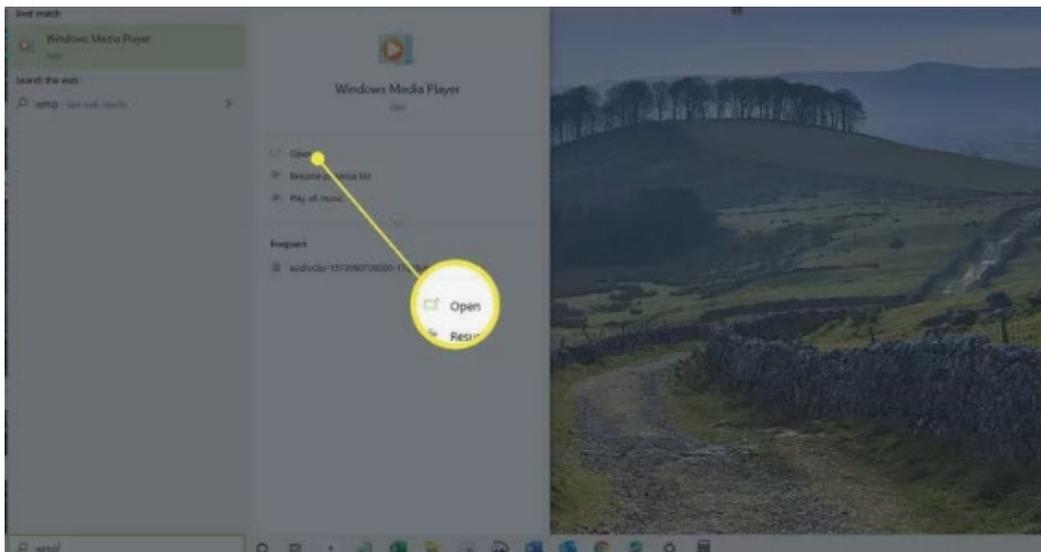


How to Rip a CD Using Windows Media Player

For Windows users who have Windows Media Player built-in, copying music to your computer is easy. When you have the CD you want to copy ready, Windows Media Player will do most of the work for you.

1. Insert the disc into your disc drive. If an autoplay option appears, ignore it or exit out of it.
2. Open Windows Media Player. Either search for it from the Start menu or enter the wmp11 command in the Run dialog box.

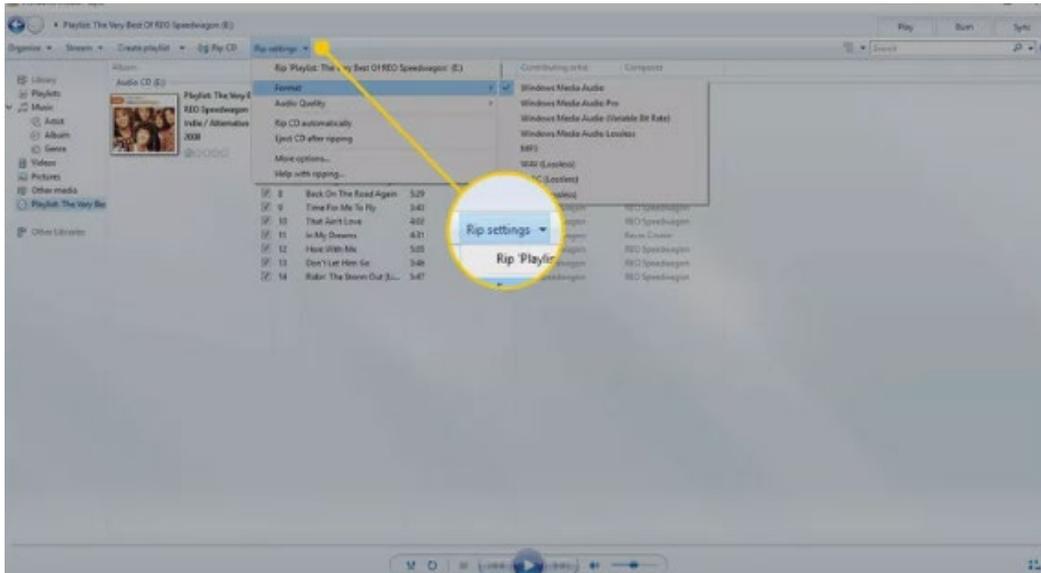


3. Go to the **Folders** list and select the music disc.

NOTE: The CD might be called **Unknown album or something else, but either way, it is represented by a small disc icon.**

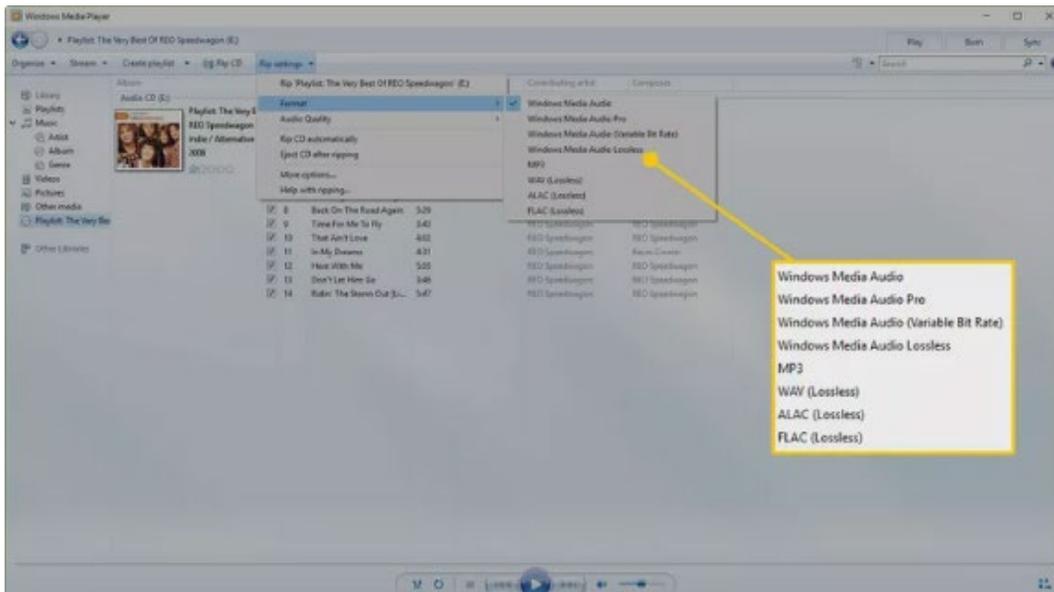


4. Select **Rip CD** to have Windows Media Player rip the CD with default settings, or select **Rip settings** to change format, quality, and location settings.



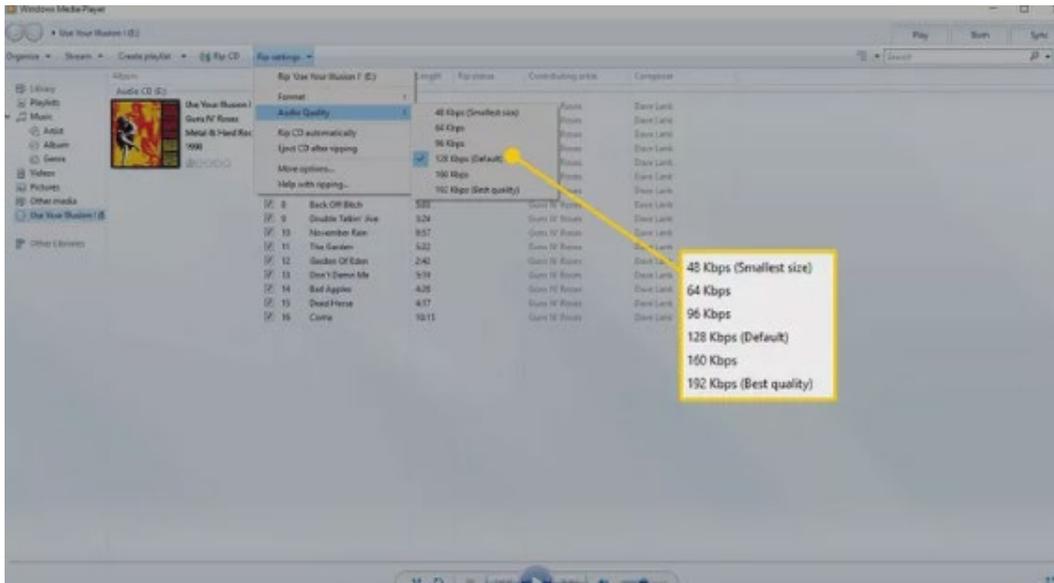
NOTE: In older versions of Windows Media Player, you'll right-click the CD and select **Rip CD to library**

5. Select **Rip settings > Format** to choose an audio format. The first several options are Windows Media Audio formats, followed by MP3 and WAV. Select the format for the copied music.



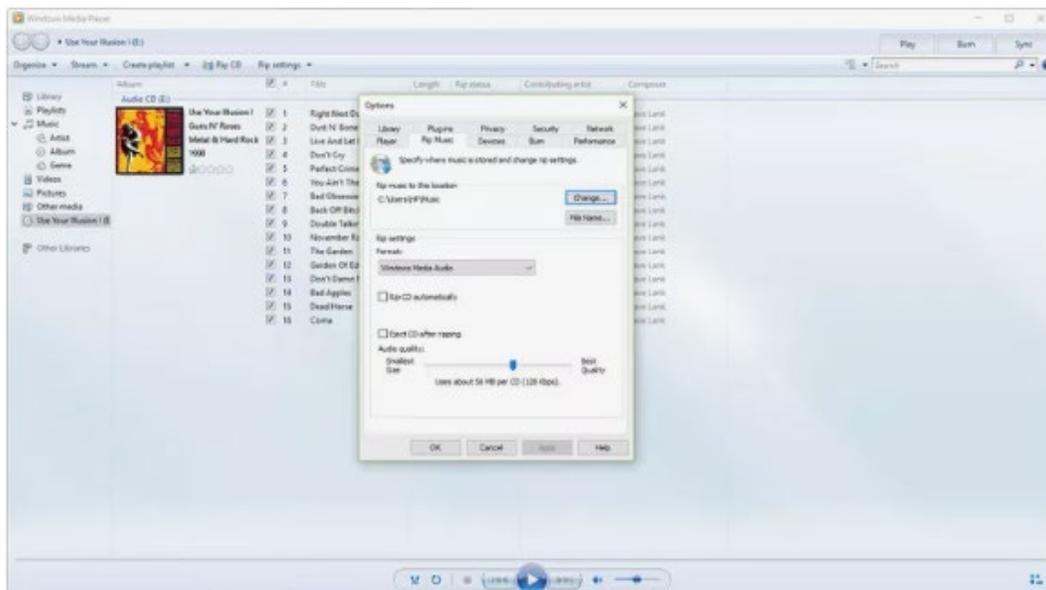
6. Select **Rip settings > Audio Quality** to select sound quality. The options vary from computer to computer but can range from **48 Kbps** (which will make files

with the smallest size) to as high as **192 Kbps** (this is the best quality but produces the largest file sizes).

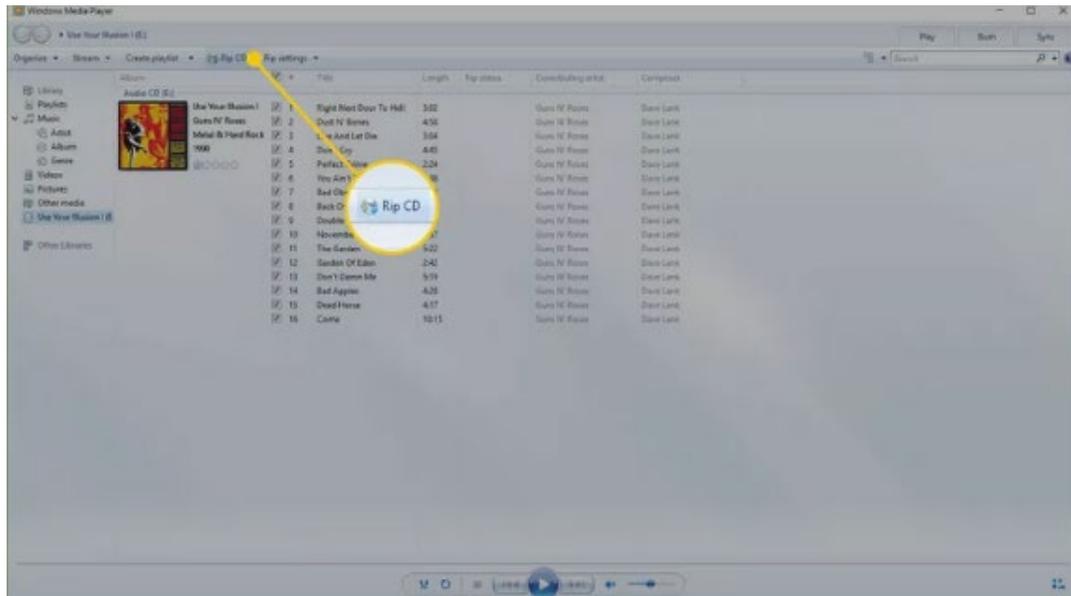


7. Select **Rip settings > More options** to adjust other settings, such as ripping CDs automatically, ejecting the disc after the CD rip, changing where the music is copied on the computer, and choosing the details to include in file names.

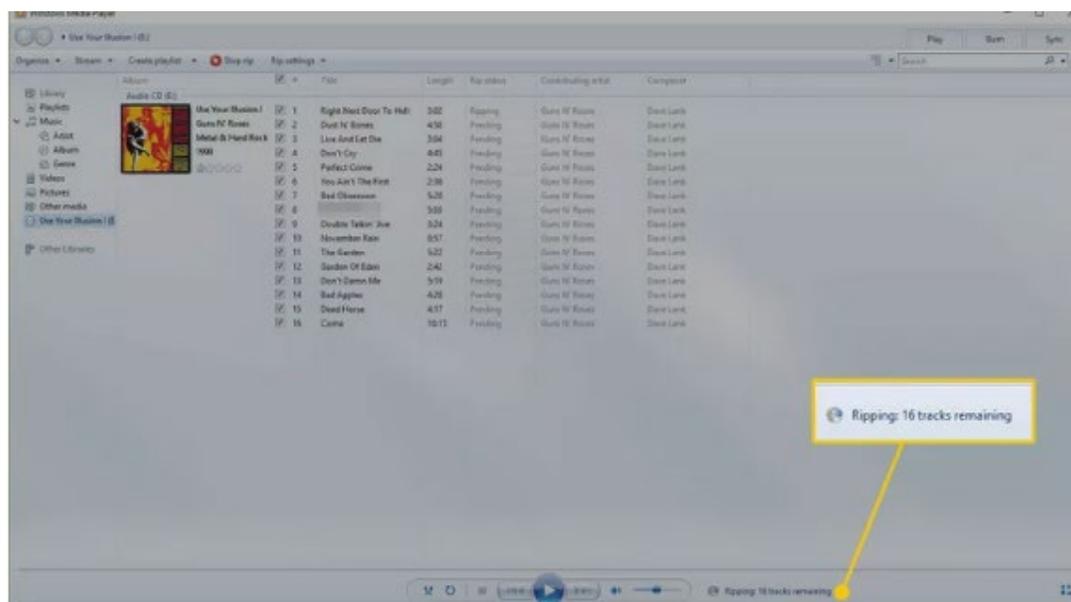
NOTE: Before you start the CD rip, manually set Windows Media Player to find album info online automatically. Go to the left panel, right-click the disc, then choose **Find album info**.



- When you're ready for Windows Media Player to copy the music to your computer, select **Rip CD**.



- The button changes to **Stop rip**. In the **Rip Status** column, the track being copied will say **Ripping**, and the remaining tracks will say **Pending** until they've been copied, after which the status changes to **Ripped to library**. To monitor the rip status of each song, watch the progress bar.
- When every song is finished ripping, exit Windows Media Player, eject the CD, and use the music now stored on your computer.



NOTE: If you don't know what folder Windows Media Player copied the music to, select **Rip settings > More options. You'll find the location in the **Rip music to this location** section.**

14. If the music isn't in the correct format for your needs, don't re-rip the songs. Instead, run the files that need to be converted through a free audio file converter.

Windows 11 has a new version of Windows Media player called Media Player for Windows 11, featuring an enhanced music library, playlist management, dedicated playback view features, and more.