

## Re: iTunes Running on MCE 2004?

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HOPE THIS HELPS YOU.

Check out:

[http://66.102.7.104/searchq=cache:C9\\_b9MwPs1sJ:www.osxhax.com/archives/000046.html+.M4P+WMP+PLUGIN+](http://66.102.7.104/searchq=cache:C9_b9MwPs1sJ:www.osxhax.com/archives/000046.html+.M4P+WMP+PLUGIN+)

Apparently renaming a m4p/m4a to a .mp4 will allow playback in a windows based machine. You can also get the Digital Media Pack from MS that media converter/encoder (Will come in Symphony when released, or you can buy MS PLUS! Digital Media Edition)

M4P is just an encryption wrapper around an mp4 file.

I don't buy, download, or bother with any media files that have DRM enabled on them.

If you take your renamed mp4 files & convert them to wma vbr, wma lossless, mp3, etc, or leave them as mp4, you can then just add a watch folder in WMP where the files are & then if your IDTAGs are correct then CDDDB should find the info & art, allowing for MCE GUI playback in the MUSIC category.

Ciao,

Joey

Having done this, I've figured out that m4a and m4p files are really mp4 files. In fact, if you rename an m4a as an mp4, Windows QuickTime will play it perfectly, and as a bonus will extract a WAV file if you like.

Using mp4info, you can peer inside an MPEG4 file. On an m4a file, you see the expected: a single AAC encoded audio track. On an m4p, however, you see an "unknown" encoding audio track.