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Managing Digital Music

Computer software known as a “jukebox” controls digital music players. In order to best manage your music collection, you should know what to look for in a jukebox, what jukebox software can do and also read the following tips on ripping a CD collection, podcasting and buying music online.

What’s Important

Why

<p>1. Jukebox Software</p> <p>What does jukebox software do?</p>	<p>Jukebox software is your most powerful tool to manage your digital music collection.</p>	
	<p>Icon</p>	<p>What It Allows Users To Do</p>
	<p>Get</p>	<p>Purchase and download music from online stores, buy subscription music services, record audio from a microphone or line-in audio source, rip a CD collection</p>
	<p>Play</p>	<p>Listen to Internet radio and podcasts, play music to a home audio system or PC/car/other speakers</p>
	<p>Organize</p>	<p>Sort, find and arrange an unlimited number of songs, artists and albums. Create playlists and sync music collection with portable device(s)</p>
	<p>More</p>	<p>Burn custom music CDs, create and print jewel case inserts and backup an entire music collection</p>
<p>2. Ripping Music</p> <p>How does it work? What are the tradeoffs between file size and sound quality?</p>	<p>To store and play audio CD content on a digital player, you need to convert the CD tracks to compatible digital files. This process, called ripping, compresses CD content to small yet high-quality audio files that can be played on PCs and portable players. Here’s how it works:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CD – The computer reads the CD to identify it. Then the computer checks online to download song, artist and album art information. 2. Rip – You choose the file format to rip to, like MP3 or AIFF, then set quality level. 3. Save – The ripped audio files, complete with track info and album art, are saved to your hard drive and added to the jukebox library. 4. Play – Now you can add the ripped files to your playlists and load them onto a portable player. 	

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