

Steps to turn a Music CD into MP3 files on your computer and transfer them to your KINDLE

On your computer, open Windows Media Player.

Right click on any space in the top line of Windows Media Player. From the dropdown menu that appears, click first on “tools”, then “options”.

On the options screen, click on the “rip Music” tab and there you will choose first the location, which by default is your Music Library, then the Rip settings, “Format”: from the dropdown menu choose **MP3**,

And Check the box that says Rip CD Automatically. You can adjust the Audio Quality bar toward the Best end, and you can check or not the box that says to Eject CD after ripping. Click “apply” at the bottom of that screen and then click “OK”

(This link-- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rV2wkX0InBk> -- is a little video clip on YouTube that explains it as well.)

The next step is to then put a Music CD into the CD/DVD drive on your computer, Do not play it, but go to Windows Media Player and the CD you inserted will show up in the list of your Music Library on the left side of your screen. Right click on that CD and Choose “Rip to Library” You will see the progress as each song is ripped. If there is a song you do not want to include, simply “uncheck” it from the list.

When the songs are ripped, the CD will automatically eject if you checked that box when you set it up, otherwise you can right click on the CD again and choose “Eject”. In Windows Media Player, if you right click on any of these songs you will see that they are MP3 file format, the correct format to move onto your Kindle Fire or regular Kindle. These songs, when dragged and dropped to your Kindle will occupy space on your internal hard drive of your Kindle. For Kindle Fire users, they will not be on the cloud.

Because we learned that we cannot drag and drop music from Windows Media to these devices, we now have to find this music in our Music Library, the Libraries where our documents, pictures and videos reside.

So close Windows Media Player. From the “start” menu, go to “Music” in your Libraries to find the CD that you just ripped to Windows Media Player. If you recall, you allowed the Media Player to save the Files to Document/Music. Open the folder that contains the files you just ripped, (you will see that they are .mp3 files which is printed after each song title.) You only

need to move the songs you want. You cannot move the songs by folder, you must move them as individual files once the folder is open. Highlight the songs you want to move by holding down the “CTRL” key and clicking on each song title that you want to move.

Wake up your Kindle; plug the mini USB into your Kindle, and the regular USB into your computer. Let Windows Explorer Identify the Kindle, and when the choices come up on the computer screen, choose “Open folder to view files”. You will see four folders on your Kindle, one of them being called “Music”.

Open that music folder, and from the Music Library, drag and drop the .mp3 formatted songs into the music folder on your Kindle. When you are finished, close those windows that are open, go to the “Safely remove hardware and eject media”, click on that and when your computer says it is safe to remove, unplug your USB plugs. (The remove hardware icon in on the lower right hand side of your computer screen, it has a little USB port picture with a green check mark. It is a good habit to faithfully use this when removing hardware that you have plugged into your computer.)

You are now ready to listen to music on your Kindle. From the Home screen on your Kindle, choose menu, then choose experimental, and finally play MP3. Adjust volume on your Kindle, you may use ear phones to listen privately, or just listen. Enjoy your Kindle as an MP3 player. To quickly turn off and on with a Kindle Keyboard, the “Alt” key, plus the “space bar” will let you quickly turn the music on and off. It will “pause” your music until you are ready to listen again. If you turn the music off, it will start at the beginning of all your songs again when you start listening. ENJOY!

For Kindle Fire users, you will find these songs, once dragged and dropped to the music folder under the “Music”—“Device” choices from your home screen. When you plug Kindle Fire into the computer you will also see many more folders than just the four that the other Kindles have. Simply choose the music folder to drag and drop your MP3 songs in.

The MP3 file format for music are small compressed music files and they do not take up very much space, so you can really put many songs on your Kindle. The other neat thing is that the battery lasts a very long time, is rechargeable, and will give you many hours of listening pleasure.

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