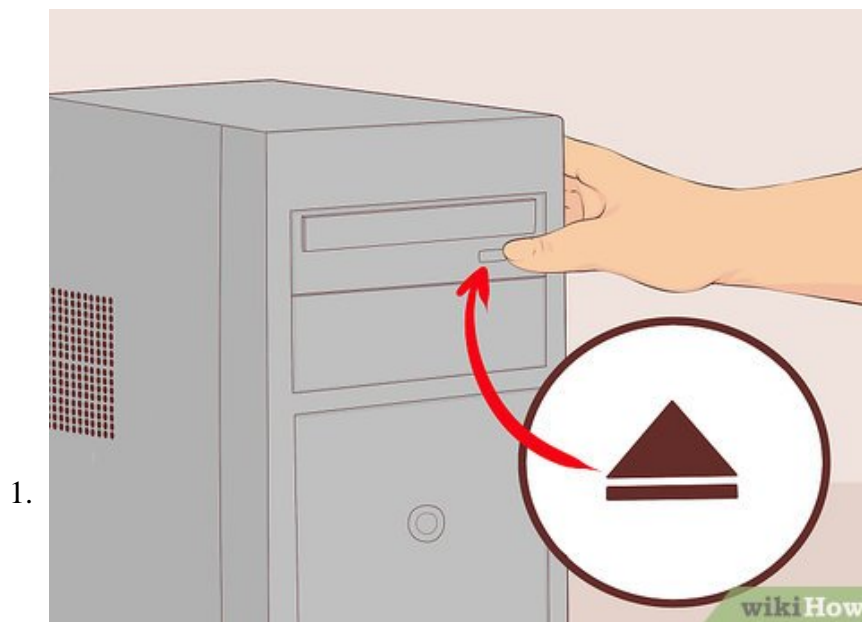


How to Play a CD on a Desktop Computer

This wikiHow teaches how to play audio CDs on Windows and Mac computers. Press the Eject button on your disc drive. This is typically located on the front plate of the disc drive, on the bottom-right.

Part 1 of 4:

Playing a CD in Windows



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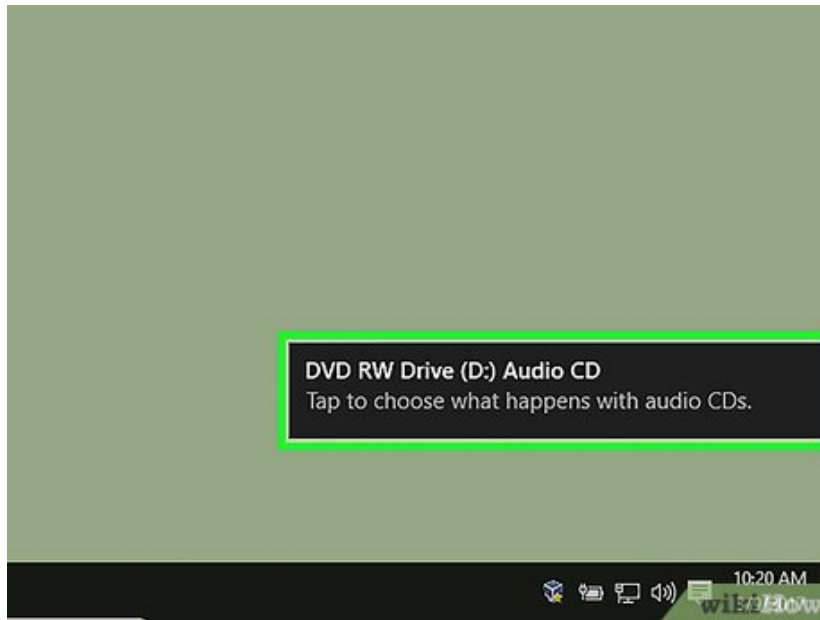
Place the disc in the tray label-side up.

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Close the tray by pushing it or pressing Eject again. The tray's motor will typically handle the closing, unless it's a spring-loaded notebook drive.

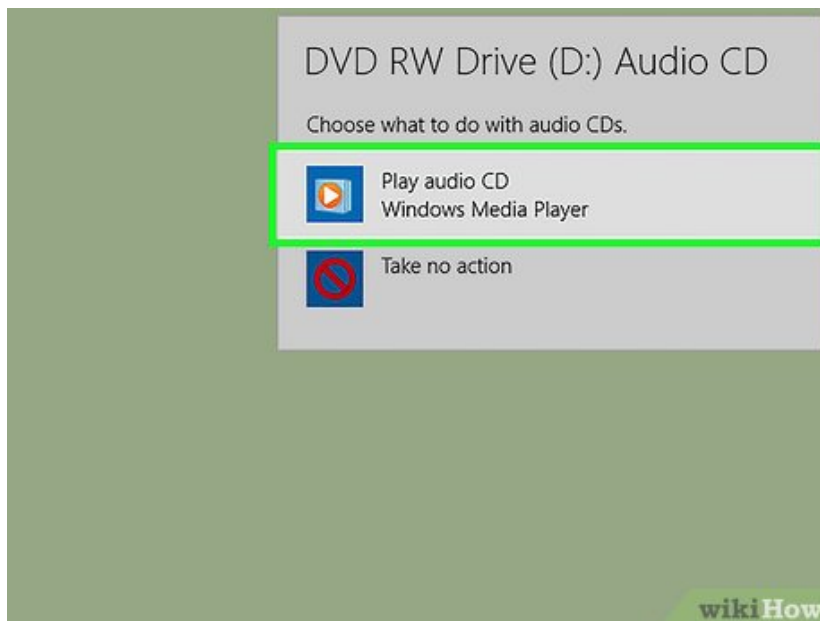
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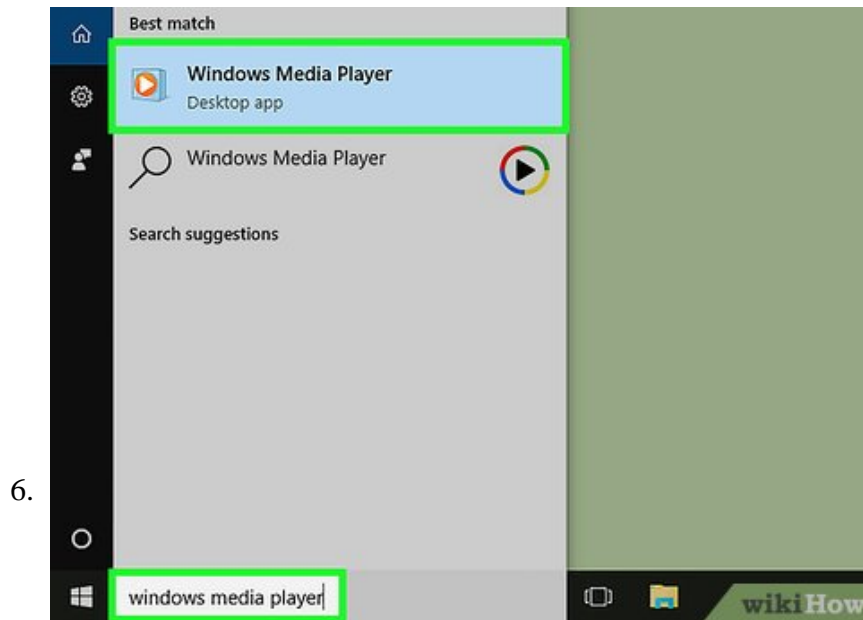
Click **Select to choose what happens with audio CDs**. If you don't see this notification appear on your screen, you've already chosen an action to take when an audio CD is inserted.

1. If you want to change the program that opens automatically when a CD is inserted, you can do so from the Control Panel.

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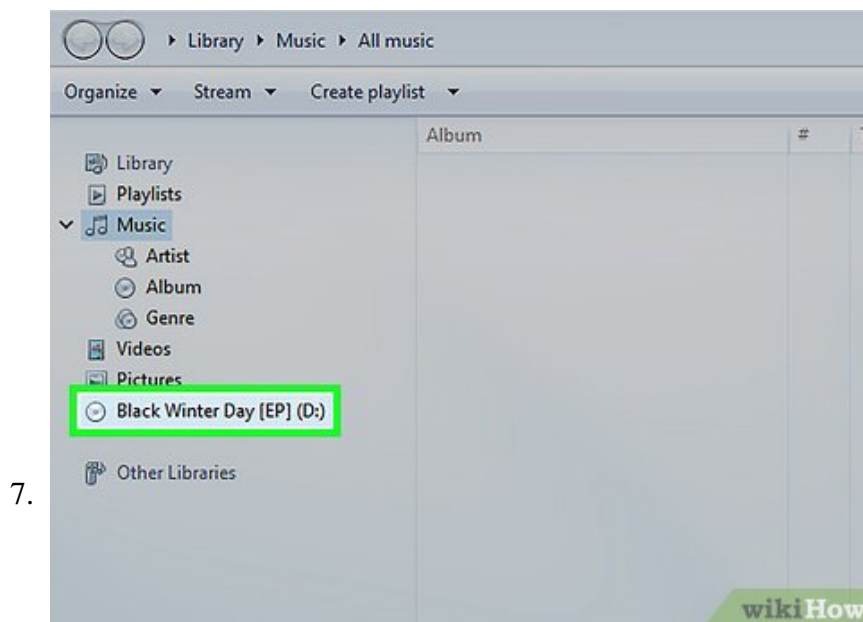


Click **Play audio CD**. You'll see the program that will play the CD displayed beneath. If you have multiple programs installed that can play audio CDs, you'll see them listed. Windows Media Player is the program that comes installed on all versions of Windows.



Start Windows Media Player if AutoPlay doesn't appear. If nothing happens when you insert your disc, you can start Windows Media Player yourself.

1. Press ? Win | and type "windows media player."
2. Click Windows Media Player in the list.



Double-click your audio CD in the left menu. The CD will begin playing, and you'll see all of the tracks appear in the center of the window.

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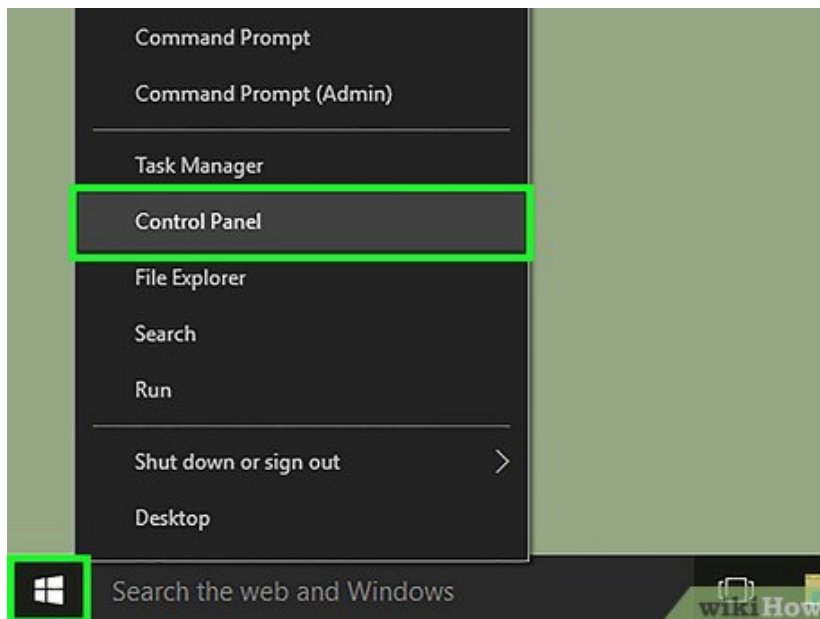


Click and drag the volume slider in Windows Media Player. This will adjust the volume of the CD as it plays. Note that this volume slider is separate from your system volume. Make sure your system volume is set high enough to hear before adjusting the Windows Media Player volume.

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Adjusting Windows AutoPlay Settings

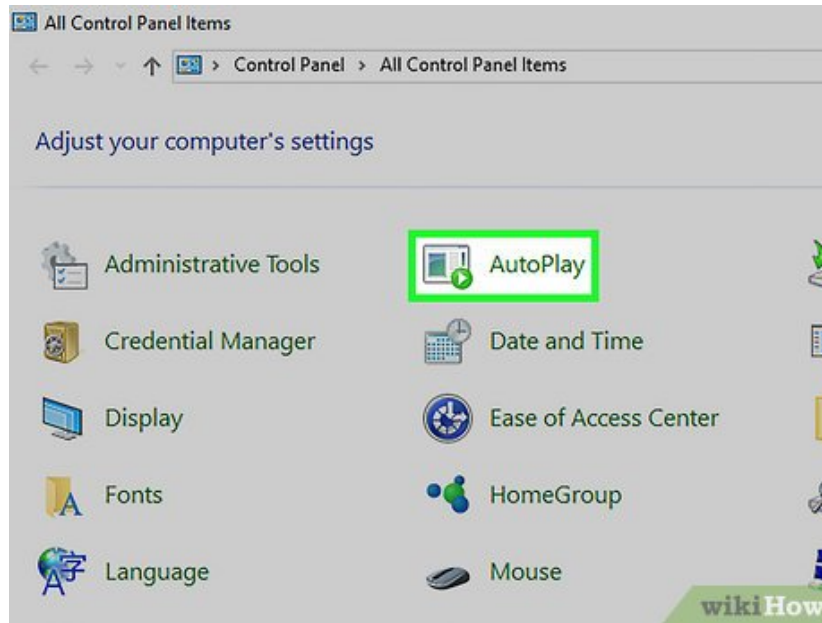
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Open the Control Panel. The process for this is a little different for Windows 10 and 8 versus Windows 7 and earlier:

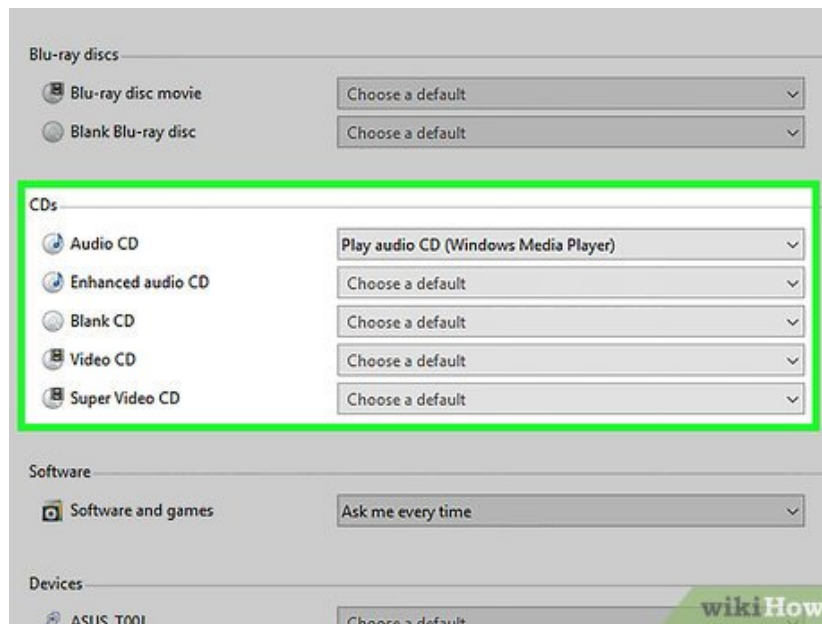
1. Windows 10 and 8 - Right-click the Start button and select "Control Panel."
2. Windows 7 and earlier - Click the Start button and select "Control Panel" from the Start menu.

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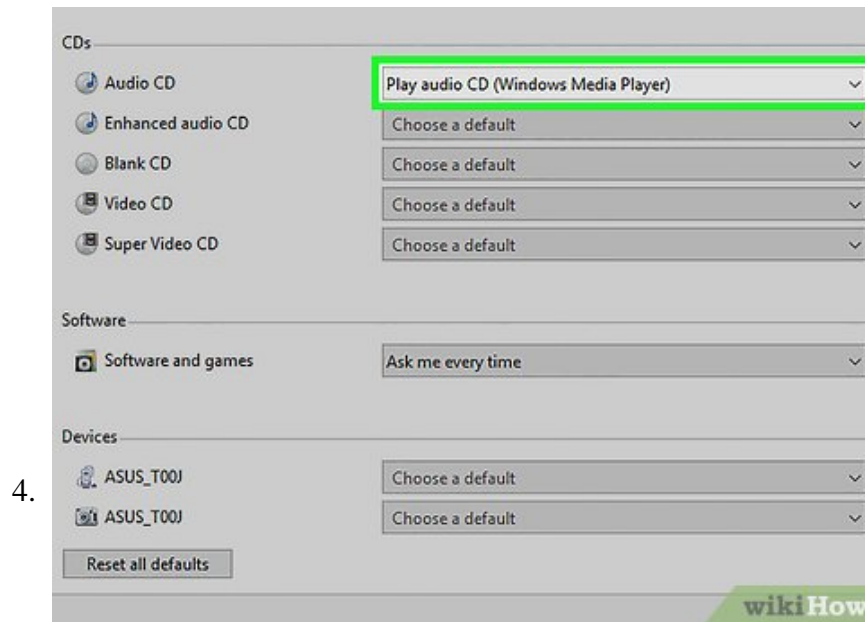


Click the **AutoPlay** option. If you don't see this option, click the "View by" menu in the upper-right corner and select either "Large icons" or "Small icons."

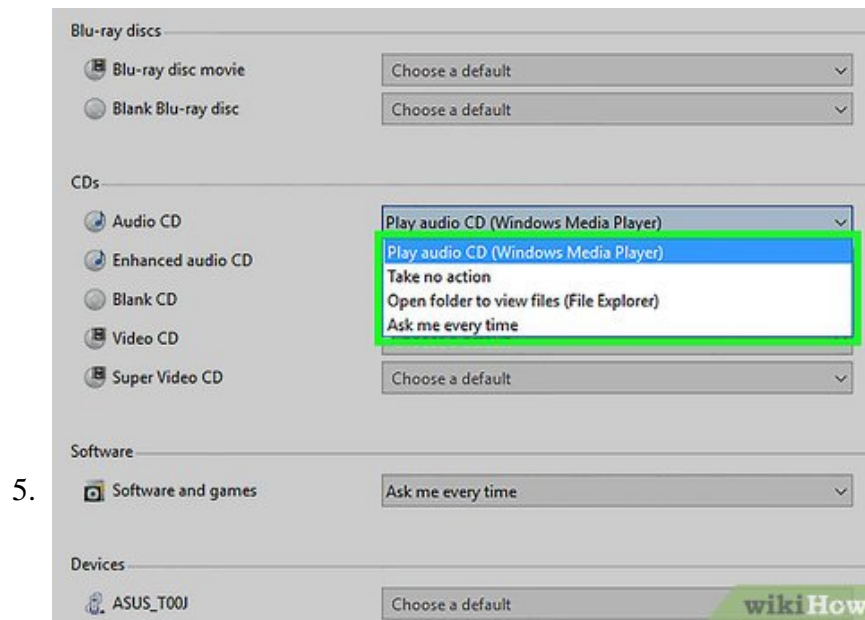
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Scroll down to the **CDs** section.



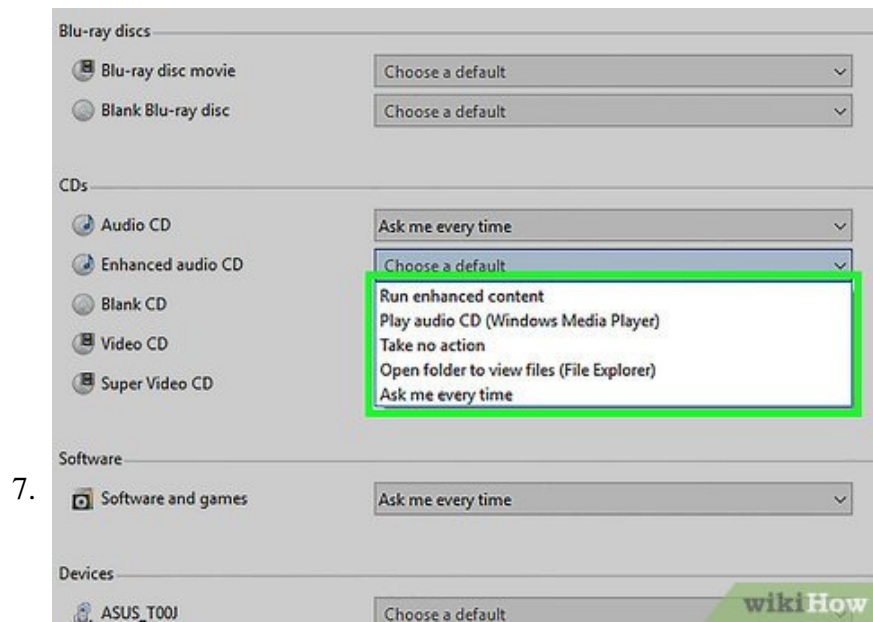
Click the **Audio CD** drop-down menu.



Click the action you want to take when an audio CD is inserted.



Click the **Enhanced audio CD** drop-down menu.



Click the action you want to take for enhanced audio CDs.

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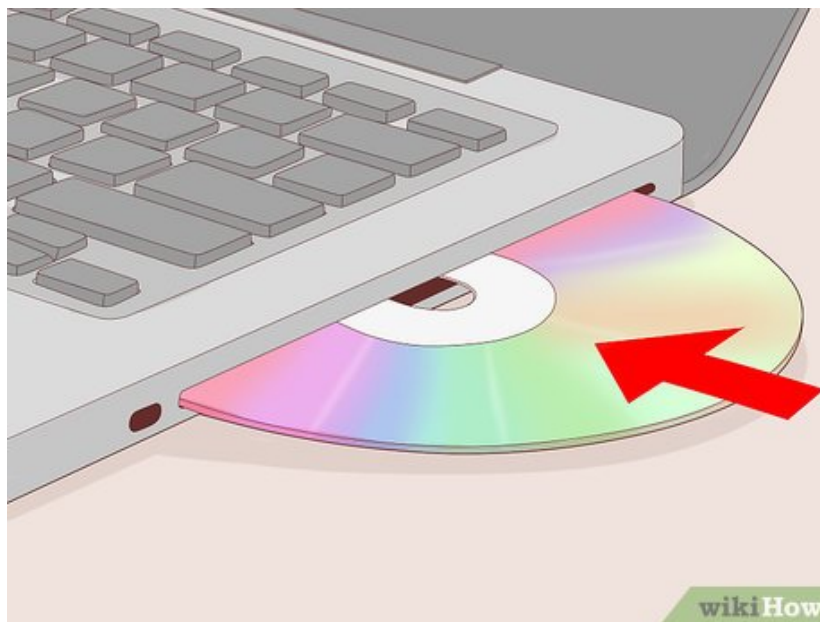


Click the **Save** button. The actions you set will be the new default actions for when an audio CD is inserted into the computer.

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Playing a CD on a Mac

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Insert the disc into your Mac's disc drive. Make sure that the disc is label-up as you insert it.

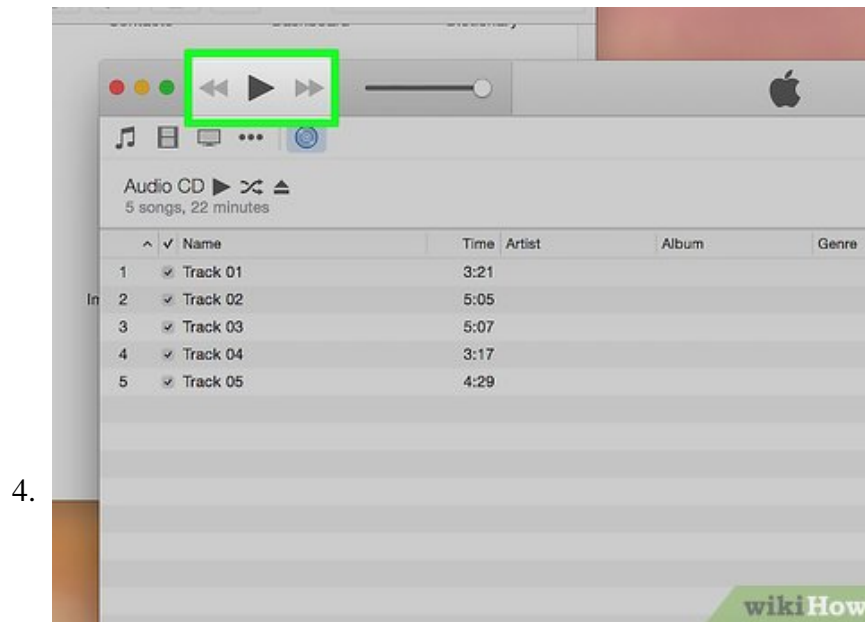
1. Most Mac laptop computers have a slot for discs, while some Mac desktops have a slide-out tray.



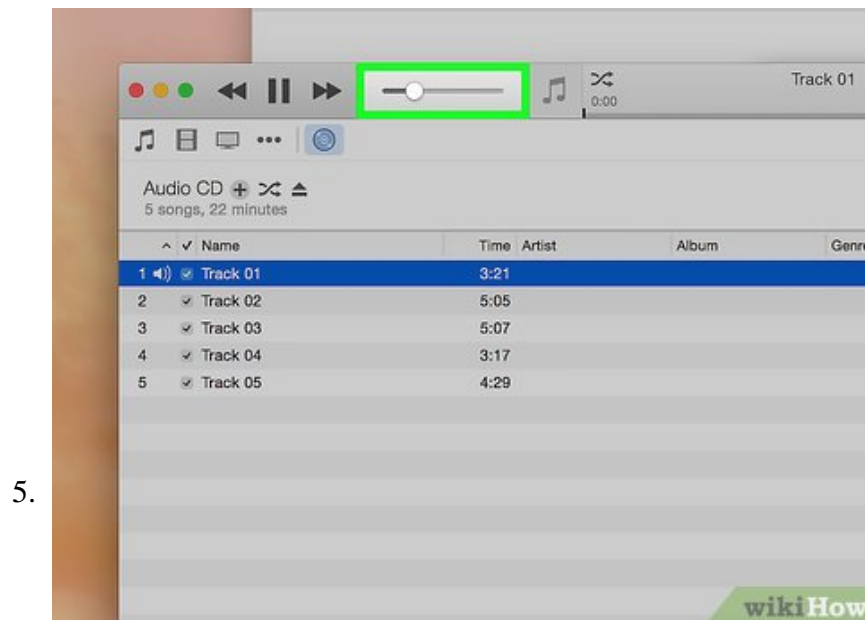
Click the iTunes button in your Dock if it doesn't open automatically.



Click the CD button. You'll see this along the top row of buttons in iTunes.

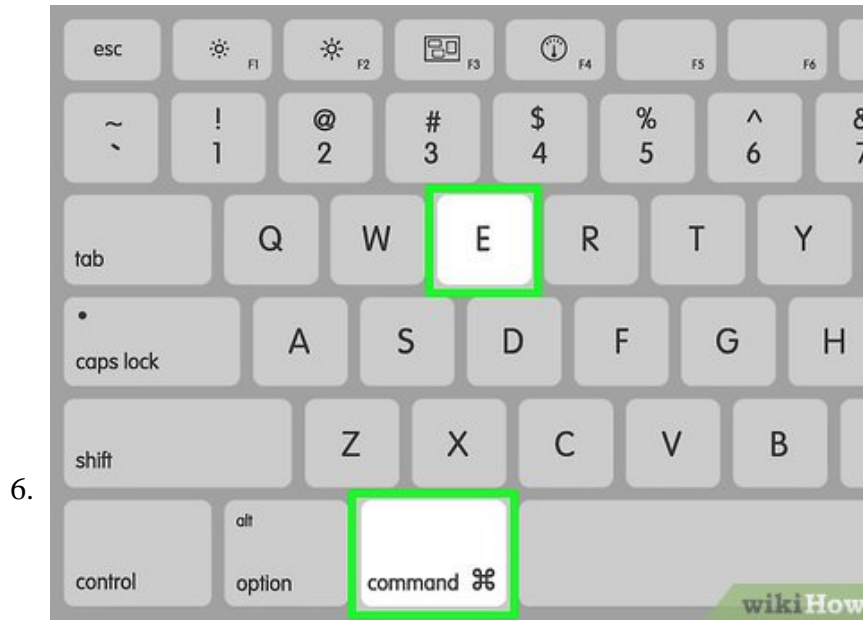


Click the Play button. The CD will begin playing.



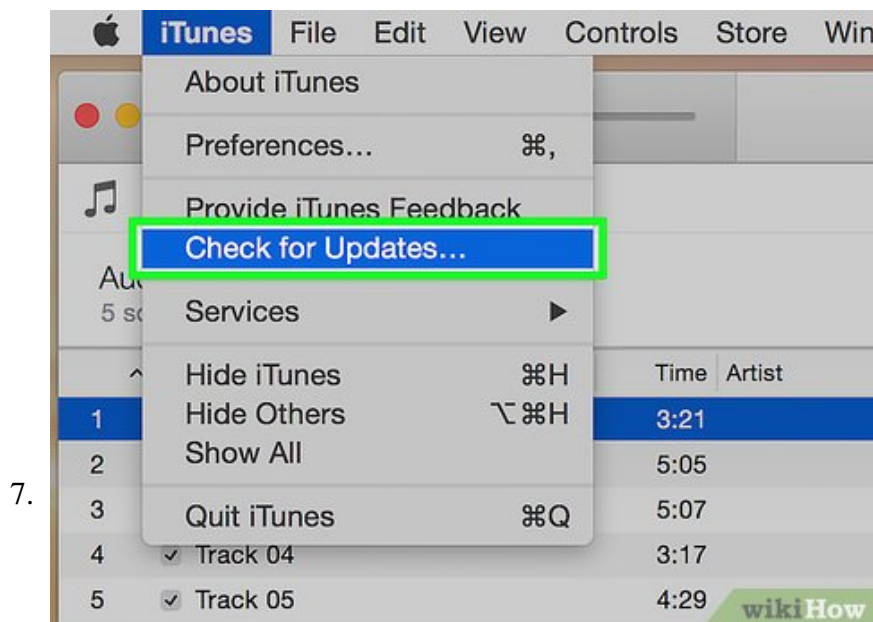
Click and drag the Volume slider to adjust the volume. You'll see the volume slider at the top of the window next to the playback controls.

1. The iTunes volume slider is independent from the system volume slider. If your system volume is turned all the way down, adjusting the iTunes volume won't do anything.



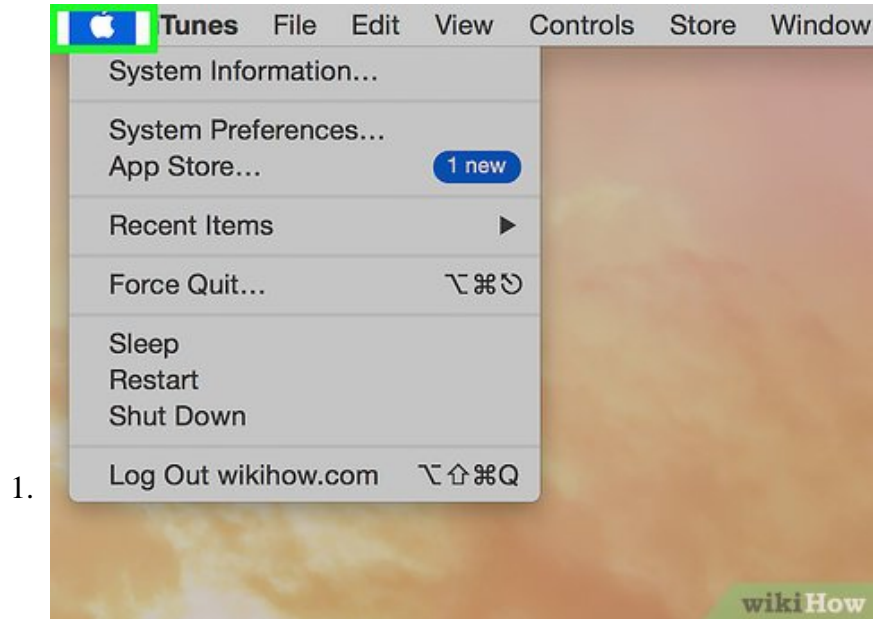
Eject the disc when you're done. There are several ways to eject the disc on a Mac:

1. Press the Eject button on your keyboard.
2. Press **Command + E**.
3. Click your desktop, then click File > Eject.
4. Drag the CD icon on your desktop into the Trash. This will only work if icons for discs are visible on the desktop.

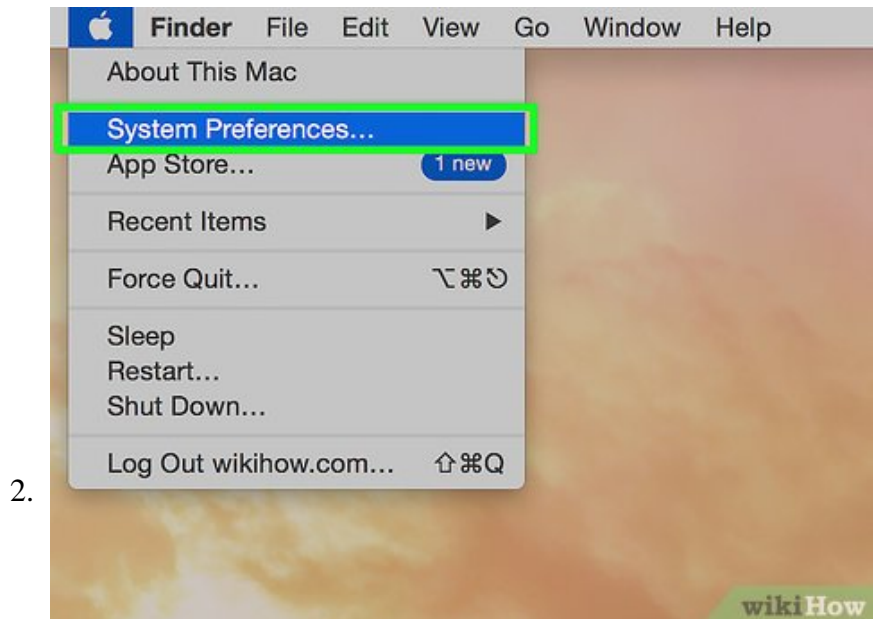


Update iTunes if the CD automatically ejects. Some users of older versions of iTunes report audio CDs automatically ejecting, even though other discs work. This problem is usually solved by updating to the latest version of iTunes.^[1]

Adjusting Your Mac's CD Defaults



Click the Apple menu.

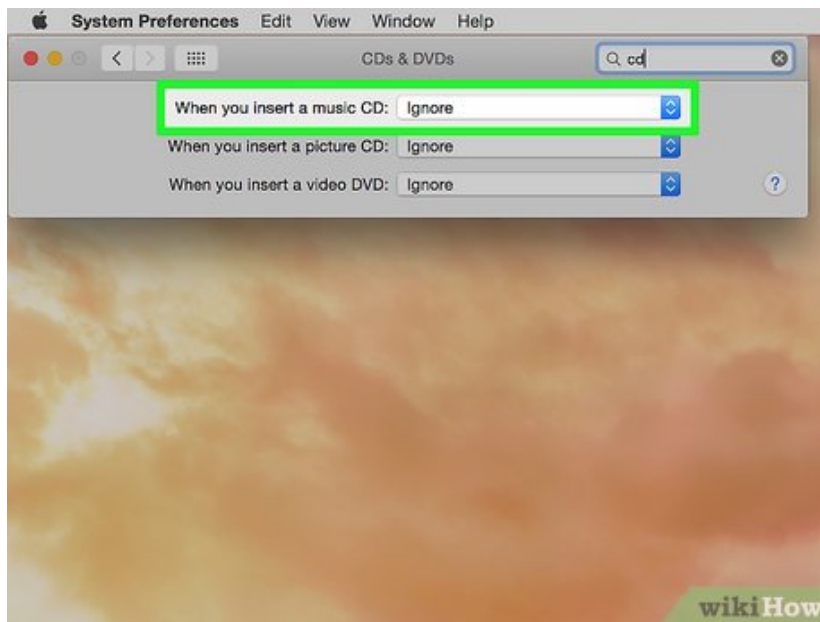


Click **System Preferences**. If you don't see all of the System Preferences options, click the Show All button at the top of the window.



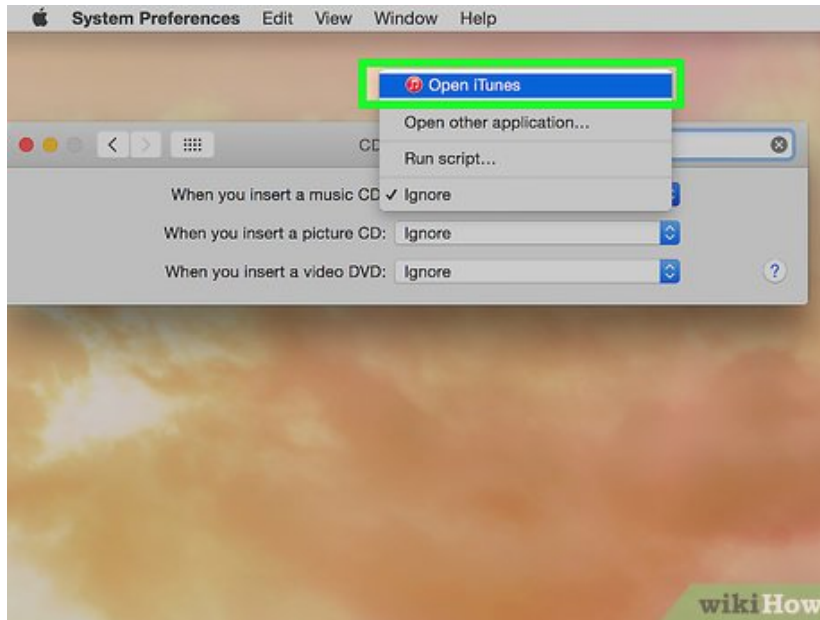
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Click **CDs & DVDs**. You'll see this in the second section of the System Preferences menu.



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Click the **When you insert a music CD** menu.



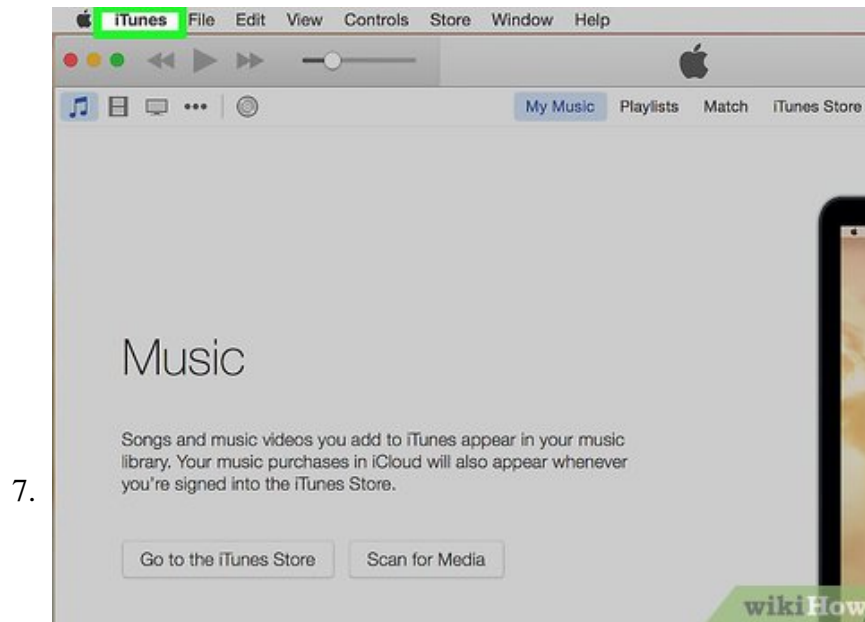
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Click the action you want to take. If you want the CD to start playing immediately in iTunes, select "Open iTunes."

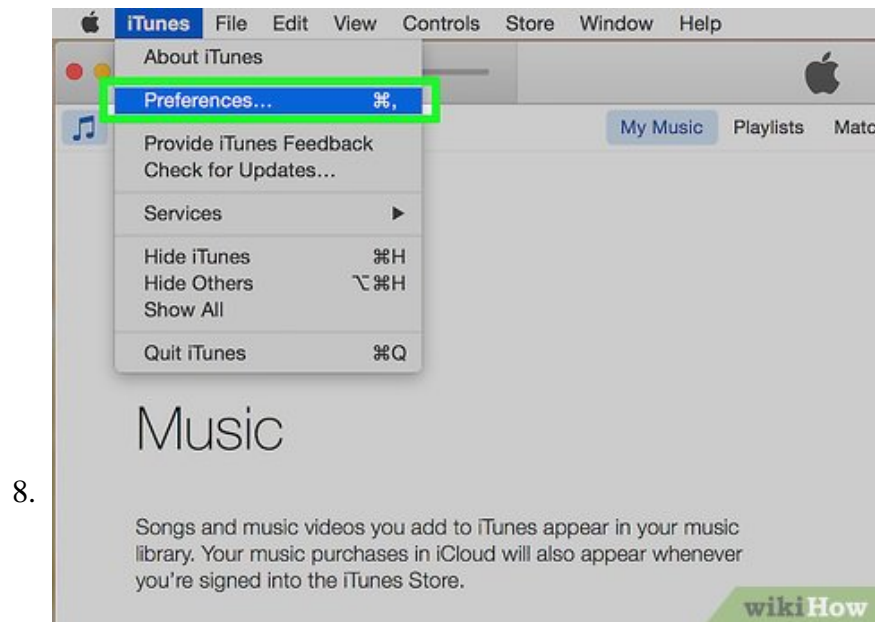


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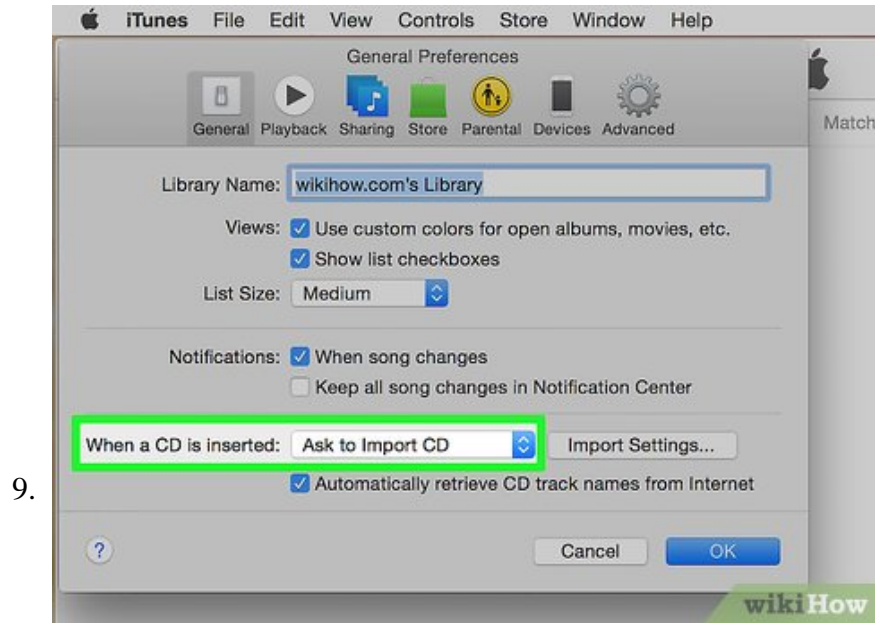
Open iTunes. If you set iTunes to open when an audio CD is inserted, you can now set a more specific action for iTunes to take.



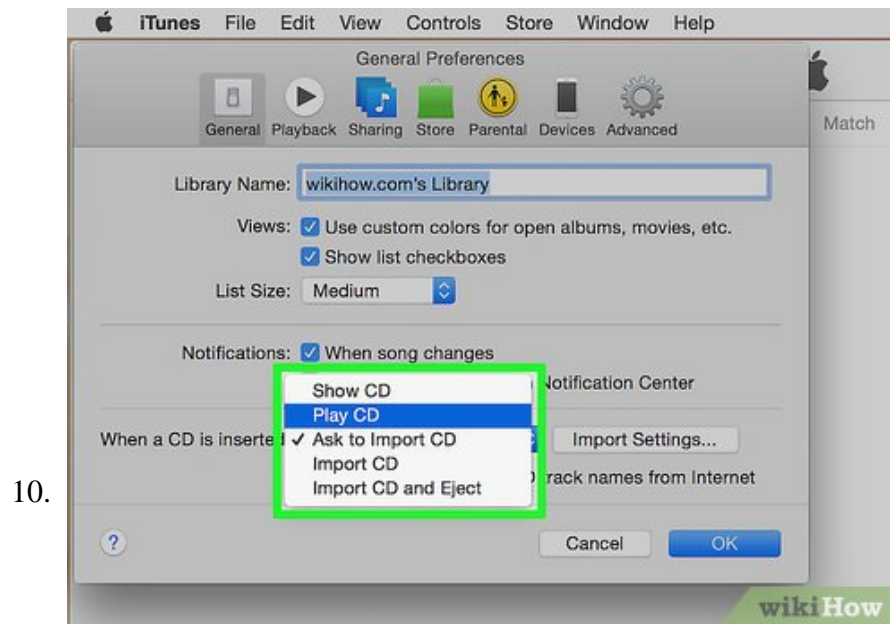
Click the **iTunes** menu.



Click **Preferences**.

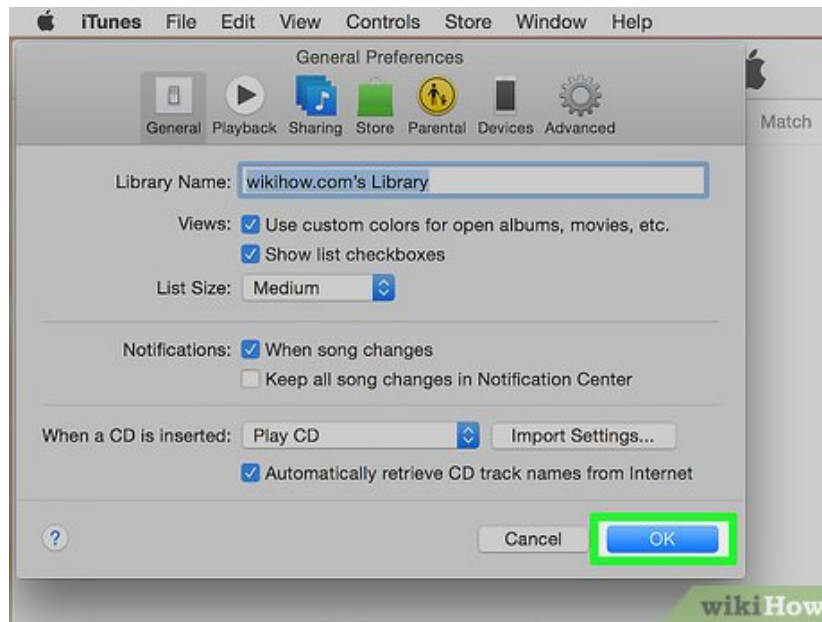


Click the **When you insert a CD** menu.



Click the action you want to take when a CD is inserted. You can choose to start playing the music, import the songs to your library, or display the contents of the CD.

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Click OK. Audio CDs will now automatically play in iTunes when they are inserted.

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