

The Villages Computer Club

The next meeting of the VCC will be **Dec 6th at 1pm**. It will be a work shop at La Hacienda.

The web site will reflect this information.

Audio Track from a CD

From HELP files in Windows Media Player

To copy tracks from an audio CD

1. Insert your CD into the CD-ROM drive.
2. Click the RIP tab, **Rip from CD**.

All tracks are selected to be copied if you have not previously copied them from the CD.

3. If there are any tracks that you do not want to copy (rip), clear the check box next to them. You can select the check box at the top of the list to clear or select the check boxes next to all tracks.
4. Click **Copy**.
5. The first time you click **Copy**, a message appears asking if you want to copy protect your music. Click one of the following options:
 - **Copy protect your music**
 - **Do not copy protect your music**
6. Read the copyright acknowledgement.
7. Select the copyright acknowledgement check box, and then click **Next**.
8. Click one of the following options, and then click **Finish**:
 - To select a different format and audio quality, click **Change my current format settings**.
 - To copy tracks using the current format and audio quality, click **Keep my current format settings**.
9. If you clicked the **Change my current format settings** option in the previous step, the **Copy Music** tab is displayed. Select a different format and specify an audio quality using the slider, and then click **OK**.
10. Optionally, you can select the **Eject CD when copying is completed** check box to stop playback and eject the CD when copying is completed.

Notes

- The selected tracks are copied to your My Music folder by default and are listed in **Media Library**. The My Music folder contains subfolders, labeled with the name of the artist or group, or labeled Various Artists, if more than one artist is on the album. You can change the folder where your music files are stored.
- The Player adds volume leveling values to tracks when you copy them.
- You can also copy (rip) tracks from a CD by pointing to **Copy** on the **File** menu, pointing to **Copy from Audio CD**, and then clicking the CD-ROM drive if you have more than one attached to your computer. Select the tracks that you want to copy, and then click **Copy**.

CD Music to Computer

1. Rightclick START and select Explore.
2. Scroll down to C: Local Drive and click the + to expand the folder.
3. Scroll down to Users and click the +, if you have setup your computer with YOUR name as a user, you should see it, if not just click My Documents under Users.
4. Scroll down and doubleclick MY MUSIC. At the top of the page click NEW FOLDER...give it the name of the CD. Then doubleclick that folder. You should see it listed in the left column under My Music.
5. Now put in the CD. scroll down the left column and click the plus by the DVD drive. It should show you the name of the CD on the right side of the screen.
6. Rightclick that CD and select copy.
7. Now rightclick the folder you created and named by the name of the CD under the My Music folder. Select Paste. The entire CD will be copied to that folder.
8. To play music just go to the My Music folder, doubleclick the new folder that you created in step 4 above. Now you'll see the different songs. Doubleclick one and your Windows Media Player should open and play it.

IPOD Touch Unable to Sync

Problem:

I recently purchased an Apple IPod Touch and am having sync'ing problems.

I have MS Outlook 2003 on my PC and the IPod Touch successfully sync'd with the Contacts component without any problem but I have not been able to sync the Calendar component.

I called 800-MyApple and spoke to tier 1 Tech support in Phillipines on Thursday for an hour with no success. Then to tier 2 in Idaho and after another hour, no success. Then on Friday to another tier 2 in Minnesota, still with no success. They are now moving the issue to next level and are supposed to get back to me late Monday.

This is frustrating because Apple says one of the features of the iPod Touch is it's ability to sync with Outlook Contacts and Calendars. I have "googled" the issue and apparently this is not the only sync problem between MS Outlook and Apple products. (iPod, iPhone and iPad owners report same problem).

Are you aware of this issue and have you, or your many PC and Apple Contacts heard of a fix?

Removing and replacing Outlook from my Computer is not an option as it is part of Office and I can't change that.

Solution from Hank

Thought you might like to know that I spoke again with Apple Tech Support Thursday, in this final contact with Apple Rep. she suggested it might be PST file, but since it was not within their area of expertise, she suggested I try calling Microsoft. I explained that I did not think that was a viable route as A.) Outlook 2003 probably is no longer a Microsoft Tech supported product and B.) They would probably state that since Outlook was working fine on my PC, the issue is with Apples' Product. So the Apple Rep basically said she had nothing else to offer to solve the problem and we ended the call.

I then called my Daughter who has the older 8G iPod Touch & same version of iTunes and is also running Outlook 2003 on her PC to find out about her settings. (She's the one who suggested that I purchase the iPod Touch in the first place.) We determined that she is using the same PST file (97-2002) That Apple Rep thought "might be the problem" and her's sync'd without any problem. We then compared settings on our iTunes and iPods and we noted that iPod Touch were not the same. I did not have a default calendar shown under Mail, Contacts and Calendar. I went back to add account and under Calendar selected Other. After that, my PC Outlook 2003 Calendar sync'd with the iPod. I am reminded of the story about placing a monkey in a room with a typewriter. Eventually, it will type something intelligible.

I guess there was something missing when I tried setting up the iPod in first place. Whatever the reason, my calendar is now working fine. So maybe Apple Tech Support and I, spent a great deal of time (5 calls and 10 hours) searching for a complex solution to what was probably, a relatively simple problem.

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The IPOD just connects to the computer with iTunes up. Then click "Sync" and all is automatic. He didn't Wait long enough for iPod to show up. When he did, all was OK. IPOD is super easy. iTunes can be set to sync automatically when iPod is plugged in or manual, which I do. Virginia Mauldin (VCC)

iTunes and iPod Playlists

For XP machines Using iTUNES/iPOD to Preserve Playlists. Take action NOW while XP is still working

XP and Vista/Win7 are separate platforms in Microsoft programs, they are not Apple. iTunes looks for the paths for the playlist items through Directory and Settings/My Documents/My Music as in XP.

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In Vista/Win7 Music is a separate directory. You can import to your Music library with no problem by going in iTunes to "File" "Import Folder" and pointing to where it is. It should be in Music/iTunes/iTunes Media/iTunes Music. BUT if you drag and drop your My Music from XP onto Music in V/W7, the playlists will look ok in each playlist but in your Library there will be duplicates, many with the "!" indicating that there is no recognized path to that item.

You must highlight the entire Library listing and delete. Then re-import the folder from the File menu in iTunes Music Library.

To avoid this issue and (hopefully) have your playlists transfer intact you MUST take action while you still have access to your XP machine. I was told this by an Apple consultant this week when I asked this question about moving music from an XP computer to one with Vista or Win 7 while getting help with my new IPOD Touch.

I have spent months, a guru visit, a call to Smart Computing about trying to get my playlists properly into Win 7. The local computer tech Jon Townsend (250-1686)

told me the same as Apple, that it's a lost cause if action isn't taken while one still has access to iTunes in XP.

I now have to repopulate the playlists from scratch after spending a half day eliminating duplicates from the Library. If you never had iTunes in XP you should be OK. But it never hurts to back up the playlists lists as below.

WHAT TO DO before your XP machines dies or goes away:

1. In Documents create a new folder and name it My XP iTunes Playlists. Create a subfolder for each individual Playlist and give it the label of that playlist. In XP iTunes rightc lick on each playlist title one at a time, and export each playlist to it's own subfolder of the My XP iTunes Playlists folder. When all have been exported to their own folder, open the library and make sure they are there.

3. In Vista or Win 7, open iTunes after you have imported the music through "File - Import folder). That is, after you have the folder My XP iTunes Playlist Folder transferred over from XP to your Vista or Win 7, open iTunes and click on File... Import Folder, navigate to the folder containing the music files so that the Music Library looks like you expect it to look.

4. The playlists should be listed but will be empty. Right click on each and import the file from where you saved it in step 2.

I do not guarantee that this will work. I'm just passing on what the Apple service agent told me. If it doesn't work properly, get a iTunes guru, call Smart Computing, or call Apples Support. I completely eliminated iTunes and the Music folder and reimported them several times in the past months to no avail and since I don't have my XP machine anymore I have to redo all my playlists - no option at this point. (Life is so Hard sometimes)

At least, export each playlist to a saved folder in Documents (**Which? In XP or Vista or Win7?**). That cannot hurt. Just to avoid problems, don't locate that exportation in My Music since you'll be importing each into iTunes in another machine.

In XP one could just drag and drop the My Music folder from one machine to another and all was good. I did that several times with ease and success. But Apple and Microsoft are different noncoordinating companies and All media players (including media player) are more complicated because of the expanded media they now must handle (video, books, music, TV, podcasts and so on).

BTW, the iPod Touch 4 is just like the iPhone without the telephone. You can do phone calls, if U want via WiFi. It is so cool. It has a front AND back camera (still and video/webcam) so you can do video web phone calls and calls to iPhone users.

I use VirginMobile cell phone for \$16 every 3 months (almost \$5 a month) since I don't use a cell much and the extra builds up. I now have well over \$200 to buy text messages (if I wanted), new phones from them and so on as well as overruns. Since I only use about 6 minutes in a good year I don't need to pay for more. Someone in the Computer Club told me about this years ago after me whining about paying so much for something I don't use much but want for emergencies and now and then need.

Win 7 Media Player 12

Media Player lets you turn your computer into an entertainment center.

- 1. Watch DVDs on your PC or your laptop**
- 2. Create great hits CDs for your car stereo**
- 3. Organize a digital photo album from your digital camera**

4. Edit camcorder videos into something people will want to watch
5. Create DVDs to display your edited movies or photo slide shows

Windows Media Player and the Windows Media Center are two entirely different programs.

Media Center lets you watch and record live TV shows on your PC. If your PC has the equipment to do so, it can turn your PC into a digital video recorder (DVR) that can automatically record your favorite TV shows and movies, letting you watch them at your preferred time and fast-forward through the commercials.

Stock Media Player's Library with Music

1. Click the Media Player's icon on the taskbar to open it.
2. Click the Organize button and select Manage Libraries, to load Music, select MUSIC to bring up a list of the location of your music folder. If you store music on another drive, add that drive to the list.
3. Click the Folder location and those music files will be added to your Media Player library. They will not be removed from the folder where they were stored.
4. Rip It. When you insert a music CD into the CD drive, Win 7 will offer to 'rip it'. Rip it will add the music on the CD to your computer.

You may also add your videos, pictures or recorded TV to its Media Player Folder.

Click Organize...Manage Library and select the particular folder to bring up the list showing the location of that folder.

Song Tags

Inside every music file is a small form called a 'tag' which contains the song's title, artist, album and other related information. Windows Media Player reads those tags in order to sort, categorize and display your music. If some info is missing, it will go out to the internet and attempt to complete the 'tag'. If you prefer that Media Play not do this, Click Organize...select Options...click the Library tab and uncheck the box Retrieve Additional Information From the Internet.

Note: Media Player tells Microsoft every song, file or movie that you play. This allows them to go out and retrieve 'tag' info for you. If you prefer that Microsoft not keep such surveillance on you, click Organize...Options and click the Privacy tab. Here you may choose the level surveillance you're comfortable with.

Media Player 12 has two main faces:

1. The Library face
2. The Playing Now face

Toggle between the two using the tiny icon shown in the top(or bottom) right margin.

Playing CDs

Drop a CD into the computer's CD tray and Media Player will jump up and begin playing it for you. At the bottom of the screen is the control which allows you to go from track to track, adjust volume and fine tune for your listening pleasure.

Should a CD not start playing, look at the navigation pane, along the left side of the screen. You should see the name of the album or Unknown Album. Click it and then click the Media Player's Play button at the bottom of the screen.

To have Media Player automatically play your music CD when inserted, click the START menu button and click Default Programs. Choose Change AutoPlay settings. In the Audio CD category, select Play Audio CD using Windows Media Player. Click SAVE.

Press F7 to mute Media Player to take a phone call. Media Player can play, burn and copy CDs, it can't copy a DVD to your computer.

Labels Created in OpenOffice Draw

OpenOffice Draw is a free program provided by Sun Microsystems Inc. OpenOffice Draw is a drawing software that allows users to create posters, banners, labels and more. [Creating labels](#) in OpenOffice Draw is a fairly simple task. With a little patience and some information you will be creating useful labels in minutes.

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1. Open the Draw program from the Start menu.
2. Create the label size or download a template off [the Internet](#). Worldlabel.com has OpenOffice templates for all manufactured label sizes that are free to download. To create your own label, make a box in the main window and then click "Position and Size." Choose the size and position on the paper where the label is.
3. Right-click on the label. A window opens that lets you design the label. Pick a background and a font for the labels.
4. Click "F2" on your keyboard. A window opens that allows you to add text into label. Change the alignment, size, font and color of the text. If you click inside the label, the window disappears. Click "F2" to open the window again. Click "OK" when you are finished.
5. Copy and paste the labels into their position on the page to make duplicates.
6. Click "Save" in the File menu to save your labels. Click "Print" in the File menu. Select your printer and preferences for the printer before pressing "Print."

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Breakfast casserole in the crock pot! Cooks while you sleep!

Ingredients:

- 1 bag 26 oz. frozen hash browns
- 12 eggs
- 1 cup milk
- 1 tablespoon ground mustard
- 1 16 oz. roll sausage
maple, sage or regular sausage.
- Salt and pepper
- 16 oz. bag shredded cheddar cheese

Directions:

1. Spray crock pot and evenly spread hash browns at the bottom.
2. Crack 12 eggs in a large bowl.
3. Mix well (and slowly) using a whisk.
4. Add the milk.
5. Go ahead and sprinkle in the ground mustard. This might sound like a weird ingredient, but I've come to love (and use) this in most of my recipes.
6. Add plenty of salt....
...and lots of fresh pepper. Mix well and set aside.
7. Cook the sausage on high heat, drain and set aside.
8. Add sausage on top of hash browns.
9. Is this enough cheese? Maybe? Probably. Throw the whole big bag in there.
10. Mix it up well. Or good, depending on where you're from.
11. Pour the egg mixture over everything in the crock pot. Using a wood spoon, even everything out so it's spread evenly.
12. Turn the crock pot on low for 6-8 hours.

Some fun variations of this recipe. Before cooking (during prep) you can add:

- chunks of sourdough bread
- diced chiles
- salsa
- diced green onions

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Jmax Bits Newsletter is now posted each Monday & Thursday on the website.

You have the option for a .pdf or a .rtf file.

1. For help with a computer problem, put HELP in the subject line and give me info about the computer you're using, if you know it.

2. To view or print Jmax Bits Good Services List in the Villages area, click link www.jmaxbits.com

3. To sign up for the non-computer newsletter, send an email to VLGSClassifieds@aol.com. Put **SUBSCRIBE in the subject line. To send an Ad, place **AD** in the subject line.**

4. The Villages Computer Club's web page: [Click here: Welcome To The Villages Computer Club](#)

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5. Fred Benson's website www.thevillagescomputerbasics.com