



www.windowsmedia.com

Digital Music: A Brief Overview



www.itunes.com

Importing Music:

Once you've installed your software, it's usually a simple matter of placing the CD you wish to import (or "rip," as it were) in the CD drive. A pop-up window will appear, asking "what would you like to do with this CD?" You should select "Import This CD" using your program of choice.

If this prompt does not pop up, you can rip the album using the following steps:

Apple iTunes: The album will automatically appear in the Devices list on the left-side toolbar. (If not, click File, and select the CD drive—usually D:—from the Add File to Library menu.) Select the album, and click "Import CD" on the bottom-right corner of the program window.

Windows Media Player: Click on the "Rip" tab on the top menu. Select the CD drive, and click Rip.

What if I want to change the import format and audio quality? You can adjust your importing preferences as you see fit. In iTunes, this menu lives under Edit --> Preferences --> Advanced.

In Windows Media Player, you can configure the Format and Bitrate using the same Rip menu.

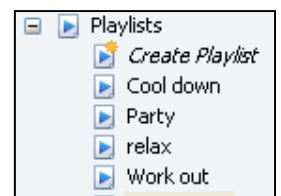


Organizing and Playing Music

All your imported music lives together in a giant group called the **Library**. In both iTunes and Windows Media Player, you can create custom **playlists** in line with your preferences. Your playlists will appear on the right side for you to access and play at any time.

iTunes: Click File --> New Playlist. The playlist will appear in the left-side toolbar (usually as "untitled playlist #." Drag songs from the library to add them to the playlist.

Windows Media Player: Click Library --> Create Playlist. Drag items from your library to the pane on the right side. When finished, click Save Playlist.

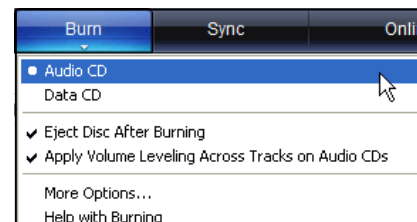


Burning to CD:

iTunes: Once you've created a playlist, you can transfer it to CD by clicking the "Burn CD" button at the bottom of the playlist. Depending on your preferences (designated at Edit --> Preferences --> Advanced --> Burning), you can burn an audio CD, an mp3 CD, or a data CD. Each will affect the file size and number of devices you can play it on. If you plan to play it on a stereo, choose Audio CD.



Windows Media Player: Click the Burning Tab. A pane will open up on the right. Drag the songs (or playlist) you wish to burn onto the pane. When finished, select "Burn Disc," and Windows Media Player will create your CD automatically.



What if my playlist is bigger than one CD? Proceed as you normally would. Both programs allow playlists to carry over onto multiple discs.



Listening to Music Online

Useful Resources



Library Resources

Stream a wide variety of diverse music. All free with your library card.
skokielibrary.info/s_info/in_paths/music.asp

- **Music from Alexander Street Press**
- **American Song**
- **Classical Music Library**
- **Contemporary World Music**
- **Jazz**
- **Smithsonian Global Sound**
- **Naxos Music Library**
- **Naxos Jazz Library**

Search

Find your favorite artists, albums, or songs, and assemble playlists to share with friends.

- **Grooveshark** listen.grooveshark.com
- **Blip.fm** www.blip.fm
- **Songza** www.songza.org
- **Fizy** www.fizy.com
- **Radio Locator** www.radio-locator.com
- **The Radio** www.theradio.com
- **Internet Archive** www.archive.org

Discovery

Create your own personalized radio station, with a steady flow of familiar favorites and new discoveries.

- **Last.fm** www.last.fm
- **Slacker** www.slacker.com
- **Pandora** www.pandora.com
- **Free Music Archive** freemusicarchive.org
- **We Are Hunted** wearehunted.com
- **Songza Radio** www.songza.com

Online Music Stores

Purchase all the music you want on an a la carte basis. Prices typically start at .99 per song, and 9.99 per album.

- **Amazon.com** www.amazon.com/mp3
- **iTunes** Download at itunes.apple.com
- **Zune** social.zune.net/music

Subscription Services

Acquire new music for a monthly fee. eMusic gives you a set number of downloads per month, while Rhapsody and Napster offer all-you-can eat streaming services.

- **eMusic** www.emusic.com
- **Rhapsody** www.rhapsody.com
- **Napster** www.napster.com

Other Interesting Sites

Check out a few other unique and interesting music sites.

- **Mixtape.me** mixtape.me
- **AOL Music** music.aol.com
- **Music.com** www.music.com/home
- **iLike** www.ilike.com
- **The Sixty One** www.thesixtyone.com
- **MySpace Music** music.myspace.com



Skokie Public Library

5215 Oakton Street
 Skokie, Illinois 60077
 847.673.7774 / 847.673.7797 fax
www.skokielibrary.info

Skokie Public Library Trustees: Diana Hunter, President/President Emerita; John Graham, Vice President; Zelda Rich, Secretary; Richard Basofin; Susan Greer; Karen Parrilli; John M. Wozniak
 Director: Carolyn A. Anthony