

Windows Media Encoder

Description

Windows Media Encoder is a free software program for recording video and computer screen captures. Files created using Windows Media Encoder have a .WMV extension.

The use of Windows Media Encoder has several advantages for instructors:

- Video created using Windows Media Encoder will play on the Windows Media Player available for both Windows and Macintosh computers.
- Windows Media Encoder Produces low-bandwidth files.
- Windows Media Encoder can record screen movement and voice narration, which makes it suitable for demonstrating software.

Downloading and Installing Windows Media Encoder

Click the following link to download Windows Media Encoder version 9 (<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=5691ba02-e496-465a-bba9-b2f1182cdf24&DisplayLang=en>). To install the program, double-click the file downloaded to your computer (WMEncoder.exe) and follow the instructions.

To Get Started

Instructions on how to create a screen capture in Windows Media Encoder are presented below:

To Create a Screen Capture in WME

Step 1: From WME, click on the *File* pull-down menu

Step 2: Click on *New*

Step 3: From the *New Session* dialogue box, under the *Wizards* tab, Select *Capture screen*. This will begin the New Session Wizard.

Step 4: From the *Screen Capture Session* section of the *New Session Wizard*, select *specific window* to capture a specific window of your choosing.

Step 5: From the *Window Selection* section of the *New Session Wizard*, select the window you want to capture from the options presented in the pull-down menu.

Step 6: From the *Settings Selection* section of the *New Session Wizard*, select the *Low* setting to create a low bandwidth file.

Additional Resources

More detailed information about Windows Media Encoder can be found from the Windows Media Encoder Website

(<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/wm7/encoder.aspx>).