

Ripping music from CDs to 128 Kbps MP3 files using Windows Vista or XP Media Player 11

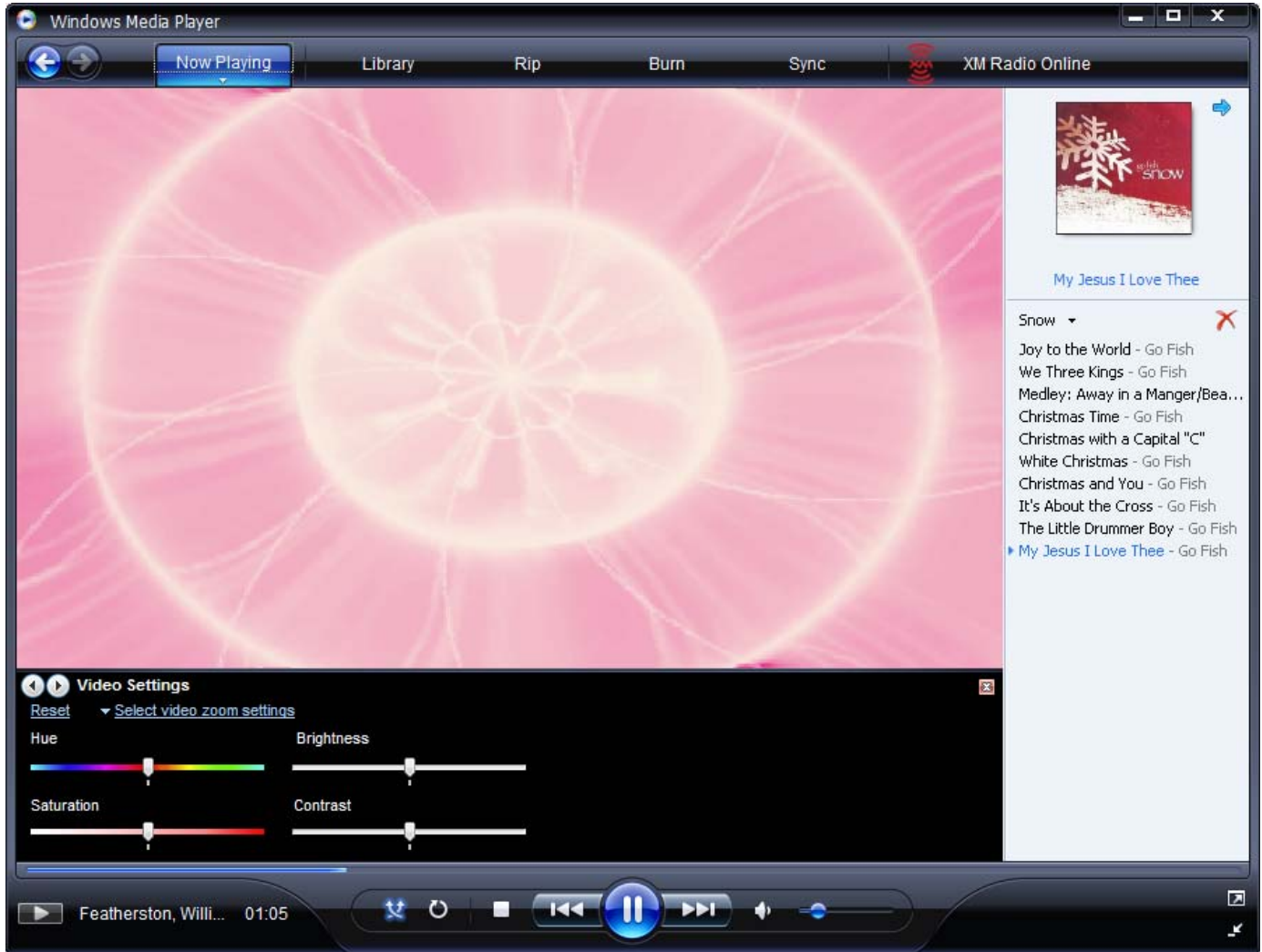
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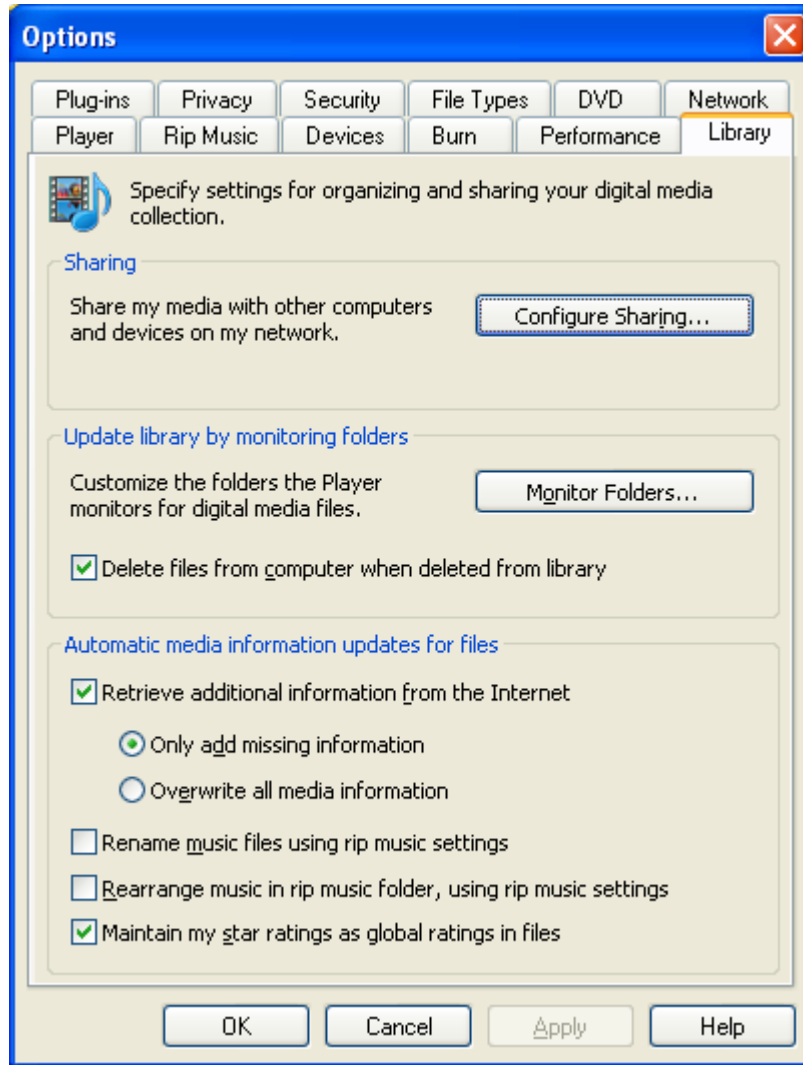
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Ripping CD Songs to MP3s

- (1) Insert the CD into the computer.
- (2) Media Player should start automatically, if not, start Media Player (*Start ► All Programs ► Windows Media Player*), right-click in the top bar (title bar) of the Media Player window and select *Play ► DVD, VCD or CD Audio ► <the drive with your CD>* You will see a window like the following and the CD may be playing. If the CD is playing, stop it by pressing the Stop block (■) on the lower center-left.



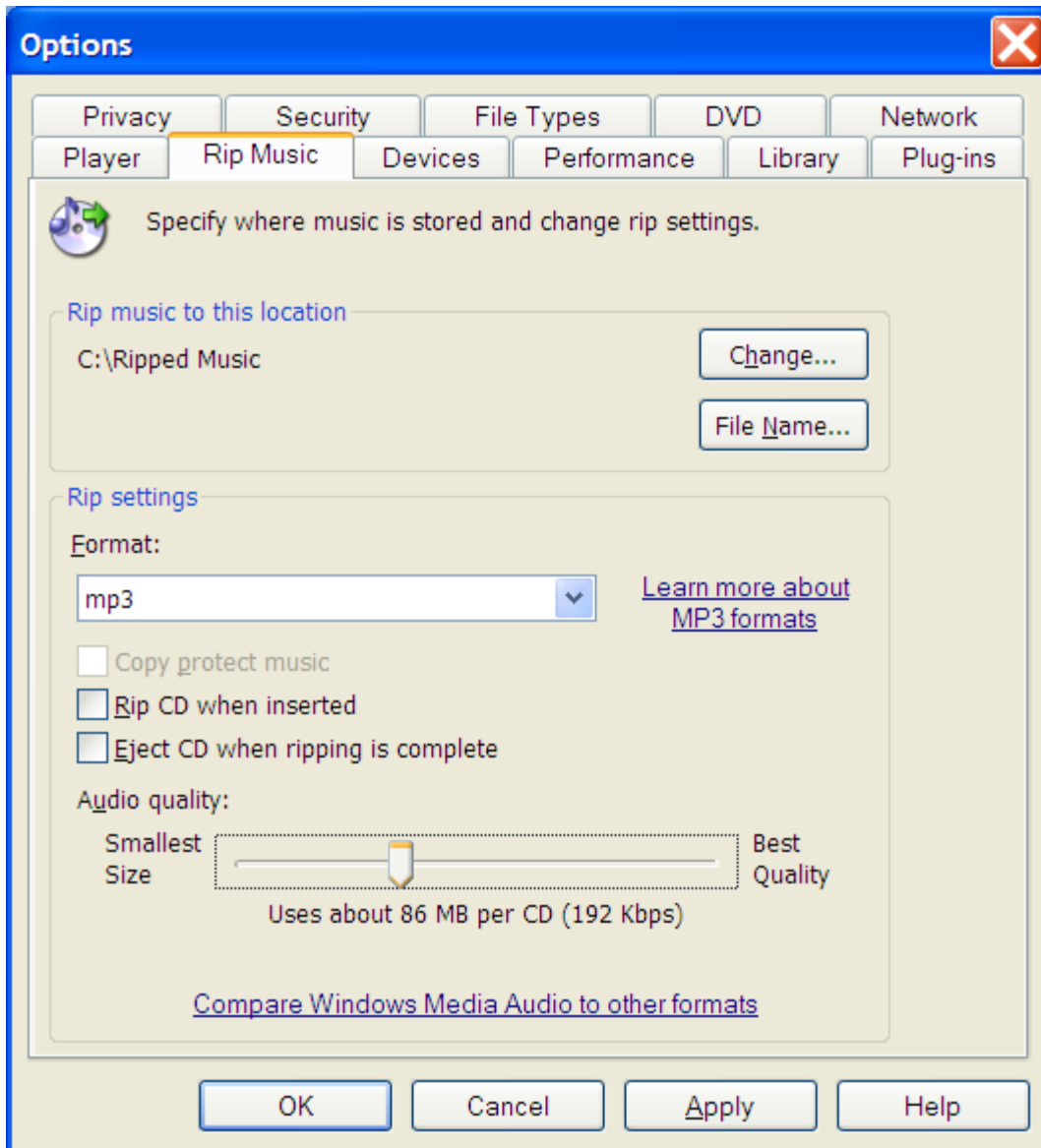
(3) Optional: If you don't see the name of the CD or song titles and are connected to the Internet, Media Player can fetch this information for you. Click the "Library" tab and choose "More options ...". Click the "Library" tab in the window that pops up and click the "Retrieve additional information from the Internet" box. See below.



Click "Apply" and "OK."

You should now be able to get the CD info. If Media Player can not get or you do allow it to get the info, you will see an ordinal list of tracks. You will have to select the song(s) by counting.

(4) To configure for MP3 ripping: Right-click in the top bar (title bar) and choose *Tools* ► *Options*. Click the “Rip Music” tab. You will see the following window:



Use the “Change” button to select the directory you want the MP3(s) to land in. Media Player will build a directory tree in this directory into which it will place the songs.

Click the “File Name” button if you want to change the name Media Player will give to ripped tracks. Song title and artist separated by an underscore work well.

Use the drop down box in “Rip Settings” to select “mp3” format.

Set the “Audio quality” to 128 Kbps.

Click “Apply” and “OK.”

(5) Click the “Rip” tab near the top of the Media Player window and you will see the following window:



Select the song(s) you want to rip to MP3s. In the example above two songs are selected. Click the “Start Rip” button on the lower right.

(7) You will see “Ripping %” appear next to the songs you selected. Media Player will make a directory tree in the directory you selected for the songs you selected. It will be something like .../Artist/Album/<songs>. You will see the following window when Media Player has ripped the CD song(s) to MP3(s):



Your Media Player is now configured to rip CD songs. You can simply put in another CD and immediately rip music. If your system does not automatically recognize the CD, right-click in the top bar (title bar) and select *Play ► DVD, VCD or CD Audio ► Rip Audio CD ► <drive>*. To start playing your CD. Click the Stop block (■) on the lower left and click the “Rip” tab to rip music to you computer.

Note: It is best to make a copy of the ripped song in the Light-O-Rama audio directory, usually “My Documents/Light-O-Rama/Audio” This way, if you delete or move the song from the directory you ripped it into, there will be a private copy for your sequences that use it. Use “Windows Explorer” to copy and paste the song into the Light-O-Rama Audio directory.