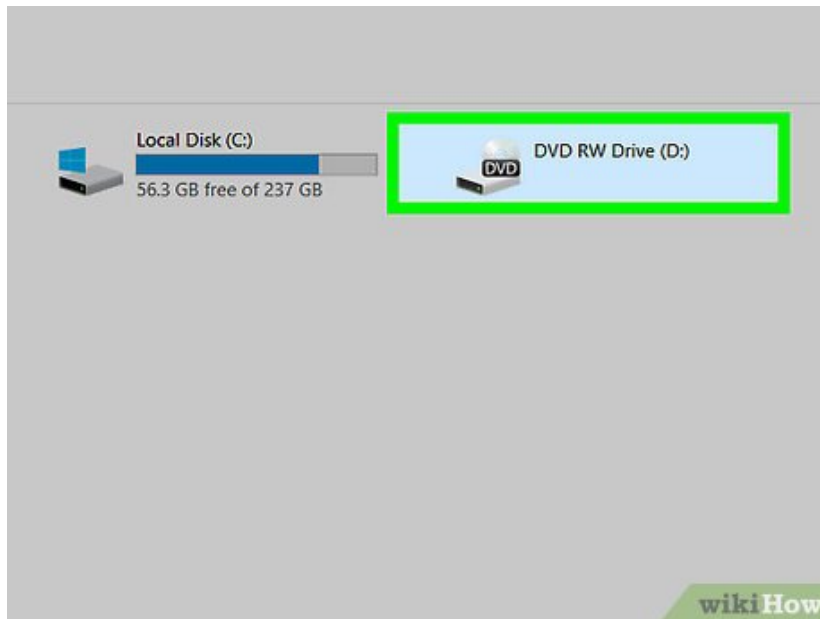


# How to Copy CD to MP3

This wikiHow teaches you how to copy a CD's songs onto your computer in MP3 format. Songs on CDs typically are in CDA format, which is a file type that only plays when the CD is inserted into your computer. You can create a copy of the...

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## Using iTunes

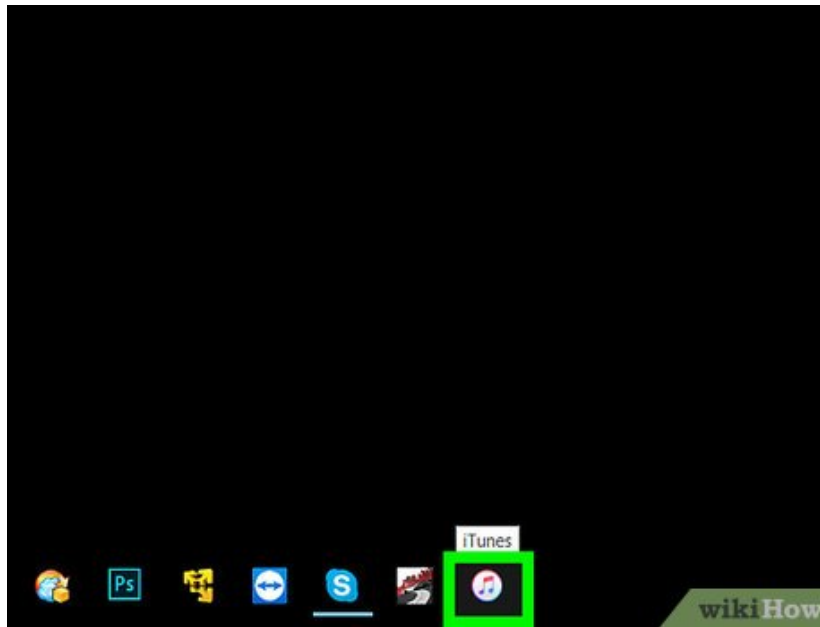


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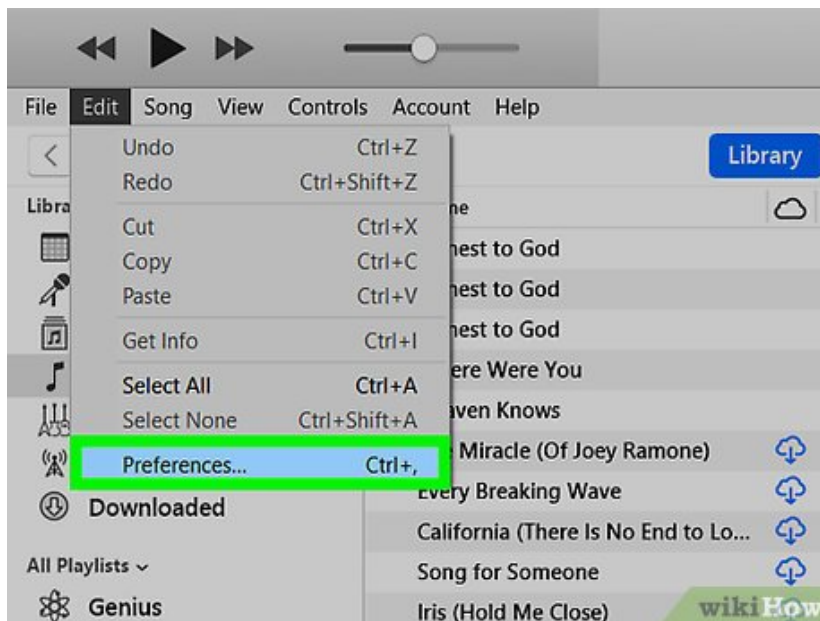
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**Open iTunes.** The iTunes app icon resembles a multicolored musical note on a white background.

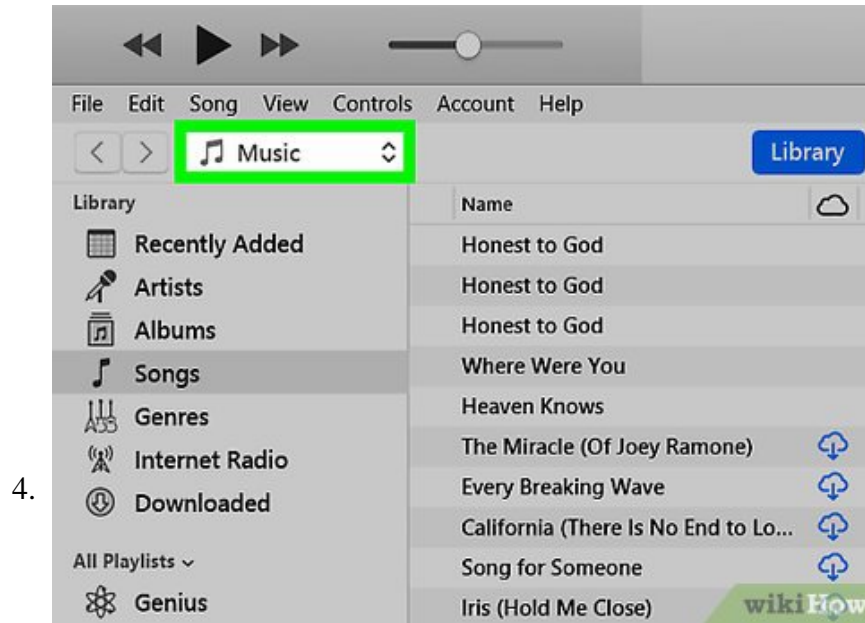
1. If you don't have iTunes on your computer, download it first.
2. If iTunes alerts you about an available update, click **Download iTunes** when prompted, then allow the update to install. You'll need to restart your computer once the update completes.

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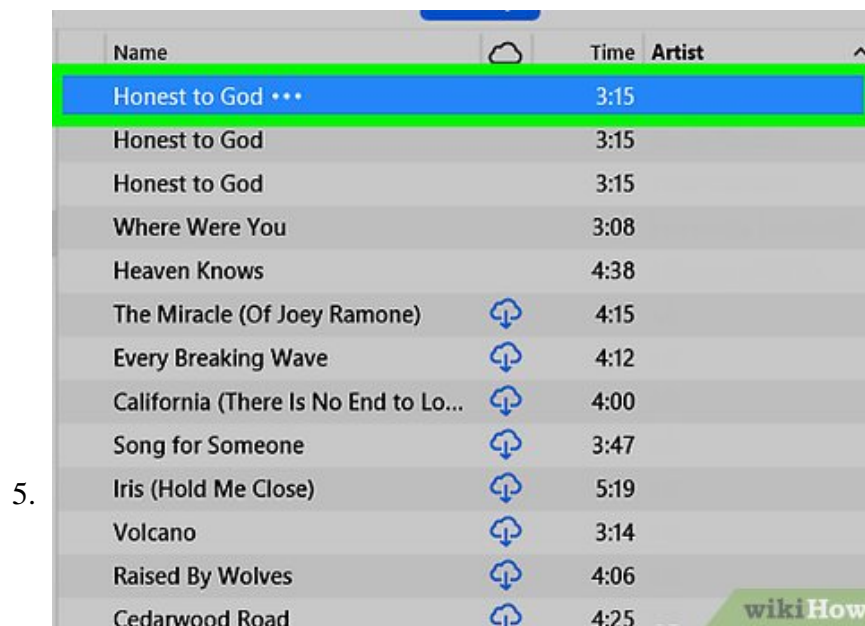


**Enable MP3 conversion.** To do so:

1. Click **Edit** (Windows) or **iTunes** (Mac).
2. Click **Preferences...**
3. Click **Import Settings...**
4. Click the **Import Using** drop-down box
5. Click **MP3 Encoder**
6. Click **OK** twice.

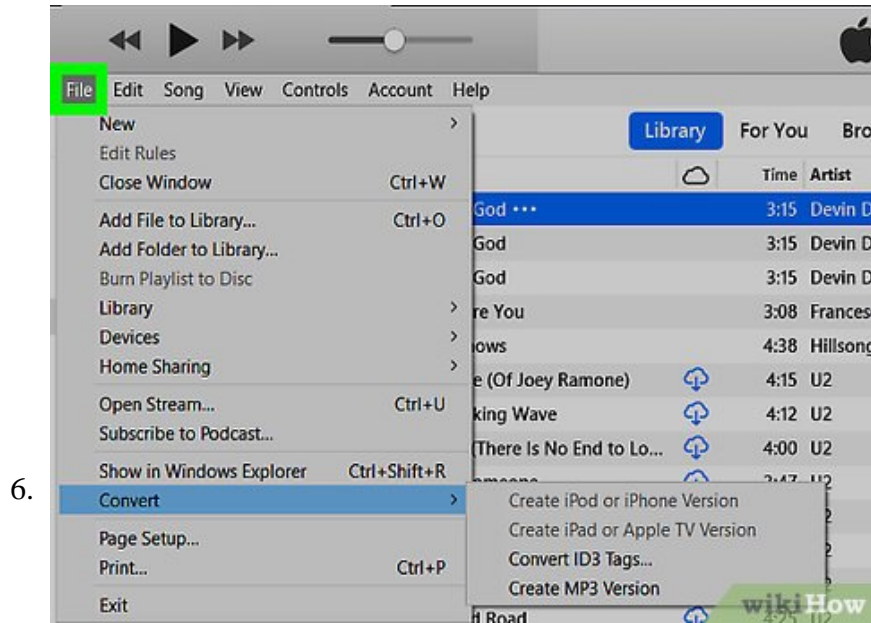


**Click the CD icon.** It's a CD-shaped icon in the upper-left side of the iTunes window. Doing so will open the CD's page on which you can view the CD's list of songs.

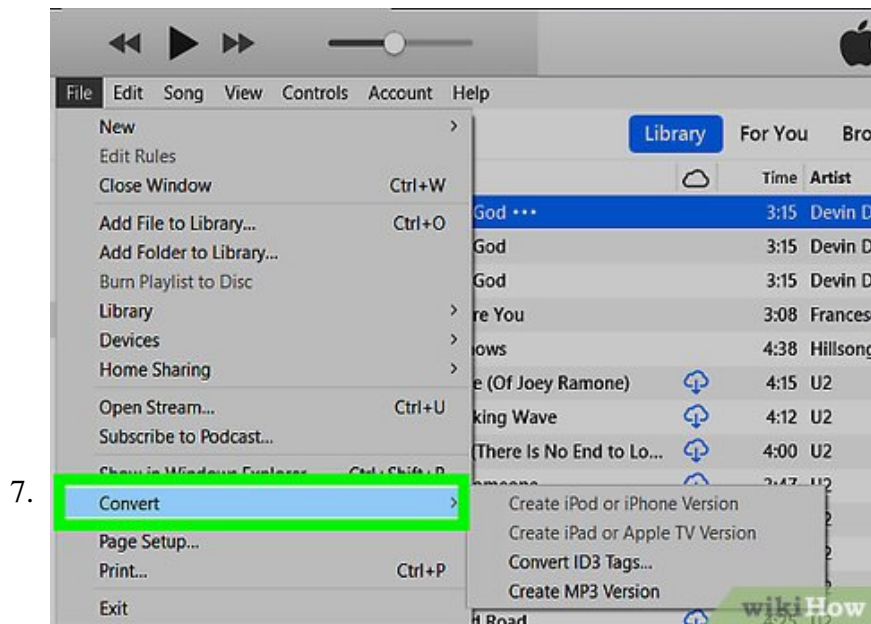


**Select the CD's songs.** Click one song, then press **Ctrl + A** (Windows) or **Command + A** (Mac) to select all of the songs.

1. You can also click and drag your cursor from the bottom of the song list to the top of the list.

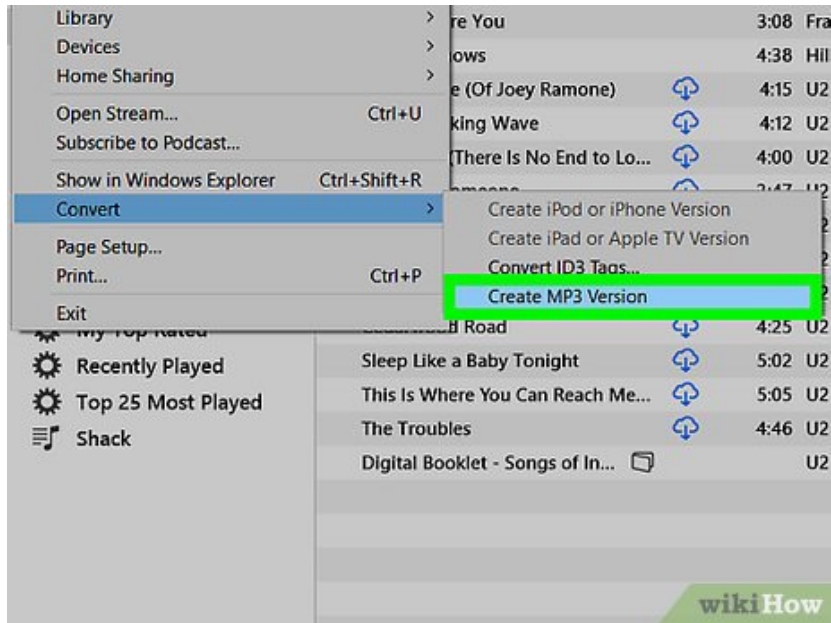


Click **File**. It's either in the top-left corner of the iTunes window (Windows) or in the top-left corner of the screen (Mac). A drop-down menu will appear.



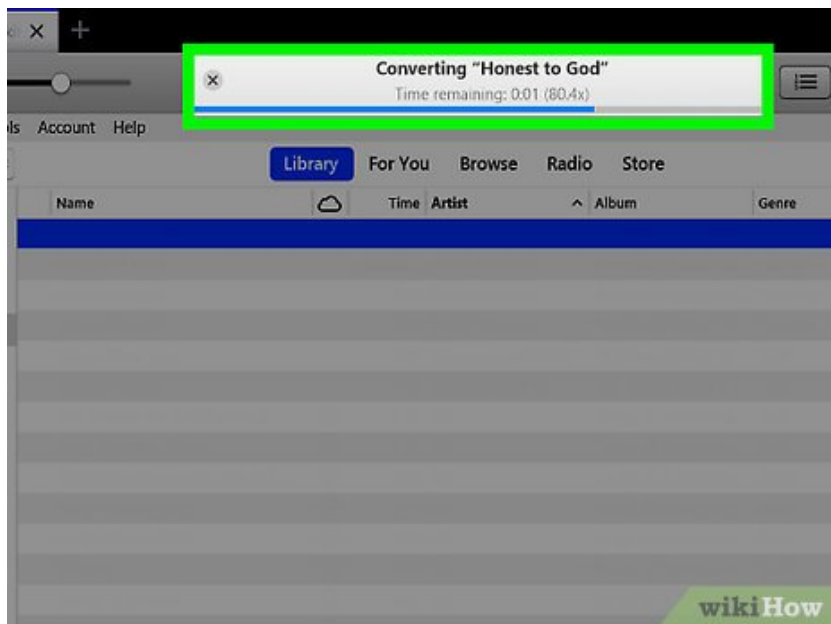
Select **Convert**. You'll find this near the bottom of the **File** drop-down menu. This will prompt a pop-out menu to appear.

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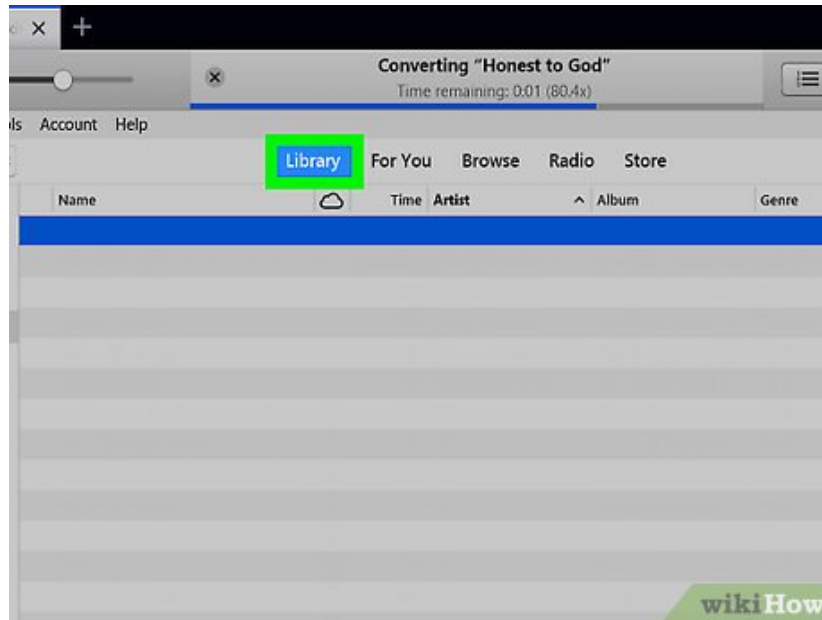
Click **Create MP3 Version**. It's in the pop-out menu. The CD will begin copying its contents onto your computer in MP3 format.

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**Wait for the CD to finish copying.** Once the CD finishes copying, you'll hear a chime, and the progress bar at the top of the iTunes window will disappear.

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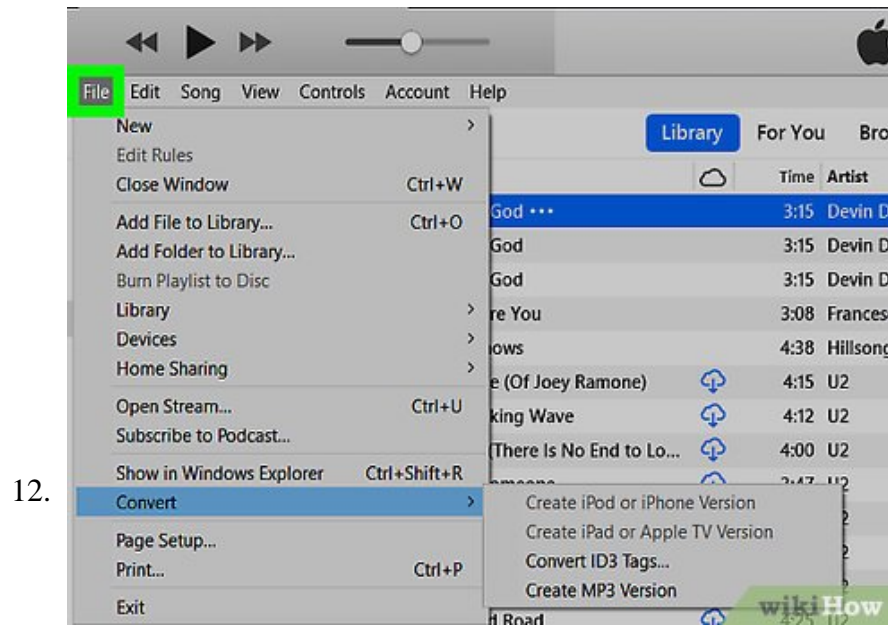


**Find the CD's album in your iTunes library.** Click the "Back" button in the upper-left side of iTunes, then click the **Albums** tab and find the album that you just copied to iTunes.

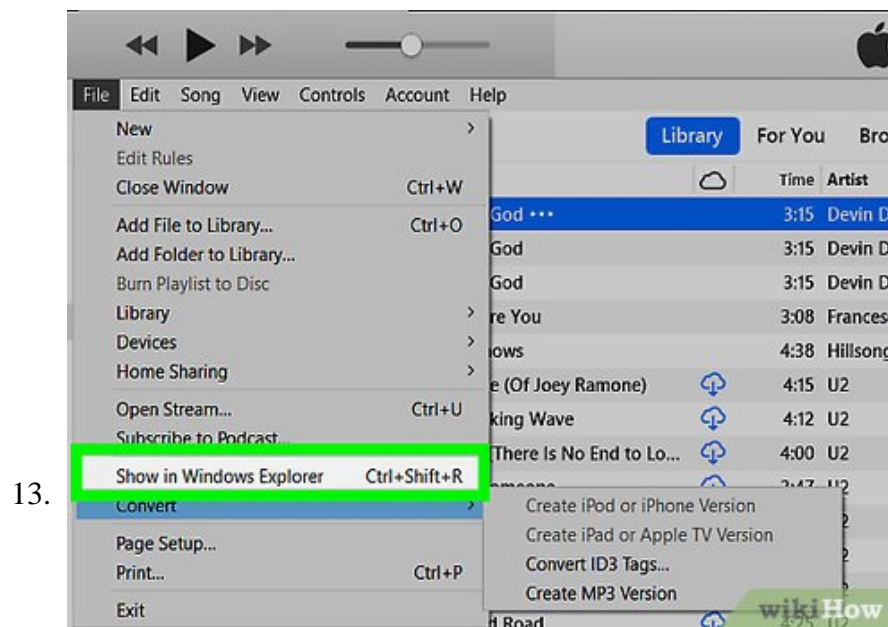
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**Select a song in the album.** Click any song from the CD to select it.



Click **File**. A drop-down menu will appear.



Click **Show in Windows Explorer** (Windows) or **Show in Finder** (Mac). This option is near the bottom of the menu. Doing so will open on your computer the folder in which the CD's copied MP3 files are stored.

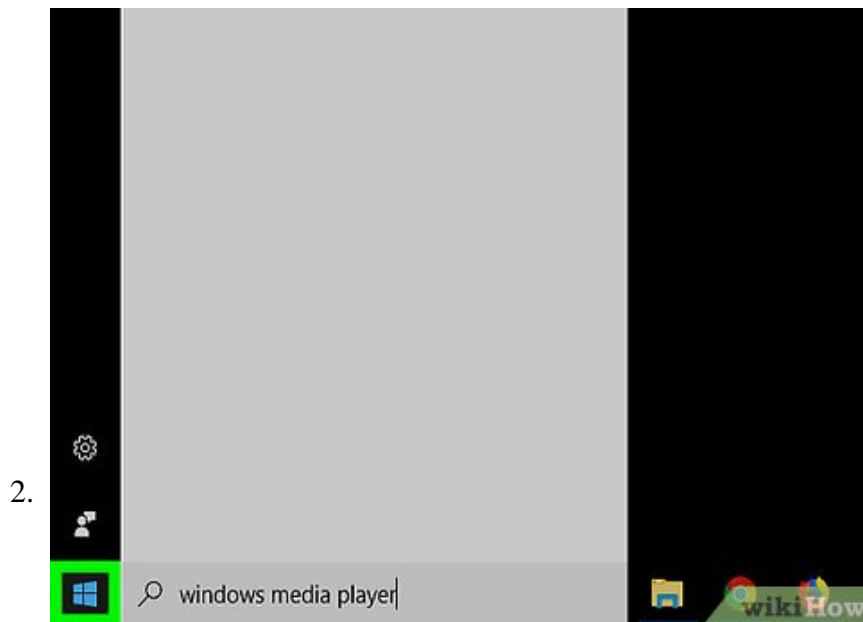
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## Using Windows Media Player

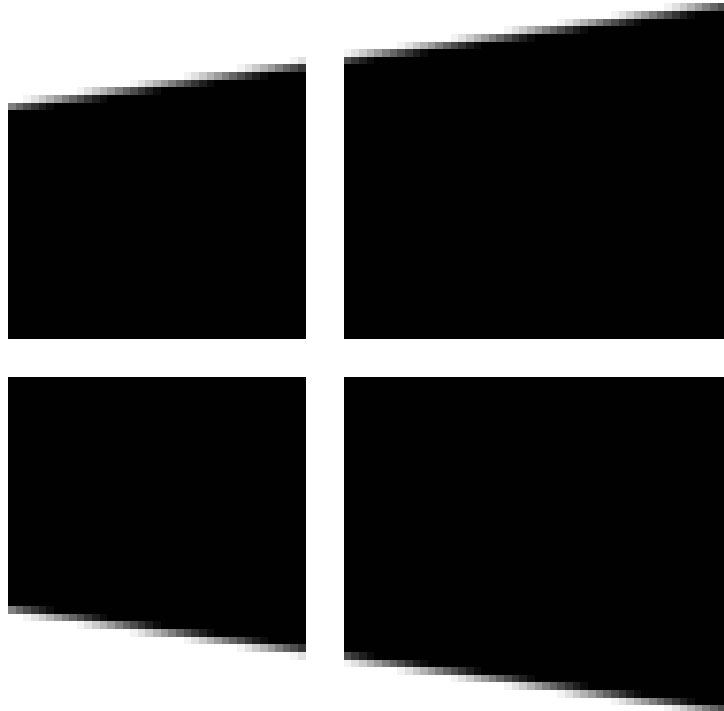


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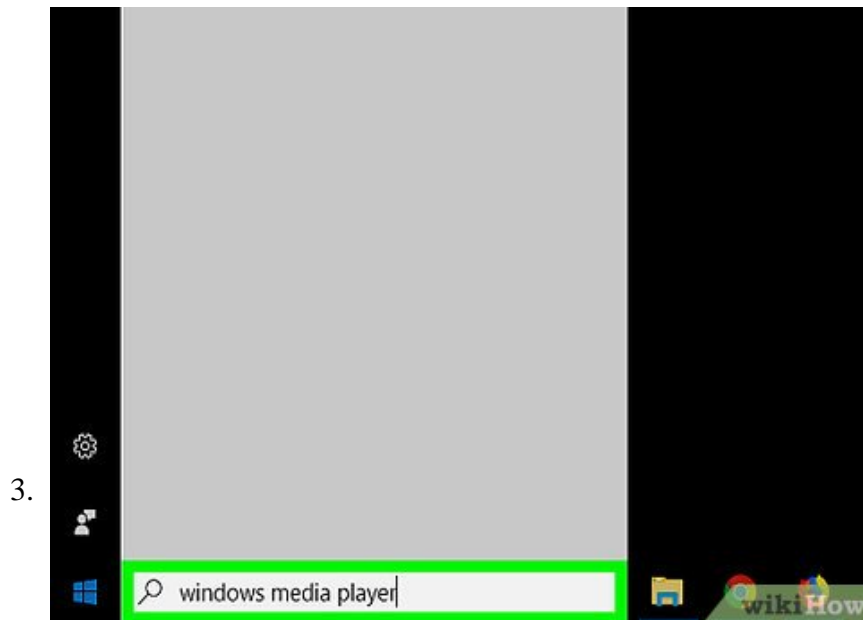
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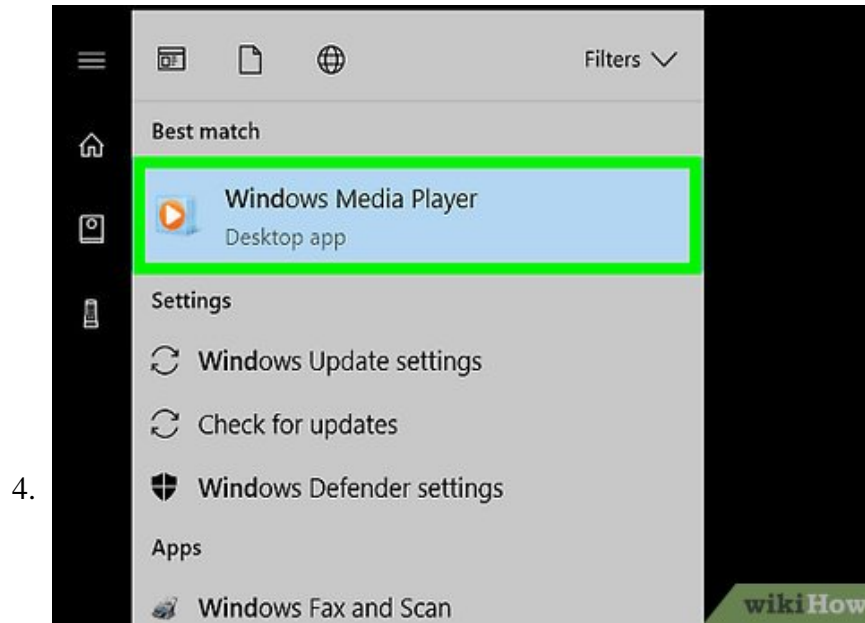
**Open Start**



. Click the Windows logo in the bottom-left corner of the screen.

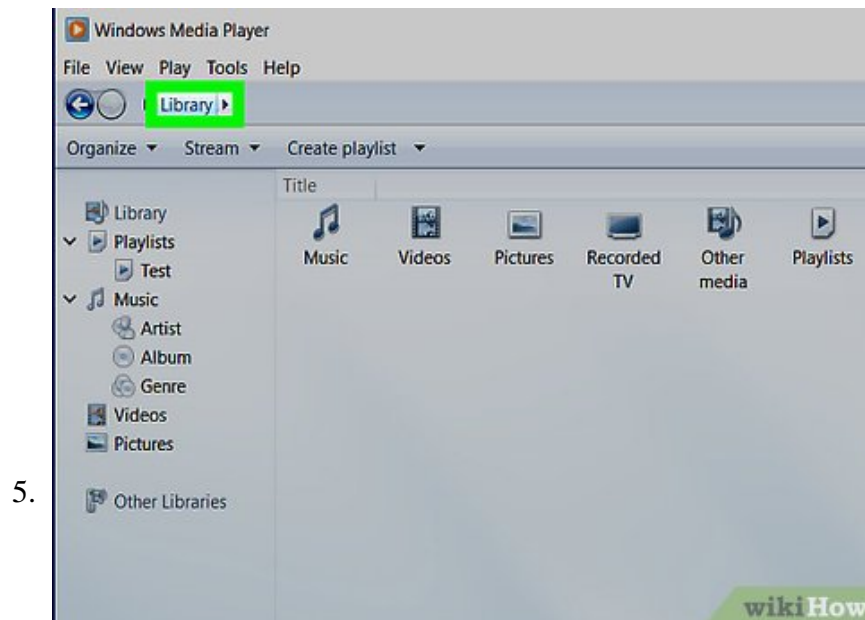


**Type in windows media player** . Doing so will search your computer for the Windows Media Player program.

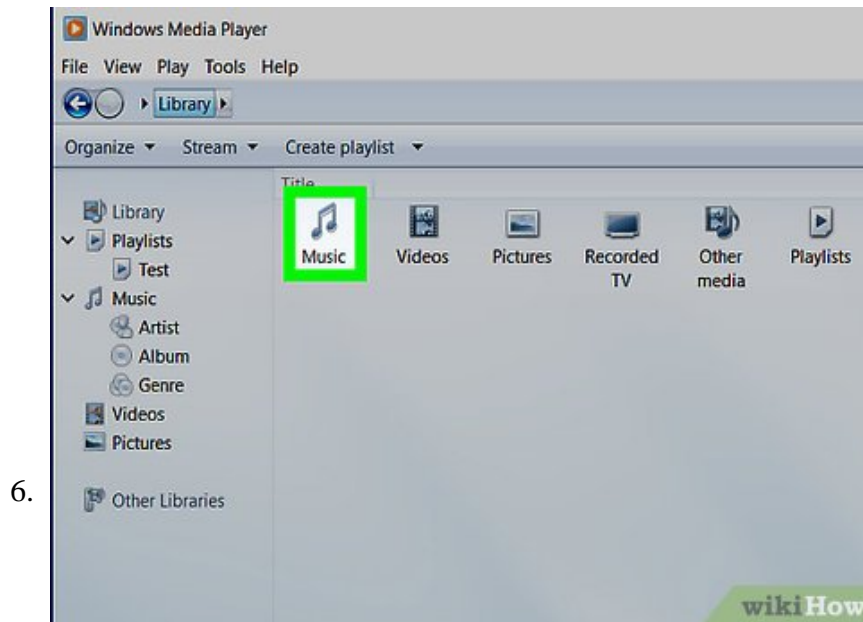


Click **Windows Media Player**. It's at the top of the Start window. Doing so will open Windows Media Player.

1. If after a few seconds you don't see the Windows Media Player program listed at the top of Start, it isn't on your computer. You'll need to use iTunes instead.

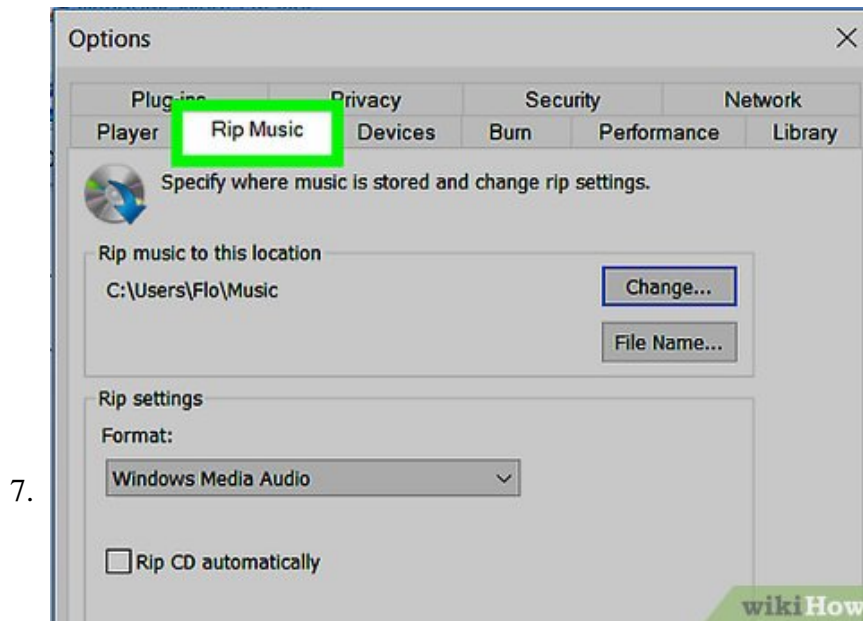


Click the **Library** tab. It's in the upper-left corner of the Windows Media Player window. This will open the Library view.



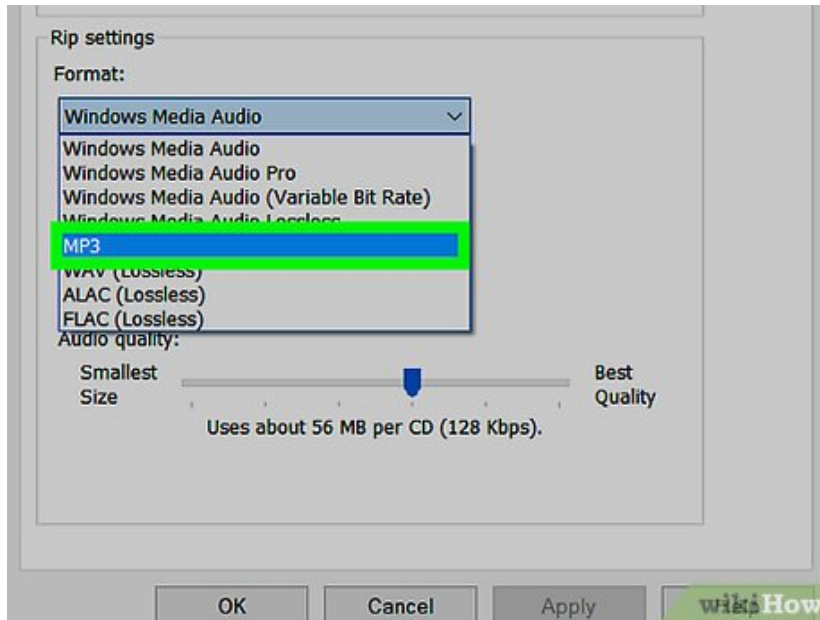
**Select your CD's name.** On the left side of the Windows Media Player window, click your CD's name to the right of the disc-shaped icon.

1. Your CD's name may show up here as "Unknown album".



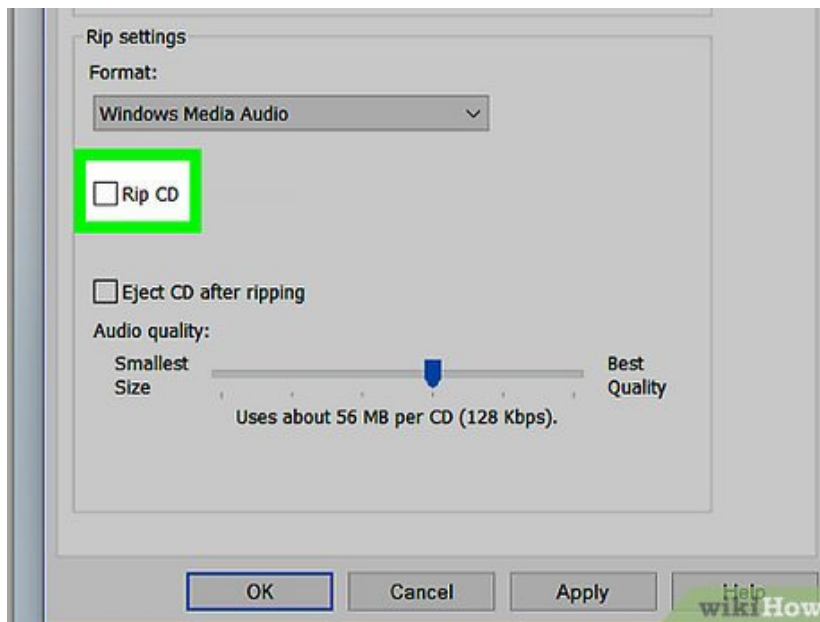
**Click **Rip settings****. This tab is at the top of the Windows Media Player window. A drop-down menu will appear.

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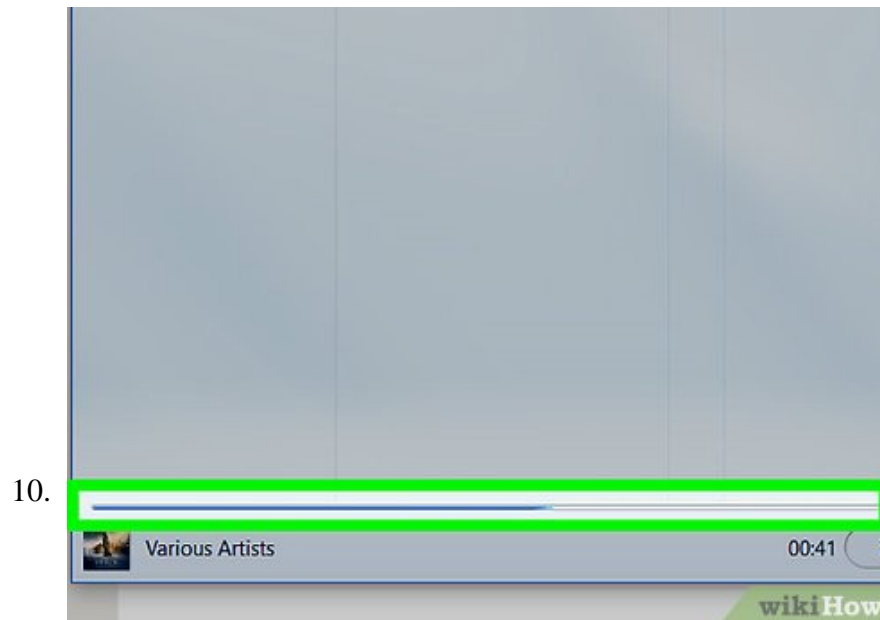


Select **Format**. It's near the top of the **Rip settings** drop-down menu. A pop-out menu will appear next to it.

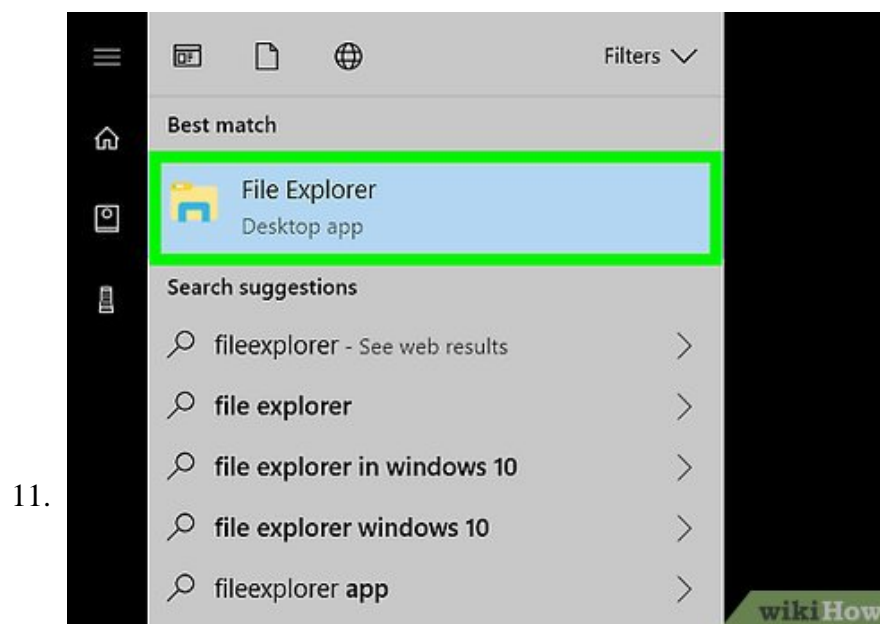
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Click **MP3**. This option is in the pop-out menu. Doing so selects the MP3 format as your CD's file type.



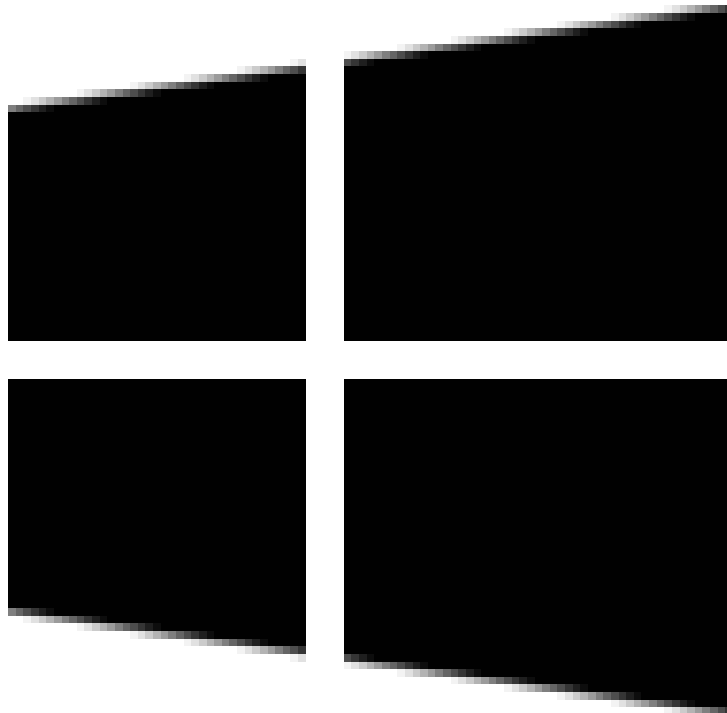
Click **Rip CD**. It's at the top of the Windows Media Player window. The CD will begin copying to your computer.



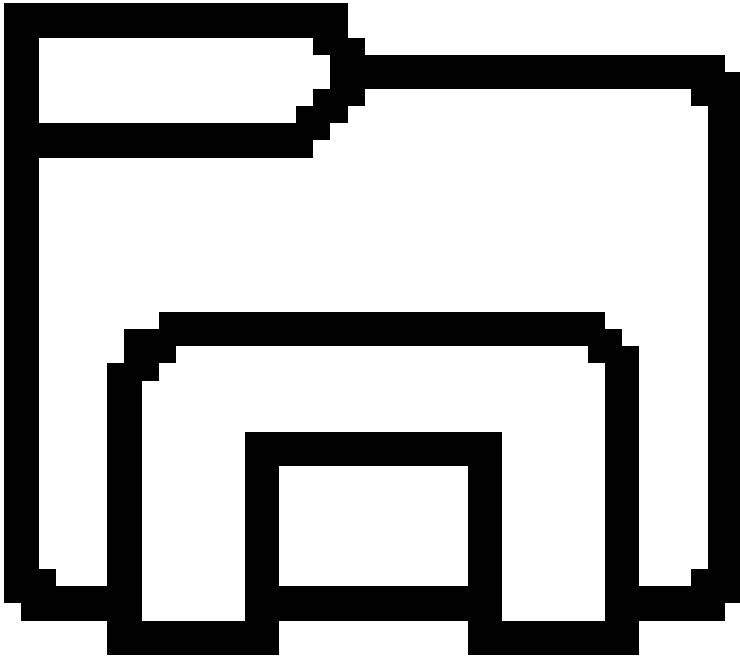
**Wait for the CD rip to complete.** This will usually take around 15 to 30 seconds per song.

1. You may need to click **OK** when prompted once the music finishes copying.

12. **Open the copied MP3s' location.** Open **Start**



and click **File Explorer**



(or type in `windows explorer` on Windows 7 and then click the folder-shaped icon at the top of **Start**), then do the following:

1. Click the **Music** folder on the left side of the window.
2. Double-click your user folder.
3. Double-click the CD's artist's folder.
4. Double-click the album's folder.

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