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## **STUPID COMPUTER TRICKS**

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### **Media Player Ripping**

Did you know you can use the Windows Media Player to “rip” MP3’s.

Ripping means to create a compressed version of the song, usually in MP3 format. You can then move those same MP3 songs to your iPod or other music-playing device.

One of the first things to understand is that Microsoft wants to dominate everything, including song file formats. Microsoft created the ir own compressed song file format called WMA or Windows Media Audio. So when you go to rip songs, Media Player wants to create the WMA file format, almost useless to most MP3 players.

What you want to do is change the file format from WMA to MP 3.

Open Media Player, go to the TOOLS menu and then Options.

Choose the RIP Music tab, change the file format from WMA to MP3, set the audio quality you want, higher quality means larger file sizes.  
I like to use the 192Kbps setting.

Now you insert your original CD,  
and Media Player will rip the songs into MP3 format easily.