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### Play Nice

Before diving into checking out audiobooks or videos, let's talk about compatibility. If you are planning on transferring titles to a portable device you need to make sure that it will work with the OverDrive software used for transfers. Most music players that support MP3 or WMA playback are compatible with Library2Go, if you want audiobooks. Videos, on the other hand, can only be transferred to devices compatible with DRM protected WMV formatted videos.

To check compatibility go to the L2G website and look at the **Getting Started** box on the left and choose **Compatible Audio Devices**.

### Available Formats

Below are the audio and video formats used by Library2Go:

**MP3 Audiobooks:** The MP3 file format works with almost all computers, portable music players, and some phones. It is also the **only** format natively supported by the Apple iPod and iOS devices such as the iPhone or iPad.



**WMA Audiobooks:** Windows Media Audio is a protected audio type used by Microsoft. As such it is only compatible with a Windows computer and WMA capable audio players. Some publishers allow conversion to an iPod friendly format. WMA's advantage is a file size half that of MP3.



**WMV Videos:** These videos will play on a Windows computer and transfer to a device that supports WMV files. They are incompatible with all Apple products, even those installed on Windows computers. They are also incompatible with the Microsoft Zune.



## **\_ Required Software**

In order to download audiobooks or videos to your computer you will need OverDrive Media Console. You can download it from the link on the lower left side of all L2G pages in the box titled **Software**.

If you have a Windows computer and want to download WMA or WMV titles you will also need to apply a security update to Windows Media Player.

To run the update, install the Media Console. Open the Console and click **Tools**; click **Windows Media Player Security Upgrade**; click **OK** to run the update.

## **\_ Audiobook Tips**

You can set your default lending period by logging into Library2Go and clicking **2Go Account** and then choose **Lending Periods**. You can set individual defaults for every L2G format. These defaults are what the mobile application uses when checking out.

If a title expires before you can finish it you don't have to download the title again. Go to Library2Go, check it out again (if available) and click download. Instead of downloading the entire book again, it will just update the lending period.

## **\_ Mobile App**

If you want to take your audiobook with you, or if you want to download a book on the go without a computer, you can download the OverDrive Media Console Mobile App for your smartphone or mobile device. The app is compatible with Apple iOS, Android, BlackBerry, Windows Mobile 5 & 6 devices as well as Windows Phone 7.

From your device you can download MP3 audiobooks wirelessly and without OverDrive installed on your computer.

Right now you are only allowed to have a title on one computer or device at a time. Therefore you couldn't checkout an audiobook and download it to your phone and computer and listen to it in both places, unless you transfer the title to your phone thorough your computer.