

Re: Starting WMP 11 minmised?

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Hi Neil

Fraid not. Tried doing as you say, turning off WMP toolbar first, making sure the shortcut didn't open a playlist, ensuring it was set to run Minimised, and ensuring I only double-clicked once.

Opens up in a normal window every time.

What is more, I'd really want to be able to open a specific playlist and for it to still open up minimised (to the taskbar)... I can't imagine why I'd want just to open up WMP minimised for it to sit there and do nothing.

This doesn't appear to be a problem limited to me... some googling has found others with the same issue.

What OS are you running?

Mike

"Neil Smith [MVP Digital Media]" wrote:

Works for me, both as minimised, and as toolbar player.

Try turning off the WMP Toolbar first to test (right-click taskbar, choose Toolbars, untick WMP). Now clone your WMP icon.

Right-click and Properties – make sure it's only showing the path to WMP and not a playlist or other content (that may force it to show, if it's visual content).

Next to the Run : box, choose "Minimised".

Close WMP down. Double click the icon *once* – if you double click it, then do that *again* it'll pop out of minimised because it's already running and assumes you're trying to focus the player to do something.

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That probably explains why it "appears" to be unpredictable – you're impatiently clicking on the icon, and the multiple clicks spring it out of the minimised mode – WMP can take several seconds to start up and I guess you're assuming nothing's happening and clicking again in annoyance.

Finally, re-enable the toolbar, close WMP and repeat as desired – it'll pop straight into toolbar mode.

HTH
Cheers – Neil

On Thu, 10 Jan 2008 01:13:03 –0800, Mike B
<MikeB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

I'm trying to work out a way to launch WMP 11 in a minimised window, so that the WMP controls appear on the Vista taskbar.

I've tried creating a shortcut to launch WMP, setting the option to open as *minimised*... but this seems to be ignored, and WMP anyway starts in a normal window.

I've looked for a suitable command line parameter but can't see one.

Any ideas?

The guy here in this post seemed to have found a solution:

<http://www.camcorderanswers.com/f13/any-ideas-why-minimized-fails-when-using-wmplayer-co>

But clicking through I only see some WMP11 command line parameters that are of no relevance to the issue in hand??

Any ideas how to get WMP 11 to fire up minimised?

Thanks,

Mike

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