my money back!! :-))**

Posted by André Biedermann on 7/19/2002, 5:52:42

Fortunately i asked in the shop if upload of live recordings is possible, before i bought it.

They said yes. So they had to take it back.

I've spend only a few hours of time instead a lot of money.

>> It is always good to ask before!!

#### **1640. Please add the upload option!**

Posted by Alastair Hill on 7/19/2002, 8:03:53

Please add the upload option!

#### **1641. please add upload function**

Posted by ken carswell on 7/19/2002, 8:15:44

I bought the MZ-N1 to take on my world travels with me. i planned to use it to make an audio diary of my time by recording sounds, music and interviews with people around the world. I thought the MZ N1 would be perfect for this and in all ways bar one it is. If it had an upload capacity I would be able to quickly upload all my data to a PC and in my own time edit it. However without this function it means a loss of quality when

uploading and a much harder time for me in choosing and cataloguing my recordings.

I understand your reasons for not allowing the uploading facility (piracy etc), but I think this is the wrong approach. the piracy of copyrighted music will not be dealt with by disabling such a wonderful product. All you are doing by this is alienating thousands of amateur musicians and artists who would benefit greatly from such a function. Lets face it, the piracy issue is already huge and so easy to do using CD's. Will disabling a Minidisc recorder in this way really do anything to combat this problem? Please think about it Sony. Define what you are trying to prevent by locking the upload facility and come up with a real solution.

#### **1642. Digital recording to PC**

Posted by Ingmar Heytze on 7/19/2002, 8:41:36

As an enthusiastic user of the MD-recorder I would like very much an NetMD which can transfer my own recordings to PC.  
Kind regards,

#### **1643. Lost, Damaged Or Stolen CD's**

Posted by MTraherne on 7/19/2002, 9:56:16

Dear Sony,

I have had a Sony MD since the first release of the Sony MZ-35. I bought this on the day it was released. Since then I have collected a massive selection of MD music, which I listen to mostly in the car. With the invention of LP4, virtually all my CD's are now also stored on MD. I have just purchased my fifth MD player, the MZ-N707, and I am very happy with it. My collection of old players is quite extreme. When my MZ-35 broke, I chose a cheaper sharp model. This was returned to the store in no less than 4 weeks, as the quality was far insuperior to my previous sony model. Since then I have purchased 2 more Sony Walkmans and one sony stack unit.

However as I was sorting through my collection, to find all the MD's that I was too lazy to label I have found that many of my original CD's are damaged or lost, possible stolen. I would love to be able to transfer these old MD's to CDDA (Normal CD Audio), but unfortunately your software does not seem to permit this.

In this case, where the original CD is owned but the music unavailable I feel that being able to transfer music from MD to CDDA is acceptable.

Yours hopefully  
MTraherne

#### **1644. Add this Sony!**

Posted by Phillip Jacobi on 7/19/2002, 9:56:34

Please!

#### **1645. deletion**

Posted by einars on 7/19/2002, 10:02:02

i wanna delete the files that i write from OpenMG!

#### **1646. uncomfortable**

Posted by benson on 7/19/2002, 11:06:02

I'm thinking about to buy a NetMD-Walkman to sample my surroundings. As a musician, I am looking for an easy and portable way, to transfer my own MD-recordings into my mac.

Honestly, I was confused when I heard, there is no possibility to upload music to my computer, although there is USB. But the more I spend the time writing this petition, the clearer is that I don't need a usb-MD-player; I can use a regular one as well (even the brand doesn't matter) and use my audio Interface.

This might be not as comfortable it could be.  
But it should work, quite well.

#### **1647. MD to PC uploading**

Posted by Jim McElroy on 7/19/2002, 11:43:15

Like many others, I had assumed that this was possible. What a disappointment when, after a particularly unique rehearsal/performance, we learned that we couldn't easily make CD's for the musicians who participated.

#### **1648. Uploading would help the musician**

Posted by M.Mahoney on 7/19/2002, 16:01:27

I use my Minidisc recorder as a notepad to record musical ideas on my guitar. I would love to be able to upload to my PC some of the tunes I create.

#### **1649. Plead do so...**

Posted by Omer on 7/19/2002, 19:00:54

not that the lack of this feature prevented me from purchasing MZ-N1... but this would be a great option.

#### **1650. Recording**

Posted by Nelson Lee on 7/19/2002, 20:35:23

I have to say that when MP3 players were released, I was certain that the MD industry would fall. As an owner of an MZ-R50, I am very pleased with the recording capabilities of MD technology. However, for listening to music, I would much rather own an IPOD for instance.

With the release of NetMD, mini-discs now stand a fighting chance against other players. I am very interested in purchasing a NetMD player, but one key feature is missing: the ability to upload personal tracks onto a PC. Include this feature and I am sure that like myself, many others will follow in joining the new movement in MD technology.

#### **1651. Please let us upload**

Posted by Juan on 7/19/2002, 21:18:45

With this email i would like to make a petition to Sony , PLEASE let us upload the content's of our Minidisc's into our computer  
Thanks

Juan Gomez  
Venezuela

#### **1652. I Would Like to See NetMD with Upload - Too Important to be Left Out!**

Posted by Joleen Locanas on 7/20/2002, 3:52:54

I love MD, but I was disappointed to see that NetMD does not support UPLOADING. I make recordings of my band as well as my friends band's, it is important that we can upload our work and create promo CDs and auditions. Also, i know too many people who refuses to by a NetMD because of this 'holdback'. I hate how people complaint about NetMD is just like a MP3 player if you cant edit the tracks or UPLOAD them. please prove them wrong! adding UPLOAD will be one step towards that direction. Thank you.

#### **1653. disappointing product**

Posted by Dan Sullivan on 7/20/2002, 5:28:28

I feel quite cheated. The MZ-N707 has just been wrapped up, and will be returned to the store tomorrow. If you continue to have this 'no downloads' policy, please make it more well known among those who are selling your products and more prominent in your product literature.  
ds

#### **1654. Please add Upload!!!**

Posted by Fabian on 7/20/2002, 5:40:09

Hi,

I often record songs on my MD-Recorder with a microphone, so I'm very interested in uploading my recorded-files to the computer.

@Sony: Please add the upload-function to the NetMD-Players, couldn't you implement a copy-safety, so that we can upload only our analog-recorded songs?

#### **1655. Please add the upload feature.**

Posted by Alexis Leroy on 7/20/2002, 9:45:24

I don't understand this limitation... The upload will be so useful... Please do something...  
(Paris, FRANCE)

#### **1656. Don't let the iPod beat you!**

Posted by Doran on 7/20/2002, 10:29:24

The iPod has (non apple based) software now so you can upload your songs back to your computer. With the digital recording ability of the MD (the

main reason I bought it was to record street music in Memphis, TN) I want to be able to upload the digital file to my computer with all the quality I paid for in the MD. If you don't do it then an MP3 company will do it and MD will have to play catch up. Be leaders!

**1657. NetMD is nothing without upload functionality for self recordings**

Posted by Michael Kinoo on 7/20/2002, 11:08:09

This doesn't make sense. Music copied from a PC to NetMD can be uploaded, but self recorded music can't.  
This is not logical: copyrighted music can be copied, but self recorded speech/music/whatever can't.  
So why do they put a recording function on it if you can't upload the recordings to your PC?

**1658. Upload via NetMD**

Posted by yves on 7/20/2002, 12:29:09

Yes I would like to upload Music with NETMD

**1659. Re: Uploading would help the musician**

Posted by John Cesta on 7/20/2002, 13:03:56 , in reply to "Uploading would help the musician"

I just recorded our Contemporary Christian Band last night onto my Sony NetMD. Now the rest of the band members want a copy. I come to find out that I can't get the music from my Minidisc to the computer? Doesn't make sense. Boy, am I going to be embarrassed when I tell them that I can't get them all a copy.

**1660. I which I never purchased this thing now that I know this**

Posted by John Cesta on 7/20/2002, 13:06:32

Da-n! I didn't know that I wouldn't be able to transfer the music from my MD to the PC until right now. Now that the other band members are all waiting for a copy of the recording I did. Doesn't make sense and I wish I knew this before I purchased this sucker. I guess I am the sucker.  
John Cesta

**1661. Would be of incredible use to an otherwise brilliant format.**

Posted by Michael Bradshaw on 7/20/2002, 13:06:40

Hi, It would of great use to me If I could use the NetMD drive in my new laptop to upload tracks from Minidisc. I use my sony laptop mainly in church and spent an extra £200 (\$280) to get the MD drive. We record seminars and talks to Minidisc and then convert them to mp3 to send to other churches around the world. If we could use this technology to upload our recordings it would make it far easier and simpler. This is our material and thus no copyright infringements are made. I see no use in blocking uploads as most people want it so that they can preserve the digital nature of the information. Thus the material being uploading will have been procured legally and legitimately.

**1662. Re: Would be of incredible use to an otherwise brilliant format.**

Posted by Michael Bradshaw on 7/20/2002, 13:15:21 , in reply to "Would be of incredible use to an otherwise brilliant format."

Just to say that I spent over \$3000 on this computer specifically because it was sony. All my other products are sony and would total over \$6000 in cost. I will be considering other brands and formats in the future due to the disappointment of such a good idea missing such an obvious feature. Let us upload our own material.

**1663. saving my live recordings to computer**

Posted by Jeffrey Brillhart on 7/20/2002, 13:54:09

Wow, if I'd known that I COULDN'T save my live recordings to computer and burn CD'S of MY music I'd NEVER have purchased this machine!  
What a rip-off Sony!  
PLEASE add this capability to the OpenMG Jukebox software.

**1664. backup for MDs**

Posted by András K. Szabó on 7/20/2002, 14:09:05

It would be able to secure my loved Minidiscs on my harddrive if I loose them or somebody steals them from my car as it happened already. A big

unsolved problem until now... And I know it's just politics behind it, it's NOT a technical problem. So Sony, come on, don't give an another reason to become even more unpopular...

**1665. Archive my foreign language lessons**

Posted by Trevor Bommersbach on 7/20/2002, 14:21:57

I would love to upload my mono (LP2) recordings of my Chinese lessons to my PC to convert to low-bitrate MP3 and burn to CD for archive. I would also like to give copies of my English teaching sessions to my students as a value added service. Can't afford to keep spending \$2 a day on MDs. Please Sony, make NetMD uploading a possibility, otherwise this will be my last MD unit. I'm going to have to switch to using my PocketPC as a real-time MP3 encoder instead.  
BTW, I own (4) portable Minidisc recorders, all Sony. Minidisc.org was solely responsible for instilling the desire to purchase and upgrade my MD equipment. The opinions of the Minidisc.org site operators represent the true voice of the MD community. Please take their recommendations very very seriously. Thank you

**1666. Upload to the computer!**

Posted by Rev. Eradio Valverde on 7/20/2002, 18:12:09

Please allow uploads from our recordings on Minidiscs to the computer. My intention is to edit my sermons from the Minidisc to the computer to edit and enhance and filter recordings, transfer to CDs and cassettes. Thanks! And HURRY UP!

**1667. Recording 78rpm records**

Posted by Chris Hamilton on 7/20/2002, 19:15:30

I use Minidisc as the master medium for transferring 78s to CDs. I would like to upload the ATRAC files to my PC to remove surface noise and other noises without having to transfer them to CD first and then treating them on my PC and transferring them back to CD.

**1668. MD to PC upload**

Posted by Paulo Nogueira on 7/20/2002, 20:16:46

This is the primary reason I bought my MD, to later find out it doesn't have this capability.  
Please, either allow MD to PC direct upload, or clarify in your packaging that this is not possible.

Thanks,

**1669. i record my records... and wish to have them on CD... that is why I bought this unit...**

Posted by Matthew Sai on 7/20/2002, 22:36:30

copyright protection? i have legal copies of all my music. I have paid for my records and wish to have a CD copy for my car... i thought i would be able to do this with the MD Player I bought today... unfortunately this will be the last sony product i buy unless you can reverse this problem.

**1670. signing petition**

Posted by Frederick Gray on 7/20/2002, 23:09:18

Yes yes make it so!

**1671. Please add this functionality!**

Posted by Greg on 7/21/2002, 0:39:47

Allowing users to upload recordings from the MD to PC would give a unique advantage over all the different MP3 players out there... for example, we use MD to record sermons at my church. being able to easily upload those to our PC would ease the task of making those available online for our members to listen to. Consider how many people you may shut out by leaving this function (uploading) out. Thanks.

**1672. Adding audio upload feature: small cost, high value**

Posted by Jan Majeed on 7/21/2002, 2:25:37

Sony

Having just bought the highest model Sony Minidisc player, I was confused about how to upload a recording of my own onto my PC. This confusion then unfortunately turned to incredulity when I discovered from this petition that Sony had intentionally left this feature out.

This petition implies that the feature can be added without compromising copy-protection.

I hope that you will now include this feature and protect Sony's image of providing customer benefits - benefits we are generally willing to pay for.

It seems that adding this feature is a small cost that would add much to the perceived value of this product - this feature will be one of the points that I discuss when I am asked about this product by my fellow musicians.

Sincere regards  
Jan

#### **1673. This is really a missing functionality**

Posted by Jean-Claude Martin on 7/21/2002, 2:25:43

I don't want the ability to upload pre-recorded disks, but only the discs I record by myself.  
Thanks.

#### **1674. Please allow Minidisc to realise its full potential**

Posted by David on 7/21/2002, 5:57:10

I fully support this petition. While Sony deserves much praise as a pioneer of the amazingly useful format that is Minidisc, it is frustrating to thousands of consumers that they are not now producing products that make full use of its potential.

Adding digital uploads to NetMD recorders is vital. There are hundreds of perfectly legitimate uses for this feature in many market sectors, as detailed in many of the signatures of this petition. Not enabling this feature on the grounds that it would encourage piracy is both not realistic, given the copy-protection already present in Minidisc that flags recordings made through the digital input, and hypocritical, given that Sony's MP3 CD players, the D-CJ500 and D-CJ506CK, will do far more to encourage people to make compilations of and spread illegally-acquired music.

Consumers are crying out for the ability to transfer digital recordings of their band, lecture, interview, phone calls, etc., onto their computers for ease of editing and archiving. There is no doubt that a technology will soon be available to service this need. If it is not implemented in Minidisc, then something like on-the-fly MP3 encoding will do it. As soon as devices like this start to appear, they will be certain to establish themselves very quickly, given the desire for such functionality expressed by the signatories to this petition, among others. While consumers may be very fond of Minidisc for many reasons, if another technology allows them to do something they have a strong desire to do, they will certainly switch, and not hang around in the hope that Minidisc will catch up at some point in the future. Minidisc will then be in the position of playing catch-up, which is a very difficult thing to do in this consumer electronics market. Unless Sony wants to risk seeing the Minidisc format die off altogether, they need to let it take the lead and provide a functionality that is not already commonplace in the market.

The Minidisc medium is perhaps the best all-around data-storage medium on the consumer electronics market today. It is much more robust than CD, easily portable, cheap, and has a decent capacity (more than the 128MB that is considered good for solid-state MP3 portables nowadays). The devices on offer must quickly take the next step to make the most of these characteristics before another technology or combination of technologies move into the markets that Minidisc could dominate. My ultimate portable Minidisc recorder of the future would be able to:

- upload analog digital recordings to computer
- play Minidiscs that hold MP3, WMA, or other formats of audio (i.e. do exactly what Sony's D-CJ500 can, just using Minidisc instead of CD as the storage medium)
- have fast data transfer to computer via Firewire or USB2 connection (as USB2 is becoming increasingly common on new computers, and is backwards-compatible with USB v1.1 anyway)
- be able to serve as an external data drive, allowing users to store up to 140MB of whatever sorts of files they want in a very robust, portable format (Sony already made MD data drives for computers years ago. Perhaps it was too early, but surely now the market would respond better to the availability of such products.)

All of the above must surely be technologically possible right now. It is up to Sony whether they want to do it or not. Until they do, I see no compelling reason to upgrade from my current MZ-R900 recorder. Sony

has the opportunity to boost Minidisc devices into something truly revolutionary. I hope they take it, but if they don't, I am sure someone will use another technology to provide the functionality people seek. Sony must let Minidisc make the great leap into the future that the format is capable of, or risk seeing it disappear forever. The time to seize the opportunity is now, but the opportunity will not last for long. Let's hope that Sony can show the vision to make the most of it.

#### **1675. NetMD upload for Videography purposes**

Posted by Simon Fielding on 7/21/2002, 6:35:26

I am about to buy a Minidisc recorder and the main purpose of the unit will be to record live speeches for videography purposes.

The unit I almost purchased without too much thought was the MZ-N1 for its 'NET' feature. The reason for this was the capability of high speed transfer through USB. Fortunately I asked a few knowledgeable people of its benefits and I came to realise it had no practical benefit to me over any other Minidisc recorder because I could only transfer to PC through analogue connectors and at real time only.

I also feel that the sales material in the store I visited was very misleading. It states very clearly the benefits of the Jukebox software showing the 'check in/out' box. It does not say you have to record to MD first to be able to recapture to PC. I find this very misleading as it is the main feature I required from it.

I am now unsure what to purchase because I feel this may be an area you upgrade your software for in the future but that I will have to pay a significant premium on the chance that this 'might' happen.

I fully understand this is a feature included to prevent piracy, but the majority of people now have access to CD burners with which they can copy almost any CD they want to without fear of being caught. To prevent your own customers using such a useful feature as PC upload is in my opinion one which will restrict the success of the Net models.

Piracy is already huge and a major problem but restricting this will not in any way solve that problem.

Please see sense and bring out a software patch to allow high speed MD to PC transfer. As soon as it happens I will purchase one of your Net models, unless in the meantime I choose a different approach for my videography needs.

Thank you for listening.

#### **1676. this is SMART tech!**

Posted by Raffaele Turra on 7/21/2002, 7:32:46

would be really interesting

#### **1677. I hope you can do this**

Posted by Paul Johnson on 7/21/2002, 7:56:47

I really want to get a netmd but when I realised that no upload can be done, I was disappointed. The reason is I make my own music at my home studio and to be able to do this will put up large amount of song faster on the web with the speed of 32x uploading it will be easier then going the sound card way which I do now.

#### **1678. I'm not informed well, neither is the salesman.**

Posted by Tijn van der Velden on 7/21/2002, 8:39:54

I've bought the Sony MZ-N707. I've bought this, so I could record my friends' band and my fathers band and put it digital on a CD or on a MD and send it my e-mail. For that, the check-in must be transferred by USB. Many of our friends would like this without losing the quality of the sound. I hope that there will be an update soon, so everyone can put there music quick on the computer. Many people have invested in their product, and in the catalogue isn't mentioned that it isn't possible to check-in your music if you haven't checked-out first. The salesman who sold it to me, didn't know it either. On the website from Sony is it mentioned on one place, but it's very difficult to find that. And if Sony says, that you can transfer up to 32x, I think, and many with me, that it's possible for us to transfer your own recorded music, with e.g. a microphone, to you computer. It's very disappointing for me and a lot of other people, that Sony doesn't inform salesman and customers about these issues. The next time will buy a product, I'll think twice before buying a product of Sony.

Tijl van der Velden  
The Netherlands

**1679. What I forgot**

Posted by Tijl van der Velden on 7/21/2002, 8:46:14

It would be nice, if in the future is possible to put software on your NetMD. It would be very easy for me and my friends. Diskettes are not quick enough and the space on a diskette is too small. I think that there's more space on a MD. But I don't know. I don't know the system of Atrac3

Tijl van der Velden  
The Netherlands

**1680. Uploadings from MD**

Posted by Ouke J. Pijl on 7/21/2002, 9:15:50

Hi Sony,  
This month I became the proud owner of an N1. I'm very enthusiastic about it. Please add the proposed upload-possibilities to this fine system. Thank you Sony!

Greetings from Holland.

**1681. We need the MD 2 PC upload function**

Posted by Hans-Georg Eversheim on 7/21/2002, 9:20:58

I bought the Sony MZ-N 707/S; cause of its facility to be connected to the PC via USB;

When I tried to load my life-recording (organ in church) to my computer, I was totally surprised, that it is not possible. I did not count with that. That restriction can only be driven for copyright purposes; but as you see in my case it does not make any sense.

I would appreciate, when the upload functionality is added.

Thanks  
Hans

**1682. MD evolution**

Posted by matt on 7/21/2002, 9:51:26

hi there, just to say well done, MD is the best: easy to carry, protected CD's that last forever, and the edition possibilities...wonderful. but come on it has so much more potential. forget CD's long live the MINI-DISK.

**1683. NetMD: Wonderful! Although....**

Posted by Luke Cantwell on 7/21/2002, 9:55:21

The limits on functionality are limiting the appeal of the NetMD, which otherwise is a fantastic product. I've bought one, but it is difficult to convince others that it is a worthwhile investment.

**1684. I am pondering over buying a Sony netmd portable recorder, and uploading would be a great feature!**

Posted by Paul Franc on 7/21/2002, 10:39:21

I am pondering over buying a Sony netmd portable recorder, and uploading would be a great feature to have. All I have to say is, it would greatly help us MD users because it adds practicability to a system you're going to spend over 300\$ on and it won't make Sony or anyone else lose money in any way...all it can do is help them make some IMHO.

All I ask is for them to consider it. It's a start. It's Hope.

If they want people to spend a hefty amount of money on a netmd instead of a way cheaper portable mp3 player, I don't see what else they can do.

**1685. Multinacionales ciegas por dinero...**

Posted by Roberto on 7/21/2002, 11:39:09

Creo que es un error por parte de Sony no permitir transferir archivos desde un Minidisc a un PC (o MAC). Si intenta evitar la piratería con esta restricción, se equivoca. La piratería se acabará cuando la música esté al alcance de todos los usuarios.

**1686. Original Material**

Posted by Micah Aills on 7/21/2002, 12:41:47

I was under the impression when I bought my NetMD that I could upload my bands live recordings to my computer (for editing) at up to 32x speed. Well I found out really quick that it wasn't possible. I plead with Sony to please add this feature. It is the only reason I bought your NetMD product.

Actually, in my opinion you have a whole market of musicians you can sell this product to, so why not target it to them?

Micah Aills

**1687. DJ mixes/archiving vinyl**

Posted by Ben Alexander on 7/21/2002, 12:48:14

Transferring from vinyl to MD to PC via USB would be a major improvement over existing means.

**1688. Il serait tellement dommage de ne pas le faire...**

Posted by Tibo on 7/21/2002, 14:01:58

En ajoutant cette fonction permettant d'uploader l'enregistrement numérique du Minidisc vers un poste informatique, vous nous vendriez un produit abouti, parfaitement adapté à la demande de tous les consommateurs.

**1689. need upload function**

Posted by Andreas Maurer on 7/21/2002, 14:12:39

when I travel, I would like to record sounds from Place I go. I would like to have them on the PC for editing...

thanks for listening

**1690. Let our dreams come true!**

Posted by Arnoud Dekker on 7/21/2002, 15:54:20

Please add the requested function! NetMD is one of the best things I came across lately but it's such a waste the software is so crappy and limited. Please correct it quickly!

**1691. MD upload to PC**

Posted by Ramli on 7/21/2002, 16:55:52

MDs are mostly now used for live recordings. It does great justice to have MD to PC uploads!

**1692. What about my albums?**

Posted by Grant Armstrong on 7/21/2002, 18:12:53

I am very interested in seeing an audio upload capability. I fooled myself into thinking such a thing existed on the NetMD I recently purchased. Wishful thinking, I suppose. After years of real-time recording as a reporter, I thought I'd seen a better way with the NetMD. Sadly, the input does not support microphones, and I couldn't upload the audio anyhow. I figured this out after trying to record some of my albums (I am the owner, and am well within my rights) from vinyl to CD by way of my NetMD. Again, I was disappointed to discover that I cannot transfer my own music using my own NetMD onto my own computer to burn onto my own CDs. What's the point? CD players are not much more cumbersome than the NetMD. If you cannot use it to its full capability, it just isn't worth the expense.

Yours,  
Grant Armstrong  
FVH, IL

**1693. Useless Product**

Posted by Shae Apland on 7/21/2002, 18:48:12

Until they allow the direct transfer of recorded material from MD to PC I consider this a useless product. I will also discourage others from buying this product for this very reason. If you had any sense of what MD is used for than this would have been available in the original release. Please reconsider, and make this product worth the time it took me to write this!

**1694. Correcting an small problem: NetMD upload can make us save time and money!**

Posted by Rodrigo Mansilla on 7/21/2002, 21:05:02

I'm a publicist student. I use MDs for several years to collect my music. But I've found a lot of new uses in my area. Sometimes, when you make a commercial, you need a locutor to narrate a spot or documental. And you can use MD to record it (a recording studio it's not necessary, just a portable recording MD and a mic).

But when you make a non-linear edition of the commercial (preparing the video in other words, using software like Adobe Premiere or Apple Final

Cut Pro), you need to upload the audio from your MD to the PC (or Mac) to get a final result, or there's no voice and your commercial are different!

You can do it by the old way.... using the sound card, in the analog form. But it takes more time and the audio quality sometimes it's not as good as you need and want.

There's where an upload function in NetMD will be very nice to use. It can save time and money, and you can have a spot with better audio. This has not to be much different to upload digital video to a computer to edit.

Sony has proposed excellent solutions in electronics since the 60's, like the Trinitron (remember! Sony won an Emmy for that!) and FD Trinitron TV tube or the CD. MD is one of their best proposals done in Sony's history and MD can loose it's war against MP3, a technically inferior solution... for an small, but important oblivion. I know you can do it. Thanks.

#### **1695. NetMD file upload to PC**

Posted by Dave Goodin on 7/21/2002, 22:39:40

I was greatly disappointed to find out (after my purchase) that Sony does not allow file uploads from the player to the PC. The only reason for my purchase was to make high-quality recordings of church sermons. We need this functionality in order to facilitate our CD/Tape ministries.

#### **1696. Church Recordings**

Posted by Scott Phelps on 7/21/2002, 23:27:40

I want to use my NetMD to record church services and burn the recordings to CD. This is not possible without upload features!! Please fix this!

#### **1697. Recording lectures**

Posted by Carlson Lim on 7/22/2002, 1:09:59

I use my MD recorder to record lectures but I found it really difficult to edit my recordings without using a computer. Please allow us to upload.

#### **1698. Why not?**

Posted by Eduardo O. on 7/22/2002, 1:17:40

MD is a good, versatile format. NetMD is a really good feature but lacks in something very important nowadays: PC uploading. This, would make MD a super format, giving to the users the possibility to upload their recorded tracks and edit them in the computer or just save them. The petition is logic and just.

#### **1699. Frog calls for educational website**

Posted by Mark Miller on 7/22/2002, 1:23:54

I want to record frog calls and transfer them to my website for school children to learn about nature. It seems I can't do this with your current software? I was told to look into the iPod instead. Please make your product more user friendly and I'd buy it. Thanks.

#### **1700. Reporters in the field?**

Posted by Edgar Johnson on 7/22/2002, 1:29:25

It looked like MD with NetMD would be good for sending news recordings to our editor for sound bites on the major sites, etc. EXCEPT THAT WE CAN'T UPLOAD WITH THE CURRENT SOFTWARE ???

If you made it functional, I know dozens of reporters that would purchase them. Please reconsider.

#### **1701. I'M NOT BUYING UNTIL IT UPLOADS**

Posted by Christina Heck on 7/22/2002, 1:33:31

Dear Sony, I like it, but won't purchase it until it uploads my own sound. Please do the honorable thing and let us share our own recordings. Garage bands are NOT going to replace your signed talent.

In fact, today's garage bands are your FUTURE talent. Let us develop. Give us the tools.

#### **1702. Upload from MD to PC**

Posted by Paul Willmott on 7/22/2002, 5:57:35

NetMD is good but could be great if only it would allow me to copy my music (my band - Crimson Shadow - recordings) directly onto the PC.

#### **1703. High-end Journalism Products**

Posted by Tom Barton on 7/22/2002, 9:28:00

Surely you can see the advantage of allowing reporters such as myself to transfer interviews losslessly to Cooledit Pro or other editing software. Also, high-speed transfer both ways would allow us to cut out one of the many annoying delays associated with editing reports. This is particularly true of upload to the PC, where (by the very nature of editing) we are uploading more audio than will eventually be used.

Kindest regards,

Tom Barton

#### **1704. Missing Function**

Posted by Roger Browne on 7/22/2002, 10:31:41

I use my Minidisc almost exclusively for recording live traditional music, mostly performances that I am a part of, and always with the permission of the performer. I have just bought a MDS-NT1 expecting to be able to digitally transfer these recordings to my PC only to find this function does not exist. I would very much like to see this function added. My use would certainly not infringe any copyright restrictions.

#### **1705. Sony-leaders are a bunch of greedy money-grubbing rascals**

Posted by Ralph Berner on 7/22/2002, 11:04:19

Don't buy this stupid fake! If you bought it already, bring it back and get your money! I claim they didn't declare the restrictions on the box intentionally to trap you.

#### **1707. Totally agree**

Posted by Olivier on 7/22/2002, 11:48:09

I always thought it was a shame that this function was not present in the original M-Crew software, so that we had to resort to a soundcard with optical inputs just to be able to make a backup of an MD. Now that Sony markets the NetMD as being the new world wonder, I can't believe this function is still not included!

I'm pretty sure most people buy original CD's for home usage and make a copy on MD for use in the car, not the other way round... so how much copyright infringement could there be by letting MD recordings flow back to the computer??

Akio Morita would have done it the right way... sad to see Sony doesn't shine anymore as they used to do...

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#### **1707. NetMD Upload capability**

Posted by The Rev. Robert M. Dye on 7/22/2002, 13:55:44

I was thinking about buying your NetMD after I saw one in Wal-Mart in Pryor, Oklahoma. I came home, got on the net, and started learning about it.

I teach English as a Second Language, and thought this would make an ideal unit for working with my students. No more rewinding! Great!!!

But...would I be able to archive their recordings to a CD, to present to them at the end of the class, so they could hear their own progress (and so I could also show progress, and justify my time to my boss)?

I called your technical support, and was told by "John" that, yes, I \*could\* do all the things I wanted with this unit. It would record 5 hours (true) in MP3 format (untrue), and I could upload that MP3 to my computer (also untrue).

I bought one, and it works great!!! Except, I would not recommend to anyone, because...it lacks the promised upload capability.

If I could do anything to improve the NetMD, anything at all, I would add the upload capability. It has potential to be the digital recorder of choice, because the recording media is so inexpensive. \$2 for 5 hours! Incredible!

But the upload lack is a SERIOUS lack. Please add the capability to your software!

We're begging. \*BEGGING.\*

Rob

#### **1708. It's UPLOAD or NOMAD 3.**

Posted by Joe Manganello on 7/22/2002, 14:46:18

I have been a loyal Sony MD customer since 1996, but it will stop with my MZr 700 MDLP unless Sony implements an upload function in their NetMD. I use my MD exclusively for sanctioned audience recording of concerts and NEED this function to save the hours of time it takes to upload them digitally to burn on CD. If NetMD won't do it, Creative's Nomad 3 can.

#### **1709. It's the Right Thing To Do -- for the consumer and for Sony**

Posted by David M Larue on 7/22/2002, 15:01:12

I have purchased a Sony Portable Minidisc Recorder, model MZ-N707, to be able to record live lectures, conferences and performances in University and church setting. The unit is compact, convenient (especially the random access), with good fidelity.

However, the inability to quickly and digitally retrieve one's own recordings is a nearly fatal flaw. The real-time only analog output makes inconvenient and unfaithful this final, critical step of the process.

Since you are able to flag whether material recorded on a Minidisc originated with a copy protected commercial master or an analog live recording, you should be able to easily modify things (hopefully retroactively) to permit the rapid, digital and unprotected uploading to a PC of the latter.

The above current limitation will be mentioned firmly by me to anyone I talk about your product with, and clearly the same is true for many others. It seems this cannot but hurt your sales. Further, that this restriction is not mentioned prominently on your packing material, in your advertisements and manuals, is strikingly deceptive, and seems to open you to the possibility of a class-action lawsuit. So it appears to me to be in your best interest, as well as in mine and in that of countless potential customers, to change this.

Please consider! Lifting this restriction is the right thing to do, and does not infringe on the rights of those with commercial audio material!

David M Larue, PhD  
Colorado School of Mines  
Golden, Colorado USA

#### **1710. An obvious addition**

Posted by Andrew Fox on 7/22/2002, 15:20:09

Beyond adding functionality, it would benefit Sony as a selling point for the NetMD format among anyone who does live recordings.

#### **1711. Live Recordings**

Posted by Matt Baker on 7/22/2002, 15:28:39

I wanted to make digital live recording of my band with your Minidisc recorder, apparently you do not believe that I should have that capability?

#### **1712. I endorse this petition.**

Posted by Neil on 7/22/2002, 16:10:11

I endorse this petition. I think this would be a very attractive addition to MD features. By the way, I already own two Sony MD units, but if you'll add this feature, I'll buy Sony hardware with it. Thank you for your interest.

#### **1713. Backup my recorded interviews to PC**

Posted by David Wicken on 7/22/2002, 16:11:48

It would seem a clearly useful feature to be able to store my saved interviews to PC from Minidisc. As the machine is small and as such useful to record quickly

#### **1714. This improvement is needed**

Posted by Dave Keller on 7/22/2002, 16:35:50

The proposed improvement is much needed, not least in a radio station environment, where budgets are very small and time is of essence. I realise that when designing the software, copyright is important but the whole point of a computer interface on Minidisc is to make the process easier than analogue recording (or even optical soundcard recording).

#### **1715. NetMD Audio uploading proposal**

Posted by ulf lannby on 7/22/2002, 18:18:30

After using a Sony's tape recorder for 20 years now for recording Swedish folk music live and for recording own music performances I finally decided to buy the best MD in the market - Sony MD MZ-N1 for aprox 410 USD.

I'm now sitting here in a depressive and chocked mode as I after gone through the manual thoroughly realise that i have bought a USELESS MD for my special purpose because it's impossible to transfer the songs to a PC. I can't believe that Sony has made such a blunder not allowing own recorded live music to be uploaded to Open MG and vice versa I really hope that Sony will take this disadvantage of Open MG into consideration

#### **1716. Adding upload feature--Insure customer loyalty**

Posted by John Delaney on 7/22/2002, 18:43:54

Allowing this feature would certainly influence me to buy Sony MD products. Not allowing would have the opposite result. I would never buy again.

#### **1717. I totally agree.**

Posted by Damien Cole on 7/22/2002, 21:33:25

Sony is infringing my own personal copyright. US Copyright Law states that anything an individual creates is automatically copyrighted to that individual and can do anything he wants to with it. I make live environmental recordings of sound effects of all sorts, and for Sony to deny my rights to digitally copy my own material is against the law. Period. I'm very disappointed with the answers that I was getting from Mary at customer support at Sony. Her response to my asking why there was no export function on OpenMG Jukebox was, (to paraphrase) "NetMD does not allow you to transfer uncopyrighted material from the NetMD to a PC.". Uncopyrighted?? How dare they assume that just because I don't hire some big-name lawyer that suddenly my rights don't count in regards to my OWN intellectual property? Sony is one-sided and arrogant to suggest that all people want to do is break copyright laws when they're doing the same by denying my ability to control my own originally created media. I fully, 100% agree with the petition, and I say we sue their butts off if they don't agree to this.

#### **1718. Loss of functionality**

Posted by Johny Wang on 7/22/2002, 21:53:39

Having an upload capability would make the Sony MD recorders a much more versatile product - especially for people who want to record live sounds. I am a musician starting to do recordings and there are lots of people like me who'd buy the product if it had that function...

#### **1719. I want to upload my own band's recordings**

Posted by David Glauber on 7/22/2002, 22:29:06

I simply want the ability to upload material of my own creation. I understand your company's copyright concerns but what I and many people like me want to do is simply using the MD medium to further our own interests - NOT to steal copyrighted material. Thank you.

#### **1720. PhD Research**

Posted by Tony Hookins on 7/22/2002, 23:16:51

I purchased the MD expecting to be able to upload my recorded interviews to the PC for transcription in an easy and convenient manner. I am VERY disappointed as I was misled about the capability of the MD. I could have spent less than half the price of the MD on a lesser model that would do the same job.

In short - SONY - shame on you !!

#### **1721. Unbelievable**

Posted by Andrew May on 7/23/2002, 2:09:16

I just bought a Sony microphone after purchasing a NETMD N707. One of the main reasons for purchase was field recording for speakers at my church and live recording of my own original music. No breaches of copyright. I was very disappointed to discover the lack of this feature only in the last few days after an expensive outlay. High quality recording with nowhere to go. Unbelievable.

#### **1722. MD to PC**

Posted by Tom Ranson on 7/23/2002, 7:23:28

This very expensive and advanced kit which I brought for the purpose of digital recording and editing just does not live up to standard without having an MD to PC system. It is simply useless for the purpose for which I brought it. Very disappointed.

#### **1723. I bought a NetMD to make (legal) live recordings. I can but what's the use!**

Posted by Dr Chris Harrison on 7/23/2002, 7:42:27

The Sony NetMD is superb. I have made some brilliant live recordings of my band but I need to put them onto CD. The only way I can do this is using the audio output which means I effectively record it twice and the quality suffers. I have burned several CDs like this and nobody is impressed! The original is superb but the CD is not a good advert for Sony's excellent technology.

#### **1724. Pouvoir enregistrer et monter son disque**

Posted by Daniel Burki on 7/23/2002, 8:23:19

Je cherche actuellement la solution la plus pratique et de qualité suffisante pour réaliser des enregistrements amateur de musique classique. Je suis intéressé par le Minidisc, mais un détail m'arrête : on ne peut pas transférer en numérique depuis le MD vers un PC. S'il vous plaît, intégrez cette fonction, et je pense, de nombreuses personnes comme moi se réjouiront de pouvoir en toute simplicité produire des enregistrements de qualité.

#### **1725. I agree with the petition.**

Posted by Anders Jacobsen on 7/23/2002, 10:45:51

#### **1726. Get Up-to-Date!**

Posted by Fem on 7/23/2002, 11:26:58

Sony, When you (manufacturer or end-user) spend a lot of money on latest technology, sure you don't expect to look elsewhere for cutting-edge functionality. It is only fair that you get us the going functionalities in such a fast-moving information age. It is, indeed, a shame that you try to connect a device to the computer today but what do you get after that? eh? I remain to be truly convinced on why I can't do a two-way communication between my computer and my MZ-N1. Get real.

#### **1727. Upload please**

Posted by thomas birchett on 7/23/2002, 11:52:55

I love to do simple field recordings and manipulate them on my DJ CD player in live performances. If NetMD would allow me to upload then I'd buy an MD to do it. For now the only options are the Archos MP3 recorder or the Marantz portable CD recorder. Minidisc is still quite a bit smaller and many models support phantom powered mics. Please enable upload.

#### **1728. Reporters**

Posted by Mathevet on 7/23/2002, 12:02:57

Dear SONY-COMPAGNY,  
MD recorder is such a wonderful thing, because I can record my friends, my grand-parents, people in the street...in order to make my own report.

What a pity that we can't upload from MD to PC. I hope, dear SONY, you will change this problem in your next versions of MD recorder.

Thanks a lot,

Thibault Mathevet

#### **1729. Uploadings from MD-N707**

Posted by Charles Cohn on 7/23/2002, 12:40:42

It is an imposition not to be able to upload recordings that I make myself. These, from friends' performances, offer no threat to the recording industry and they have no right to interfere. I am hoping that somebody will hack the jukebox program to allow that function.

#### **1730. Analog source: no restrictions please!**

Posted by Haemish Edgerton on 7/23/2002, 13:14:24

Dear Sirs,

While I understand your copyright reasons to prevent digital transfers of digital source material, I fail to understand why NetMD will not allow digital transfers of ANALOG source material. If someone was to record their own MD, which could be sound effects, live band music (especially of their own band), etc, then what is the logical justification for denying them the ability to maintain that source material in the digital realm thereafter?

Please consider adding this ability. Surely through SCMS you could set the bit accordingly (for digital source vs. analog source), and permit all analog sources to be uploaded via the same USB mechanism that already exists.

Everyone who signs this petition is a believer. We're believers in Minidisc, it's a wonderful technology. Our faith is your success. Help us to bolster our faith in the product, and "preach" to the "unconverted" masses who have yet to experience the joys of MD. To paraphrase the movie "Jerry Maguire" Help us help you! Enable analog-sourced digital NetMD uploads!

Thank you

Haemish Edgerton

#### **1731. Disappointed musician**

Posted by Robin Mullarkey on 7/23/2002, 13:25:36

Bought the MZ-N707 today on the strength that it features a USB connection to my PC. I was hoping to use this as a way to back-up recordings of rehearsals and gigs of my own. I didn't expect the transfer to be one-way only, and now realise I don't need the feature as I'm not interested in pirating copyrighted music. Considering getting a refund

#### **1732. NEED TO UPLOAD MY OWN PERSONAL M.D. RECORDINGS TO THE PC QUICKLY**

Posted by SulphurFury on 7/23/2002, 14:33:35

I need to upload the digital recordings I make with my Minidisc recorder to my PC quickly. It seems unnecessarily time-consuming to have to record from Minidisc to the PC in real time. Why was this feature skipped? Without the ability to transfer recordings from Minidisc to PC quickly, the NetMD is just SHORT of a must-have device for everyone. Please hear all of our pleas and make a Minidisc recorder that can upload digital audio to the PC quickly, or at least provide us with a reason for why this feature isn't available?

#### **1733. need the upload facility**

Posted by Chris on 7/23/2002, 15:14:31

I am already disappointed that Minidisc does not have the facility to actually play mp3 files (like the marketing led me to believe). Now I can't copy music off my Minidisc onto my pc so I'd like to have this facility please Sony.

#### **1734. So much potential**

Posted by Daniel Wiliamson on 7/23/2002, 15:56:24

I and my friends have used Minidisc for several years now and I have often thought that a drive in my PC would be the perfect solution to getting riffs and jams down onto the PC. It just provides a great way of getting down ideas and then sifting through them and fleshing them out later on. I thought This was the answer but sadly it seems the decision has been made to possibly prevent copying problems. If I wanted to rip off other peoples music I'd use my CD Writer. The people who want to buy ripped off music are more likely to use CD Players than fork out the extra money for MD. With new technologies like DataPlay, flash disks, and microdrives coming out It would make sense to make the most out of Minidisc and make it's mark in the market. And if possible could we have the ability to save data, It'd be great to be able to save an audio / midi sequenced file on one disk, It'd make working on a piece of music easier to transfer between band members. You never know it may even beat the ubiquitous Floppy Disk!

Posted by James Reinig on 7/23/2002, 16:27:20

**1736. Upload is needed for transcribing interviews etc.**

Posted by Jim Barry on 7/23/2002, 18:27:57

**1737. It would add-on features of Minidisc**

Posted by Gasper Koren on 7/23/2002, 19:49:07

## 1738. netmd

Posted by rick muyuela on 7/23/2002, 19:58:51

I'll wait to buy until it has upload capability.

**1739. PLEASE**

When I heard rumours about the NetMD, I thought it was absolutely great!!! But when I learnt more about I realised that you cannot upload MD-PC. Why buy it then if I use it for recording bands! What's the point??? PLEASE expand the MD Format PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE

[illegible]

**1740. for kid's class recording**

Posted by Chai-Wang Chang on 7/23/2002, 22:20:36

We really need it!

**1741. Upload needed.**

I record sounds from the street for my productions and upload would make the MD a valuable tool.

### 1742. MD recording transfer to PC

Posted by Daryl Catt on 7/24/2002, 1:37:15

I use my MD to record my saxophone playing & want to be able to archive my pieces then put them on a CD.

I also want to use the MD as a Dictaphone.

The protection system stops me doing what is a logical extension of an excellent tool.

1743. I agree

Posted by Robert Thornton on 7/24/2002, 2:46:00

This is a much needed function.

**1744. Upload useful for recording interviews for qualitative research**

Posted by Tom Fitzpatrick on 7/24/2002, 5:06:23

My girlfriend is just completing her PhD in the social sciences. Part of this work involved her recording many hours of interviews in the field. I bought a Sony MD recorder (MZR55) for her to use due to the amazing sound quality which allowed much more detail to be captured - including 'quiet' speech which a standard field tape recorder would not have picked up. Transcribing all these interviews is NOT a fun task, but would have been made a lot easier were the interviews on a PC - and would have allowed direct coding from the files from within packages such as Atlas/TL. Now, it is of course possible to 'analog' record these discs, but having to sit there monitoring levels and start/stop recording software and split into files would be pretty time consuming. Being able to pull off individual files direct-to-hard drive would be a fantastic addition - and an absolute killer feature for anyone undertaking research involving interview recording etc. I appreciate that there are obvious copyright protection issues here (eg recording live concerts), but at the end of the day there are so many other ways to do this (for example my Sony TRV320 digital camcorder allows me to record 90mins of 48KHz audio and digitally upload it to an .avi file and then to a .wav!...) that MD upload is really a drop in the ocean. On the other hand, providing it on the portable MDs would turn them into the most amazing value unbelievably useful little devices - and really deliver on the Sony catchphrase "go create".... :-)

**1745. Forgot to mention!**

Posted by Tom Fitzpatrick on 7/24/2002, 5:13:46 , in reply to "Upload useful for recording interviews for qualitative research"

On the strength of my girlfriend's experiences using the MD for recording interviews, three of her colleagues have gone out and bought identical

models! Come on guys, there's a market there for end-to-end digital interview capture, coding and archiving! :-)

**1746. Vite que l'upload sur les marché**

Posted by l'inconnus on 7/24/2002, 5:29:24

Yes at the upload  
Oui a l'upload sur MD

**1747. Convert field recordings to MP3**

Posted by Wolfgang Eder on 7/24/2002, 9:14:53

Hello,  
I am using my NetMD to record my own music, and nature sounds that I use for sampling, and would like to transfer those to my PC. It would be very convenient to be able to do that without loss of quality, and preserving the track marks and titles of the MD.  
The current inability to do that is a major annoyance for me, and would be a big benefit to be added to the NetMD protocol.  
Thanks for listening  
Wolfgang

**1748. Upload...**

Posted by Flanger sound on 7/24/2002, 10:27:50

only this... add upload onto pc.

**1749. Open up or give up**

Posted by Ross Golder on 7/24/2002, 11:38:06

I would like to buy a Minidisc player, but so far nobody has produced a Minidisc player that has a decent data interface (for higher-than-audio-speed transfers), and/or released the specifications required for the various operating system communities to produce drivers for them. So, until the hardware manufacturers wake up and open up, I'm keeping my money in my pocket.

**1750. Upload function needed to compete with mp3!!**

Posted by Aaron Amiot on 7/24/2002, 12:07:55

The upload function would solidify MD's dominance in the field of portable audio. Eventually, with enough advertisement, wiping out portable mp3 players and controlling the market. Which means Sony controls the market...

**1751. I need upload capability**

Posted by Emery Guevremont on 7/24/2002, 13:19:47

I'm a DJ, and the MD technology seems to fill all my needs except for one. I can't record stuff on an MD player and then transfer it back to my computer so I can edit or transfer my mixes on my computer. I still haven't bought an MD player/recorder and I won't buy one until I can transfer from an MD to a PC.

**1752. as ronny reagan said: "Mr. (Sony), tie down the wall"**

Posted by MysterE on 7/24/2002, 14:36:17

I own a 4 track mdm-x4 recorder and another portable MD recorder. Cause the multitacker lacks digital outputs (a shame) I have to go a long way to transfer stereo recordings from the x4 to the portable over its digital out to an digital in of a yamaha USB device and finally over USB to harddisk. Much better would be:  
Take the MD out of the X4 in to the NET-MD gear and loadup to harddisk. Just DO it, and I will have a reason to buy ONE MORE SONY.

**1753. Recording on MD and distributing on CD**

Posted by Will Light on 7/24/2002, 14:48:08

I would like to use my Sony MDS-JB930 to record the concerts which I organise at a local church and to make CD's from the resulting material on my computer

**1754. NetMD Upload**

Posted by James Cunningham on 7/24/2002, 15:32:06

The ability to upload from MD is absolutely what is necessary for this technology to overtake all others. I record many shows from radio, both directly on my MD units, and sometimes on my PC (MP3 format), and would like to be able to catalogue what I record in OpenMG (or something like it). Impossible under the current circumstances. If we could either upload what was recorded in "analog" form to the PC, or be able to record directly on the PC in "OMG" or "ATRAC3" format, this would be great.

**1755. Totally agree with others**

Posted by SIMANA Thierry on 7/24/2002, 15:43:54

I think you must understand that very important for you like for us. With the MD we have a deck (all fonction, cut, divide...) recorder but with the qualities sound's of a CD. Now with the NetMD MZ1, we can download music on Minidisc for listen. Just have the download and UPLOAD of data or music on MD is like the 7th sky. Please HELP US. Thank and sorry for my poor English.

**1756. Upload needed to edit live recorded music**

Posted by Marco Mondini on 7/24/2002, 15:52:44

I am a jazz doublebass player.  
I would like to use the MD recorder to record live rehearsals of my group and be able to edit digitally on PC.  
This way it could be easy to make fairly good recordings (CD, e-mail MP3, ...) for demos, for friends and for us to remember and enjoy!  
When I read about NetMD I thought that upload was obviously included, but then I did a little research and was very disappointed discovering that it is not. I will think more and more if it is worth for me to buy that fantastic (but expensive MZ-N707)...

**1757. NetMD Upload**

Posted by Adam Gann on 7/24/2002, 15:58:11

This would be a really helpful thing to be able to do. I like to record guitar pieces that I have written and It would be great to be able to put them on my computer and then be able to work with them even more!

**1758. Upload needed for my own music**

Posted by Ed van Nunen on 7/24/2002, 16:02:40

I need the upload for the recordings i make with my own band. Not any copyrighted stuff.

**1759. Make it easy for the user...pls**

Posted by Magnus Nystrom on 7/24/2002, 16:27:13

:-)

**1760. Duh, !!**

Posted by Steve Shearer on 7/24/2002, 16:32:57

Well duh, at least for personal use at least

**1761. Use for recording wedding audio**

Posted by Jeff Jewell on 7/24/2002, 16:33:47

Currently I am trying to find a good way for doing interviews and recording audio for my video work, such as wedding ceremonies. I was very disappointed after spending about 4 hours researching and deciding on a Sony Minidisc recorder to find that the feature that was most critical to me had been crippled. Please reconsider your decision to limit the ability of NetMD, as I do honestly believe that in the long run, if Minidisc does not eventually allow fast uploads to the PC, a device for doing so with the MP3 will be developed, if it has not been done so already. I can say right now, in my current situation, that if I knew where to get such a device, I would buy it today. I would have bought the Minidisc recorder last night except that I learned of this severe limitation and find that it will be unsatisfactory for my needs. Thank you.

**1762. Support the "KID" Principle!**

Posted by Glen Zachary on 7/24/2002, 17:11:47

I was really excited about the NetMD machines - until I found out that I couldn't upload audio recorded via analog to my PC for further processing. In a world of high-powered digital tools, it is very frustrating to have to resort to real-time analog transfer. Let's use the "KID" principle - Keep It Digital!

Thanks

**1763. Uploading from MD to computer**

Posted by Jim Johns on 7/24/2002, 22:45:07

My main use for the MD is recording interviews for radio essays. Uploading to computer is essential for this process. I support this petition. Jim

**1764. Very Useful Improvement**

Posted by Andrew Madsen on 7/25/2002, 3:47:08

I use my MZ-N707 MD recorder to record live audio via a microphone for a sort of audio scrapbook, and live lectures. I use my PC to clean up the audio, edit out unwanted segments, and burn the audio to regular CDs for archival purposes. As I often fill whole 80 min discs with audio in LP4 mode, a high speed audio upload feature would be and incredibly useful addition to what is already a wonderful system.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Madsen

**1765. It's absolutely a right for us,**

Posted by Pablo Cabeza on 7/25/2002, 5:59:11

so I support this claiming. I consider that if we have paid for a potentially good tool to manage our music (music made by ourselves), to store other kind of files to transport, we would have to have the right for that.

**1766. activating upload does NOT promote illegal mp3 distribution**

Posted by Otto Carlquist on 7/25/2002, 6:28:35

the idea of NetMD is that you can download music from the internet and record it to your walkman, that's how Sony promotes it. if they think that is correct and not illegal then uploading it to your computer from a MD disc correct too?

**1767. Please make it possible**

Posted by Easttea on 7/25/2002, 7:38:53

I record many lectures, each one is about 3 hours long! I can only SYNC record them to my PC, it's a suffer! Please make the upload function possible! please please!

**1768. Audio Upload is necessary**

Posted by Tyras on 7/25/2002, 8:30:50

Why? they mentioned all the reasons. it would surely be better for the MD-world. i hope it will happen.  
Gr. Tyras

**1769. excellent home studio tool IF we can upload**

Posted by Phil Sambati on 7/25/2002, 12:53:22

Dera Sir/Madam

I use this for interviews and recording but assumed that the USB was 2 ways analogue is all very well but to upload from the Minidisc would make all my editing so much easier.

Please consider this  
faithfully

Phil Sambati (Spain)

**1770. I'm tired of it!**

Posted by Adam Juslen on 7/25/2002, 14:46:14

I'm sick and tired of seeing the adds for the Sony Vaio with the NetMD built in. I myself have a Kenwood Portable MD Recorder/Player and an Aiwa Minisystem with a 5 Minidisc carousel. I would like to be able to burn music directly from my laptop on to MD, without having to hook up my portable or having to burn a CD first. I would also like to be able to burn CDs from my MDs. Please bring it to the USA.

**1771. the reason I got this recorder**

Posted by Matt on 7/25/2002, 17:02:01

the reason I got this MD player/recorder was it seemed like the easiest way to transfer recorded files from a portable device to a computer. Now I find out that this cannot be done. I am very disappointed and was hoping you could enable this feature

**1772. sggfs**

Posted by nco on 7/25/2002, 17:35:06

gffh

**1773. Copy Protection???**

Posted by Miisamm on 7/25/2002, 18:06:12

What is the problem with Sony? If I would copy a CD or something i would put it in my computer and burn it (then copy it to Minidisc). I wouldn't copy the CD to Minidisc than back to my computer and then burn it to CD (or second Minidisc). sounds logic, no? If you could upload songs, recordings, dictations, compositions, whatever, you could store it onto a computer(digitally; faster better quality), then tune up the quality for band recordings for example, cut the songs in right pieces add sounds etc. ,and then burn it to CD or write it back onto MD, for demo tapes. that would even help new bands and wouldn't hurt the rich bands. I don't see the problem.

**1774. Uploading is needed**

Posted by Vomit on 7/25/2002, 18:13:40

The NetMD would be an ESSENTIAL purchase for anyone in a new band if uploading was possible.

**1775. I agree with Matt**

Posted by Andrew on 7/25/2002, 21:54:45

I really have to agree with Matt. That's the reason I bought mine.

**1776. Yay for uploads**

Posted by Pheonix405 on 7/25/2002, 21:55:49

yes yes yes!

**1777. Re: I agree with Matt**

Posted by Stephen on 7/25/2002, 21:58:10 , in reply to "I agree with Matt"

you need to be able to import files onto your computer

**1778. I like to help people out, so...**

Posted by Ben Tyndall on 7/25/2002, 22:37:25

there

**1779. Really needed.**

Posted by hong fang on 7/25/2002, 22:49:25

I am waiting for buying a MD which has the capability of up-load to PC.

**1780. Minidisc could be a standard for musicians**

Posted by Nicolas Bernier on 7/25/2002, 22:56:23

Sony seems to push MD forward to become the new Walkman. Music listeners already have Walkman's...

But what about music makers? As the music of today is more and more about computers and sampling (music made with sounds recorded on "the streets"), we need to be able to put the samples that we grabbed on our computer!

We should be able to digitally transfer the samples that we've done ourselves with our microphones.

Nicolas

**1781. Disappointed DJ**

Posted by Dan on 7/26/2002, 0:34:31

I would like to record my mixes onto MD, then transfer them to the PC to burn a CD so I can listen to them in the car, etc. I was VERY disappointed to find that they don't support uploading from the player into the computer...major flaw. I'm may just return the thing for a refund.

**1782. class notes**

Posted by Mark on 7/26/2002, 4:32:30

Having an audio upload from the MD player would be so beneficial in organizing class lectures I have recorded on MD, on the PC.

**1783. Please add this feature !**

Posted by Johannes Marschall on 7/26/2002, 5:15:07

Statements found above tell everything.

**1784. MD needs expansion**

Posted by david wilkins on 7/26/2002, 5:53:52

MD's have many pros, but this would make it the perfect music storage device.

**1785. Transferring from MD to PC**

Posted by Raymond on 7/26/2002, 7:57:44

It would be extremely beneficial to record non-copyrighted PERSONAL voice/sound files recorded by the NZ-M1's record function and to transfer these through OpenMG to the PC. Now, the only way to use these voice files is by listening to them on MD-enables devices ONLY (the majority of computers are NOT MD enabled).  
ATTENTION:

SONY, If you want to be one of the first companies to help people transfer sound from audio cassettes (analog media), which is a big concern of many users of the digital society, THEN PLEASE ENABLE TO MD to PC UPLOADING through OpenMG Jukebox software. If not, then the Minidisc media will disappear and be replaced by other, more flexible media types such as DVD or memory cards.

**1786. (no subject)**

Posted by pestinyo on 7/26/2002, 8:02:52

It's strongly necessary to do it . I'm musician and I need to work my MD songs upload my PC. Please !!

**1787. And me**

Posted by ilya on 7/26/2002, 8:17:24

And me

**1788. I can't believe it**

Posted by Johan Tufvesson on 7/26/2002, 8:36:50

I got the message from the seller that upload should be possible, but I have now discovered that it is not. It is such a basic and obvious function that I could not imagine that Sony had not implemented it. I have bought a MZ-N707 and a ECM-MS957 mic for a lot of money to do high quality recordings of my and my partners music making. Without this function I will never ever recommend this Sony solution to anybody, not to mention the lower quality my Sony recordings will have.

**1789. Won't buy again without!**

Posted by Jeff on 7/26/2002, 8:49:59

I purchased a Sony N707 for legit live recording. Upon learning that the only way to do a quality upload to PC was to purchase yet another home deck I returned it. I will not support Minidisc again until this restriction is removed for original live work.  
Very Frustrating!

**1790. I WILL NEVER BUY FROM SONY UNLESS YOU DO THIS**

Posted by Cheesey Ballsac on 7/26/2002, 10:13:27

Please agree with this petition

**1791. Feel cheated**

Posted by Jeffrey on 7/26/2002, 12:47:24

To who it may concern:

The entire reason I bought this MD player was so that I could upload songs recorded in my home studio so that the other members of my band could listen to them at home. Without that function, I might as well have stuck with my old MD player.

What are all of you so afraid of?

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Lam

**1792. Minidisc uploading**

Posted by John Hammer on 7/26/2002, 13:06:53

I attend live Irish jams and would like to be able to record on MD and upload.

**1793. NetMD upload would save A LOT of time**

Posted by Anthony Pham on 7/26/2002, 14:56:09

Instead of having to do a line-in recording via the soundcard, it would be nice to be able to upload via USB research group meetings I attend. Not everyone is pirating music. I hope Sony will realize this and begin offering upload capability to improve the lifestyles of those who use their NetMD products. Thank you.

-Anthony

**1794. Added feature would be profitable**

Posted by mike colon on 7/26/2002, 15:39:11

Dear Sirs:

Adding an uploadable feature to your software would probably increase sales. It would be a great marketing tool for tape traders all over the world. In most taping trees, Minidisc recordings is one in a thousand of DAT recordings. Considering the Minidisc's ease of tracking, it should be the other way around. If you made a transfer protocol that didn't require a good sound card and digital to analog back to digital conversion, tapers might see the significance of owning a Minidisc recorder. The cost of a Minidisc recorder is probably the biggest plus of having one over a DAT tape recorder. But the consumption of sound quality in the digital to analog to digital converting is not worth the cost savings to most appreciators of music. Please rectify this problem.

Mike Colon

Software Engineer

VisionAIR, Inc.

**1795. existentielle**

Posted by jean duval on 7/26/2002, 16:05:10

i do electroacoustic music, for my work i need to record a lot of "natural" sound. it would be very useful to me to be able to upload on my computer all those sound i have taken on nature.

**1796. I just want to burn MY OWN music in CD-R**

Posted by Rafael Campanhã on 7/26/2002, 16:12:12

I write music and use MD to record it, and if i could use NetMD to upload my music digitally, it would be fantastic!

**1797. NetMD Upload**

Posted by John on 7/26/2002, 17:15:21

i need to be able to QUICKLY upload my music from my MD to my PC. I hate using the analogue cable. PLEASE make it possible to upload to PC via USB etc

**1798. Simply, do it !**

Posted by Claudio on 7/26/2002, 20:31:17

I think that the uploading function is the most important functionality that "close the circle" of MD feasibility.  
Without this function the MD life is short.. very short!

**1799. Please fix the one huge flaw in the great technology that is NetMD**

Posted by cheasy B on 7/26/2002, 20:33:10

NetMD would be a wonderful product if only digital audio upload from MD to PC was possible. The addition of "faster than real-time" transfer in \*both\* directions would be an innovative step by Sony and welcomed by almost all users of NetMD devices. Unless this function is introduced soon the large market of digital music users will be looking to purchase other technologies that meet \*all\* their needs. It would be foolish of Sony to ignore the views of the people who buy, use and love their products.

**1800. lecture recording upload**

Posted by Mr. King on 7/26/2002, 22:55:00

Uploading of lectures to my pc is the only reason I bought the unit. It is implied that with the USB option you can upload and download, the packaging does not say that you are limited to the downloading only.

**1801. Why are we even letting Sony make/extend the standards?**

Posted by Peter Dyson on 7/26/2002, 22:59:29

There should be an open media format, that the community can design and create. That way it will better represent what the PEOPLE want, not what a corporation wants to maximise its bottom line and profits. We need to create an open media format that is only created for being usable, useful, extendable and unrestricted. No more limitations for the sake of greed, no more monopolistic control by corporations. Ogg Vorbis (www.vorbis.com) has already succeeded in created the digital music format that is free from royalties and is open and free, now we just need decent hardware media standards to match.

**1802. Uploads needed**

Posted by RB Jones on 7/26/2002, 23:01:32

I was shocked to learn that none of the data that I recorded on my new Sony Minidisc can be uploaded to my computer! This was the whole purpose of getting it. Why can't I work on MY OWN CREATIONS on my home computer? This is crazy! Please reconsider these restrictions.

Thanks

**1803. Could have been possible 5 years ago already !!!!!**

Posted by Ralph Berner on 7/27/2002, 0:49:43

Where is the small digital energy efficient recording system with fast connection to PC?  
When will we got this finally. It is boring! Sony is sleeping and all the MP3 device producers develop useless tamagochis for disco-yupees only or harddiscmonsters where you cannot even make microphone recordings. We don't even talk about the energy management of these things. They write "X hours with one Accu charge" in their technical spec. But what to do if your accu is going empty during a recording? The disadvantage of all these systems seems longer to me than the advantage.  
MD has external battery and internal accu at least. So to change of the one or the other is very easy during a live recording. The automatic gain control of the Sony device is perfect for recording lectures.  
But these stupid marketing freaks of all these companies are not able to use their brain, because they think for money all the time only. So take the technicians and the customers more seriously, please.

**1804. I would buy if it had this!**

Posted by CJ on 7/27/2002, 6:12:15

Dear Sony,  
A friend of mine recently got this MD and I was very impressed until I found out about the lack of an audio upload feature. They were also very disappointed when they realised. If it had the ability to upload to my pc I would buy tomorrow! As it is I will have to look at other manufacturers to fulfill my audio requirements...

**1805. Lecture uploading**

Posted by Francesco on 7/27/2002, 9:05:30

The uploading of analogue recording would make Minidisc the irreplaceable tool of any student (fun and work utility in just an hand-fit recorder). Moreover a true SP download (from PC to MD) would be appreciate.

**1806. Upload needed to transfer my own rehearsals and performances**

Posted by Bart Groenendijk on 7/27/2002, 10:18:37

Subject says all, I'm a musician and I'm recording every performance and rehearsal.  
Needless 2 say i would be helped much with transferring the songs via USB.  
kind regards,  
Bart Groenendijk

**1807. I can't believe it doesn't do this!**

Posted by Andy Read on 7/27/2002, 13:32:50

I bought the NetMD specifically with the intention of digitally recording my own material onto it and then uploading to my PC for further editing and processing. Maybe even cutting to CD. This seems to be one huge obvious excellent application for Minidisc technology: easy recording of large amount of sound in good quality format, small device. Digital means it holds pitch and can be played against or sung against at pitch.  
I'm only just coming to realise that for some bizarre reason it won't let me do this! Why not? It's nothing to do with copyright: what I record through the mic/line input is mine! I can copy it to who/what/where I like!

I would not have wasted money on a device with all the bells and whistles of easy PC connectivity, which the NetMD has, if I'd realised it couldn't do this. I feel I've been conned into buying a restricted device.

Not a happy consumer!

**1808. upload needed for Dragon Naturally Speaking & my own music**

Posted by myint on 7/27/2002, 13:41:15

I strongly urge Sony to allow upload.

**1809. this is the reason i bought the damn thing**

Posted by r0ck0 on 7/27/2002, 19:13:01

add this feature and ill buy it again cause I'm returning it now.

**1810. Such a shame !**

Posted by antoine on 7/27/2002, 19:17:11

I bought a MZ-N707... I tried to use OpenMG Software to transfer my mp3 to the NetMD. What a pity ! Huge amount of hard disk is taken, it's complex and boring to use and it crashes most of time ! Could you please just create an easy & fast interface to transfer audio files from/to the NetMD ? Something that would be like an external mass storage controller for example.

**1811. MD to PC, why not?**

Posted by Andres on 7/27/2002, 21:19:32

I'm a student from Spain. I'm making my final career project and the university where I study have bought a NETMD MZ-N1. We need the Minidisc to make digital recordings to make interviews: We are making a web site and I can't stand why NETMD can't make uploading to PC.

**1812. I sell my Sony Minidisc.....**

Posted by Jim on 7/28/2002, 0:58:52

When I first connect my MD to the pc and tried to upload a song, I think that I make some error on installing OpenMG. but then I realise that it's impossible to upload songs to pc.... I sell my MD to buy a cheaper and more beautiful MD, because, for doing upload with an analog cable, I can do it with a sharp who is cheaper, smaller and nice. I use to like Sony, but now I'm really disappointed. at least, u can wrote on the box that upload it's not possible. (but if u do it, you don't sell no more MD.....)

**1813. Videographere Requests Digital Uploading**

Posted by Sal Giambruno on 7/28/2002, 1:47:45

I use MD to record various audio tracks at Weddings - MD is very nice/handy.  
But, I am shocked and amazed, not to mention angry that Sony would go out of their way to place a big road block and "DO NOT ENTER" sign when it comes to uploading digital copies to my Non-linear (read: digital) video editing workstation. That really sucks.

I just bought a unit and spent \$279. I'll be taking it back if I can't do digital uploads. Heck, I'll just buy the HHB DAT deck - what a beauty that is.

**1814. Upload to PC from MD is just fair use!**

Posted by Mark Ross on 7/28/2002, 3:03:55

Please give us back our fair use rights.

**1815. I would buy this product if what is proposed is done.**

Posted by Gene Hamilton on 7/28/2002, 3:11:48

(n/t)

**1816. yes**

Posted by Andrew on 7/28/2002, 4:09:12

yes

**1817. Still in shock!**

Posted by Adi on 7/28/2002, 6:51:08

NetMD is a great improvement and I commend Sony for its efforts. However, as you are probably aware by now that loyal Sony customers are a little shocked that the NetMD is not able to up-load. I record many lectures and ease of up-loading was my reason for buying the NetMD.

**1818. petition**

Posted by naila on 7/28/2002, 7:19:30

Il est d' une logique que l'on puisse faire un tranfert rapide lorsque le MD est équipé d'accessoire comme le micro en utilisation dictaphone .il ni a pas que la musique qui soit prioritaire

**1819. petition**

Posted by naila on 7/28/2002, 7:21:43

It is of a logic which one can make a fast tranfert when MANDELEVIVUM is equipped with accessory like the microphone of use il dictaphone nor does not have that the music which either priority

**1820. Live Recordings to CD**

Posted by Tim Howe on 7/28/2002, 9:52:58

I am a member of a band and have recently purchased a Sony MZ N707 with which to record rehearsals and gigs. I (naively) expected this equipment to permit digital upload of material, of which I own the copyright over USB so that I could burn it onto CD. The tragedy is, as it stands anyone can rip-off commercial audio via an audio connection with no noticeable loss in quality. This restriction on Minidisc digital out / USB functionality will do little to prevent unauthorized audio copying and IS A COMPLETE NUSANCE to people who want to create their own material.

Tim Howe, Senior Technology Consultant and musician.

**1821. Please fix that bug**

Posted by Sébastien Bocq on 7/28/2002, 9:53:09

I consider this as a bug and not as a feature. I won't buy any NetMD product until it is not there and convince other people to do so.

**1822. Sony is treating me like a bad guy, I'm not.**

Posted by Robert Tarnell on 7/28/2002, 12:17:08

So, I did return my 707, now I'm looking at the Ipod, double the price, so what?...

I own all the records I want to put on my portable music machine...

**1823. Make this device more useful**

Posted by Erik Bartels on 7/28/2002, 13:58:51

By allowing uploads from the NetMD, it would make the record function much more useful.

-eb

**1824. As a musician...**

Posted by Lorne Thomson on 7/28/2002, 14:47:49

As a musician with a NetMD I can record acoustic tracks onto my MD with a microphone. It would be excellent if I could then upload it to my computer so I could email it to interested parties.

**1825. Very necessary feature**

Posted by Alejandro Aguilar Sierra on 7/28/2002, 14:50:56

We want to be able to copy digitally our own productions and conferences. This should be an obvious feature, please add it.

**1826. Uploading capability is a must-have.**

Posted by Wayne Lacey on 7/28/2002, 15:09:17

I agree, the ability to upload is an essential feature, and I can't imagine why it's been left out.

**1827. make MD uploading to PC possible**

Posted by Belinda Reynolds on 7/28/2002, 15:12:03

As a classical composer, the value of the MD in rehearsal and recording situations is worthless unless there is some way for me to transfer the materials to a computer so that I may make a CD-W. In classical music, this would have NO impact on the commercial music industry, yet would help immeasurably musicians in the non-profit world of chamber classical music.

**1828. Great product, except...**

Posted by Monique on 7/28/2002, 15:27:20

The inability to upload is a real disappointment. I bought my son a Sony Minidisc player/recorder so that he could record and edit his piano compositions. Please reconsider this restriction on uploading.

**1829. NetMD Upload**

Posted by Graham Sharples on 7/28/2002, 18:51:18

Please please please - why can I not transfer my own compositions and performance recordings to my PC without having to use the sound card? Please rethink - you only stand to gain, respect as well as profit!

**1830. Upload needed to transfer rehearsals of our chorus.**

Posted by Nur on 7/28/2002, 19:47:51

Upload needed to transfer rehearsals of our chorus.

**1831. I Paid 3500 NOK for useless crap**

Posted by Einar Johan Trøan Sømåen on 7/28/2002, 21:03:48

I Paid 3500 NOK for useless crap!!!

N-707 will only record from PC, not upload to. WHY NOT????? Just protect it from uploading OpenMG stuff, and all will be fine, or won't it?

**1832. NetMD Uploading**

Posted by Bryan Burt on 7/28/2002, 22:37:05

The lack of an uploading audio feature is the only thing preventing me from purchasing a NetMD player.

**1833. upload capability**

Posted by Lou Kohley on 7/28/2002, 22:55:20

I have been using Minidisc for years now and recently purchased a NetMD. I do a lot of field recording of recitals and my university(Shenandoah University)

I would greatly appreciate a way to upload recording I've made into my computer for further processing and backup.

Also it would be great if it could expand upon my existing NetMD rather than require me to purchase a new model.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

and Thank you for creating such a great recording medium as well as a great product.

LOU KOHLEY

**1834. Getting What I paid FOR!!!!!!!!!!**

Posted by Pete Stone on 7/28/2002, 23:10:05

I am attempting to sway Sony into allowing the feature of getting the stored data off of the NetMD that I put on the disc. I bought this unit thinking to my self wow I can copy all of my CD's onto Minidiscs so I don't have to carry 300CD's in my car. But I have made some shuffles and things and would like to burn them on CD for storage and NOPE cant do it because Sony wants to play BIG BROTHER and control people. This only will piss people off and make them find new ways to accomplish what they want too or just stop buying your products like the Magic Gate memory sticks good idea force people to another mem format oh well looks like I better stock up on Mini Discs fast before you cant buy them anymore

**1835. Please allow upload of MD data to pc.**

Posted by Chris Schaub on 7/28/2002, 23:49:59

I am a classical guitarist needing to make quick, quality demos "of my playing" on my NetMD Minidisc and then upload them to my pc for burning to CD or to put on my website. Your copyright protection intentions have rendered my NetMD unit less functional than a dated portable cassette tape recorder, especially if I have to use the analog output to transfer my own recordings. Please leave copyright enforcement to governments and start building more functional products.

**1836. That can't be true!**

Posted by Carsten on 7/29/2002, 3:58:11

After purchasing the MZ-N1, I was so disappointed of the limitation not to be allowed to upload tracks created by my own from the MD to my PC. That's ridiculous and annoying! I assumed high flexibility of this equipment like DAT has but I was disappointed by Sony's "security" policy.

I would never buy anything like that again with restrictions like these!!! I really don't understand this constraint with the MD-technology, because there are many, many other ways to make digital copies of your own music as often as you want in any direction!

**1837. this makes no sense..**

Posted by Slava on 7/29/2002, 5:17:33

I've made a recording of myself and I cannot transfer it to computer. What copyright law am I violating???

**1838. only really affects honest people**

Posted by velvet on 7/29/2002, 6:27:32

The policy of not allowing you to upload and download files to computers that they were not created on is counterproductive. I have 4 computers I work on this means I have to have four copies of every thing, which is a pain in the ass. How are most of them transported from one computer to the other burnt on my CDRW in MP3 format so where do you leave your security? No where. So who is affected? The law-abiding person that forked out 170 pounds for a device that was crippled on purpose. Makes no sense to me. I only bought it to listen to tunes on the move and it does this great. But having to copy them from my laptop to my base unit to my server to my work computer is just a hassle as is capturing thing on the mike or digital input but then having to copy them to the computer in analogue format. Stupid!

**1839. Why these stupid restrictions?**

Posted by Matias on 7/29/2002, 6:50:39

Why these stupid restrictions?

**1840. Really disappointing...**

Posted by Frédéric Bilhaut on 7/29/2002, 7:01:11

I just bought one to record my \*own\* music, since I can't transfer it to my pc without quality loss, I'm going to bring it back to my reseller... I will probably buy a Sharp instead...

**1841. Minidisc uploading**

Posted by Benjamin on 7/29/2002, 7:53:54

I'm a DJ and my aim was to burn my live mixes (with my discs = music I bought !!). What a disappointment. Sony has nothing to lose with opening NetMD, sincerely.

**1842. Yes to NetMD Upload !!**

Posted by Jeff Wolk on 7/29/2002, 11:49:16

As an amateur musician one of the reasons I bought the Minidisc was for the live recording capabilities.

**1843. Let the music go!**

Posted by Damian Etienne on 7/29/2002, 11:50:15

I love using Minidisc on a daily basis. If I could rip music from my Minidisc player and organize it on my pc. I would be sure to purchase a NetMD recorder. I am delaying my decision to buy NetMD with hopes that this feature will be added soon.

**1844. PC-MD recording**

Posted by Ignatius on 7/29/2002, 12:39:10

I'd like to see more internal MD decks for pc sold separately since the Sony's pc's with NetMD are about \$2500 and Sonicstage seems to have many errors

**1845. MD upload for live recording**

Posted by Curt Allen on 7/29/2002, 12:45:59

I am a musician that originally bought a Minidisc recorder for live recording (of me and group). I have wanted to get some of these recordings to PC for archival, editing, etc. for a long time. MD upload would facilitate this action greatly. Please consider this feature for future products (or digital out as an alternative.)

Thank you.

**1846. Desirability to rip audio from ATRAC3 MDLP discs**

Posted by John on 7/29/2002, 13:45:56

WE LOVE YOU, MINIDISC...here in the media dept. of Westminster Seminary, we record A LOT of classes and seminars on Minidisc [some also to DV...but that's another story--and never mind that they aren't Sony's--I wasn't here for that purchase]. There is just NOTHING else that provides the quality and portability. But, alas, sometimes the recordings are the full mono 2-1/2 hours. In order to digitize for production to cassette or CD, it takes the full 2-1/2 hours to play back from our Sony MDS-JE520 and record to our VAIO towers [RX360DS & R556DS]. I see your new products have a "PC Link." I've looked over your NetMD FAQs and was pleased to find this forum via Minidisco.com. Our SERIOUS need is to rip audio at more than real-time speed FROM the Minidisc--ideally, to "mount" the Minidisc, and desktop copy audio as a file, or extract using Sound Forge 6 or EZ CD DA extractor. Or your proprietary software. Do you already have such a product for broadcast users with Scott, ENCO, Klotz automation systems? We are installing an ENCO DAD PRO 32 system at WFIL/WZZD where I also work and such an option would be a GODSEND, as we use A LOT of Minidisks, for long-form programming. I suspect broadcast users, already big into Minidisks, would SWAMP you with orders.

BTW: Dream product: Your CD/MD combo, rackmount with MDLP, with RCA, optical, SPDIF and combo-XLR/AES analog/digital audio play/record, keyboard entry of data, AND USB2 or FireWire interface to a host computer, with the ability to read/write both CD-RW and MD-RW, both appearing as assigned drives on the desktop, both internally at least 4x speed, MD-to-CD/CD-to-MD, inside the unit, and externally via the PC link to/from the host computer...a Sony VAIO, of course! Thank you for your time.

**1847. vergognoso!!!!!!!!!!!!1**

Posted by Nicola on 7/29/2002, 14:49:27

(In Italian)

Ho comprato il NetMD e non posso utilizzarlo come voglio!!!!

Sia il commerciante che sulla scatola stessa della confezione, non si parlava assolutamente della sua limitazione nel fare upload di brani musicali!!!!!!

Pagato ben 300 Euro!!!!

**1848. MD->PC uploads**

Posted by John Coleman on 7/29/2002, 14:56:57

Dear Sony,

There will be a day when the music of the world prevails your infinite greed. Please allow digital uploads from MD->PC, thank you.

John Coleman

**1849. NetMD upload**

Posted by Jeff on 7/29/2002, 15:00:12

MD to PC, quickly !

**1850. Open MG - Only not 'That' Open!**

Posted by Stuart Lawn on 7/29/2002, 16:31:31

Two days ago I bought the Sony MZN-707. I bought this model as it had a microphone input and being in a rock band, I sensibly thought that I could make recordings of our group rehearsing and then using the USB connection upload them to my PC for editing. I was wrong. It seems a great product but I think it may have to be returned for a refund as the software seriously cripples its value to musicians. Please put personal recording uploads into the next release of software. We need this ASAP.

**1851. NETMD is crippled without UPLOAD of personal recordings**

Posted by Chris Laporte on 7/29/2002, 16:32:18

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**1852. NetMD Upload**

Posted by FG on 7/29/2002, 16:36:12

I take music lessons and record them on Minidisc. I would like to upload this records to my home computer (PC) and realise a database but OpenMG doesn't allow this despite there is no copyright. ATRAC3 quality would be enough for this purpose. Can't you please a little open the door from the NetMD TO the computer ? Thanks.

**1853. This is a must!!**

Posted by Robin on 7/29/2002, 17:29:37

I've brought a lot of different devices from Sony, and have been amazed by their quality and functionality, and once I saw this MD player, with USB support, I thought Sony had hit the jackpot. So why doesn't it allow upload of files back to the computer? The main feature is the USB support, and I'm going to be using my player to record my music (which I hold the copyright), and it would have just made the perfect tool for the job, and to say the least I'm utterly disappointed, I really hope for your dedicated customers you can write an update for your software, to help us restore confidence in Sony again.

**1854. Another annoying point is..**

Posted by Detlef Mueller on 7/29/2002, 17:31:25

..the "Serial Copy Management System" -- From the MZ-N1 manual:  
"You cannot make copies from a digitally connected source which was itself recorded using digital connection."

Think about that a minute.

Right now it prevents me from recording audio of \_my\_ DVD's...

Brave new world where the layperson is not trusted at all.

**1855. Why don't we stop the progress?**

Posted by Christian on 7/29/2002, 18:42:47

I'm wondering if Sony is not going to stop the progress stopping me to use this new NetMD technology to upload my music! I bought a Mz-N1 and now that I'm starting to record everyday my music I really miss that Upload function!

Please don't do that!

I always trusted Sony please let me trust you more for the future!

An Italian NetMD unhappy user.

**1856. Still no upload link from my MD to a PC**

Posted by Simon Handley on 7/29/2002, 19:35:18

I have been a great fan of the Minidisc since I bought my first one. Which happened to be a sharp MD-MS-702. A great unit I had in 1998 and it was priced much lower, and had more user function.

As a musician, this format appealed greatly to me, but still years later after getting your best unit to date, the MZR-909, yes I imported it from Japan because it seemed to have all the goodies on it that I wanted, but still there are a few options that it lacks.

I am tired of spending my time in a digital recording studio and using all digital equipment, only to be reduced to a stereo 1/8" headphone jack into the back of the PC sound card line in.

Right back to analog, so what's the point of this? Once I had to rent a Minidisc deck with an optical out, and a fostex professional CD recorder

worth about \$3500 just to transfer the album that I had made onto a master CD so that I could have copies made by CINRAM.

Now after all of the technological advancements of mankind in the last twenty years don't you think that a two way street is the best avenue to take?

I want to upload to a PC so I can burn

**1857. I feel sick inside. This must be a world record!!**

Posted by Nyland on 7/29/2002, 20:44:52

I am a musician, recording an album right now. I've always loved MD, and have bought about eleven different players by now. NetMD should be what MD should have always been: The possibility to use MD as a storage media for whatever kind of data you could please! Why should it not be possible to use MD the way you use CD-RW? WHY?! Nobody can answer that question, because there ain't one. Uploading from MD to PC is an absolute must, but it should really be able to do whatever a CD-RW drive can. When I bought my MZ-N1 today, I expected to be able to drag and drop any .mp3 or .wav to the open window representing my MD, AND BACK AGAIN! -Even if it didn't come from the computer in the first place. This is the worst product I have ever bought, and never did I think I would say that about something from SONY. My stomach hurts...

**1858. Pull yourselves together men**

Posted by Tim Mumford on 7/29/2002, 22:11:43

CMON...why don't you take a stand against the status quo. we have been faithful to you and your format, we stuck by it when you charged us ridiculously high costs, why don't u be faithful to us. its sorta a two way street Sony!  
regards, tim

**1859. MD would be a lot more successful...**

Posted by Justin Nawrocki on 7/29/2002, 23:35:02

...if you gave it the full function it is capable of and deserves. OpenMG is a pile of crap. At least make the NetMD function well and then you can compete with MP3 players...finally.

**1860. download**

Posted by Otto on 7/29/2002, 23:56:42

How can I have the NetMD program?

**1861. MD Uploading**

Posted by Jimmy T on 7/30/2002, 0:09:26

I'm returning my MD player until it's actually of some viable USE. Too bad Sony won't be getting my money as well as countless other musicians who want their live performance on computer.

**1862. Upload from Minidisc to Apple Computers**

Posted by SC on 7/30/2002, 0:14:51

I would like to add my voice to those requesting that Sony make it possible to UPLOAD MUSIC from MINIDISC to APPLE COMPUTERS. It would make the Minidisc format MUCH more appealing to consumers like me!

**1863. Upgrading software to allow upload of recorded material from MD to Pc**

Posted by Mark Christofersen on 7/30/2002, 0:25:39

After a week at fiddle camp recording teaching and Jam sessions I was heartbroken to discover that the tracks recorded on my NetMD Walkman could not be uploaded and edited on my PC. Editing out the conversations and useless tracks and compiling my own practice CD was the reason I bought the digital recorder. I was stunned to find that wasn't possible. There is a huge market waiting for a recorder that can take digital recordings on a convenient format and upload them into a pc. I feel like the salesman really misled me when I bought this device. If I wanted to listen to music I would have stuck to my mp3 player or just burned another CD.

**1864. Go create (...I wish I could)**

Posted by Neil on 7/30/2002, 2:46:47

**1878. do it now**  
Posted by Jeff Pristelski on 7/30/2002, 18:51:15

I want to be able to upload music to my computer. There are many bands that allow recording equipment at concerts for bootlegged recordings even famous bands such as dave matthews band even allow for this, however my Minidisc recorder is useless since this feature is not present

#### **1879. NetMD**

Posted by Thijs Beijnsberger on 7/30/2002, 20:01:00

Do it now!!!, now restrictions please

#### **1880. NetMD uploading**

Posted by Ken Bowers on 7/30/2002, 21:00:02

My wife and I, who are both musicians, use a Sony NetMD-enabled mini-disc recorder to demo songs, record practices, and the like. We would greatly benefit from the ability to upload the resulting recordings to our MacOS X computer for editing and eventually burning onto a CD.

#### **1881. Why can't I upload even microphone recordings?**

Posted by Max on 7/30/2002, 21:23:24

This system annoying I Do sound recordings and I can't even upload that. I also don't understand Why Sony does this It only draws back their sell rate, Sony itself has nothing to do with the music industry ("Sony" has nothing to do with "Sony Music") I would like to know more about why they Sony does this

So I GET WHAT I PAID FOR NOT A CRAP MD

#### **1882. If only I could upload....**

Posted by Eric The Red on 7/30/2002, 21:24:28

With a USB connection I foolishly was under the impression I would be able to drag and drop the LIVE recoded files of myself off of my Mini Disk player. It wasn't until I got the unit home and started to play with it that I discovered there is no way of grabbing the files digitally. Really this makes little difference if I am recording with an analog microphone but it would be nice if I am recording from the digital board.

#### **1883. My Minidisc player**

Posted by Peter T. on 7/30/2002, 23:38:45

I brought my MD player three years ago. I mainly using the optical output from my computer to record music. I want to buy a new MD player since the NetMD just came out. However, I brought a MP3 player instead. Why, just because I can move the music from my player to my PC.

#### **1884. NetMD Uploading**

Posted by Trevor Maybee on 7/30/2002, 23:56:24

As a musician, I would find the ability to upload recorded rehearsals/gigs that I have played onto my computer so I could have an archive. I could also post some clips of past shows on my band's website. I am also a student and I would find that the ability of archiving recorded lectures a HUGE asset.

I REALLY want a MD recorder and the only reason that I have held back on buying one is that I am waiting for an upload feature (analog recordings at all quality levels) to be added. The day I can upload, I will purchase a MD recorder.

#### **1885. NetMD --> PC via USB**

Posted by Scott Murray on 7/31/2002, 0:15:35

I've just purchased an MZ-N707. It's one of the most expensive SONY purchases I've ever made and has some amazing features. I've had 5 different SONY cassette walkmans, the last two were recording walkmans. I've made significant use of the sound card in my PC to copy from the cassette tape recordings I made into digital format on the PC for archiving. The new NetMD system seemed to be perfect for what I wanted to do, and I feel you treat my trust in you with disrespect by locking out the ability to transfer recorded tracks from my NetMD to the PC via USB. While I understand your motives, and respect your decision to take a stand against piracy in this way, It would restore my, perhaps blind, faith in Sony up to this point. Sincerely

Scott Murray

#### **1886. MD and PC a perfect pair**

Posted by John on 7/31/2002, 1:02:15

Survival of the MD format depends on it being BETTER/DIFFERENT than alternative forms.

Live recording is why many people use MD. The ability to rapidly move this data to a PC (including Macintosh) where it can be easily edited would provide a wonderful addition to the format.

Wake up Sony!

#### **1887. If Sony doesn't add this feature, someone else will**

Posted by Rob on 7/31/2002, 1:15:40

And everyone will be buying their product and not Sony's.

#### **1888. Please add the upgrade**

Posted by Arup Gupta on 7/31/2002, 2:41:08

Please add the upgrade. It is only software.

#### **1889. Upload! Now!!**

Posted by Andreas on 7/31/2002, 2:56:57

Imagine what this can do for your in all aspects great product!

#### **1890. Minidisc uploading**

Posted by Marc Eymard on 7/31/2002, 3:22:06

I'm a DJ and my aim was to burn my live mixes. Sony has nothing to loose with opening NetMD, sincerely.

#### **1891. Let it all be digital**

Posted by Vivek Shankar on 7/31/2002, 7:36:09

Sirs,  
Being a taper of live music shows (bands who legally allow taping) I implore you to ad this feature.

Surely, your good selves know the importance of the two digits - 0 & 1.

Please oblige your users,  
Best Regards,  
vivek shankar  
<http://thunder.prohosting.com/~dchains/heads/>

#### **1892. Yes to NetMD Upload !!**

Posted by Cédric POTHIN on 7/31/2002, 8:24:41

Yes to NetMD Upload !!

#### **1893. MD - PC**

Posted by David Boldra on 7/31/2002, 9:09:43

Sony, come on you would sell a lot more units if this valuable feature was available.

I simply want to transfer my home cooked MD recordings to a DVD-r for safe keeping without loss of quality.

Please agree to this.

Kind regards

David Boldra

#### **1894. Sony's a bad name. For now.**

Posted by Alvin Ang on 7/31/2002, 9:11:31

Sony's NetMD - a bad name in Singapore. We musicians spend it on the NetMDs and in the end we can't transfer them into computers so that we can have CDs out of it?! Smart inventions sometimes render the products useless.

I've spent my whole month's salary on this.

I just can't believe it.

but it'd be a great job if Sony get the new program of uploading ASAP. Certainly, there's so many angry people out there now who got snookered after buying something so expensive like that without the important connection being made known clearly.

Sony, please wake up. People can't help themselves to boycott your products in your future and your reputation is at stake among the musicians I know and the people around us here in Singapore and the rest of the world. This is a realistic and happening thing happening everywhere to the NetMD owners. Don't disappoint them further.

Alvin Ang,  
Saxophonist.

#### **1895. NetMD Audio Upload**

Posted by Gréant on 7/31/2002, 9:24:23

I agree

#### **1896. It's bad for Sony sales**

Posted by Dave Young on 7/31/2002, 9:39:12

I would upgrade my Sony MD recorder if I could buy one that will let me transfer my field recordings easily to pc. Enough said.

#### **1897. Making audio-recordings from the microphone ...**

Posted by Vicki Dale on 7/31/2002, 11:33:12

I purchased the NetMD MZ-N707 because it had the USB cable to support interchange of data with the PC. I'm most disappointed that I can't transfer sounds on the Minidisc, recorded via a microphone (e.g. for interviews) digitally to the computer.

#### **1898. Allow microphone recordings to x-fer digitally to PC**

Posted by doug w. on 7/31/2002, 12:29:36

Please allow microphone recordings to transfer digitally to PC files. It will boost your sales.

Doug

#### **1899. MD vs. MP3 player**

Posted by Ken Latimer on 7/31/2002, 12:32:07

Sony, there is no need for an MD player to simply download and listen to music digitally. One real need is to be able to record and transfer live music digitally to the PC. I have made many live recordings, usually on Reel to Reel recorder or cassette and would like to make digital recordings from these and transfer them through USB and edit them on the PC. You do not give that option, and without it I fail to see how the MD is markedly and marketable superior to MP3 players.

#### **1900. Please release Mac Software**

Posted by Alistair Bates on 7/31/2002, 14:06:25

I am interesting in purchasing one of the NetMDs but only if I can use it with my iBook or Linux PC. Mac seems the obvious choice, please consider releasing it!

Alistair Bates

#### **1901. (no subject)**

Posted by M.Lee on 7/31/2002, 14:45:49

Agree that uploading recording to PC is critical to the NET-MD products.

#### **1902. enable!**

Posted by csakvary jozsef on 7/31/2002, 15:16:58

I definitely agree with this proposal.

#### **1903. NetMD/Open MG**

Posted by Francois on 7/31/2002, 15:27:30

I have experienced many problems using Open MG with my NetMD, and I must say I am looking for a method that would enable me to transfer my files to MDs without using Open MG. You should release a new version fixing all the superfluous security systems which made me lose my files after a computer crash. I definitely won't allow Sony to check the contents

of my computer. And please make Macintosh versions, as many of my files are stored on a Macintosh.

#### **1904. NETMD has great potential, but only if it's potential is allowed.**

Posted by John on 7/31/2002, 15:53:12

As a student, I spend most of my time studying, in which I listen to music. As I will soon be going to university the idea of recording lectures, and speeches is great with the Minidisc due to its size, and battery life. As you can see from the many people who have signed, upload capabilities through digital means has a lot of potential and demand, which is good for any business. I am aware you may be cautious about such abilities being available to the Minidisc, but users who are in similar situations as I, would find this feature useful and beneficial and will most certainly be appreciated if it were to be incorporated into future plans.  
Thank You.

#### **1905. My Minidisc is outdated!!!**

Posted by Nick Sibicky on 7/31/2002, 17:32:43

Especially because digital pocket-sized 4-tracks are available (i.e. "korg's"), my Minidisc has lost a lot of its value to me. I am a musician, currently attending the Hartt School of Music, and would like to use my Minidisc for a variety of reasons around school, but the lack of upload feature forces me to re-record anything that I legitimately record for my own use through my computer sound card. Highly inconvenient.

#### **1906. NetMD-Based Audio Uploading from Minidisc to Computer**

Posted by Armin on 7/31/2002, 19:43:04

I agree.

#### **1907. moving live recorded material to PC**

Posted by John Lawrence on 7/31/2002, 22:49:50

I bought this item based on the outstanding quality. Then I find out I can't make a CD out of one of my own recordings for myself. Unbelievable! Please, I promise not to bootleg any material.

Thank you.

#### **1908. Allow Uploads**

Posted by Marcos on 7/31/2002, 22:52:41

I chose a MD player over an MP3 player for a good reasons, why not make it batter and allow uploads as well?

#### **1909. What do I tell your Customers?**

Posted by Michelle Vosika-Cooper on 7/31/2002, 23:05:41

Hi there providers of high quality technology!

I have worked as a customer service and sales person at a MAJOR Retail store that carries LOTS of Sony products. As a matter of fact the local Sony Only and I have teamed up as they do not sell computers and we do, we have been helping your bottom line and spreading the word of sleek design, top notch quality and reliability for many years. Up until recently I could always suggest a wonderful new Sony gadget with faith that it does just what it not only promises to do, but what it is logically deductive it will do. IE - if a product says it's lightning fast burning audio from your PC to your MD, well doesn't logic dictate that the opposite is also true?  
Alas this is no longer the case, old friend.

I love the NetMD I have - will I recommend it?

Well, that's up to what the customer wants to do.

If they ask about recording, consider your S&P to be another \$230 short.

Don't blame me! Being a company that boast it flexibility in innovative audio technology, you guys did one heck of a job getting both feet in front on the barrel before you shot you feet off.

I'm sorry old pals, but my Sony totting has ground to a hopeless halt.

How can I intelligently promote a company that can't intelligently assess it's customer's needs?

Sorry guys, but I'm out of answers.

~Michelle Vosika-Cooper

Recoiling Retailer

#### **1910. Be an alternative to MP3 players...**

Posted by Jeppe Falck on 8/1/2002, 5:29:55

I am sure there must be marketeers and sales people at Sony that are swearing beneath their breath at the missed opportunity to market NetMD as a true transportable digital media. Change it soon before the window of opportunity closes.

#### **1911. Strangling sales**

Posted by Paul Knapman on 8/1/2002, 8:31:55

As a retailer of Sony MD, sales have been lost due to the fact that MD can not up load music.  
Please fix this error of judgment in the 2003 model range, and while your at it, add Mac software as well. How many Mac owners have bought an ipod that would have purchased an MZ-N1 ???

#### **1912. Re: Please release Mac Software**

Posted by Paul Knapman on 8/1/2002, 8:36:07 , in reply to "Please release Mac Software"

I'm with you !!

#### **1913. NetMD Audio Upload**

Posted by Chris Wheaton on 8/1/2002, 9:21:02

Please make this happen for your loyal customers. Also, an American version of a Minidisc (MDLP) would be great.  
Chris Wheaton

#### **1914. Music and File Transfer would make MD fly**

Posted by Philip Bowman on 8/1/2002, 11:08:22

I support the proposal for allowing upload of recorded tracks from MD to PC. The ability to delete tracks from a disk from a device other than the original PC would make sense too. I already own a MD520 HiFi Minidisc player, and I'd love to buy a NetMD MZ-N707 if you can sort out these issues

I would also suggest that you take the logical step of making the MD devices work for storage and retrieval of non-audio files (i.e. work as an external USB drive). If Neo in The Matrix can store files on MD, that can't be bad advertising...

Philip Bowman  
Watford, UK

#### **1915. I bought a NetMD thinking I could record my band...**

Posted by Tim Clark on 8/1/2002, 11:14:30

Sony,  
Please consider the thousands of requests you have here from people who have used your device to record, mostly, uncopyrighted material. Then consider the frustration of having to jump through hoops just to upload it onto their PC.

Whilst being a live musician I agree with copyrights and protection of the label/artist, I must conclude that I see no reason for your denial of this basic function.

Please think about upgrading your OpenMG Jukebox software so that we may upload our own music and maybe even share it with others.

Yours,

Tim Clark

#### **1916. Power and flexibility is NOT in the hands of the consumer...**

Posted by chris giguere on 8/1/2002, 12:17:12

Give us what we want...Unlock the software.  
Very poor performance!!! Write it in something  
OTHER than Delphi! I have a 1400mhz machine  
and its a nightmare.  
CG

#### **1917. Minidisc Uploading**

Posted by John Cerilli on 8/1/2002, 12:26:49

I own an older version Minidisc (Sony MZ-G750) that I purchased last year. It can only download files in real time and I was disappointed then that I could not upload digital files -- even in real time -- from my MD to my computer.

Now, with the new NetMD, I was thrilled to hear that it would be able to download at much faster than real time speeds and was all ready to invest until I researched and found that no uploading capability was added. For someone who uses his MD to make digital recordings OF MY OWN MATERIAL, I would love for an MD to have the capabilities to upload to my PC as easily as the NetMD seems capable of downloading from the PC. This way, I could edit my files with zero chance of quality loss. But, I will not bother to find out how fast the NetMD downloads until there is an MD product that can upload digitally in, preferably, faster than real time speed.

Thank you.

John Cerilli

#### **1918. MD >> PC**

Posted by Cem Cukurlu on 8/1/2002, 12:29:38

SONY Engineers, we need MD to PC transfer! I got a N707 and I use it for live recordings, so I want to be able to upload that on my computer. And what's the deal on prohibiting this? We can save it in real-time if we want but don't make the tech hard for us.

#### **1919. come on, be fair**

Posted by Ben Powell on 8/1/2002, 12:32:31

the format is great, the only flaw is.....

#### **1920. Come on Sony**

Posted by Darren Po on 8/1/2002, 13:00:46

I'm currently using an old MZ-R50 and I'm thinking of upgrading to a NetMD player. The only thing stopping me from getting one is the lack of upload function.

#### **1921. Do you like annoying your customers?**

Posted by Justin Fielding on 8/1/2002, 14:41:18

Surely by not allowing your customers to record music and then transfer it to PC formats, you are:

1. Greatly reducing the number of customers you will have, as this renders the units pretty useless for people who need to record and store/transfer their recordings via PC (Bands, performers, reporters etc).

2. Calling all of your customers criminals by saying that they cannot be trusted with this feature.

Not good enough Sony, sort it out. I have been pretty loyal to you guys (MD, TV, VCR, Car Audio, Home Cinema, DVD, VAIO Laptop and more) and I'm sure most of your customers enjoy the good quality that you products normally offer.

Would the reason for this feature being omitted be anything to do with the SONY music label?

#### **1922. I'm a French musician**

Posted by LE FLOCH Quentin on 8/1/2002, 16:23:10

I have a mzn-707 and I want to transfer my records on my pc to do my compilation on a CD.. It's a big problem for me. please stop my problem.

#### **1923. (no subject)**

Posted by Adam Henry on 8/1/2002, 16:37:51

I borrowed an MD, but would buy one if I could upload recordings to my PC

#### **1924. NetMD uploading essential**

Posted by Jeremiah Taylor on 8/1/2002, 16:38:05

I am a musician and a music enthusiast. Without uncluttered, unrestricted uploading my Minidisc experience is severely limited. I can't really recommend the format to any non-tech, because the workarounds are too much for most people. A unrestricted Minidisc format would send

hardware and disc sales sky high. A restricted format will eventually be left in the dust. Please add this capability to the NetMD software

**1925. I am another French musician**

Posted by Rodolphe on 8/1/2002, 17:10:30

I am another French musician

**1926. Open it up.**

Posted by Christopher Lecky on 8/1/2002, 18:14:50

For Gods sake allow people to move their audio as they feel, and fix that POS OpenMG Jukebox

**1927. WHY NOT??? I just don't understand**

Posted by Justin Lieblong on 8/1/2002, 18:25:59

it is completely illogical for the music industry to block the people who really love the music for personal reasons from making live recordings, but not being able to create a CD. I was disgusted when I realized that this was the case and feel misled by the Sony corporation. hopefully they will realize the mistake and allow transfer of ATRAC to the PC.

**1928. digital out**

Posted by Kenny Lyon on 8/1/2002, 19:04:30

Until there is digital out for my live field recordings -- MY recordings... this is NOT a copyright issue -- mini disc is useless to me. As soon as digital out is available, I'll buy one. Thanks.

**1929. Transferring Audio form MD to PC**

Posted by Kevin on 8/1/2002, 19:27:52

OpenMG should allow transferring of recording form MD to PC.

**1930. Uploading would help me in college**

Posted by Michael Heinz on 8/1/2002, 21:48:50

I purchased the NetMD because I wanted to have an outlet and an inlet for my music and recording. I have already spent \$300 on this equipment and I want to use my NetMD to record my college lectures. I think it is ridiculous to be able to record on the NetMD, for there to be a button on the player, and yet I cannot upload that media to my own computer so to archive and store such. If Sony made it possible to upload to PC, then I could record my lectures, upload them to my PC where I would store, organize, and turn to text through the voice-recognition software I own. I feel that this should not be a limitation after investing so much into Sony and a serious deterrent from purchasing other equipment from Sony until such software is available.

**1931. MD to PC**

Posted by Ryan Kudelka on 8/1/2002, 23:06:31

It would be great if Sony created a new software that allowed you to transfer from a Minidisc to your pc, in case anything happens to your PC then you wouldn't have to redownload the songs you lost

**1932. ensuring the Minidisc format will thrive**

Posted by Brett Jackson on 8/1/2002, 23:45:26

I am so happy with my Minidisc recorder. I use it to record my bands rehearsals and live performances and it does a great job, the audio quality and ease of use has made it invaluable and being able to use this technology has improved our songwriting and means we don't lose ideas that would be gone forever otherwise. The downside right now is the labourious real-time recoding on to a computer so editing of unneeded material and trimming of ideas can be done.

Uploading over NetMD would make this process so much easier and I hope that Sony will consider adding this to the specification in the near future.

Regards  
Brett

**1933. NetMD should get popular, if...**

Posted by Kevin Yeoh on 8/2/2002, 2:39:05

If not restriction on this issues. It will become a perfect toys for everyone who loves digital recording!

**1934. MD needs to Upload & Download at High Speed like all other digital formats or it will die...**

Posted by Tom Cooney on 8/2/2002, 3:36:47

It seems to me, that Sony, being the major electronic innovator and manufacturer that it is, should provide a NetMD upload function for several reasons, in addition to the many reasons that other petitioners have listed. Sony themselves has already produced several PC products that incorporate MD Drives or recorders. the MD Data format and drives in 1996 promised the demise of the floppy and the introduction of the merging of digital audio and data. Current PC system offerings by Sony, such as the VAIO MX Series desktops also seem to make a perfect integration of audio and data, but only to just barely miss the entire point of the whole convergence concept altogether. If you want buyers to see the advantages of the Minidisc format over the stiff competition from other formats (all offered by yourselves, I may add), such as CD-R/RW, MP3, the various DVD formats, and others... you may want to consider taking emphasis off of "Sony Magic Gate" solid state MP3 players a little, and show the world that MD can do the job of ALL other digital audio devices in ALL environments.

NetMD can be a great tool for uploading and downloading digital audio from and to portable and stationary MD units, but only if it can do the most fundamental thing that all competing formats can do; download \*and\* upload, and to do this at high speeds, like a CD Drive on a PC, or a n MP3 transfer to a portable player.

Please don't make any more mistakes in marketing the Minidisc format, like the confusion you made in the early 1990's of replacing CD's with MD's. Sony now faces a similar confusion in the marketplace, but now it is with so many other great digital audio formats. Sony has finally proven that Minidisc can replace the antiquated Analog Compact Cassette, and is great for transferring analog audio from all sources to Minidiscs. Minidisc also remains the only affordable, digital portable recording medium, and is great at capturing live audio and from the world at large while on the move, and bringing it home.

Now you need to make it the format that can do what all those MP3 players out there can't; UPLOAD the audio content and to do it QUICKLY like ripping a CD or trading an MP3 file, otherwise, it will be left to suffer in the dust... again. Let's show the world that Minidisc can evolve and fill every person's void as a SINGLE format that fits everywhere!

-- Thomas J Cooney, digital audio enthusiast

-- <http://www.starbasestudios.com>

-- <http://www.eternalbpm.com>

**1935. Playing music and saving it to PC**

Posted by Gabe on 8/2/2002, 4:13:26

I play music, and I think it's useful for people who play music, to record on PC the own works. I use the PC like a mixer/multitracker and a MD is the powerful system to record and play in digital mode. Why I can't have the best from my MZ-707BLUE?

**1936. Go for it!!!**

Posted by Zohar on 8/2/2002, 5:48:08

Yes!! I think that will improve the MD for using in outdoor recording, and working in digital environment.

**1937. Sony, and yet so far from useful**

Posted by Andy Mayo on 8/2/2002, 6:33:14

Possibly the last gig I shall be able to play with a band I've been in for a while was recorded on a NetMD. I don't have one, and won't be buying one now...and I don't imagine I'll ever hear that gig again. Don't forget that the customer is always right...

**1938. There is nothing to lose, and a \*lot\* to gain ...**

Posted by Christian Grigis on 8/2/2002, 7:14:04

Given that the end result is doable with other means anyway proves that this would not open new ways of copyright infringement.

This feature would, however, tremendously ease \*legitimate\* uses, like live recordings of uncopyrighted material, and consequently dramatically strengthen MD's position on the market.

Personally, I became interested to upgrade my portable MD recorder when I saw the appearance of NetMD, but decided against it when noticing the lack of the MD->PC link. With that feature, I would certainly give it a second thought!

#### **1939. IOMEGA already went wrong**

Posted by Arnie on 8/2/2002, 7:29:56

Is Sony trying to do the same stupid thing??

Minidisc could be the one and only Media ... but the way they sell the hardware prevents it from being !!!

#### **1940. Upload Recorded Gigs**

Posted by Ralf Nijholt on 8/2/2002, 8:10:00

Upload function would be very very useful for me. I play in several bands and always record rehearsals and gigs on my MD. Uploading it to the PC using USB would be a great feature. Of course I can transfer it using the soundcard, but I guess that USB would be much faster. Looking forward to see this feature available in future soon. Regards, Ralf

#### **1942. I can't invest in NetMD without digital upload capability**

Posted by David on 8/2/2002, 10:17:34

I'm a public speaker and need to upload my speeches into my computer for processing with my slide shows. As soon as you add this capability I will by a NetMD recorder, but not until then.

#### **1942. Please add NetMD Digital Upload facility**

Posted by Neil Chase on 8/2/2002, 10:37:38

You have a great addition to a great product line in NetMD. Like many other s I have an interest in field recording (family spoken history in particular). Enabling the upload digitally would improve the quality, reliability and ease of my project.

#### **1943. NetMD**

Posted by andy wilson on 8/2/2002, 10:50:01

everyone who bought the NetMD was duped by Sony as it was a natural expectation that the device would enable the user to transfer MD files to the pc hardrive. it doesn't! Sony should expect massive returns of this product back to the stores that sold them.

#### **1944. Needs uploading capabilities**

Posted by Jean Calixte on 8/2/2002, 10:52:12

Given the current capabilities of NetMD player/recorders, adding upload capabilities to new Minidisc recorders would be beneficial to the company and the customers. Such a function would revitalize the already increasing interest in the Minidisc market, and will thus make Minidiscs a booming commodity. For the customers, there is a valued saving in the amount of time it takes to record. Besides, forcing a certain recording format is unfair and has proven to be a failed practice (how well did your walkman stick sell?). Thank you for taking the time and consideration.

#### **1945. I bought the MD thinking that it was able to upload word recordings!**

Posted by Dr. Ng Yih Yng on 8/2/2002, 11:53:58

I bought the MD specifically because I thought it would allow me to record my lectures and upload them seamlessly and edit them on the PC. But after paying for it and setting it up I realised to my horror that something as simple as this was not possible. I feel so cheated as a consumer, to have paid so much money for a device, which I cannot even take back, and to have to live with this type of limitation. If this isn't corrected, I am very sure that I will buy a MP3 player next time. And you can be sure that neither myself or any of my colleagues will buy a Sony product for our work purposes. This product can be so much better.

#### **1946. UPLOAD / -GRADE!!!**

Posted by Markus Strauch on 8/2/2002, 13:32:20

I bought my MZ-N 505 'cause I thought it would be possible to upload voice-recordings by USB faster and better than line. Truly disappointing so far...

#### **1947. a modern recorder for the musician**

Posted by jiji on 8/2/2002, 14:22:51

I plan to buy a recorder, but 'ill not buy a MD recorder till all currents audio formats are not accepted, and till I can't use it as a portable Hard drive. I'll buy a Creative DAP 3 (20go, Firewire, USB 2.0, all formats : wma, mp3, wav)  
Can you do the same ?

#### **1948. I'm returning my mini disc because it doesn't have this feature**

Posted by Kory Basaraba on 8/2/2002, 14:27:18

I bought a mini disc yesterday to record my seminars. the salesrep told me about how fast It was to transfer audio from computer to Minidisc. he didn't mention that I couldn't upload the final recording to my pc! I bought the latest version of the Sony MD player with the NetMD based on the idea of fast data transfer. I realize now that I could have saved myself \$200 and bought a lower end model for my recording purposes, since fast transfer from my pc isn't something I need. I need to transfer TO my pc.

Its ridiculous that I cant upload my recorded data. I hope this changes. for now, I'm going to 'trade down' and spend that money elsewhere.

#### **1949. NEED NETMD UPLOAD**

Posted by Adam Theis on 8/2/2002, 15:01:54

I've been working in the MD Sales industry and recording live music professionally on MD for about 4 years now and can't believe there is still no upload function especially for non-copyright material like personal recordings. We need NETMD UPLOAD NOW!  
Thanx

#### **1950. :( puchas.. esto de no poder pasar de MD a PC es muy penka**

Posted by Penguin on 8/2/2002, 15:11:51

me acabo de comprar el NetMD y hoy grabe una tocata completita.. y ahora que quiero editarlo.. no se puede grrrr  
porfis habiliten o muestren mas informacion sobre el equipo para programarlo..

esta muy bueno el mini disk en todo caso lo recomiendo.. pero eso es lo unico que falta.. aparte del formato.. pero eso es secundario..

gracias

#### **1951. Need to upload fieldrecordings**

Posted by Tim on 8/2/2002, 16:25:12

It makes no sense that one cannot upload field recordings to my computer.

#### **1952. Upload = Market Shares, Sales go up!**

Posted by Igor Vazhenin on 8/2/2002, 17:19:30

Enabling the upload on NETMD will give the product the edge it needs coupled with successful marketing campaign it will prove that a good product/format can become great.

#### **1953. Upload function necessary for my success in college!**

Posted by Steven on 8/2/2002, 17:32:37

I just purchased an MZ-N1. Other than enjoying music and downloading it to my MD player at blazing fast speeds, a also expected to have separate MD's where a recorded my professors lectures and uploaded them so that a could have them when a studied for exams. It would also be great to import the uploaded lecture and using voice recognition put it into text format which is easier to study from. (this of course is very legitimate ) for purposes such as this an upload function should be added to open MG software..  
thank you .

#### **1954. Sony upload!**

Posted by Mrs. Beth Prevedel on 8/2/2002, 17:55:53

Minidisc is the greatest way for the general public to record and play. MP3 is junk, and we know about cassette. Do yourselves a favor!  
Let this happen!

**1955. understand in some cases but furious in others!!!**

Posted by Samuel K Baik on 8/2/2002, 20:15:09

a recorded some lectures for speakers that we invited to our church... we wanted to make the talks available to our students so that they could listen to the messages again from time to time on CD's... a was shocked to find out that after a had spent several hundred dollars on my 707 and microphone (which was totally overpriced), a realized that a couldn't download the lecture onto my hard drive so a could burn them onto CD's for my students!!! I still am angry... enough to the point where I'm debating to return my MD... a understand wanting to save copyrights, etc. but do people in my situation get penalized in the process!?! Furious with \$300 out of my pocket and into YOURS!!!

**1956. please allow upload, I didn't buy one because of this**

Posted by Prabir Baruah on 8/2/2002, 20:50:24

I was considering buying a Sony NetMD, until a realized I couldn't upload files to PC. I don't see the reason for this strange act, how does preventing upload prevent music piracy, if that is the intent? After all, PC to MD download is allowed in the NetMD, and people get pirated music into their PCs first!  
I'm sure this product will be more popular when this strange 'business decision' is corrected. I know I'll buy it.

**1957. I would pay more!**

Posted by Micah Buckley-Farlee on 8/2/2002, 22:32:27

I would certainly pay more for a Minidisc player that uploads audio files to a computer. I think it is a near essential function.

**1958. I only bought a NetMD Recorder to upload analog recordings**

Posted by Christian Dabringhaus on 8/3/2002, 5:08:18

As a student and a tutor I was thinking about recording my lectures etc. with a NetMD to transfer them to my PC. If this would be possible you could easily make an CD covering all the information need to learn for an exam and attach it to the written material.

**1959. 30 hours recording >> 30 hours uploading**

Posted by andre.biedermann on 8/3/2002, 10:39:56

This after 30 years digital technology.  
This is no joke unfortunately.  
I say only one word: STUPID

**1960. NetMD Upload**

Posted by Gavet Mathieu on 8/3/2002, 12:10:08

Allez Sony !!  
J'en ai reve, sony vas le faire...l'upload sur les netmd !

**1961. Upload capabilities beneficial for SoHo pro users**

Posted by Sevo Stille on 8/3/2002, 13:21:06

At our station as well as many others, MD has long taken over as the primary field reportage format. Given the size and weight issues with the few existing pro portables, ultra-compact consumer portables have become a quasi standard among our staff.  
With many of our reporters doing their editing work on their home office computers (or even on the road on a laptop), the faster PC>MD transfer times of NetMD capable devices have already brought some improvement to their work flow - but given that raw material generally exceeds the volume of a edited interview quite significantly, faster upload from MD to PC would be even more desirable.

In its current state, I foresee that NetMD won't stay competitive with solid state MP3 recorders for more than a year or two - the bottom line of MP3 field recorders (arguably of low quality yet) is already down at half the price of a MZ-N1, and has instant computer file access through flash card drives.

**1962. Perfect technology for musicians wasted by bureaucracy**

Posted by Chris Holt on 8/3/2002, 13:23:55

MD is an outdated technology when compared to MP3 players. What makes it so good is the recording potential and the use of disks. the former is wasted by this restriction on uploads.

**1963. UP LOAD FUNCTION FOR MD**

Posted by BOLLINGER on 8/3/2002, 13:40:44

Pour: Sony Corporation  
Tokyo, Japan Sony Corporation  
New York, USA

De: La communauté internet des utilisateurs de Minidisc

Chers concepteurs du Minidisc Sony,  
L'extension NetMD par Sony du format Minidisc est un formidable plus et a aidé à amener le Minidisc vers l'univers en réseau de la distribution de musique en ligne. Notre pétition vise une amélioration du système NetMD du Minidisc, qui permettra aux utilisateurs de Minidisc de transférer leurs enregistrements directement du Minidisc vers le PC (upload). Nous n'avons pas l'intention de poser des difficultés ni de démarrer une campagne de harcèlement contre Sony. Au nom de tous les utilisateurs de Minidisc, nous vous demandons aimablement de tenir compte de la pétition qui suit :

considérant que  
les enregistreurs Minidisc sont idéalement adaptés à la prise de son numérique sur le terrain;  
considérant que  
les utilisateurs ont fréquemment besoin d'amener leurs enregistrements sur un ordinateur (IBM PC, Mac, Unix/Linux et autres) pour effectuer des traitements ou pour mieux les diffuser;  
considérant que  
un enregistrement Minidisc est intrinsèquement un format numérique;  
considérant que  
le seul moyen actuellement de récupérer un enregistrement Minidisc sur un ordinateur implique l'« enregistrement » du signal par la carte son de l'ordinateur, un procédé long et complexe qui dégrade le signal à cause d'une conversion aller et retour vers une forme analogique;  
considérant que  
tous les enregistreurs Minidisc étiquètent déjà leurs pistes afin de distinguer celles qui ont été enregistrées par une entrée numérique (et dont la copie est interdite) de celles qui ont été enregistrées par une entrée analogique (et dont la copie est autorisée), ceci permettant donc une fonction upload qui empêche les copies non voulues;  
considérant que  
le NetMD actuel de Sony fournit déjà une fonction de transfert direct de l'audio compressé dans le sens ordinateur vers Minidisc;

nous sous-signés,  
demandons aimablement à Sony d'étendre le NetMD afin qu'il puisse être utilisé pour transférer de l'audio compressé directement de Minidisc vers PC, fournissant ainsi aux utilisateurs un moyen rapide, pratique et sans perte de récupérer leurs enregistrements Minidisc sur PC.

SIGNATURES:  
STEPHANE BOLLINGER

**1964. make a great product perfect**

Posted by Ray lemon on 8/3/2002, 15:35:02

Come on Sony!! think about it in this world of completion for sales make Minidisc unbeatable. Only upload capabilities can achieve this.

**1965. MD technology is great... but PC uploading will make it the best**

Posted by fred fayaz on 8/3/2002, 15:46:27

I had already purchased a MZ-R70 and just over a year ago purchased a MZ-R700DPC. However, I don't see myself even purchasing another \$300 MD unit if it does not provide me with a complete recording and archiving solution.

Many people have found MD technology to be very beneficial and have discovered other ways in using that technology which was not realized at the time of it's conception. For people in the radio business it has been an invaluable tool in recording interviews, archiving production and providing the only easily portable digital recording device that is compatible with the radio and music production equipment we use (other formats like DAT and CD-R are just too expensive for out of studio use). Now that NetMD has introduced downloading of audio via USB but NOT uploading audio to the PC, I have no use for the NetMD function at this time (it doesn't justify a \$300 purchase if my older unit provide me with the same functions). Now

you, Sony (as company) may not consider my statement as being that of a typical MD user, but from my experience Minidiscs are not your typical audio format. MD users are not typical people, they want technology as versatile as possible. It is the only way that the MD community will grow. Technology that is as good as MD will only get better with the addition of PC uploading.

#### **1966. Turn on uploads**

Posted by Ryan S on 8/3/2002, 18:22:51

I have just captured a wonderful live recording of my son's clarinet recital on MD. Alas, no others will ever delight in it again because there is no way (except analog re-record) to get the audio to CD. Ok, it was my fault to assume that uploads to the PC were a given.

I am a truly loyal Sony customer and would be quite willing to shell out more money to have this capability. Next time I'll read the fine print better. Hey, but if Sony fixes the 'problem' all kinds exciting things are possible for the personal recording enthusiast.

#### **1967. I dream for it, Sony can do it!!!!!!!**

Posted by Bouakkaz on 8/3/2002, 19:59:51

PLz be cool NetMD upload could replace this ##### floppy!!!!!!! ^^

#### **1968. Re: UP LOAD FUNCTION FOR MD**

Posted by gkgjhghj on 8/3/2002, 20:01:32 , in reply to "UP LOAD FUNCTION FOR MD"

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#### **1969. Please!**

Posted by Sam Garfield on 8/3/2002, 22:52:16

Yeah, and don't try to jip us into buying new stuff. We know that the hardware is all capable and it would only require a software update! And what's with the LP only dubbing? That's weak!

#### **1970. why no upload?**

Posted by K. Powell on 8/4/2002, 0:20:30

I have been a faithful Sony customer for several years. As a musician, I am very frustrated that I can not share my own music and/or rehearsals with my peers. I recently purchased a MXS computer and a MZ-N707, both with NETMD, but I really can't do much with either. You should not put your customers in this type of situation. Please give this and the similar request of others your immediate consideration.

Dr. Kenneth E. Powell

#### **1971. Please let it be two ways..**

Posted by Jas on 8/4/2002, 0:42:55

Both uploading and downloading are important for me to exchange music between my MD and pc.

#### **1972. NetMD Uploading is Key to Explosive Sales Growth**

Posted by RON REYNOLDS on 8/4/2002, 1:00:47

I have been using MD for several years and have talked to many of my friends about the media. The lack of a quick way to upload their music from MD to their PCs has prevented most of them from seriously considering purchasing at this time. The pent up desire for this feature will KEY an unbelievable surge in sales. SONY stands to increase their sales DRAMATICALLY from providing this feature.

A quick poll of my friends show that more than 70% of them would eagerly purchase a MD solution that provide fast uploading to their PCs. This is definitely a win-win situation. SONY would be wise to expedite developing and shipping this feature to the public.

#### **1973. Uploading essential**

Posted by Aubrey Townsend on 8/4/2002, 1:38:20

I would like to use the MD as a field recorder, but for that purpose I need to be able to upload and edit files.

Aubrey Townsend

#### **1974. Extremely frustrating and poor marketing**

Posted by Jay Erickson on 8/4/2002, 1:41:05

I am a working musician in New York City and would very much like to be able to load MY music from shows etc easily and without signal degradation to my computer. I will not advise friends to go the NetMD route until this is resolved. In fact, I will discourage them from buying your product to save them the disappointment I have experienced.

#### **1975. Minidisc was made for recording and playback**

Posted by Nik Roby on 8/4/2002, 1:48:14

Minidisc is a awesome concept. I've owned 3 different Sony recorders and I love them all. The newest Minidisc I got was the 707, but there are some strange things about Minidisc tracks. I cant upload my recordings. I can not erase songs that have been transferred, nor can I erase the whole disc if it has a downloaded song. I am so impressed with the NetMD, but with a few tweaks, like smoother software and audio upload capability, no MP3 player would stand a chance.

#### **1976. I'm disappointed in Sony...**

Posted by virotik on 8/4/2002, 3:36:06

I recently bought a Sony portable Minidisc recorder. I'm happy with it EXCEPT I'm EXTREMELY disappointed that I can't upload files to my PC! It shouldn't be considered a fully functional portable recorder with a PC link if it's not 100% integrated! I was hoping to make recordings for a local coffee shop band and burn them onto CD-R with a little audio-tweaking before burning it, but the Sony corporation is making it a pain in my buttocks. Thanks, Sony, for the lack of commitment to customer satisfaction. I'm returning this annoying Minidisc recorder in a week if I don't see any changes... who's with me?

#### **1977. bring back digital transfers from mini disk !!!!!!!**

Posted by shannon on 8/4/2002, 5:49:18

bring back digital transfers from mini disk !!!!!!!

#### **1978. castrated net-MD implementation?**

Posted by Wiglev v. Wedel on 8/4/2002, 6:39:16

For the sony-vaio notebook a NetMD-drive is offered, so why is a bidirectional communication not possible???

#### **1979. MD still alive...**

Posted by André Marolf on 8/4/2002, 9:09:08

MD still alive...

#### **1980. NetMD upload -- LARGEST MISSING FEATURE**

Posted by R Pagani on 8/4/2002, 11:03:36

Well, the product line is great, but the upload is bad. Like someone said, if Apple offered a recording feature, iPod would be suitable. NetMD is nice since the MD's are interchangeable amongst MD players/recorders and other MD users. Versatility is key, the more versatile, the larger your user base. As a Mac user as well and a PC user, support from the creative community is close at hand. Firmware upgrade??? PLEASE???

Signed,

R Pagani

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#### **1981. Uploading for location recording !!!**

Posted by Phil k on 8/4/2002, 11:11:31

I purchased the Sony MZ-N1 Minidisc as a location sound recorder Vocals, Sound effects etc.

I don't understand why Sony has made it impossible to transfer recorded material to my P.C via USB?

Sony almost had the perfect unit!!!

#### **1982. C pas logique !!**

Posted by Alain on 8/4/2002, 11:52:26

Il faut que le MD puisse autoriser l'upload sur PC, car je ne peux meme pas sauvegarder les concerts que je fais (je suis trompettiste professionnel ) .... Merci à sony s il fait cette belle initiative (un peu forcée !!) (vivement le transfert de données aussi !! ex :images d'appareils photo-numériques, surtout que c en projet les appareils photo num avec les MD !!)

**1983. Not every copy is a bootleg**

Posted by Ian Hiles on 8/4/2002, 12:16:11

There are a number of legitimate reasons for uploading MD>PC: amateur bands wanting to replay performances, writers wanting to catalogue interviews, people wanting a separate digital audio track on their home videos... The x3 limit on check-out is acceptable for these purposes, but the prohibition on checking in home recorded material pre-empts that every customer is a pirate. I suppose if Sony don't release a patch, someone else will, and the initiative will be lost.

**1984. I decided not to buy Minidisc walkman**

Posted by Anton Rapp on 8/4/2002, 13:23:25

Thanks a lot for this petition!  
I think SONY must mark this impossibility as main feature of Minidisc (to not frustrate potential buyers, like me!)  
Its wonderful - like death :  
one way road...

**1985. Performers**

Posted by Benjamin on 8/4/2002, 13:24:05

I thought this would be a relatively cheap way to make high quality recordings of my band. But if I can't get them off of the Minidisc they are worthless. Please enable track upload.

**1986. NetMD no upload**

Posted by Chris on 8/4/2002, 15:32:32

I want to record lectures at university and store them on my PC it would be a big help to me.

**1987. upload our band songs to computer...**

Posted by matt grant on 8/4/2002, 15:53:47

I bought this MD player/recorder thinking it would let me transfer files from the pc to MD.. and MD to pc.. but then I found out it can't do MD to pc. this is frustrating because our band records onto Minidisc and has to record in "real-time" to get the songs into a file format  
boooooo hiss

**1988. lack of KEY reason I bought the equipment**

Posted by Dane on 8/4/2002, 16:36:59

I purchased the NetMD purely to record voice conversations and interviews, only later to realize that the upload capability to PC was left out. To store meaningful personal and academic audio files on my PC was the most important feature to have! I found this page searching for anyone that knows how to do the transfer... and I found a host of reasonable complaints here. Please make the uploading feature available as a web download as soon as possible.

**1989. really need NetMD upload**

Posted by dadann on 8/4/2002, 18:49:44

As a musician, I'd like to save my recordings on my PC.

**1990. KAM ON**

Posted by Masters on 8/4/2002, 21:15:00

WHAT ARE YOU PLAYING AT SONY?? EH??? WHAT A DISGRACE  
HOW ONE CAN ONLY DOWLOAD TO MINIDISC BUT NOT  
UPLOAD ONTO COMPUTER. TUTUT!

**1991. Definitely!**

Posted by Adam on 8/4/2002, 21:18:26

I combine my Minidisc equipment with my C-Band equipment for the best ever quality. If I can fast upload it, then BOOM! I have no reason NOT to buy all new equipment.

**1992. WHY DID I EVER MAKE SONY**

Posted by GOD on 8/4/2002, 21:25:40

I WAS HOPING ONE DAY MY CREATION SONY WOULD DO  
GOOD TO MAKE A MINIDISC TO UPLOAD MUSIC TO COMPUTER  
FOR MY HUMAN SUBJECTS!! BUT NO NO NO ONE COULD ONLY

DOWNLOAD TO MINIDISC. IM DISSAPOINTED! I SHALL NOW  
RETURN FROM HEAVEN TO GET A REFUND AND SHOWER  
THUNDER IN THE STORE!! FOR I GOD HAD WAITED 1000'S OF  
YEARS TO WAIT FOR A MINDISK TO COME OUT SO I COULD  
UPLOAD MY EXPIRED GOD SONGS TO MY HIGH TECH HEAVEN  
LAPTOP!! KUM ON SONY! SORT IT OUT! MAN MAN!

**1993. I also bought the MD thinking that it was able to upload word recordings!**

Posted by Dr Andrew Lamb on 8/4/2002, 21:32:19

I also bought this device assuming that audio recordings would be uploadable to my PC. I use this for primarily recording meetings using a microphone and wish to store and catalogue these on my PC. At this point the NETMD feels like a bit of a waste of money!

**1994. No upload, No chance to win MP3!**

Posted by Caihuihong on 8/4/2002, 22:19:26

MP3 players have quickly developed, If Sony still stays on the old position, it will be a over.

**1995. MD-net**

Posted by rev ken campbell on 8/5/2002, 0:23:09

god give us MD, not mp3

**1996. We need our freedom**

Posted by Michael Braunwart on 8/5/2002, 0:23:13

I returned the mds-z7 due to the fact that I couldn't upload songs to my PC. I own the CD's, I should have that right. I want that freedom, we all do.

**1997. Uploading**

Posted by Minidisc man on 8/5/2002, 5:00:58

With up-loading feature, it will allow users more control of the editing of their disc.

**1998. this feature is really important!**

Posted by bill on 8/5/2002, 6:06:27

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**1999. upload function = I buy your product**

Posted by Erik S on 8/5/2002, 6:39:55

market logic I guess...

**2000. Sony upload**

Posted by deniss on 8/5/2002, 6:40:48

we need it ! :-(

**2001. Frustration with an otherwise excellent tool**

Posted by Mark G. on 8/5/2002, 7:40:01

I use an MZ-R50 to record my gigs. I purchased an NetMD (MZ-N505) so I could transfer the recorded information without having to transfer (re-record) it in real time.

I must say the unit is now next to useless to me.

Going cheap I very unused MZ-N505

**2002. net-MD without uploading?**

Posted by nadlern on 8/5/2002, 7:48:31

by making net-MD's upload capable you'll open new possibilities to people and more customers to buy this portables!

uploading is necessary for students who want to edit lectures, for people that recorded live concerts etc etc...

please make NetMD upload capable!

it'll benefit your company!

**2003. WHY DID I CREATE SONY!! NOOOOOOOOOO!**

Posted by GOD on 8/5/2002, 8:03:22

I COMMAND THEEEEE SONY TO CREATE SOFTWARE WHICH CAN  
BE DOWNLOADED OFF THE NET WHICH ENABLES ME TO

UPLOAD MY CHEESY OUT OF DATE GOD MUSIC TO MY COMPUTER. EVEN JESUS HERE ISNT HAPPY, HE'S SENT HIS MD MZ-N1 TO HELL ALREADY! >:(  
AND IVE BEEN WAITING FOR 20002 YEARS FOR SONY TO SORT THIS OUT! KAM ON! EAT YOUR WEETABIX AND GET ON THE CASE.  
THAT WAY IT WILL SAVE ME FROM SKY DIVING FROM HEAVEN TO MY SONY STORE TO GET A REFUND ON MY MD MZ-N1 WHICH IS ONLY 1/2 USEFUL TO ME RIGHT NOW.

(God WITHOUT Upload capability software) >:(

(God when he can upload his music to PC eventually!) <=)

Okay I'm off for a nice smoke with my angels! TATA!

#### **2004. I agree the upload issue**

Posted by Tony Yang on 8/5/2002, 8:20:20

that is the most reason not buy the NetMD

#### **2005. Just do it !**

Posted by Bursztejn on 8/5/2002, 9:36:24

I perform live recordings of amateur musicians and singers with my MD; The results are excellent and can be put on audio CD. It is time consuming and totally illogical to re-numerize the MD recording in order to obtain a WAV file.

Sony should allow this capacity, which is probably easy to implement.

#### **2006. Allow Uploading Please**

Posted by Trax on 8/5/2002, 10:17:04

Please allow uploading. It would make getting my live recordings on my computer a lot easier.

#### **2007. Sony MZ-N1 - Ability to convert my recordings into Digital Format**

Posted by Curt Leeson on 8/5/2002, 10:55:12

I recently purchased a Minidisc (Model MZ-N1) with the express idea of being able to transfer audio recordings of conferences and speeches to digital format for editing on computer. I support the protection of copyright and controlled distribution of copyrighted material.

I have still not established if I can transfer my own information from a recording to my computer. I want to use the fast transfer to PC of my own recorded information that is not copyright protected. I also want to do this while making sure that the Minidisc cannot be accidentally deleted. I want the write-protect tab to be activated while I transfer (copy) my information from the Minidisc to my computer.

If this is not available, then I hereby appeal to Sony to provide for this functionality as soon as possible.

If this is not possible, it defeats the purpose for which I bought my Minidisc recorder.

It should be easy enough to distinguish between copyrighted recordings and my own recorded information.

I trust that you will be able to implement a software solution in the next few weeks.

#### **2008. Please**

Posted by ron on 8/5/2002, 11:31:01

please enable us to upload our own recordings.

#### **2009. Why not Direct Upload To PC????**

Posted by Philippe Martin on 8/5/2002, 11:57:05

I'm a saxophone player. I recently bought a Sony Minidisc to record my own performances as working tool for practicing. It's obvious that the impossibility of directly upload the recordings on my PC strongly limits my interest for this device. This protection doesn't have any sense, because

Minidisc is typically a device for personal use... People who really dedicate themselves to piracy of commercial recordings won't use this tool for illegal purpose when CD perfectly fulfill all their needs.

#### **2010. Upload?**

Posted by Stephen on 8/5/2002, 12:19:32

Why not. It allows for more efficient use of the equipment.

#### **2011. Please Add Upload Capability**

Posted by Stephen Sheasby on 8/5/2002, 13:12:24

I record sermons at our church and we are wanting to place that content on the web without a myriad of other equipment and hassle to do so. Having the ability to do so from a NetMD device would save time and money for those who cannot afford high end equipment. thanks for your consideration.  
Sincerely,

Stephen Sheasby

#### **2012. Add NetMD Upload**

Posted by Michael Stimets on 8/5/2002, 13:42:03

thanks

#### **2013. Need Upload. May be Sony doesn't know how to make it works**

Posted by Jim Kim on 8/5/2002, 13:55:28

Net-MD is GREAT techknowledge.  
But without Uploading function. It's a half product.  
I do record the lectures using my N1 and hard to upload to PC.  
Please add upload function...  
May be Sony don't know how to make this thing??

#### **2014. Minidisc recorded Interviews**

Posted by Glenn on 8/5/2002, 14:47:54

I record interviews on my Sony MZ-N707 MD recorder.  
But - frustratingly - I can't record them onto my hard drive for transcription or storage.

That sucks!

Please introduce this facility, and while you're at it, add Mac OS X software because PCs suck too!

Thanks

Glenn

#### **2015. Uploading via NetMD**

Posted by Doug Mandell on 8/5/2002, 15:30:54

By crippling NetMD you cripple the Minidisc format, allowing uploading from Minidisc would help make MD the preferred recordable music format worldwide.  
Please reconsider,  
Doug Mandell

#### **2016. Next Logical Step...**

Posted by steve on 8/5/2002, 16:38:42

I know you'll live up to your reputation that I've come to expect.  
Thank You for all the Great stuff so far!

#### **2017. Digital Uploading is essential**

Posted by Josh G on 8/5/2002, 17:21:04

I am an instrumentalist who frequently records my practice sessions. I think all instrumentalists would love the ability to make digital recordings which were able to be transferred to CD without the use of an expensive DAT deck or hard disc recorder.

#### **2018. Uploading Net Minidisc to a computer**

Posted by Gary Bainbridge on 8/5/2002, 18:53:02

I agree that would be a very useful facility. As an audio professional, a fast method of uploading files from Minidisc to, say, .WAV files would be

extremely useful. Whilst I can understand why this feature is not available due to Sony's desire to protect copyright (for Sony Music?) the existing SCMS bit could prevent illegal use. Also PLEASE allow full quality transfers without reduction to LP quality.

#### **2019. Restricting our MD's are also restricting your selling market.**

Posted by William Heffernan on 8/5/2002, 20:23:53

Please do not restrict the inventiveness and artisticness of users by restricting the usage of the MD. Use a little imagination and you can see the usage possibilities of the MD are endless, hence selling the Sony MD to a larger market.

#### **2020. Please give us upload**

Posted by Andrew on 8/5/2002, 21:29:18

upload will be such a cool addition. Not to mention peek ppl's interests in going with the NetMDs instead of mp3 players

#### **2021. MD uploading**

Posted by S. Redding on 8/5/2002, 22:24:41

I have 2 Minidisc home decks, and 3 Minidisc walkmans, all Sony. I was extremely disappointed that my newest NetMD will not allow me to upload to my computer. I almost feel as if Sony is trying to abandon us loyal MD users, and force us to use MP3. I have never ripped off internet music. I only make re-mixes from my extensive private CD collection.

#### **2022. Re: Restricting our MD's are also restricting your selling market.**

Posted by S. Redding on 8/5/2002, 22:28:16, in reply to "Restricting our MD's are also restricting your selling market."

An excellent point. Let the marketplace decide if the technology is economically viable. I believe Sony could really increase MD hardware sales if they allowed uploading to PCs.

#### **2023. Sony rocks / why stop there?>>> MD uploading**

Posted by not saying on 8/5/2002, 22:58:33

Sony, your stuff is the best, however you could do MD uploading, it would make computer audio transfers easy.

#### **2024. Uploading helps people who take live recording and edit through computer**

Posted by Lndmi on 8/5/2002, 23:11:47

Uploading helps people who take live recording and edit through computer. Also, it can save our time to wait record the audio track back to the computer wave file.

#### **2025. Sony or Sharp who will be first?**

Posted by Patric Early on 8/6/2002, 1:41:38

Although Sony is clearly the gold standard of a/v products, surely the competitive nature of the informed consumer demands some attention. I buy the best that the market will provide. I have recently purchased my third Sony MD product. But, if Sharp issues a better product...

#### **2026. NetMD Upload**

Posted by Sylvio LAURENT on 8/6/2002, 2:28:27

Dear Sony Minidisc Designers:  
Of habit I am especially satisfied with creations of Sony, because it corresponds a lot to what I wanted.  
Unfortunately, big is my disappointment to note that this time Sony didn't hold his promise: "I have him IMAGINES and SONY MADE him!".  
Only one detail misses so that it is again true: To take the liberty to recover my own MZ-N707 registration on my PC in numeric".  
My confidence is acquired you, thank you for advance  
Sylvio.

#### **2027. MD Upload Necessary for Quality Business**

Posted by Ken Jackson on 8/6/2002, 2:41:38

Please allow the upload - I shoot weddings and other events which require the best quality - I want it to be all digital! Please listen to your customers and give us the capability!

#### **2028. Looking for other technologies**

Posted by Harri Keto on 8/6/2002, 3:17:31

My old MD recorder was broken and I was about to buy a new one. No will look for other technologies.

I was very disappointed when I found out that NetMD will not allow me to upload to my computer. I've been using MD for live recordings of a band and a choir for training purposes. Mastering and mixing the recordings is done with the computer. BUT IT'S VERY FRUSTRATING TO RECORD VIA AUDIOCARD. IT TAKES TOO MUCH TIME TO GET INTO WORK. COME ON SONY!!!! Today I think I'll go to by a digital recorder with all necessary technology in it. It's not SONY until SONY have better technology from me. SONY, YOU ARE LOOSING EASY MONEY!! Your MD technology is so close what I need.

#### **2029. I need it to**

Posted by Laurent HUBERT on 8/6/2002, 3:57:13

I use to sing with friends and record our performance with Sony Minidisc. But to create a CD (which is the most common audio format) we have to transfer our audio via an audio cable and it is really long.

I bought a NetMD just to be able to transfer from MD to PC.

I think I am gonna return my MD to my seller, because he did not warn me that it was impossible to transfer from MD to PC.

#### **2030. Stop limiting potential**

Posted by Linh Nguyen on 8/6/2002, 3:59:48

This is one of the few items that has held back MD.. especially in the US. Sony, you need to start listing to your users rather than the RIAA. I too would like to record lectures, my friends who play guitar, and be able to upload them to pc. MD is so much better than anything else, but this missing feature is holding it back (it wouldn't hurt to give your software a look at too).

#### **2031. Yes !!!! We all need it :-))**

Posted by Jurij Kienbaum on 8/6/2002, 4:29:00

My header says all what I wanted to say

#### **2032. COME ON, SHARP, BE THE FIRST!!!**

Posted by Gus on 8/6/2002, 6:04:51

Sharp, come on! This is your chance to be the first in this race in the 21st century. There is a huge queue out there waiting to clinch your latest technology, if you can BOLDLY take this BIG step ahead of sluggish SONY!! Can't you SEE??? There is no space for sluggishness in the 21st century!!!  
So SHARP, come on!!! You can do it, NOW!!! Give us a software to upload MINIDISC to the PC!!!

#### **2033. transcription using voice recognition technology**

Posted by Lee Chee Hoong on 8/6/2002, 8:47:14

I bought a MZ-R909 basically to upload to PC to transcribe my church's sermon using voice recognition technology. It is important that the voice file be digital and that the upload speed be very fast. Sony should enable not only NetMD but all Minidiscs to upload their speech and dictation to computers for further processing.

Lee Chee Hoong  
Tuesday 6 August 2002  
Yangon, Myanmar

#### **2034. NetMD Upload!**

Posted by Quirin Hauenberger on 8/6/2002, 8:49:34

I use my NetMD Minidisc Recorder for recordings of live music as a technician & roadie for live bands. They want CDs of their concerts, but I can't use the USB connection to the PC for uploading the songs. I bought THIS MD Recorder because I thought this is possible. I NEED this feature - and I think it would be possible to manage the rights of copyrighted songs and only be able to upload self-recorded songs!  
Regards,

Quirin Hauenberger

**2035. Upload is my Dream.**

Posted by George on 8/6/2002, 8:50:01

To Upload recorded information data to PC had been my dream. Wish it comes true soon.

**2036. Without upload, NetMD is useless for me**

Posted by Ricard Wanderlöf on 8/6/2002, 9:34:14

I make a lot of original recordings, from lectures and the choir I sing in, to ambient sounds of nature etc. I thought NetMD sounded like a good idea at first, and I was considering getting a Sony to replace my current Aiwa MD recorder. However, after having learnt that NetMD does not permit me to transfer audio from MD to PC, I decided not to go this route (instead I'm considering getting a digital soundcard to communicate with my Technics MD deck).

**2037. Coming second is not good enough**

Posted by D Tam on 8/6/2002, 10:23:48

All those familiar with Michael E. Porter (professor of business, Harvard) you would know strategic positioning is one of if not the most important factors for a successful business. And the NetMD upload function is a perfect way to gain it. Sure other manufacturers will catch on but like a quote I heard "we all remember the first person on the moon, but who remembers the second?", so I finish off by saying, come on Sharp, are you not sick of always being in second place?

**2038. upload - A must!!!**

Posted by Henrik Rydell on 8/6/2002, 10:32:08

I have a lot of mic recordings from parties and stuff that I want to upload and send as mp3 to my friends!!!!

**2039. No buy Sony until No upload**

Posted by Chaporon on 8/6/2002, 10:39:40

When you do a record of your voice, you must to upload her. I have a Sony Mini Disc and if the upload stay not available, I don't brought SONY.

**2040. UPLOAD PLEASE**

Posted by tom on 8/6/2002, 10:43:04

typical Sony, why ? remember they also are a record company !

**2041. MD-net**

Posted by peter on 8/6/2002, 10:43:39

I bought the player just to record interviews and that does not seem to work, please help.

**2042. NetMD upload capability**

Posted by Owen Abbe on 8/6/2002, 10:45:01

I was planning to buy the MZ-N707 because of the NetMD software until I learned that it does not have upload capacity. I will have to find another way to make high quality recordings to import onto my computer.

**2043. upload is a must have feature**

Posted by Jeremie Van Renterghem on 8/6/2002, 11:56:00

If I choose MD, it is for live recording. If I cannot upload what is recorded, what is the use ?

**2044. (no subject)**

Posted by Dave D on 8/6/2002, 12:22:58

C'mon now I have recorded several shows (with permission) and need a high quality upload option for my MZn505

**2045. Absolutely**

Posted by Mike B on 8/6/2002, 12:27:39

As a public radio producer - this feature would be invaluable!

**2046. I am waiting for a reasonable uploadable device**

Posted by FHuntzicker on 8/6/2002, 12:30:38

I have been waiting to buy a MD recorder for 3 years. It must have a digital upload. I only want to upload my own microphone recordings. As with most people, the lack of upload capability is a tremendous inconvenience. I am almost ready to buy an MP3 recorder, but would prefer to buy a Sony MD if it were available.

**2047. Uploading would make MD the ultimate field recorder**

Posted by Dale Greer on 8/6/2002, 12:37:21

The MD format's functionality as a field recorder makes it a natural for the rapid uploading of digital audio to a computer for editing and post production. Why this feature hasn't been offered yet is a mystery to me. You will sell many more units if this pent-up demand is met. Also -- please add NetMD support for Mac OS X and Linux.

**2048. uploading NetMD is good also...**

Posted by jake on 8/6/2002, 13:30:11

they should make a firewire version of the NetMD recorders, USB is too slow

**2049. NetMD uploading could also support Mac OS X and Linux**

Posted by Angela Hurd on 8/6/2002, 13:39:54

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**2052. Sony has a history of doing this!!!**

Posted by E.collins on 8/6/2002, 14:06:32

I have been using Sony products for a long time and as far as MD products are concerned, there has always been something to lessen the product's functionality in one way or another (like no optical outs on most MD Decks). I think this has to with Sony's obsession with trying to stop the world from pirating music. (after all, they have a record label of their own, so pirating does affect their bottom line.) A somewhat unfortunate result of this is that they at the same time manage to turn people off to there products. I personally prefer MD over CD let alone MP3, but because Sony has chosen not to market it well, and to piss consumers off by limiting the functionality of the product, I think this will be yet another superior format that will eventually fail because of Sony's policies.

Do you all remember the beta max... nuff said!!!

Minidisc is way too awesome a format to have it slip through the cracks without having people recognize it's true potential, so Sony if your listening... Please don't screw this one up!!!

**2051. midi and sound recordings**

Posted by David Major on 8/6/2002, 13:54:47

There should be a way that Sony can allow uploading of midi and amateur sound recordings without jeopardizing the copyright of professional musicians

**2052. Make it so...**

Posted by Jens Schaller on 8/6/2002, 14:20:22

...but be sure to make it fast

**2053. our community student radio needs it**

Posted by ben kline on 8/6/2002, 14:32:17

MD is the only cheap digital format accessible by all levels of audio producer. We stream audio on campus servers and broadcast on an AM antenna operated by the campus owned NPR affiliate. Please do not restrict free speech in the name of corporate control of the producer/artist market!

**2054. PLease Let it Upload!!!**

Posted by Claudio on 8/6/2002, 14:39:13

pLEASE ALLOW IT AND MAKE MORE \$\$\$\$

**2055. Please add Mac Support too**

Posted by andrew on 8/6/2002, 14:50:10

Please consider adding Mac support for us Mac users...it would make NetMD more flexible and even more popular, because the majority of the audio industry uses Macintosh...

**2056. Legalise it!**

Posted by Hantouche on 8/6/2002, 15:06:50

NetMD is a great technology. Please let us use it at its maximum possibilities!  
Thx

**2057. OpenMG**

Posted by Matteo (italy) on 8/6/2002, 15:38:47

Fix it!!! Too many bugs.

**2058. Uploading on NetMD**

Posted by James on 8/6/2002, 15:45:08

To Sony,  
I respect your decisions so far on the MD technology. The inclusion of NetMD has been by far the best possible move towards showing what this medium is capable of.  
I do feel though that the exclusion of the ability to upload music is a hindrance to your ideal and that it will ultimately prevent people from using choosing your product, especially with CD-RW's out there.  
I sincerely hope that you will include the ability in the near future, as this will help out not only your consumers, but your business as well.

**2059. Upload disaster**

Posted by Humphrey Murphy on 8/6/2002, 15:55:03

I bought the MD to record an expedition in the Himalayas for a radio show. I now have 6 hours of sound (Voice)and editing software that are practically useless. If I had known that uploading was not possible I would not have bought the unit (Sales man at the store said that of course I could record it back to the computer.)  
Stop taking the easy way out and open up your market share, there are other ways to prevent piracy.

**2060. Please add uploading feature**

Posted by Susan Sevier on 8/6/2002, 16:23:58

Whether or not you know it, most music students live and die by your Minidisc recorders. But we need to be able to upload our own performances. Please, build a complete unit that is really useful.

**2061. Uploading the Minidisc to my pc**

Posted by Pete Lips on 8/6/2002, 16:36:34

I decided to pop for the best MD Sony offered. Now after recording my own gigs, I find that I can't even upload them digitally to my computer! What a joke. I'm pissed off and now I am looking for another product that can perform the way I want it to. Lame job, Sony!

**2062. Missing Feature - Uploading**

Posted by CY on 8/6/2002, 17:23:01

I would really like the ability to upload to my PC strictly for the purpose of reorganizing disks. It would be very much like the ability to move tracks to other disks for the purposes of keeping all of my music by one artist/genre on a disk.

**2063. Unfortunate barrier for musicians**

Posted by Paul R on 8/6/2002, 17:32:48

I, like many of the petitioners here, require the ability to upload live performances recorded to Minidisc into my pc for editing & archiving. My new Sony MZ-N707 is an excellent product and I am very happy with the sound quality but I am considering returning the product for a device which will allow for a two way transfer of my recordings. I love Sony products but this sort of limitation is forcing me to consider switching to another brand for my recording needs.

**2064. Disappointed**

Posted by Gulakur Zachariasen on 8/6/2002, 17:44:03

I must say that I was very disappointed when I found out, that it wasn't possible to transfer personal recordings to my PC. This was the reason for buying my MZ-N707. I and all the other members of my choir sincerely urge you to make the necessary changes, so we can all share our excellent digital recordings.

**2065. Audio Upload And PC File Transfer**

Posted by Rodney Topp on 8/6/2002, 17:48:38

Thank you, Sony, for a good product. But - the NetMD is a device with tons of potential. You are not going to stop the determined copyright infringers. It is fine and good to make sure you don't make it easy for them, however don't cripple your product for the rest of us.

**2066. audio upload from Net MZ 707 to PC**

Posted by Richard Barbera on 8/6/2002, 17:59:05

I am very disappointed that I can not upload my personal home and field recordings made with a mic or line input on my MZ 707, to my PC. I was surprised to learn this only after I had already purchased the unit. I would not have bought it if I had known this. I intend to shop around and purchase one from another manufacturer that will allow me to upload my recordings to a PC.

**2067. I took it for granted that the MD-player supported upload too. Very disappointed :-)**

Posted by J.Steinthorsson on 8/6/2002, 18:50:39

Come on guys...

It seems very strange to have all the great features of "OpenMG" but not including the most obvious feature of them all.....UPPLOAD!

**2068. please consider adding upload**

Posted by timm mason on 8/6/2002, 20:04:55

it's an easy way to edit field recordings

**2069. Uploading**

Posted by Paris on 8/6/2002, 20:19:23

Adding uploading to the feature set would increase the applications available to the MD feature set.  
I strongly recommend adding this feature to the MD.

Thanks

**2070. No upload makes your product useless**

Posted by Michael Dobony on 8/6/2002, 20:47:09

My son bought a portable Sony MD player/recorder. I was hoping to use it to record seminars, convert to MP3, and put them on CD. I was also planning on purchasing another unit for masters of weekly sermons. Unfortunately, because the unit will not upload from the MD player/recorder, it is useless to me. As a result, I will have to be looking for something different. I am not sure now that I can trust a Sony product to do what is needed. Please add this vital function to you otherwise excellent product. Without the upload feature, it is as useful as a car without an engine!  
Sincerely,  
Michael Dobony

**2071. NetMD**

Posted by jf. craig on 8/6/2002, 20:56:24

at least make the fact that it doesn't upload obvious...I've been using MD technology for years and was overwhelmed that my mic recordings could now be uploaded digitally...but after purchasing the 707 I realized otherwise.  
if you're not going to fix this, at least inform your sales staff about the technology.

as it stands I have a new MD that's inferior to my others, but was marketed otherwise.

**2072. disappointed parent**

Posted by Jean S. on 8/6/2002, 21:23:36

I am so upset that I won't be able to listen to my son's clarinet recital. My husband was supposed to have made a copy of it on our Sony DAT tape recorder, but he had technical problems. My son had made a copy on his Minidisc that came out perfectly, but then we find out you can not upload it on to the computer.

#### **2073. NetMD Upload**

Posted by David Leyda on 8/6/2002, 22:01:08

Please enabled upload capabilities for the NetMD player. We use it to record our church sermons and need a convenient way to upload the audio to our website.

#### **2074. NetMD upload capability**

Posted by Dave Blair on 8/6/2002, 23:16:36

I bought my MD-NZ707 as a digital recording unit. It surpasses other MP3 players for exactly that reason - that it can record. I often make use of this feature to record live (with the artist's permission) at local open-mic sessions. Unfortunately, Minidisc is not widespread enough that it would be practical to distribute copies of a night's music on that format alone. With the current policy/limitations of the NetMD operations, however, it's impossible to let many others hear their music on a CD or mp3 format. With MD becoming more and more popular of a digital recording medium, this limitation will hold back its progress as more and more people see what they cannot do. Please add NetMD upload to future policies and products. Thank you!

#### **2075. Upload for medical conferences**

Posted by Mark Pham, M.D. on 8/7/2002, 0:41:02

I use my Sony MZ-N707 for recording lectures at medical conferences. Upload would be useful, because I can convert them into MP3 and archive them on CDs along with my notes. One medical conference typically lasts about two days with around fifteen two-hour lectures. I don't have the time to record these lectures, then come home and record them again through line-in on my soundcard, and I seriously don't have the money to buy six or seven Minidiscs every time I go to a conference. I'm a resident, not a surgeon who works a week and gets the rest of the year off to get naked in Tahiti. I still live on ramen noodles and drive a dinky old Corolla for crying out loud. Please Sony, save me some time and money... at least until I become an attending.

#### **2076. Meeting audio uploads would open up a whole new market**

Posted by Dan Endthoff on 8/7/2002, 0:48:44

I currently have a MZ-N707 that I use to play music and lectures. I would love to be able to throw away my little tape recorder and use the same device to record meetings and lectures. Uploading at digital speed would be a wonderful addition to this product and from what I understand would not jeopardize the security of the product in any manner.

#### **2077. Fast way to move recordings to pc**

Posted by Jaakko Aalto on 8/7/2002, 3:28:39

Weekly I spend several hours in mastering recordings on my PC. I hoped, this will be nice help for saving time when transferring data to my pc but with no upload capability no time saving, even though there is USB and other things ready connected!  
Download ok for teenagers, but for more advanced hobby-use upload is necessary...

#### **2078. MINIDISC UPLOAD - Sony, Please tell Me**

Posted by Matt on 8/7/2002, 3:57:57

This I don't understand. There is no Minidisc uploadability to PC. Why? Is it only Minidiscs that can record? Are there not other ways to upload to PC already? What is the size of all the music files that have been uploaded to the PC? Will Minidisc be the first in upload technology? If upload has already been in operation, why is the MINIDISC lagging behind? Please tell me.

From this long petition, SONY, you will find that only your Minidisc customers are crying for upload facility - NOT those who already can upload through other means!!! So is upload the real problem or do you need good programmers??? Or what exactly is the problem here???

#### **2079. We need this now!**

Posted by Aron on 8/7/2002, 4:20:33

Stop being silly!

#### **2080. uploading - a serious oversight**

Posted by Ian Griffiths on 8/7/2002, 4:29:07

I, and my other friends who have Minidisc recorders, all record "live" music (whether it be just us mucking around with instruments, or concerts) to Minidisc. I think it is a serious limitation of NetMD that an upload capability was left out. It would be extremely useful to be able to upload the recorded songs to the computer, then burn them to a CD, thus providing "amateur" musicians a way to make high quality records cheaply. I can see that Sony would be concerned about the piracy issues (you could record a CD you don't "own" to Minidisc using a digital connection, then upload it to the computer and burn it to CD) however I thought that the Minidisc specification had provisions for copy protection. I'm not sure about this but I think that if you record something from an analogue source you can make one generation of digital copies from it. Since most of the use of uploading would be uploading things recorded from a microphone Sony could implement it in such a way as to only allow uploads of music which was recorded from an analogue source (i.e. not via digital connections).

#### **2081. Upload is supposed to be there until...**

Posted by Andrea Costanza on 8/7/2002, 6:46:13

As Sony knows, the upload function is believed to be there in NetMD recorders until you come to the bad news it isn't.  
Dear SONY, bad surprises on a format that is more that 10 years old is not in your STYLE.

Andrea

#### **2082. NetMD uploading**

Posted by Tom Mertens on 8/7/2002, 6:51:45

To: Sony Corporation, Tokyo, Japan

Dear Sony Minidisc Designers:

Sony's NetMD extension is a wonderful boon to the Minidisc format and has helped bring Minidisc into the networked world of online music distribution. Our petition seeks an enhancement to the Minidisc's NetMD facility to enable Minidisc users to move their audio recordings directly from Minidisc to PC. It is not our intention to cause general trouble or engage in ad hominem harassment of Sony. On behalf of all Minidisc users, we kindly ask that you heed our petition, as follows:

WHEREAS,  
Minidisc recorders are ideally suited to making digital field recordings, and  
WHEREAS,  
Users frequently need to move recordings they make onto a computer (PC, Mac, Unix/Linux or otherwise) for processing or further distribution, and

WHEREAS,  
A Minidisc recording is intrinsically a digital format, and  
WHEREAS,

The only existing method of moving Minidisc recordings onto a computer involves "recording" the signal through the computer's sound card, a lengthily and cumbersome process that generally degrades the signal by converting it to analog format and back to digital form, and

WHEREAS,  
All Minidisc recorders already flag their recordings to indicate those tracks that have been recorded through the digital inputs (and are copy-protected) and those that have been recorded through the analog inputs (and are not copy-protected), thereby allowing the upload function to prevent unwanted copying, and  
WHEREAS,  
Sony's existing NetMD function already provides for direct transfers of compressed audio from computer to Minidisc,

WE THE UNDERSIGNED,  
kindly request that Sony extend NetMD so that it can be used for uploading compressed audio directly from Minidisc to PC, thereby providing users with a quick, convenient, and lossless method of moving their Minidisc recordings to PC.

#### **2083. NetMD for Backup**

Posted by Angy on 8/7/2002, 8:26:53

Another way to use a NetMD and then improving sales for Sony, is to use the Minidisc like a low cost backup disc. I love multimedia, I play music, I do design for children. I know that I can use NetMD like a burning CD only with an upload. Not yet then.

#### **2084. NetMD Upload allows backwards compatibility**

Posted by James Koutsis on 8/7/2002, 8:50:06

I have a Sony MD changer in my car that is unfortunately not MDLP compatible. However I like to use LP2 for my portable MZ-N1 because of the fast NetMD download times and the space it saves on the MD itself. So I keep double sets of MDs; one set for my walkman in LP2 and one set for the car in SP. However I cannot easily transfer the music I had already recorded before and make these duplicates because I cannot upload with NetMD. I feel that uploading capabilities increases the ease of integration of the NetMD format and allows the wonders of NetMD to be used on earlier non-NetMD MD equipment.

#### **2085. Let the people upload their own recordings to PC**

Posted by Mikko Veijonen on 8/7/2002, 9:15:26

Our band has recorded our own music with MZ-707. We'd like to spread our music via Internet. But now it's very difficult, because we cannot use USB upload.

#### **2086. I wanna record my own songs!**

Posted by Will Robinson on 8/7/2002, 9:30:32

This is a great piece of equipment, it is great for downloading Mp3s etc. It has everything except the upload function! I only found out that I could not put my recordings onto the PC after I purchased it. PLEASE SONY...SORT IT OUT!

#### **2087. MD Update, ...**

Posted by Robert Bulkaen on 8/7/2002, 11:32:39

, ... and with Linux support, my dream and I hope also the dream of Sony.

#### **2088. Please allow uploads**

Posted by Bill Endter on 8/7/2002, 11:34:55

I mix sound and do live recordings at our church. I would like to upload the recordings to a PC without having to use the headphone output. Please allow USB uploads of analog recordings.  
Bill Endter

#### **2089. You were dreaming about it, Sony did it !!!**

Posted by Karim ZEBICHE on 8/7/2002, 11:50:01

It was more or less your advertising title a few years ago. For this time, I'm carry on buying Sony products. I've bought the NetMD Sony MZN 707 a week ago. It has been a difficult choice between the large number of products to carry on everywhere your favorite music (Archos, MPMan, Apple Ipod ....). Today, I'm greatly disappointed to understand I won't be able to manage my MZN 707 like an external drive for my PC, to do simple drag and drops in both ways. You can do it with all the products above. So carry on the innovations and let us upload our files too. Thanks in advance.

Karim

#### **2090. Critical for MD Survival & Expansion**

Posted by David Leete on 8/7/2002, 11:58:21

I've been using the MD format for many years now and have always been impressed with it. Several years ago when I first bought a MD Walkman there were no real competitors apart from DAT and at that time DCC. However, MD had many clear advantages so my decision to purchase a unit seemed very straightforward. Since then I've purchased various units and have been using MD not only for storing my extensive catalogue of music, but also for Dj'ing. What has always impressed me is the way Sony has innovated and always brought out new functions, made size reductions etc. in order to improve its MD products.

The problem now is that MD has more direct competitors than it used to and thus people (such as me) who may have always been committed to buying MD units now have to think twice and assess the other options (MP3 etc.). In my opinion the introduction of Net-MD drastically improved the whole MD package and allowed it to compete better with its rivals. However, the lack of an 'Upload' capability is a big disadvantage for many users and I feel that if Sony doesn't rectify this soon then only the die-hard MD users will continue to support the format.

I would therefore please request that you introduce the upload function on new units so that MD products can continue to thrive and at the same time compete with their rivals.

#### **2091. Not just for play**

Posted by Phil on 8/7/2002, 12:05:39

It would be of great advantage to be able to upload from the NetMD to the PC. It would enable meeting minutes to be recorded to CD in a compressed format for long term storage without the hassle of recording via analogue and recompressing to another format before burning to a CD. Please consider the advantage this would offer the business world of board meeting, conferences etc.

#### **2092. I was deceived!!!**

Posted by injektilo on 8/7/2002, 12:36:59

I want SP quality and I wanna upload it to my pc. I recorded the tracks, why can I not have it in SP? I will not settle for analog recordings!!

#### **2093. Uploading for MD?**

Posted by matt mcadam on 8/7/2002, 12:42:20

When I go to rock concerts, I want to be able to upload my shows that I record to the hard drive. Why would I have to do it in real time?

#### **2094. Please Fix These**

Posted by Andrew Faull on 8/7/2002, 13:13:27

I too am interested in live recording and uploading it into the PC digitally. Also, I have recorded a large number of vinyl recordings (many out of print) and have them stored as Monkey Audio Compression (APE) files. Could you please add this ability to your NetMD software?

#### **2095. Please add both upload and support for Mac OS X**

Posted by Brian Scott Oplinger on 8/7/2002, 13:27:38

Please add these things.

#### **2096. Product improvement**

Posted by Gloria on 8/7/2002, 13:50:52

Uploading would make a great product the best!

#### **2097. Sony**

Posted by paolo rossi on 8/7/2002, 14:07:58

I promise, I'll never buy any other SONY product.....

#### **2098. (no subject)**

Posted by a.georgeson on 8/7/2002, 14:15:26

this would greatly enhance the functionality of the NetMD, and I'm sure most people bought the product for this purpose

#### **2099. You will earn, not loose.**

Posted by Tor Skude on 8/7/2002, 14:20:02

Seeing as you are one of the biggest record companies, you think you will loose money to music pirates. That is not the case. You will sell so many more units, it will compensate piracy (which is possible anyway).

#### **2100. Please add both upload and support for Mac**

Posted by Len Deddo on 8/7/2002, 14:57:29

Please add both upload and support for Mac OS X

#### **2101. It will help the sales of MD here in the U.S.**

Posted by Oliver F. on 8/7/2002, 15:07:01

I guarantee it..

#### **2102. mini disc uploading**

Posted by Diana Gay on 8/7/2002, 16:12:30

Your mini disc players/recorders are wonderful, but would be even better if you could upload music. Please do this as soon as you can.

#### **2103. I want to use MD to record my guitar!**

Posted by Mike on 8/7/2002, 16:14:46

I am a musician, and being able to record myself playing guitar would be of huge benefit to me. As it is, I won't buy a mic because I don't need it, but if Sony would update their software to allow for song uploading, I would definitely purchase a Sony Mic. Sony products rule in quality overall, so let's improve their support, too!

#### **2104. bring back all your Sonys**

Posted by lucas on 8/7/2002, 16:29:32

I have read many articles about the NetMD, bought it and than.... were the hell is the possibility to get my tracks back on pc. in the manual you could read the following "you can return the tracks recorded on the NETMD back to the hard drive of your....." ---> I think they are don't tell us the truth. I'm not in America but I think Sony gives a ##### about us customers, they aren't interested in our petition. it's time to do something.

#### **2105. Upload, please!**

Posted by Berto on 8/7/2002, 16:53:18

I am very disappointed that I can not upload my personal home and field recordings made with a mic or line input on my MZ 707, to my PC. Please, let us to upload our music to pc!!!

#### **2106. We need to upload**

Posted by Robert on 8/7/2002, 17:47:35

I have been a fan of the Minidisc since 1994. As a fan of the Minidisc, I would like for you to implement an upload function. As a student this would have saved me time for my studying. Please consider this option.

#### **2107. Transferring TO PC is what is needed**

Posted by Gary Tait on 8/7/2002, 17:49:19

And to Mac also.

#### **2108. Uploading MD to PC**

Posted by C. R. McCandless, Jr. on 8/7/2002, 22:09:59

Some of my MD's are getting old and I would like to transfer the music to newer discs as to prevent memory lost. It would also aid the process of re-arrangement between discs (some of my collection remain only on MD format, I have eliminated much of the hard copies to make room for newer titles- catch my drift). Make it happen so I can make my soundtrack happen! Rock on.

#### **2109. Upload analog audio**

Posted by Michael Meade on 8/7/2002, 22:47:05

As someone who purchased this primarily for field recordings, I am now returning this product for a full refund, as it appears that uploading is not a possibility in the near future. Please reconsider.

#### **2110. Please help honest customers handle their legitimate recordings**

Posted by KH on 8/7/2002, 23:49:59

Dear Sony,  
I bought your NetMD device without being aware that I would be unable to transfer recordings I had made via a microphone onto Minidisc to my PC. You would make many people's lives a lot easier by allowing users to transfer their self-made recordings. NetMD is too great a product to let its capabilities go to waste.

#### **2111. PLEASE add uploading**

Posted by Laurie on 8/7/2002, 23:50:45

Like most of the others who have already signed, I bought my Minidisc recorder for the purpose of making live recordings and expected to be able to transfer them to CD. I am impressed with the sound quality and capabilities of my Sony recorder. However, I am extremely disappointed that I cannot upload to my PC, and so are a Middle School chorus, a women's chorus, members of our church musical group, and parishioners who would like copies of my sermons.

I am also frustrated because it took me several weeks of promising all these various people that I would make copies for them just as soon as I figured out how to do so. It is not at all clear from the documentation that this is not possible. I was sure I could do it and thought was just missing something.

PLEASE add uploading for those of us who want to record ourselves and have no intention of violating copyright.

Thank you!

#### **2112. Uploading Feature**

Posted by Michael on 8/8/2002, 1:02:59

I don't have a NetMD, had been looking into whether to get a NetMD or a mp3 player.. If NetMD supports uploading then I'll get NetMD for sure.

#### **2113. barrier for musicians**

Posted by Allan Lim on 8/8/2002, 1:38:23

I feel exactly the same way Paul R does, as a musician the ability to upload music digitally to a computer is very important.

#### **2114. Audio Upload from PC/Mac to NZ 1**

Posted by Klenner Tom on 8/8/2002, 2:09:45

Hallo Sony Designers & Programmers,  
please modify the Open MG, that is allowed, transferring Audio Material from MD-Porti to PC.

And more important: Please write a OPEN MG Prog for Mac-Users!!! I'M very disappointed about this.  
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Greetz Tom

#### **2115. Sony: Please Backup and UPLOAD some money!**

Posted by Brent on 8/8/2002, 5:52:23

Time is money. An UPLOAD feature would save lots of time for existing Minidisc users, encourage more people to take up the format, and generate lots of money for Sony!

An UPLOAD feature, as proposed, could be a solution to the most annoying aspect of the Minidisc format: Digital copying causes all track marks to shift back in time by 1 to 3 frames, so that the very last part of the previous track is moved and becomes the start of the current track.

I am not convinced that the current NetMD system (without UPLOAD) will allow a user to create a backup of their (potentially very large) NetMD music database and re-install it on a new PC if the original PC is stolen or suffers a hard drive failure, but:

An UPLOAD feature, as proposed, would also provide an easy method of creating a safe backup without further infringement of copyright (I, like many other users, have a large collection of irreplaceable recordings held on Minidisc. My collection was created over many years using a standard ATRAC portable MD recorder and it includes: bird song, lecture notes, the musical talent of my kids, sound pressure level tests, and homemade unique Minidisc tracks to control animated displays at a theme park. I have even used voice-activated record mode to locate the very elusive deathwatch-beetle!).

The Minidisc format is excellent in all other respects. Thank you.