Creating MP3 CD for C6 Corvette Using Media Monkey

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As of Media Monkey Version 4.1.5.1719

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(Free edition used in example)

Note: As of the writing of these instructions purchasing Media Monkey is not required to follow these instructions. The free version restricts the burn speed of CD to 4.0x so the burning process will take 18 minutes. If you need faster burn speeds purchase Media Money.

The two methods illustrated below are not the only way to accomplish this task and in some respects when viewing files and folders on the CD they are not the cleanest looking. They were chosen because they result in the most consistent outcome with the least amount of explanation.
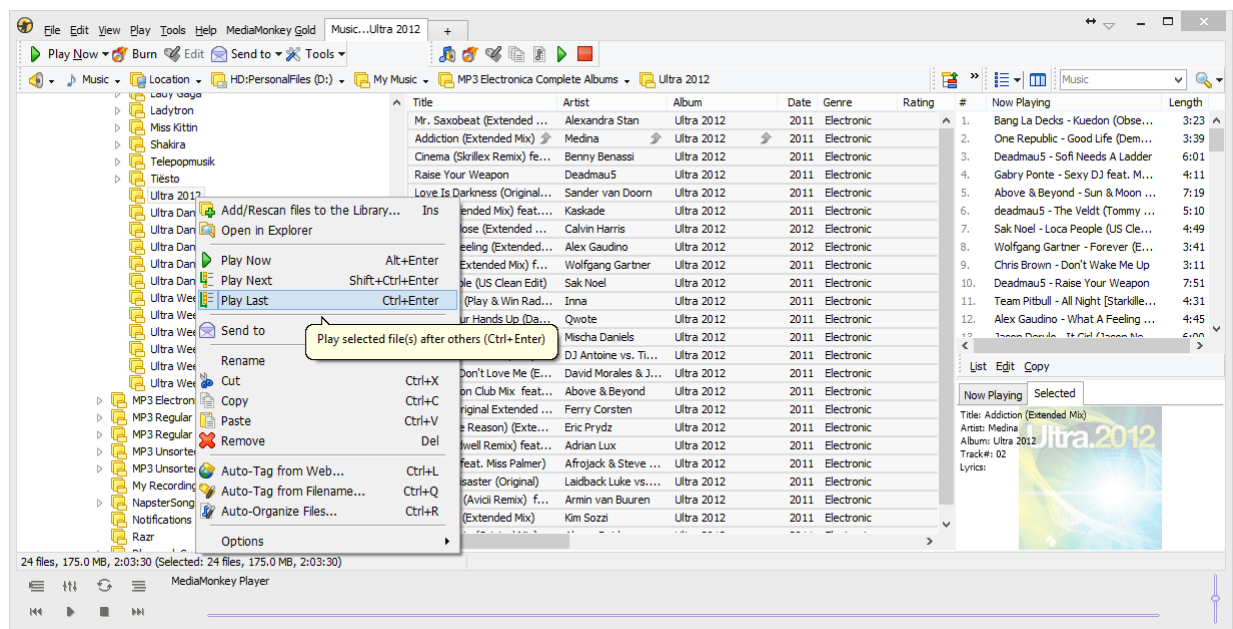
These methods assume your MP3 library contains music files which have correct tags for both track name, track number, and album number. And that you basically already know how to add tracks to the Media Monkey now playing list.

This document is intended for C6 Corvette owners with Navigation systems whose stereo does not come with USB or audio cable to allow them to play music directly from the USB memory stick or your phone or portable audio device.

One Album in Each Folder Album Tracks Playing in correct order:

In this section we create a MP3 CD for playback in C6 Navigation system which will contain individual album folders. Each file in the folder will have a track number added by Media Monkey. This will cause Navigation system to play the tracks in the correct album order.
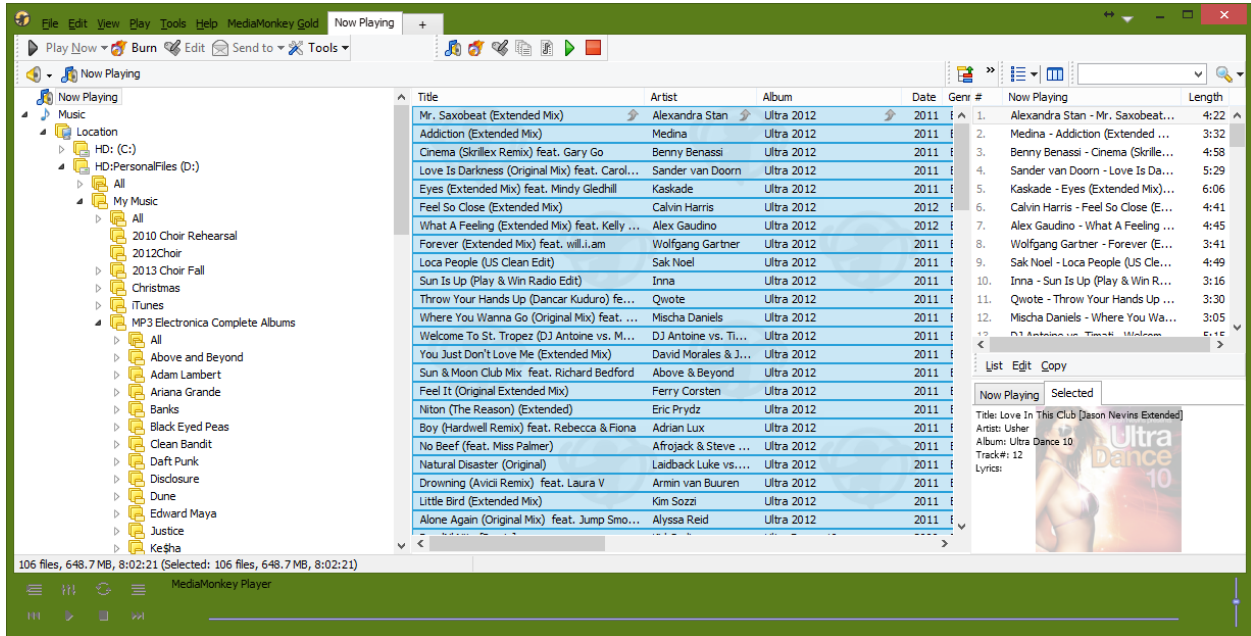
1. Add albums to your Media Monkey Now Playing list by selecting tracks via Media Monkey menu. Within Media Monkey when you get to an album you want to add, right click on the album name and select "Play Last" which will cause all tracks to be added to end of Now Playing List. If you prefer you can also drag albums from Windows Explorer directly into the Now Playing list. Don't worry about the order of the tracks or albums as it does not matter what order they are in for this method.
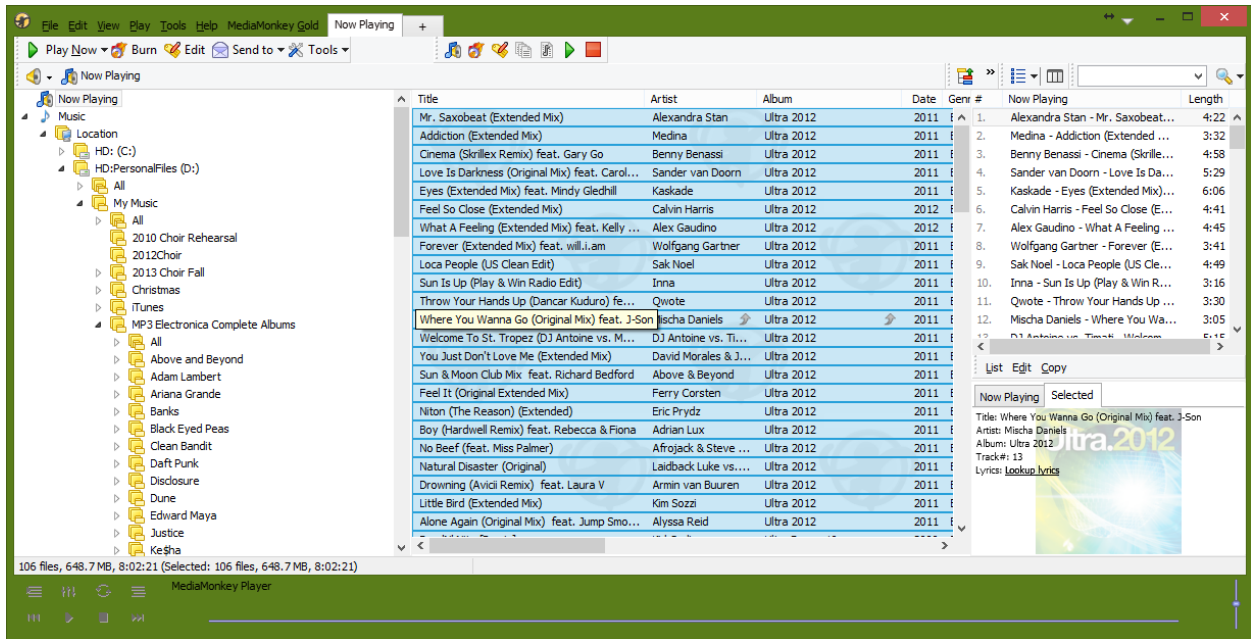
2. Select Now Playing Icon at top of Media Monkey "Media Tree" . You may need to scroll up to see it.
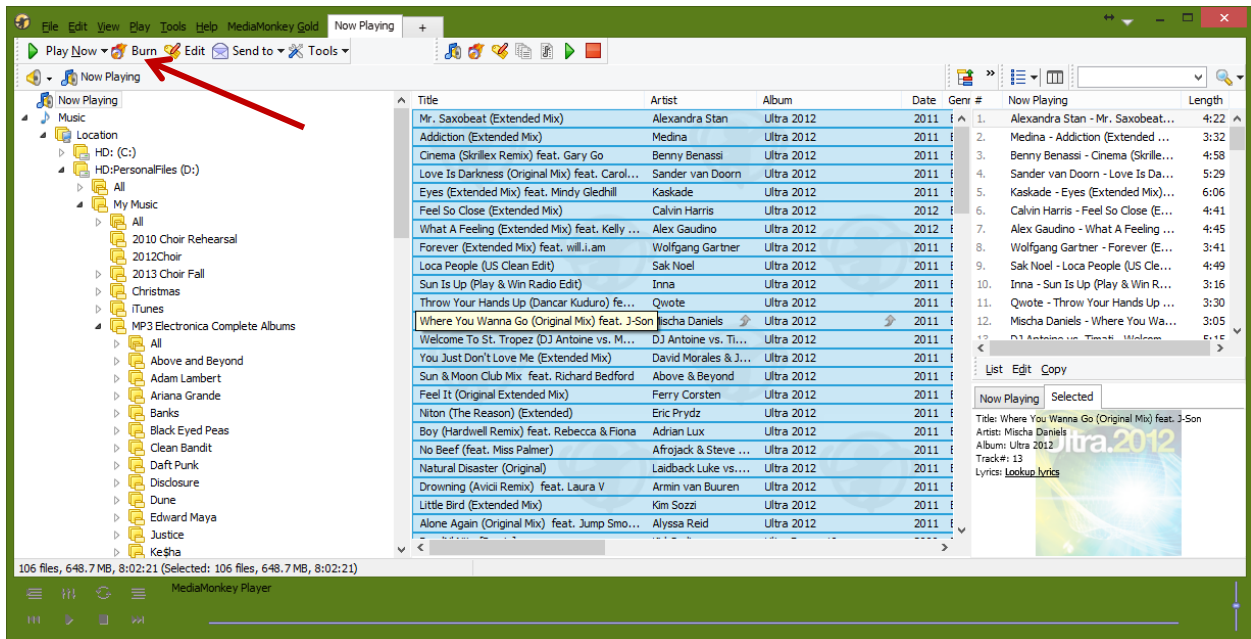

3. All files from the now playing list will appear in the middle window. Look at bottom of Media Monkey as to the size of the files currently in the list. There is only room on a CD for around 650MB of data. Remove albums/tracks as needed to get under 650MB. Exact size you can have may vary depending on media type.
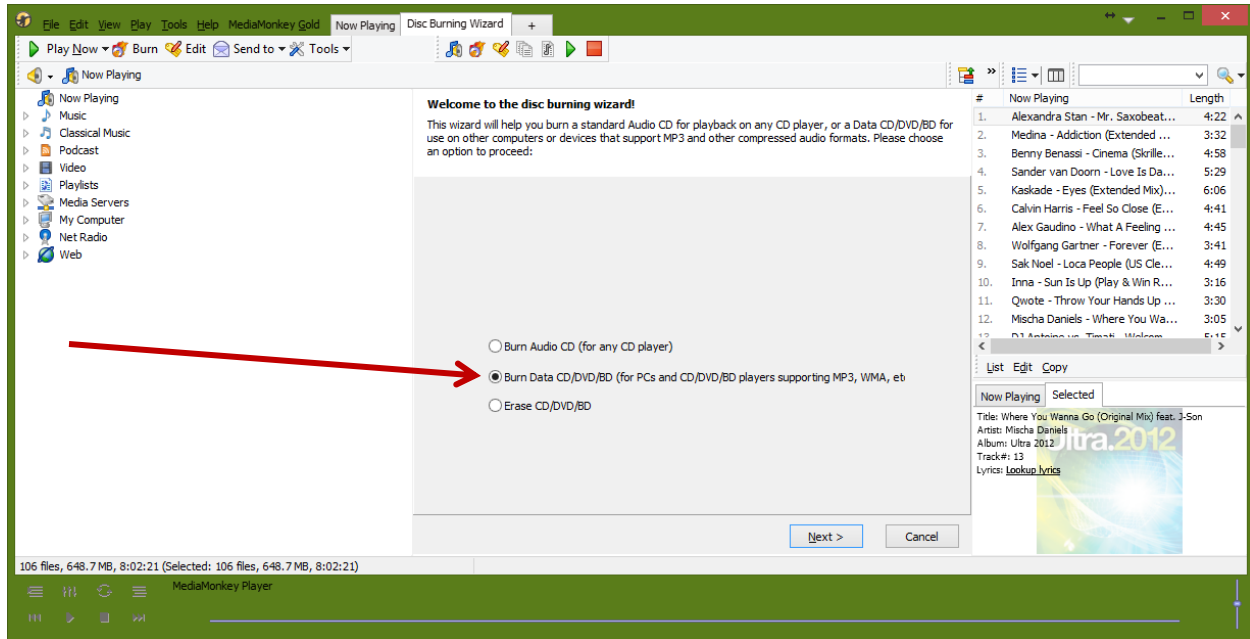
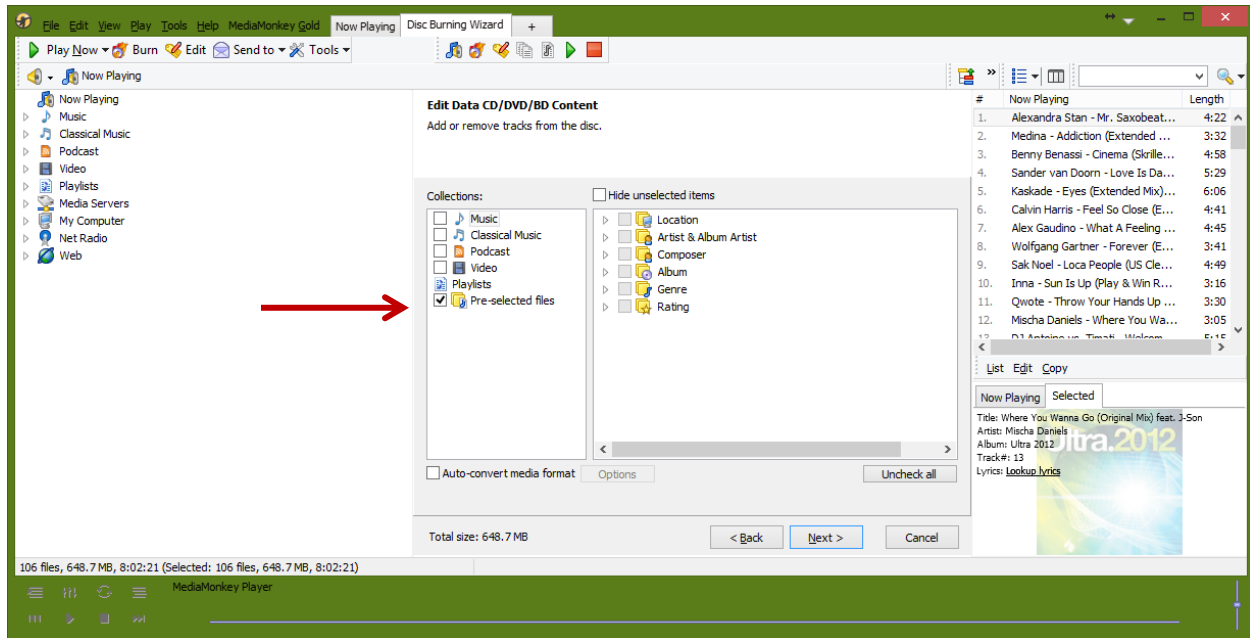4. Highlight/select all files in the middle "Now Playing List" if not already selected.

5. Select the burn Icon on Media Money menu

6. Select "Burn Data CD/DVD/BD (for PCs and CD/DVD/BD players supporting MP3,WMA, etc.)
   Then select "Next"

7. Check only the *Pre-Selected files* checkbox then select "next"

8. Use the following settings to cause every album to have it's own folder on CD and songs to play in the correct album order.

    Disc Format: Select ISO 9660

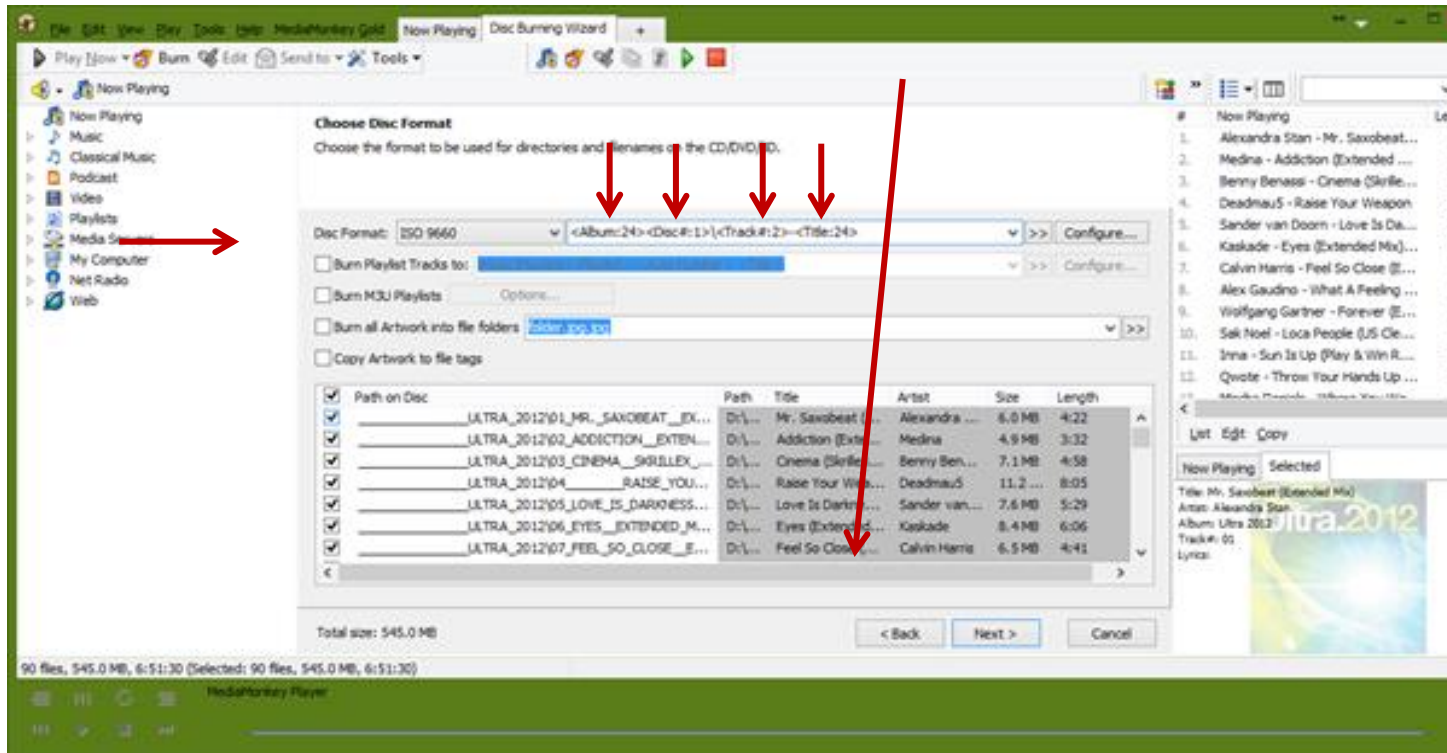   **Disc Format: Enter:** <Album:24>_<Disc#:1>\<Track#:2>_<Title:24>

    Burn Playlist Tracks to: Not Checked

    Burn M3U Playlists : Not Checked

    Burn All Artwork: Not checked

    Copy Artwork to file tags: Not checked

    Then Select "**Next**"

9. On the Burn Settings Window set the following

   Drive: Select the drive containing a blank CD

   Disc Label: Enter a label for CD

   Action: Burn

   Burn Speed: Select desired burn speed (limited to 4.0x on free version of software.)

   Write Method: Disk-at-Once

   Finalization: Finalize

   Eject Media After the burn process: (Select your personal preference)

   Eject Media After the burn process: (Select your personal preference)

   Sound Alert after the burn process: (Select your personal preference)
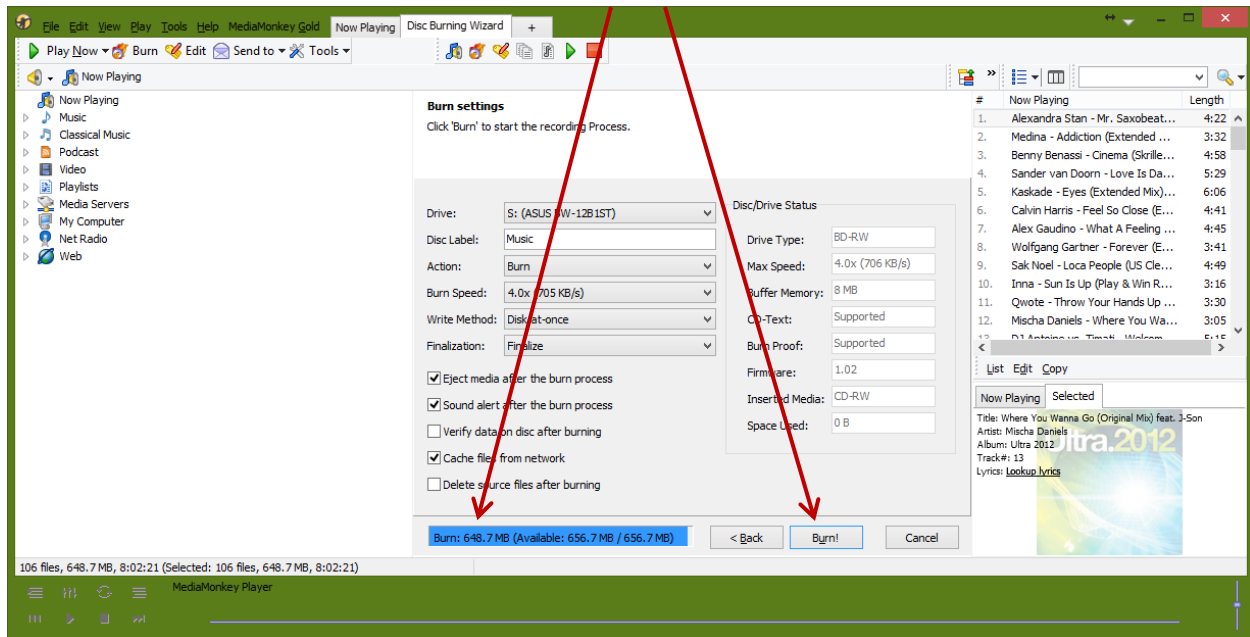
   Verify Data on disk after burning: (Select your personal preference)

   Cache files from network: Unchecked (does not matter since files are on your local PC.)

   Delete source files after burning: Unchecked (If checked it will delete the files used to burn from PC)

   Verify there is enough space to fit the tracks on the CD. If there is not you will need to go back and either delete an album or delete a track to free up space.
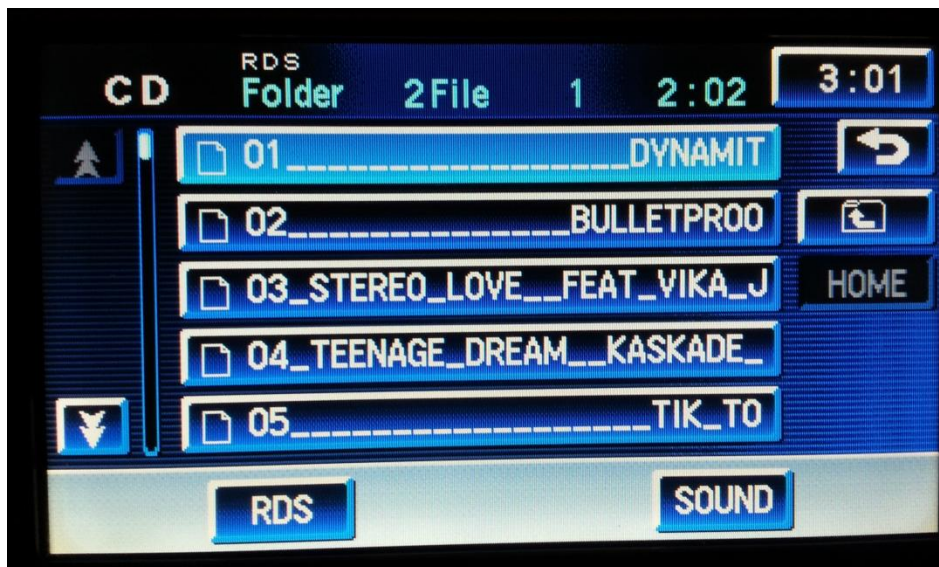
   Then select "**Burn**"

10. The above settings will result in a folder being created in the CD root directory for each unique album. Due to the use of "<Album:24>" any album names under 25 characters will have additional underscores before the album name. Due to the use of "<Disc#:1>> two or three part albums which have identical names will have the disc number added to end of album name. If "<Disc#:1>" was not used all the tracks would be in the same folder and cause incorrect playback order due to multiple tracks beginning with the same track number.
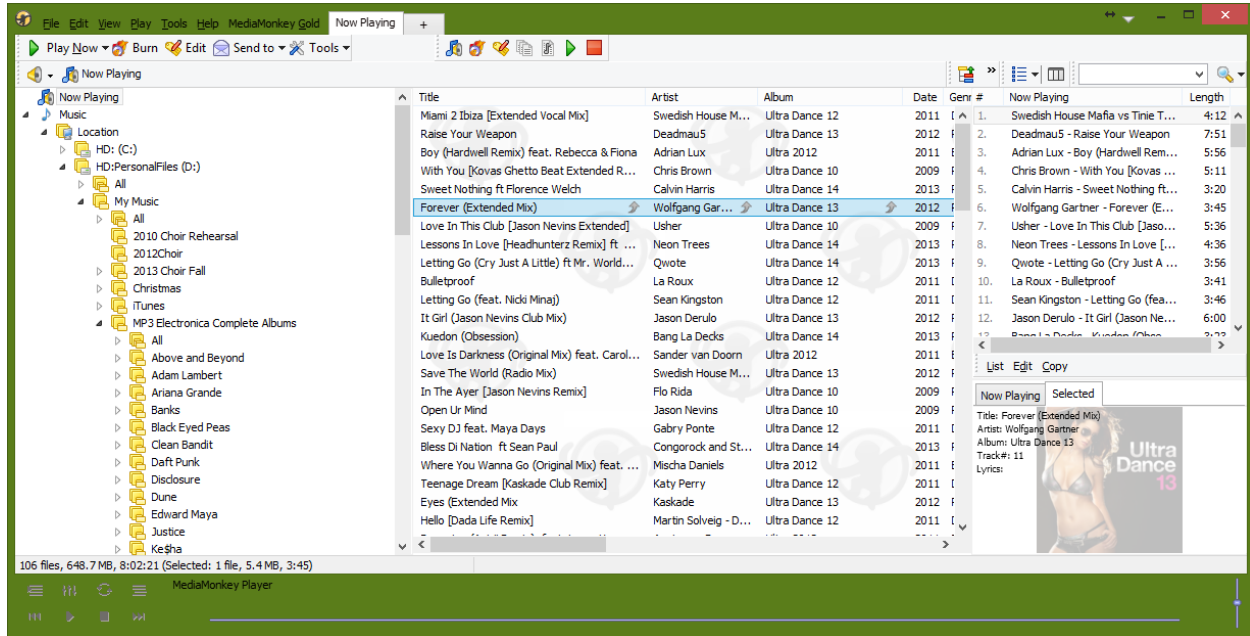

11. The file names in each folder will start with the track number which will cause the tracks to play in correct order from 01 - 99. Due to the use of "<Track#:2>-" every track name will start out with track number and underscore character. Due to the use of "<Title:24>" any track name under 24 characters will appear after a series of underscore characters.
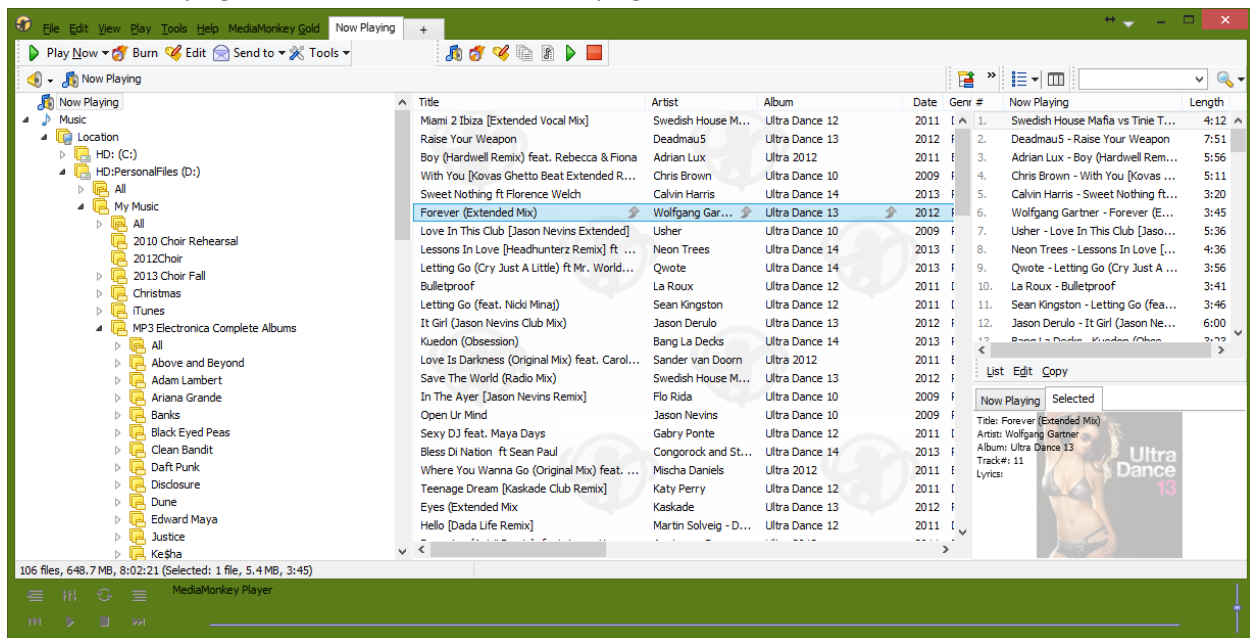
Play all songs in a specific order within single folder:

These instructions are for scenario where you have a bunch of random tracks you want to play in a specific order from beginning to end and don't care about having the tracks separated on the CD into folders by Album. Once done you just stick CD into your Corvette and it plays from the first track to the last track in the identical order you arranged the tracks in Media Monkey.

1. Add files to the Now Playing list and place them in the order you would like them to play
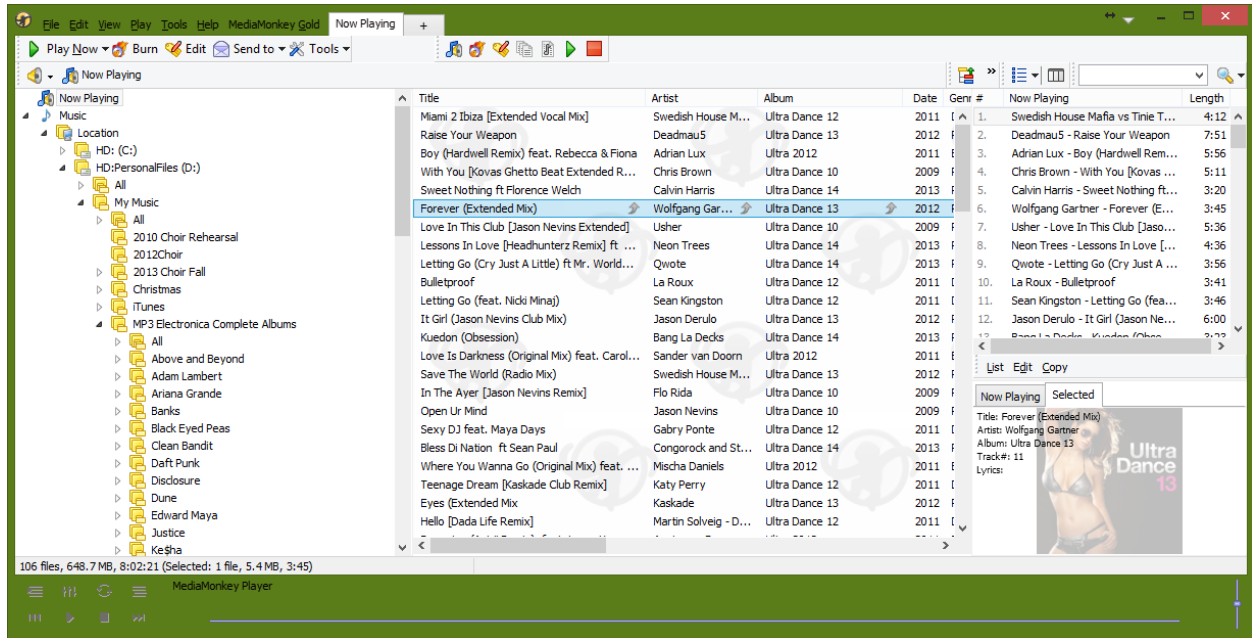

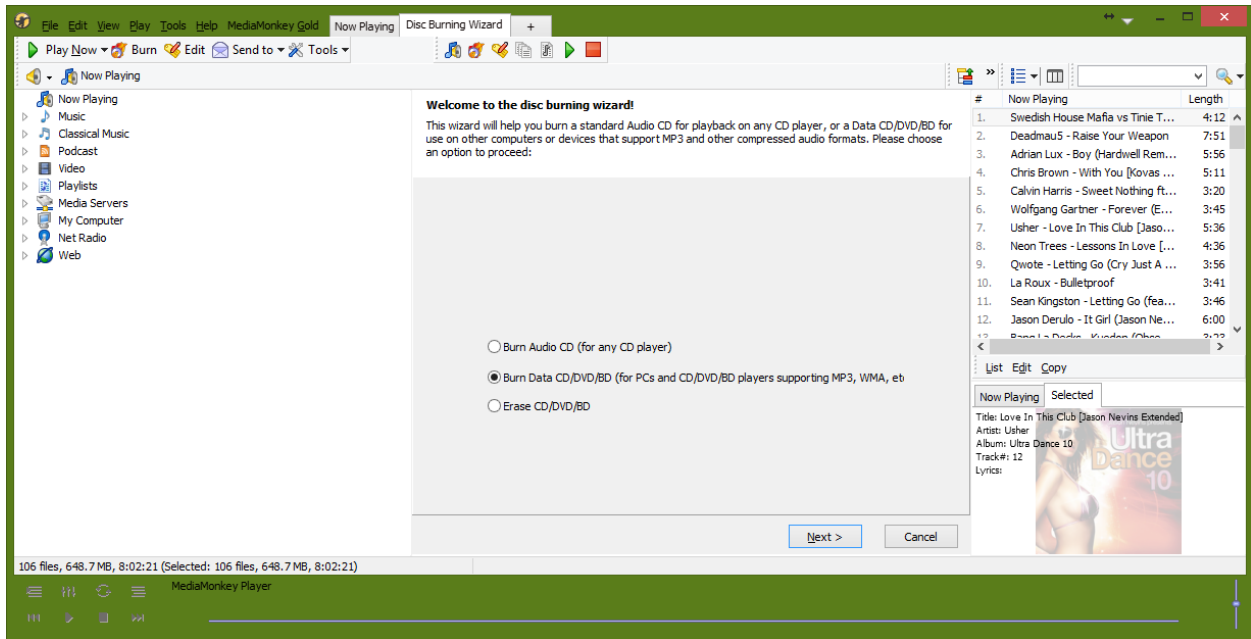2. Select Now Playing to view all files in the Now Playing list

3. All files from the now playing list will appear in the middle window. Look at bottom of Media Monkey as to the size of the files currently in the list. There is only room on a CD for around 650MB of data. Remove albums/tracks as needed to get under 650MB. Exact size you can have may vary depending on media type.
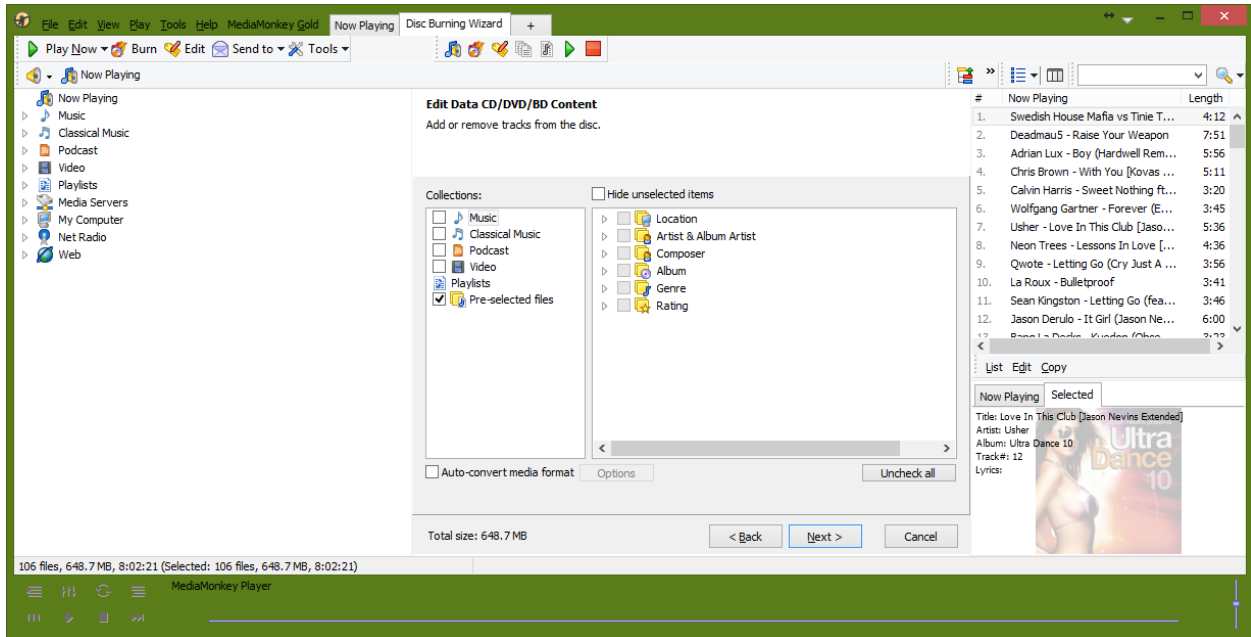

4. Highlight all files. Verify the and select Burn from Menu

5. Select next

6. Select preselected files and then select Next

7. **Disc Format:** ISO 6990
   Disc Format: <Auto Number>_<Title:22>
   Burn Playlist Tracks to: Not Checked
   Burn M3U Playlists : Not Checked
   Burn All Artwork: Not checked)
   Copy Artwork to file tags: Not checked
   Select Next

   Why use <Auto Number>_<Title:22>
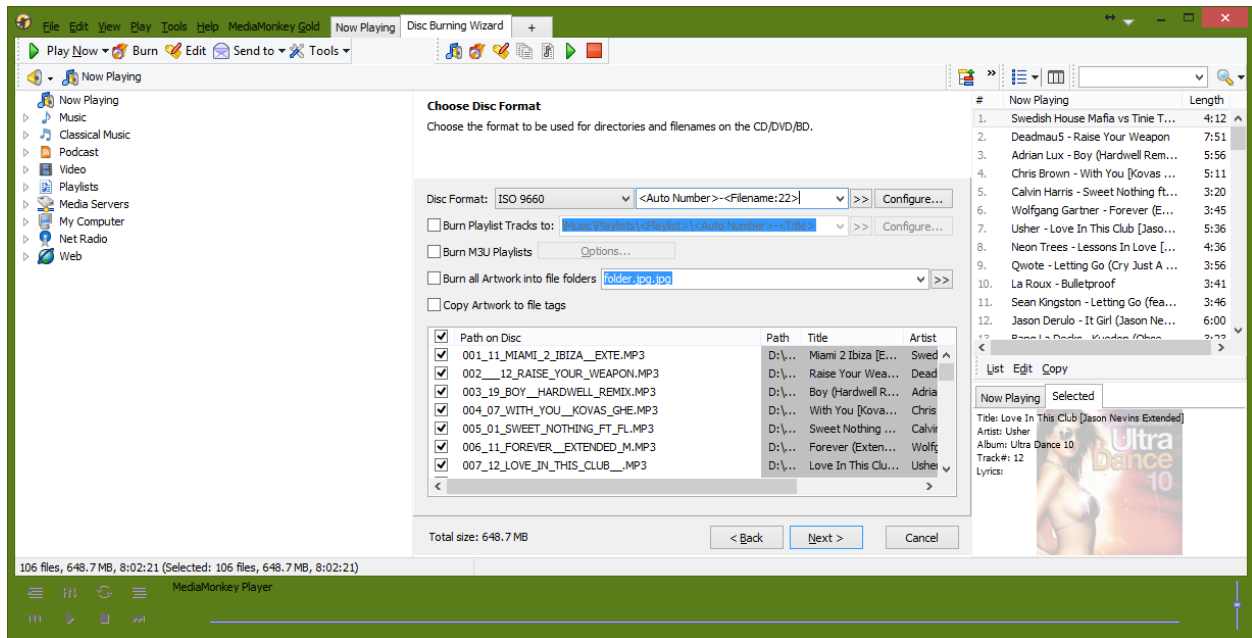   **<Auto Number>**   Adds three digit number prefix so tracks play back in correct order
   _   Places a space between number and track name and is ISO 9660 compliant character
   <Title:22>   Creates 22 digit file name based upon the track title in MP3 tag.

8. On the Burn Settings Window set the following

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Action: Burn

Burn Speed: Select desired burn speed (limited to 4.0x on free version of software.)

Write Method: Disk-at-Once

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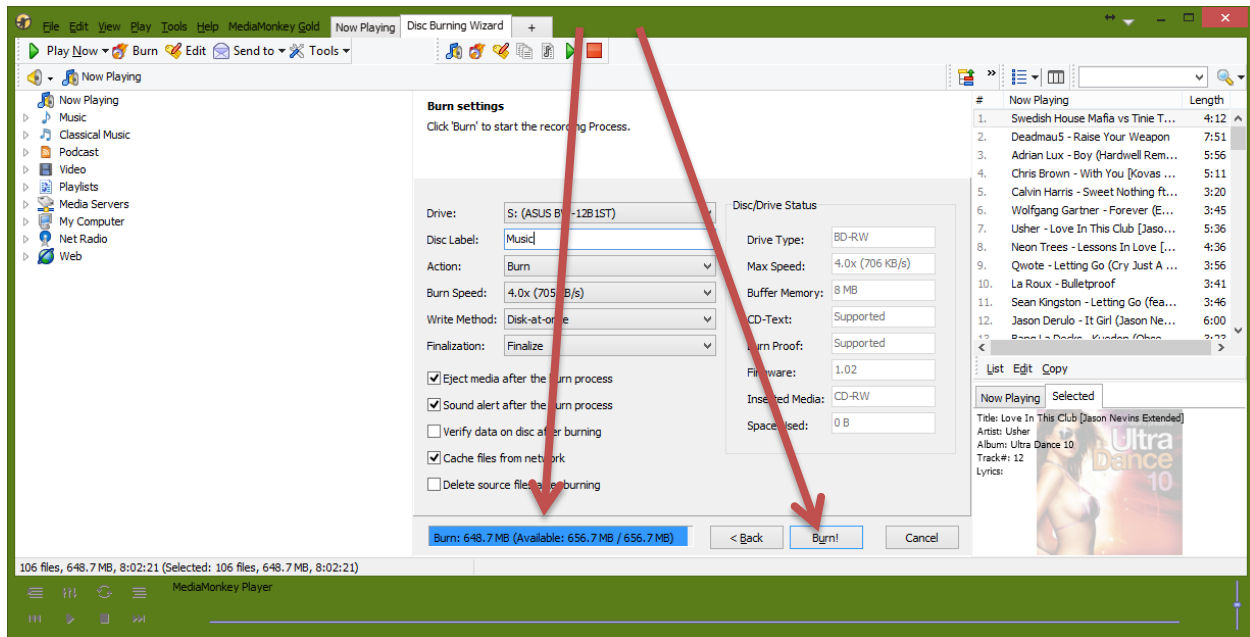
Verify Data on disk after burning: (Select your personal preference)

Cache files from network: Unchecked (does not matter since files are on your local PC.)

Delete source files after burning: Unchecked (If checked it will delete the files used to burn from PC)

Verify there is enough space to fit the tracks on the CD. If there is not you will need to go back and either delete tracks to free up space.

Select Burn

9. In Corvette Navigation System the above settings will result in all files appearing in the root of the CD rather than a subfolder. Files will play in the order they appeared in the Media Monkey Now Playing Window as soon as CD is inserted.

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Note about ISO 9660 settings. Any spaces or special characters which would have caused an issue in the Corvette Navigation stereo are removed due to IS0 9660 setting and are replaced with underscore characters. In other words you should not have issues with the stereo choking on certain characters in the file name causing tracks to disappear or other issues to occur. It isn't pretty for sure. The advantage of ISO 9660 format is it should save you from burning countless CDs which are too