

# Set Windows Media Player as Your Default Digital Media Player

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If your computer is running Windows XP and you have more than one digital media player installed, you can choose Windows Media Player 11 as your default digital media player for all the audio and video file types that it supports. This means that when you attempt to play a supported file type, such as Windows Media Audio (.wma) or Windows Media Video (.wmv), the Player opens automatically and plays the file.

## For More Information

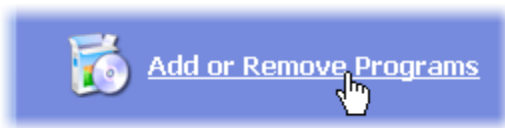
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For more information about the file types supported by Windows Media Player, see [Windows Media Player multimedia file formats](#).

## To set Windows Media Player 11 as your default digital media player

1. Open Control Panel.
2. Under **Pick a category**, click **Add or Remove Programs**.
3. In the **Add or Remove Programs** window, click **Add or Remove Programs**.

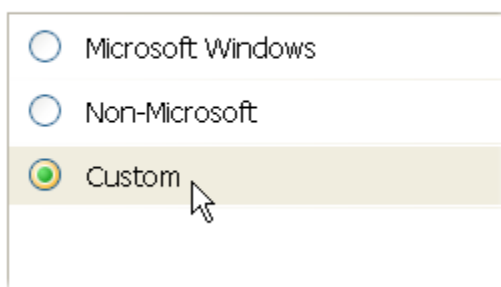


4. In the **Add or Remove Programs** dialog box, click **Set Program Access and Defaults**.



5. In the **Choose a configuration** box, double-click **Custom**.

Choose a configuration:



6. In the **Choose a default media player** area, click **Windows Media Player**, and then click **OK**.



You also have the option of setting Windows Media Player as the default digital media player for one or more specific file types rather than for all audio and video file types that the Player supports. For more information, see [How do I make Windows Media Player the default player for a file type?](#)

In some cases, you might set Windows Media Player as the default digital media player for a specific file type but a different player or program opens that file type instead. For more information, see [Why is a different player or program opening my audio and video files when Windows Media Player was set as my default digital media player?](#)