

Ripping music from CDs to 192 Kbps MP3 files using Windows XP Media Player 10

May 26, 2006

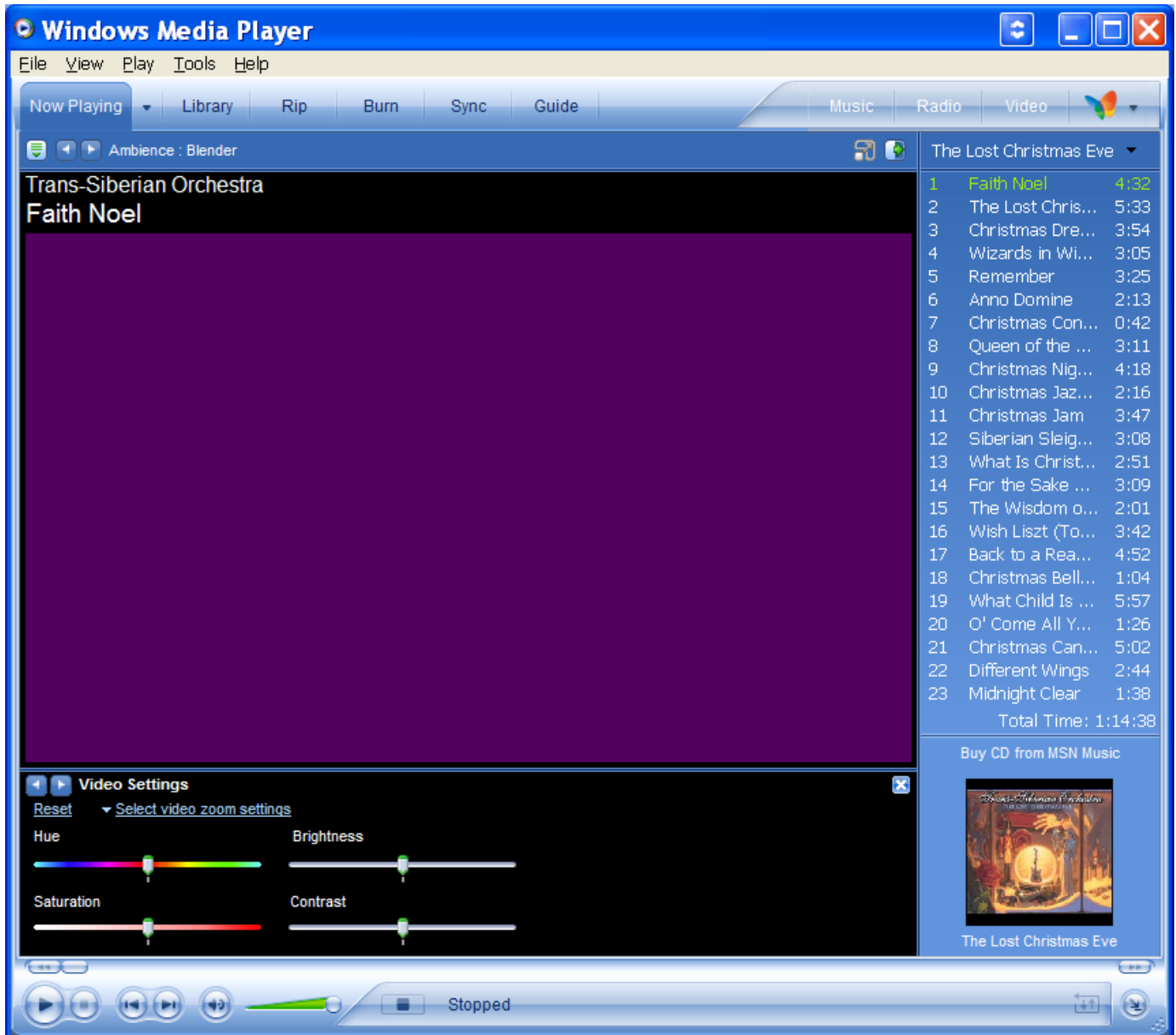
Please obey copyright laws and only rip music from CDs that you own for your own use. Do not distribute ripped music.

Warnings:

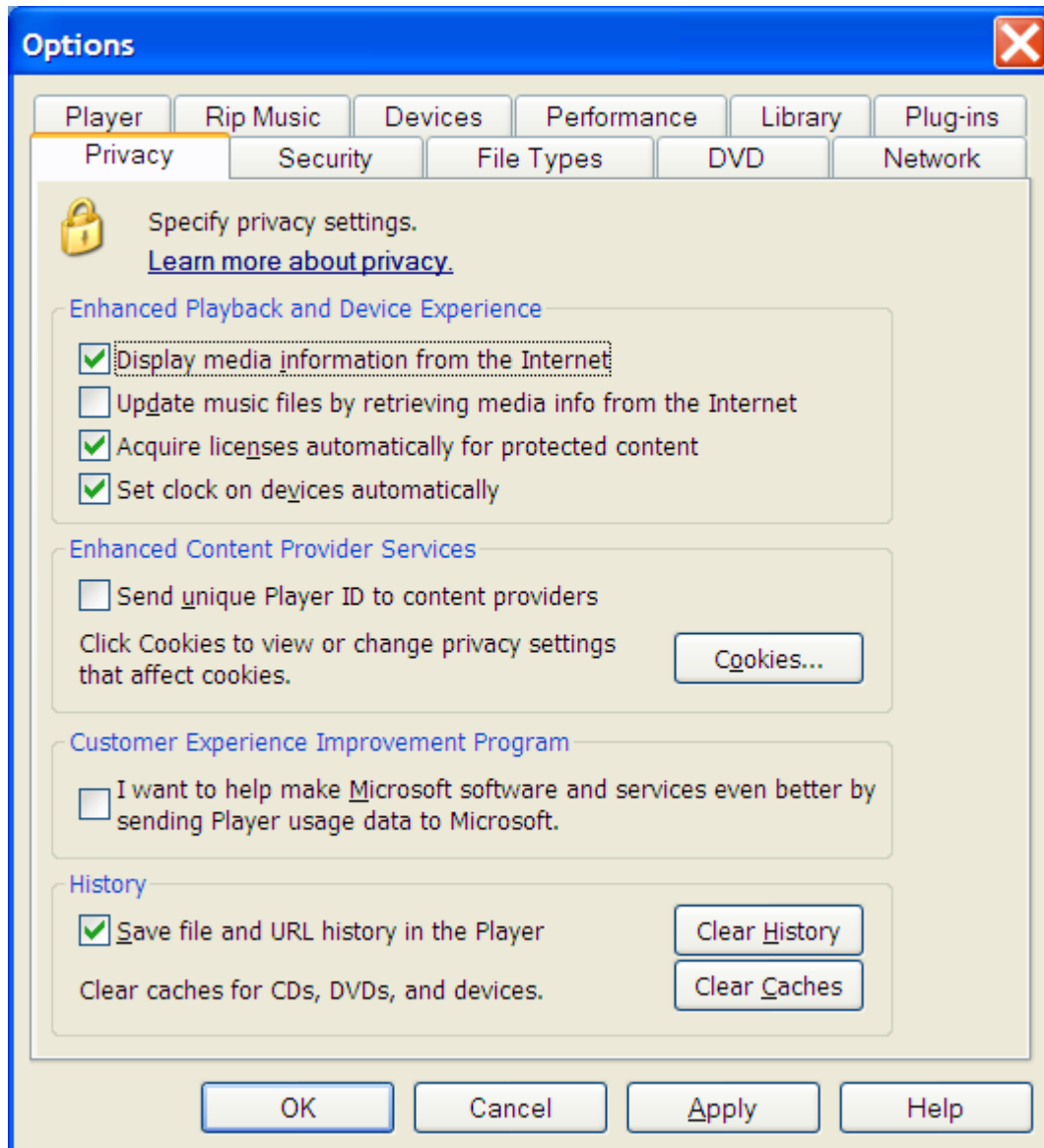
1. CD tracks ripped to 128 Kbps MP3s by the standard Media Player 10 MP3 encoder have bad timing. This will be evident in the Sequence Editor when using *Play ► Play Range ► Visible Screen* to design your musical sequence and then switching to *Play ► Play Range ► Full Sequence* to play the entire sequence. The events toward the end of the sequence will be off.
2. The standard Media Player 10 MP3 encoder works fine when ripping 192 Kbps MP3 files. Remember, the DC-MP3 Show Player should not be given bit rates over 128 Kbps.

Ripping CD Songs to MP3s

- (1) Insert the CD into the computer.
- (2) Media Player should start automatically, if not, start Media Player and click *Play ► DVD, VCD or CD Audio ► <the drive with your CD>* (Note if the “File View Play Tools Help” bar is hidden, right-click in the title (top) bar to access the *Play* menu.) You will see a window like the following and the CD may be playing. If the CD is playing, stop it by pressing the ■ on the lower 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 "Find Album Info" link in the lower right of the player. You may need to change your Privacy Settings in Media Player. To do this, click **Tools** ► **Options** and then click the "Privacy" tab. You will see the following window:

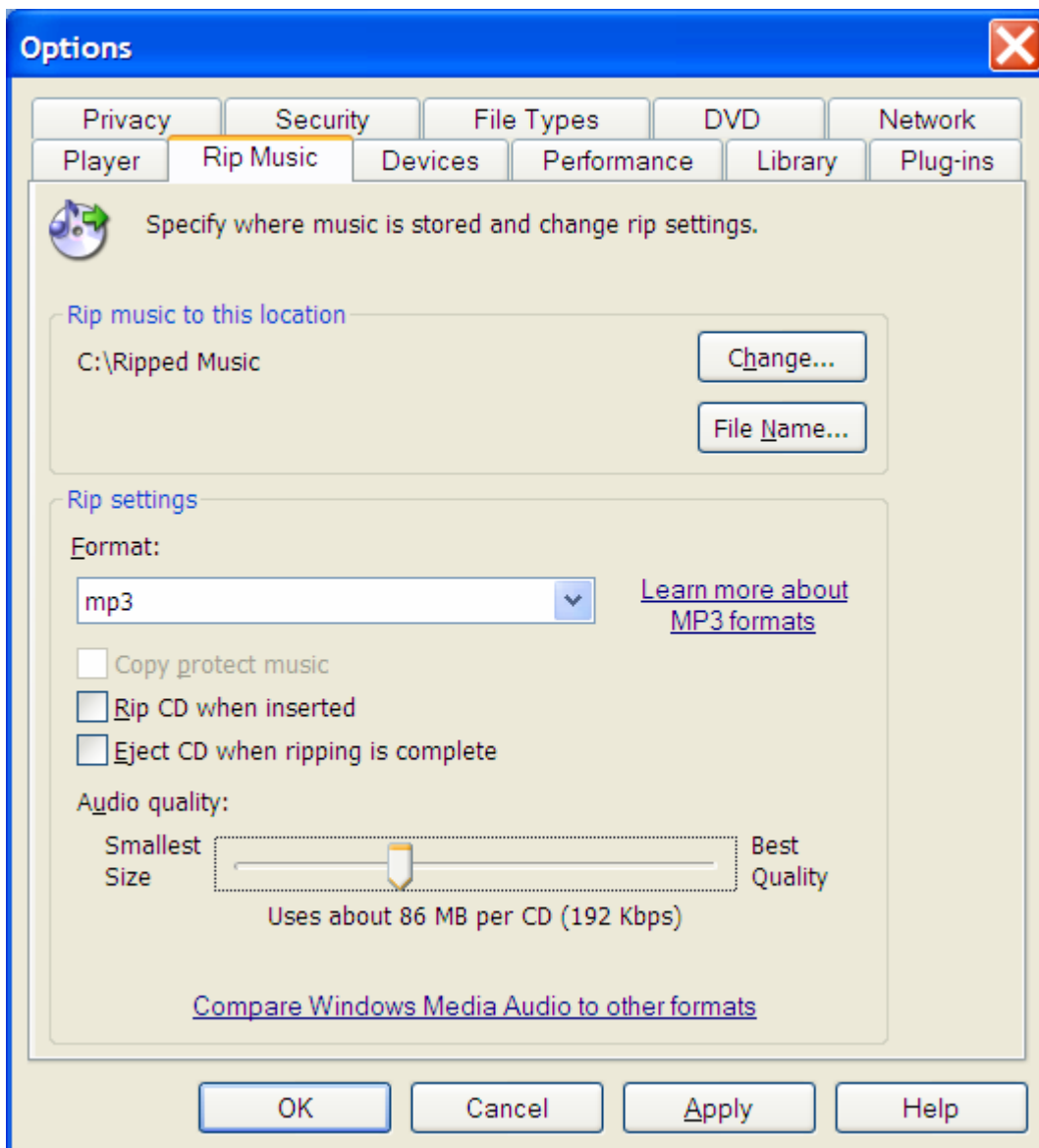


In the "Enhanced Playback and Device Experience" section check "Display media information from the Internet" and "Update music files by retrieving media info from the Internet."

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: Click *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 192 Kbps. This setting is not recommended for music to be played on the DC-MP3 Show Director. Remember, the standard Media Player 10 MP3 encoder generates bad 128 Kbps MP3 files.

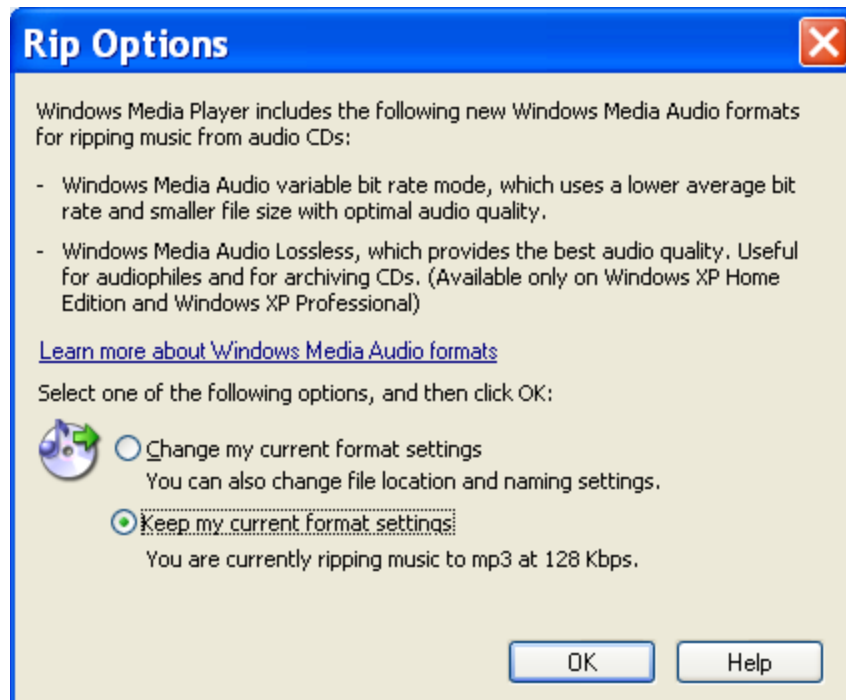
Click “Apply” and “OK.”

(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 “Rip Music” button in the song title bar.

(6) If the following window pops up, click “Keep my current format settings” and click “OK.”



- (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, click *File ► CDs and Devices ► Rip Audio CD ► <drive>*.