Windows Media Player

Windows Media Player is Microsoft’s answer to Apple’s iTunes. It is the central holder and distribution application for music and videos. It will play CD’s, copy songs and burn them if your computer has a built in CD or DVD drive with burning software, listen to mp3 files or Internet Radio stations, and play DVD’s. Windows Media Player functions are also duplicated in Windows Media Center. This new version has a cleaner design, is able to stream content to other computers and plays more kinds of audio and video files.

The first time that a user opens up Windows Media Player, the set up screen as shown below opens. Choosing Custom allows the user to make choices about declining out of Microsoft’s online music store and not making Windows Media Player the automatic playback program.

Make your selection and then click “Finish”
Select the Default Music and Video Player

How do you want to use Windows Media Player?

- Make Windows Media Player the default music and video player
- Choose the file types that Windows Media Player will play

You can make Windows Media Player the default of all audio & video files or you can select specific file types.
After clicking next, the user has the choice of using Microsoft’s on-line store:

Click on “Finish” and the program completes its setup.
Now that the **Windows Media Player** is set up, the user needs to import Music, Videos, Pictures and possibly TV programs. Once content is imported, create playlists of favorite music, or create specialized CD’s, import music into portable players and possibly share music with your co-workers.

A user can shrink the window to “Now Playing” size. It is a 3 inch square that can be place anywhere on the screen. The other option is to minimize, the music will still play in the background. There is a graphic equalizer that lets you adjust the bass and trebles to fit your room size and tweaking for a particular sound.