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Icon Feature Standby Description Puts PC into power-saving mode (screen is blank but PC is still on). To make screen reappear, press the Esc key, or press Standby again. May take 1030 seconds before screen reappears. Switches between the PC users. Links to Compaq Web site.

Opens the Help and Support Center. Opens an imaging software program. Can be reconfigured. Starts iTunes or Windows Media Player. Can be reconfigured.

Opens video software program. Can be reconfigured. User Compaq My Presario Help or or Pictures (Photos) Music or Video Compaq or Using the Keyboard 7 Icon , or Feature Shopping Sports or Finance or , , or E-Mail or Entertainment Offers Calculator or or Chat Connect Internet Search Description Goes to popular Web sites. Can be reconfigured to open a site or software program. Opens the calculator. Can be reconfigured. A B C D E F Media controls (CD/ DVD/MP3) Operates a disc player. A Open and close disc tray B Record C Play or pause D Stop E F Skip to the previous track Skip to the next track 8 Getting Started Guide Icon or Feature Volume control (Volume knob or Volume Up and Volume Down buttons) Description Volume knob: Increases speaker volume when turned clockwise and decreases volume when turned counterclockwise. It can be turned indefinitely, even after maximum sound has been reached. Volume Up and Down buttons: Press the Volume Up button to increase volume and the Volume Down button to decrease volume.

Turns speaker sound on and off. Mute , or NOTE: The number, location, and labeling of buttons vary by keyboard model. Customizing the keyboard buttons You can customize some of the special buttons on the keyboard (select models only) to open different programs or files or to connect to favorite Web sites: 1 Click Start on the taskbar.



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2 Choose Control Panel. 3 Click Printers and Other Hardware, if it is present. 4 Double-click Keyboard. 5 On the Buttons tab, double-click the button you want to change. 6 For the Button configuration, click the Down arrow to the right of the list and choose the button capability, such as Simple web page with label. 7 Enter a display label and the address information. For a Web page, enter the URL.

8 Click OK. 9 On the Buttons tab, click Apply. 10 Repeat steps 5 through 9 for each button you want to customize. 11 Click OK to finish. NOTE: Clicking the Restore Defaults button on the Button tab restores all of the Internet buttons to the factory settings.

Using the Keyboard 9 10 Getting Started Guide Setting Up Sound Using Speakers Speakers are included with the monitor (select models only) or are sold separately. Your PC supports only an active (powered) speaker system; the speaker system must have its own power cord. NOTE: A stereo speaker set is a left-right, two-channel speaker system. A multi-channel audio speaker system is a system with more than two channels, and it may include a subwoofer. For example, 7.

1 speaker, referred to as an eight-speaker mode, uses two front speakers (left-right), two side speakers (left-right), two rear speakers (left-right), a center speaker, and a subwoofer. The PC supports a variety of sound options and speaker configurations. You may set up your PC for two stereo speakers or for multi-channel audio speaker systems. Connect your speaker system to the PC, and then configure the audio software for sound output. For details on connecting stereo speakers to the PC, see the quick setup poster. Location, availability, and number of connectors may vary. · If your PC model includes three sound connectors (select models only) on the back of the PC, see "Setting up 3-connector sound" on page 12. NOTE: If your PC includes a sound card (select models only), refer to the documentation that came with the sound card. OUT IN · If your PC model includes six sound connectors (select models only) on the back of the PC, see "Setting up 6-connector sound" on page 14. Setting Up Sound 11 Setting up 3-connector sound PC models that include three sound connectors (select models only) on the back of the PC support up to six channels of sound (5.

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12 Getting Started Guide 3 Click Multi-channel Sound Manager. The Multi-channel Audio Configuration window opens. NOTE: If you do not see the Speaker Configuration tab, your PC does not have the multi-channel capability. However, it still has two-channel (stereo) output. 4 Click the Speaker Configuration tab.

5 Select the option describing the number of speakers in your system, for example, 6/5.1 speaker mode. You can click the Speaker Test tab and then click a speaker icon to test it. 6 Click OK. To use a microphone for recording, see "Using the microphone with the MultiChannel Sound Manager (3-connector)" on page 13. To hear DVD movies recorded with multi-channel audio from all speakers, change the audio properties for WinDVD to match your speaker configuration (if your InterVideo WinDVD program supports more than two channels). Refer to "Configuring multi-channel audio output for the DVD player" on page 13. Using the microphone with the Multi-Channel Sound Manager (3-connector) The 3-connector multi-channel speaker system (select models only) connects to the PC using the Microphone, Audio (Line) In, and Audio (Line) Out connectors on the back of the PC. Your PC may have a second microphone connector on the front of the PC. If present, this microphone connector is ready to use and does not affect the use of the multi-channel audio speaker system.

To use the microphone connector on the back of the PC with a 3-connector multichannel audio speaker system, you must disconnect the cables for the multi-channel speakers and change the audio configuration to a two-channel audio system. Refer to "Configuring the Multi-Channel Sound Manager (3-connector)" on page 12 to set the audio configuration. Configuring multi-channel audio output for the DVD player The InterVideo WinDVD program (select models only) is set up for two-speaker (stereo) output. To hear all speakers from DVD movies recorded with multi-channel audio, change the audio properties for WinDVD to match your speaker configuration (if your InterVideo WinDVD program supports more than two channels): 1 Insert a DVD, or start InterVideo WinDVD. (Click Start, choose All Programs, choose InterVideo WinDVD, select InterVideo WinDVD Player, and then click InterVideo WinDVD.) The WinDVD video window opens. 2 Right-click anywhere in the WinDVD video window, and then click Setup. The Setup window opens. Setting Up Sound 13 3 Click the Audio tab. 4 Click the option for the number of speakers to match your multi-channel speaker system.

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6 Click OK. NOTE: If you want to play a stereo DVD, change the audio properties of WinDVD to match the recorded DVD audio output. Setting up 6-connector sound PC models that include six sound connectors (select models only) on the back of the PC, support up to eight channels of sound (7.1 speaker output) and use the Sound Effect Manager to configure the software settings. Identifying the audio connectors (6-connector) The PC supports a maximum of eight speakers in a multi-channel speaker system by using four of the six audio connectors on the back of the PC.



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This PC also has digital audio out and digital audio in connectors for digital sound devices such as a DVD recorder or a digital stereo receiver/amplifier. The four connectors (A, B, C, and E) for the 6-connector multi-channel speaker system are on the back of the PC. A B C A Side speaker port (side) B Rear speaker port (rear) C Center speaker/ subwoofer port (c/sub) D Microphone (mic) E Audio line out (out) for front speakers F Audio line in (in) D E F 14 Getting Started Guide The previous figure shows the six audio connectors arranged on the back of the PC: the four connectors (A, B, C, and E) used for eight-channel audio and the connectors for the microphone (D, mic) and the audio line in (F, in). Connecting the speaker system to the PC (6-connector) 1 With the speaker system off, assemble the speakers and, if used, the subwoofer. Refer to the speaker documentation. 2 Turn off the PC. 3 Connect the audio cable plugs from the speaker system subwoofer to the connectors on the back of the PC. (See the following table.) Connect speaker cable (plug) for: Front speakers (or two stereo speakers) Side speakers Rear speakers Center speaker/subwoofer To PC port (label, name, color): Audio line out (E, out, lime green) Side speaker (A, side, gray) Rear speaker (B, rear, black) Center speaker/subwoofer (C, c/sub, gold) 4 Turn on the PC. 5 Turn on the speaker system.

6 Configure the audio output for this 6-connector multi-channel speaker system by performing the following procedure. Configuring the Sound Effect Manager (6-connector) 1 Click Start on the taskbar. 2 Choose Control Panel. 3 If it is present, click Sounds, Speech, and Audio Devices. 4 Click Sound Effect Manager. The window opens. 5 Click the Speaker Configuration button. 6 Select the option describing the number of speakers in your system, for example, 7.1 speakers. A connector with no descriptive text in the Connection Guide indicates that the connector is not used for the selected speaker configuration.

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To use the other features of the Sound Effect Manager, see "Using the Sound Effect Manager (6-connector)" on page 17. Configuring sound for recording with the Sound Effect Manager (6-connector) The microphone connector on the front of the 6-connector audio PC is ready to use for recording sound. If you want to use another connector for recording, such as the digital audio in connector, use these steps to select it. NOTE: The pink and green connectors on the front of a PC with 6-connector sound can be retasked to perform other audio functions; refer to "Using the Audio Wizard in the Sound Effect Manager (6-connector)" on page 18. 1 Click Start on the taskbar.

2 Choose Control Panel. 3 If it is present, click Sounds, Speech, and Audio Devices. 4 Click Sounds and Audio Devices. 5 Click the Audio tab. 6 In Sound recording select the default device from the drop-down list. Choose: . . . RealTek HD Front Pink Jack to use the microphone connector on the front of the PC. RealTek HD Digital Input to use the digital audio in connector on the back of the PC. RealTek HD Front Green Jack to use the green connector on the front of the PC. Back Line in/Mic, Front Line in to use the audio line in (in) or the microphone (mic) connectors on the back of the PC, or to use the audio line in connector on the front of the PC. NOTE: For this selection, the audio line in connector is ready to use.

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NOTE: If you want to record from the mic connector on the back of the PC, you must perform these steps. 1 Click Start on the taskbar. 2 Choose Control Panel. 3 If it is present, click Sounds, Speech, and Audio Devices. 4 Click Sounds and Audio Devices. 5 On the Volume tab, in the Device volume area click the Advanced button. The Master Volume window opens.

6 Click Options and choose Properties. 7 In the Mixer device area, select Back Line in/Mic, Front Line in from the drop-down list. Click OK. 8 The recording control window opens and shows Line In 1 or 2 selected. The line in connector you plug into is used.

However, to use the mic connector on the back of the PC, click the Select check box under Microphone so a check mark appears in the box. Using the Sound Effect Manager (6-connector) The Sound Effect Manager has four buttons that display its control screens. To open the Sound Effect Manager: 1 Click Start on the taskbar. 2 Choose Control Panel. 3 If it is present, click Sounds, Speech, and Audio Devices.

4 Click Sound Effect Manager. The window opens. 5 Click a button near the top of the window to see that control screen. The Sound Effect Manager control screens: · Sound Effect -- selects the Environment and the Equalizer settings. You can select an Environment, such as Under Water or Auditorium. To use the Equalizer, click the Power button in the center of the circular equalizer control to turn on the Equalizer. You can click a preset button, such as Pop or Live, or manually adjust the settings and then save them for easy selection later. · Speaker Configuration -- selects the number of speakers, shows the Connection Guide, and has the Speaker Test button to test the speakers. A connector with no descriptive text in the Connector Guide indicates that the connector is not used for the selected speaker configuration. Setting Up Sound 17 · Digital Audio -- selects the digital audio output and digital audio frequency for the digital audio connectors on the PC.

· Audio Wizard -- opens a window that shows the connector panel on the front of the PC. To close the window without enabling the wizard, click OK. To enable the Audio Wizard: Make sure the Enable auto detection check box is selected to enable the wizard. Click OK to close the window. Using the Audio Wizard in the Sound Effect Manager (6-connector) When you click the Audio Wizard button, a window opens that shows the three audio connectors on the front of the PC. NOTE: The connectors on the front of your PC may be of a different type or may be in a different arrangement; look for the connector icon and color.



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Location, availability, and number of connectors may vary. C A B / A B C Connector A Name Audio Line In Icon Color Light blue IN B C Microphone Headphones Or Audio Line Out Pink Lime green Or OUT Retasking using the Audio Wizard (6-connector) With the Audio Wizard enabled, both the microphone connector (B) and the headphones connector (C) on the front of the PC can be retasked to perform a different audio function. These two connectors are universal audio jacks. When you plug in a cable, the Wizard asks you to select the function for the cable from a list, and then it sets the universal audio jack to perform as the selected function.

The functions are: · Stereo speaker (out) · Microphone (in) · Headphone (out) · Audio line in 18 Getting Started Guide Using the Memory Card Reader Digital cameras and other digital imaging devices use memory cards, or media, to store digital picture files. The optional memory card reader (select models only) can read and write to a variety of types of memory cards and the IBM Microdrive disk drive. The card reader is accessible directly on the front of the PC. It has four horizontal card slots, which accept the memory cards and the Microdrive disk drive. Card CompactFlash Type I media CompactFlash Type II media IBM Microdrive disk drive Secure Digital (SD) Memory Card MultiMediaCard (MMC) Memory Stick (MS) Memory Card Memory Stick (MS-Pro) Memory Card SmartMedia (SM) Memory Card xD media 4-slot reader Lower-left slot Lower-left slot Lower-left slot Upper-right slot Upper-right slot Lower-right slot Lower-right slot Upper-left slot Upper-left slot You can place media in one or more of the card slots and use each media independently.

Place only one piece of media in a slot at one time. Each card slot has its own drive letter and icon. When you insert media, the display label may change to the title of the media, if the title is present. Using the Memory Card Reader 19 Working with the Safely Remove Hardware utility CAUTION: Do not click Stop in the Safely Remove Hardware window with the USB Mass Storage Device selected. Doing so removes the operating system recognition of the memory card reader from your PC; you must restart the PC to see your memory card reader again.

If you open the Safely Remove Hardware window by mistake, click Close. Using the memory card reader NOTE: CompactFlash and Microdrive are keyed and cannot be inserted incorrectly. Insert the receptacle edge (holes) of this media into the slot. 1 Insert the media into the card slot until it stops. The activity light (A) on the memory card reader lights, and the PC automatically detects the media. 2 The PC opens a window so you can use the media contents. You can copy files from or to the media. 3 When you are finished, right-click the drive icon, select Eject, check that the activity light is on but not blinking, and then remove the media. A steady activity light indicates that the PC is not reading or writing the media. WARNING: Do not try to remove media when the activity light is blinking; doing so may cause loss of data.

20 Getting Started Guide Memory card reader A Activity light B Upper-left slot C Lower-left slot D Upper-right slot E Lower-right slot A B C D E Card CompactFlash Type I media CompactFlash Type II media IBM Microdrive disk drive Secure Digital (SD) Memory Card MultiMediaCard (MMC) Memory Stick (MS) Memory Card Memory Stick (MS-Pro) Memory Card SmartMedia (SM) Memory Card xD media Insert Receptacle edge (holes) Receptacle edge (holes) Receptacle edge (holes) Facing up Facing up Facing up Facing up Facing up Facing up Into reader slot C (lower-left) C (lower-left) C (lower-left) D (upper-right) D (upper-right) E (lower-right) E (lower-right) B (upper-left) B (upper-left) Using the Memory Card Reader 21 22 Getting Started Guide Using a TV as a Monitor Your PC may have TV-out (select models only) capability, which means you can connect it to a television to view the computer image on a TV screen. With the TV-out feature, you can view the computer image, watch DVD movies (if you have a DVD player), or play games on your TV. Identifying Cables You May Need To connect a TV to the PC, you may need a video cable and an audio cable (not provided; purchase separately). The type of video cable you need depends on your TV: · If your TV has an S-video jack, you need an S-video cable. · If your TV has a composite video jack, you need a composite video cable and, depending on the jacks on the back of your PC, you may also need an S-video adapter cable. Connecting to a TV Set To use your TV as a PC screen: 1 Turn off the PC. 2 Connect the TV cable using one of the following arrangements, depending on the connection jacks on your TV: · A S-video cable B S-video jack C Back of PC If your TV has an S-video jack, connect an S-video cable from the S-video In jack on the TV to the S-video jack on the back of the PC. B A C Using a TV as a Monitor 23 · D Composite video cable E Composite jack C Back of PC If your TV has a composite video jack and your PC has a composite video jack, connect a composite video cable to the Video In jack on the TV to the composite video jack on the back of the PC. E D C · D Composite video cable F S-video adapter cable B S-video jack C Back of PC If your TV has a composite video jack and your PC has only an S-video jack, connect a composite video cable to the Video In jack on the TV and to an S-video adapter cable. Connect the S-video adapter cable to the S-video jack on the back of the PC.

B D F C NOTE: The S-video adapter cable is only needed if there is no composite video jack on the back of the PC. 3 To have sound come from your TV instead of from your PC, plug an audio cable into the audio input jack (Audio Line In) on the TV and plug the other end of the audio cable into the Audio Out jack (green connector) on the back of the PC. Viewing the PC Image on Your TV Screen NOTE: The type of video card on your PC determines how the PC selects the TV-out option. Some options and menus in this procedure may be different for your PC. 1 Make sure the video and audio cables are connected before you turn on the TV and the PC.

2 Turn on the TV. Press the Video/TV button on your remote control to select the Video setting, not the TV setting. 24 Getting Started Guide 3 Turn on your PC. 4 When the Windows desktop appears, right-click an empty area of the desktop and choose Properties. The Display Properties window opens. 5 Click the Settings tab. 6 Click the Advanced button. 7 Look at the tabs, and follow the steps that apply to your PC: · · · If you see the nView tab, continue with "nView tab." If you see the Ge Force FX .xxxx tab, continue with "Ge Force tab." (FX .xxxx is the video card number.) If you see the Displays tab, continue with "Displays tab."



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" nView tab 1 Click the nView tab. 2 To view the computer image on your PC monitor and your TV simultaneously, in the nView Display Mode area select Clone. Or To view the PC image on just the TV, in the nView Display Mode area, select Standard [Dualview], click the Device Settings button, choose Select Output Device, and then select the TV option. 3 Click the OK button.

4 When the PC image appears on the TV screen, click Yes to keep the setting. You have 15 seconds to accept this new setting before it reverts to the previous setting. 5 Click the OK button to save changes, and then click OK again to close the Display Properties window. Ge Force tab 1 Click the Ge Force FX xxxx tab. 2 To view the computer image on your PC monitor and your TV simultaneously, in the nView Modes area select Clone from the drop-down list. Or To view the PC image on just the TV, in the nView Modes area select Single display from the drop-down list, and then, if necessary, in the Current display area select TV from the drop-down list. 3 Click the Apply button. 4 When the PC image appears on the TV screen, click Yes to keep the setting. You have 15 seconds to accept this new setting before it reverts to the previous setting. 5 Click the OK button to save changes, and then click OK again to close the Display Properties window.

Using a TV as a Monitor 25 Displays tab 1 Click the Displays tab. This tab shows a monitor and a TV. Some PCs (select models only) show a TV for standard television and an HDTV for high-definition television. The upper-left corner of each display icon is a button and a status indicator. A red corner indicates an inactive display; a green corner indicates an active display.

NOTE: Your TV must be connected to the PC to change the display. 2 To view the computer image on your PC monitor and your TV simultaneously, click the upper-left corner of the TV icon so that it is green. Click Apply. Or To view the PC image on just the TV, click the TV corner so it is green, and then click the monitor corner so it is red. Click Apply.

3 When the PC image appears on the TV screen, click Yes to keep the setting. You have 15 seconds to accept this new setting before it reverts to the previous setting. 4 Click the OK button to save changes, and then click OK again to close the Display Properties window. NOTE: Some PC models can connect more than one display device (CRT monitor, flat panel monitor, TV, and so on) to the PC. You can change where the PC desktop appears by pressing Alt+F5. (Press the Alt key and the F5 key on the keyboard at the same time.) Each time you press the Alt+F5 key combination, the PC desktop appears on the next device. If Alt+F5 does not work, restart the PC and try again. Disabling the TV Option When you want to disconnect the TV from your PC, you may need to disable the TV option to return your PC display to its original resolution. 1 Right-click an empty area of the screen, and choose Properties.

The Display Properties window opens. 2 Click the Settings tab. 3 Click the Advanced button. 4 Look at the tabs, and follow the steps that apply to your PC: . . . If you see the nView tab, continue with "nView tab (disabling)." If you see the Ge Force FX xxxx tab, continue with "Ge Force tab (disabling)." If you see the Displays tab, continue with "Displays tab (disabling)." 26 Getting Started Guide nView tab (disabling) 1 Click the nView tab. 2 If you viewed the computer image on your PC monitor and your TV simultaneously, select nView Display Mode in the list on the left, and then select the Standard [Dualview] option. Or If you viewed the PC image on just the TV, select nView Display Mode in the list on the left, select Standard [Dualview], click the Device Settings button, choose Select Output Device, and then select the Analog Display option. 3 Click the OK button.

4 When the PC image appears on the monitor screen, click Yes to keep the setting. You have 15 seconds to accept this new setting before it reverts to the previous setting. 5 Click the OK button to save changes, and then click OK again to close the Display Properties window. Ge Force tab (disabling) 1 Click the Ge Force FX xxxx tab. 2 In the nView Modes area select Single display from the drop-down list.

In the Current display area select Analog Display or Digital Display. 3 Click the Apply button. 4 When the PC image appears on the monitor screen, click Yes to keep the setting. You have 15 seconds to accept this new setting before it reverts to the previous setting. 5 Click the OK button to save changes, and then click OK again to close the Display Properties window.

Displays tab (disabling) 1 Click the Displays tab. This tab shows a monitor and a TV. (Select models show a monitor, a standard TV, and an HDTV.) The upper-left corner of each display icon is a button and a status indicator. A red corner indicates an inactive display; a green corner indicates an active display. 2 Click the upper-left corner of the TV icon so it is red, and then click the upper-left corner of the monitor icon so it is green. Click the Apply button. 3 When the PC image appears on the monitor screen, click Yes to keep the setting. You have 15 seconds to accept this new setting before it reverts to the previous setting. 4 Click the OK button to save changes, and then click OK again to close the Display Properties window.

Using a TV as a Monitor 27 Disconnecting the TV 1 Disable the TV option. See the previous procedure. 2 Turn off the TV and the PC. 3 Remove the video cable from the TV and the PC. 4 Remove the audio cable from the TV and the PC. 5 Reconnect your PC speaker cable to the Line Out jack (lime-green connector) on the back of the computer. 28 Getting Started Guide Using the HP Personal Media Drive The HP Personal Media Drive (sold separately) can be used as an internal or external USB hard disk drive designed to quickly and easily increase your storage capacity and to transfer media files such as digital photos, music, videos, and other important files. You can also use the HP Personal Media Drive to back up other drives on your PC. NOTE: Before starting the System Recovery Program, remove the HP Personal Media Drive. See your System Recovery documentation.

Connecting the Drive As an external drive, the HP Personal Media Drive connects and disconnects easily from a USB 2.0 connector on the front or the back of most PCs. The drive comes with software, an external USB cable, and an external power cord and power adapter. For information about connecting and using the HP Personal Media Drive as an external drive, refer to the documentation that came with the HP Personal Media Drive. Using the HP Personal Media Drive 29 For some PCs (select models only), the HP Personal Media Drive is designed to fit inside a horizontal or vertical drive bay.

This special drive bay includes an internal USB port and power cable that connect to the drive when it is inserted. NOTE: The drive can be easily inserted and removed from the bay without turning off the PC.



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This feature is sometimes referred to as warm swappable. The drive turns on when it is plugged into an active USB port. If the PC is turned on with the drive connected, the drive automatically turns on.

When the USB cable for the drive is not plugged in or when the USB power from the PC is turned off, the drive automatically turns off. When the PC is in standby mode (a reduced power state), the drive remains turned on. **WARNING:** Do not move the PC with the HP Personal Media Drive inserted in the bay or connected to a USB port on the PC. This can cause damage to the drive and cause data loss. Inserting the Drive 1 Turn on the PC. 2 Line up the ridges on the bottom of the drive with the two slots on the side or the bottom of the PC drive bay. Do not force the drive into the bay; it should slide easily into the bay. 30

Getting Started Guide 3 Slide the drive all the way into the drive bay until the drive is firmly connected to the internal power and USB port. With the PC turned on, the power indicator (B) on the front of the drive is lit when the drive is inserted correctly. A Drive activity indicator light B Power on indicator light C HP Personal Media Drive guide ridges A C B Locating the Drive and Assigning a Drive Letter After you insert the drive into the PC, you can find the drive in My Computer.

The operating system automatically assigns a letter to the drive. The assigned letter depends on the other storage devices connected to the PC. To locate the drive: **NOTE:** To avoid multiple hard disk drives using the same drive letter, when connecting and removing the drives, assign the letter Z to the HP Personal Media Drive. 1 Click Start on the taskbar. 2 Click My Computer. 3 Select the drive under Hard Disk Drives. The default name is HP Personal Media Drive.

You can permanently assign a drive letter to avoid the letter changing when you connect and disconnect this drive and other devices. Also, it is easier for a software program to locate the files on the HP Personal Media Drive if a drive letter is assigned. Some programs may not be able to find files if the drive has a new drive letter.

It is best to always remove your drive safely to avoid errors. See "Disconnecting the Drive" on page 33. Using the HP Personal Media Drive 31 To assign a drive letter: 1 Click Start on the taskbar. 2 Right-click My Computer. 3 Select Manage and then click Disk Management.

4 Right-click the HP Personal Media Drive. 5 Select Change Drive Letter and Paths. 6 Click Change and select a letter, and then apply the changes by clicking OK. The default volume label of this drive is HP Personal Media Drive. You can rename the drive in the My Computer window by right-clicking the drive, selecting Rename, and then typing a new name.

@@This allows you to place files in specific folders. @@@@1 Click Start on the taskbar. 2 Click My Computer. @@4 Double-click the file. Most media files open in Windows Media Player. @@@@Type a name for your personal music folder. 3 Drag or copy your music files into this created folder. @@@@6 Click the Monitor Folders button. 7 Click Add to add a pathway to your HP Personal Media Drive. @@@@@@To refresh your PC, open and close Windows Media Player.

If that doesn't work, restart the PC. Disconnecting the Drive You can safely remove the drive when it is not active. When the amber activity light is blinking, the drive is active saving or transferring data. Removing the drive while the light is blinking may cause data loss or damaged files. @@Make sure that the activity light on the drive is off. @@@@The Safely Remove Hardware window opens. @@USB Mass Storage Device may be listed twice. One may contain a memory card reader or other mass storage drive. 4 Select the HP Personal Media Drive, and then click OK. @@@@5 Click Close.

@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@@1 Insert the music CD into your CD or DVD drive. · The iTunes window opens. @@You may have to scroll down in the window to see iTunes. @@@@@@@@@@@@@@1 Insert the music CD or DVD movie into the drive. · The Windows Media Player window opens.

@@@@@@@@To play a particular track, double-click the title (or track number) in the Playlist. You can also control playback by using the media control buttons on the keyboard (select models). For more information on using Windows Media Player, click the Help menu in the Windows Media Player menu bar. If necessary, first display the menu bar by clicking the up arrow icon in the upper-left corner of the Windows Media Player window. Playing DVD Movies with InterVideo WinDVD The InterVideo WinDVD program uses a DVD drive (select models only) to play DVD movies.

**NOTE:** Most DVD movies are localized to geographical countries/regions. See "Using country/region codes" on page 40. 1 Insert a DVD disc into the DVD drive. **NOTE:** On a double-sided DVD, read the text around the inner hole of the disc to determine which side (A versus B or Standard versus Widescreen) to play. Place the disc in the tray with the label facing up for the side you want to play. 38 Getting Started Guide 2 Close the disc tray by gently pushing the tray into the PC. The movie plays in its own resizable video window, and the WinDVD control panel appears. If the Play DVD movie wizard window opens, select Play DVD movie using InterVideo WinDVD from the list. You may have to scroll down in the window to see it. Or If the program does not automatically open: a b Click Start, choose All Programs, choose InterVideo WinDVD, select InterVideo WinDVD Player, and then click InterVideo WinDVD.

Use the playback buttons on the control panel to view the movie. **NOTE:** To see what a button does on the control panel, place the mouse pointer on the button; the button title appears onscreen. **NOTE:** If you are playing a movie full screen and the WinDVD control panel is hidden, you can redisplay it by clicking anywhere in the video window. To use the WinDVD control panel: · To move the WinDVD control panel, place the mouse pointer on the panel (but not on a button), and drag it to the desired location on the screen. · To resize the video window when it is not full screen, place the mouse pointer on a window corner and drag the border. Or Click the Full Screen button in the upper-right corner of the WinDVD control panel. · For information on the InterVideo WinDVD software, refer to the online Help within the program by clicking the ? (question mark) icon in the WinDVD control panel. Playing CDs and DVDs 39 Using country/region codes Most DVD discs have country/region codes embedded in the disc data that limit where the DVD movie can be played. The country/region number is usually placed over a world globe printed on the DVD packaging and disc. DVDs without country/region codes play on any player or drive in any country/region.

**WARNING:** You can change countries/regions only five times before the country/region code locks and becomes permanent. Once the code locks, you can play DVDs from that country/region only.



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If the country/region code locks, and you need help, contact Support. WinDVD is not preset to a particular country/region -- the country/region code of the first DVD movie you play determines your DVD country/region. For example, if you play a DVD with a country/region 1 code, WinDVD sets the current country/region of your DVD player to 1.

If you later play a DVD that is coded for a different country/region, WinDVD asks if you want to set this as the current country/region. Playing Video CDs (VCD) with InterVideo WinDVD 1 Insert your video CD (VCD) into a DVD or CD drive. 2 Select Play DVD movie using InterVideo WinDVD, and click OK.

@@@ Double-click the Volume icon on the taskbar. @@@2 Select Play DVD movie using Windows Media Player, and click OK.

@@3 Click File on the menu bar at the top, and click Open. @@5 Double-click the MPEGAV folder. 6 Select Any File (\*.\*) from the Files of type drop-down list. 7 Select the file, and click Open. @@@@ @@@@ NOTE: If your recording fails, manually select a slower recording speed (if available) each time you make a recording. Refer to the Help menu in your selected software program or your troubleshooting documentation for more information about selecting a slower recording speed. NOTE: HP supports lawful use of technology and does not endorse or encourage the use of its products for purposes other than those permitted by copyright law. If your PC has a CD-RW or DVD Writer (select models only), your PC has recording software and you can make your own music or data CDs. Your PC has four recording software programs: iTunes, Windows Media Player, RecordNow!, and Windows XP.

You copy or download music to their libraries and can then organize or copy the music files. You can copy Windows Media files that have a .wma extension, .mp3 files, or .wav files to a CD by using a CD Writer or DVD Writer drive. You can also use iTunes or Windows Media Player to copy music files to a portable device or memory card. Use a CD-R disc if you are going to play the disc in a CD player, CD-ROM, CD-RW, DVD-ROM, or DVD+RW/+R, DVD-RW/-R, or double-layer DVD+R drive. CD-R discs are compatible with more players than CD-RW discs. Creating CDs and DVDs 43 Using the Software Quick Reference Table To open the DVD Writer/CD Writer software programs, click Start on the taskbar, choose All Programs, select the program folder, and then click the program to open the software. Refer to the following table to determine the best programs for the tasks you want to do.

NOTE: You may have a software update CD included with your PC. You may need to install this CD before using the DVD Writer/CD Writer drive. To do this, follow the installation instructions that came with the CD. Your PC comes with the following software programs. Use this table to find out what you can do within each program.

NOTE: Some programs listed below may not be included with your PC model. Software iTunes With this program you can · Play music CDs, MP3s, and other audio files. · Record music files. · Record a copy of an existing music or data CD to use on the PC. · Organize digital files into a library for recording or listening.

Windows Media Player · Play music CDs, MP3s, and other audio files. · Play DVD movies. (Windows Media Player can play DVDs only if another DVD player program, such as InterVideo WinDVD, is installed.) · Play Windows Movie Maker files. · Record music files. · Organize digital files into a library for recording or listening. RealOne Player · Play music CDs, MP3s, and other audio files. · Play DVD movies. (RealOne Player can play DVDs only if another DVD player program, such as InterVideo WinDVD, is installed.) · Play video CDs.

· Record music files. · Organize digital files into a library for recording or listening. 44 Getting Started Guide Software Windows Movie Maker 2.0 With this program you can · Import audio, video, and other media files from a videotape, an audiotape, a Web camera, or a television broadcast. · Record audio and video files to create a video project that becomes a Windows Media source file with a .wmv extension. · Edit and preview files. · Send movie in an e-mail or to a Web server. · Add music files (.mp3).

· Import audio files such as .mp3, .asf, or .wma; video files such as .wmv, .asf, .avi, or .mpg; or image files such as .jpg or .gif.

· Can create .avi and .wmv (Windows Media Video) files. InterVideo WinDVD · Play DVD movies and video CDs (VCD). RecordNow! · Record data and music files. · Record a copy of an existing music or data CD to use on the PC. · Create customized music CDs from CDs in your collection, or from .wav, .mp3, or .wma files.

These CDs can be played in your home or car stereo. · Copy and share data files. · Copy short video files. NOTE: Video files recorded with RecordNow! can be viewed on a PC, but not on home DVD video players. Creating CDs and DVDs 45 Software InterVideo WinDVD Creator With this program you can · Capture digital and analog video files directly from a digital video (DV) camera, VCR, or other analog capture device. NOTE: Your PC may not include an analog capture device. · Assemble movies by capturing video clips and scenes into a video project. · Edit your movies. Cut scenes and add music and sound effects, still images, text, video transitions, and voiceovers. · Preview movies during editing and before recording final files.

· Create video files, export them to your hard disk drive or your digital video camera, and then play them on your PC. · Create video files, record them to DVDs and CDs, and then play them on some set-top DVD players. · Record video files to seven different formats. muvee autoProducer · Capture digital video files directly from a digital video (DV) camera. · Assemble movies that include your video clips and pictures.

· Add your favorite music to the background. · Add captions to the beginning and end of your movie. · Choose from a variety of styles to give your movie a unique look. Creating Music CDs with iTunes To create a music CD using iTunes: 1 Click Start on the taskbar, choose All Programs, select iTunes, and then click iTunes. 2 Click the Edit menu, and select Preferences.

3 Click the Burning tab, and choose Audio CD as the Disc Format. 4 Click the Use Sound Check check box if you would like all songs on the CD to play at the same volume level, and click OK. 5 Click the File pull-down menu, and select New Playlist. 6 Enter a name for your new playlist, and an empty playlist window opens. 7 Drag and drop selected songs from your source to your new playlist. 8 Click the Burn Disc button in the upper-right corner. 46 Getting Started Guide 9 Insert a blank disc into your drive. Do not use a double-layer DVD+R disc, they are not compatible with this program.



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10 Click OK. For more information on using iTunes, click the Help menu in the iTunes menu bar or refer to your iPod Warranty and Support Guide.

**Creating Music CDs with Windows Media Player** 1 Click Start on the taskbar, choose All Programs, and then click Windows Media Player. 2 Click Copy to CD or Device. 3 Click the drop-down arrow in the Items to Copy field, and select the songs you want to burn to a CD. If there are not any songs listed, insert a CD into your drive, and click Copy from CD. Follow the onscreen instructions. 4 Click the Copy button in the upper-right corner. For more information on using Windows Media Player, click the Help menu in the Windows Media Player menu bar. If necessary, first display the menu bar by clicking the Up arrow icon in the upper-left corner of the Windows Media Player window. **Creating Data CDs Using Windows XP** Your PC has recording software to record data files, such as text files or digital pictures, onto CDs. 1 Click Start on the taskbar, and choose My Documents or the folder that has the files you want to copy. 2 Select the file or files you want to copy. 3 Click Copy to CD in the Tasks list. 4 Click My Computer in the Other Places list, and then double-click the disc drive you want to use. 5 Insert a blank disc into the drive. 6 Click Write these files to CD in the CD Writing Tasks list.

The CD Writing Wizard window appears. 7 Click Next. 8 Click Finish. **Creating CDs and DVDs 47 Creating CDs with RecordNow!** NOTE: For more information about recording CDs, refer to the Help menu in the RecordNow! software program. NOTE: The CD-RW, DVD Writer, or Double-Layer drive is available on select models only.

1 Click Start on the taskbar. 2 Choose All Programs. 3 Click Sonic RecordNow!, and then click RecordNow! again. 4 If you need to erase a disc (CD-RW, DVD+RW, or DVD-RW): Insert the disc, and select the Home Screen Tab, and then select Erase Disc. **Creating Music CDs with RecordNow!** RecordNow! creates closed session music CDs, which means you must record all music files on one CD in one recording session. Music files can be recorded repeatedly on a rewritable CD-RW disc, but all previously recorded files must be erased first. CD-R discs cannot be erased. NOTE: CD-R discs play in most home and car stereos. CD-RW discs play only in some stereos. **IMPORTANT:** HP supports the lawful use of technology and does not endorse or encourage the use of its products for purposes other than those permitted by copyright law.

**Tips You can use RecordNow! to create audio CDs to play in your car, on your home CD player, or on your PC.** When recording music files, it is important to note that: · To play your music CD in a home or car stereo, it needs to be recorded as a music CD in CD Audio (CDA) format, not as a data CD. · You must record all music files in one recording session because RecordNow! closes the CD after recording is complete. Music files can be recorded repeatedly onto a rewritable (CD-RW) disc, but all previously recorded music files must be erased first. 48 **Getting Started Guide** · As you add music files in the recording session, RecordNow! calculates and displays the amount of recording time available to record additional music files. · You can't record song titles unless you make an exact copy of a music CD in your collection. · If you try to record more than a standard CD can hold, RecordNow! displays a message warning you that all the tracks may not fit on your disc. **Creating CDs to Play in Your Car or Home CD Players with RecordNow!** 1 Click Start, choose All Programs, Sonic RecordNow!, and then click RecordNow!.

2 Select the Audio Projects tab. 3 Select Audio CD for Car or Home CD Player. 4 Insert a music CD to view the tracks on your CD. Select View if you would like to look at another optical drive. Or Click Find, and then click either Scan for Music or Browse to find music files on your hard disk drive that you want to record. 5 Select the tracks you want to record, and then click Add. NOTE: Press and hold Ctrl on your keyboard to select more than one track.

6 Click the Burn icon when you have added all the audio files to your music CD project. 7 Click Yes. 8 When prompted, insert a blank CD-R or CD-RW disc. 9 Click OK. It is best not to use the PC while recording.

10 Click Done when recording is complete. Click the Help icon, and then select RecordNow! Help for more information about recording music CDs with the RecordNow! program. **Creating CDs and DVDs 49 Creating CDs to Play on Your PC** 1 Click Start, choose All Programs, Sonic RecordNow!, and then click RecordNow!. 2 Click the Audio Projects tab. 3 Select Jukebox CD. 4 Insert a music CD to view the tracks on your CD. Or Click Find, and then click either Scan for Music or Browse to find music files on your hard disk drive that you want to record. NOTE: RecordNow! scans for all audio files, even the sounds from your operating system. If you don't want to display some of these sounds, you can select the Options icon (wrench), and then select Audio. Select Hide audio files shorter than (in seconds), type the number of seconds, and click OK.

5 Select the tracks you want to record, and then click Add. NOTE: Press and hold the Ctrl key to select more than one track. 6 Click the Burn icon when you have added all the audio files to your music CD project. 7 Click Yes. 8 When prompted, insert a blank CD-R or CD-RW disc. If the CD-RW disc is not blank, RecordNow! prompts you to erase it and then automatically begins writing to it when it is erased. NOTE: If you want to play your music CD in your home or car stereo, use a CD-R disc. CD-RW discs may not play in some stereos. 9 Click OK. It is best not to use the PC while recording.

10 Click Done when recording is complete. Click the Help icon, and then select RecordNow! Help for more information about recording music CDs with the RecordNow! program. 50 **Getting Started Guide Storing Files on a DVD or CD** Unlike music CDs, data DVDs and CDs can be recorded in multiple sessions.

1 Click Start, choose All Programs, Sonic RecordNow!, and then click RecordNow!. 2 Select the Data Projects tab.

3 Insert a blank or appendable CD-R, CD-RW, DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-R, DVD-RW, or Double-Layer DVD+R (select models) disc into your drive, and then click Data Disc. · Or · Or · If you are adding files to a disc, follow the onscreen instructions. If the disc is full, insert a blank or another appendable disc. If the disc is blank, follow the onscreen instructions. NOTE: An appendable disc means additional files can be added to it, if there is disc space available.

Recorded audio CDs are closed session discs, which are not appendable. 4 To name your disc, select Volume Label, and then type a name over it. RecordNow! assigns a name based on the recording date if you don't type a name. 5 Add your data files to the file selection window: · Click the Add Files and Folders button, find and select your folders and files, and then click Add.



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Repeat this step until all files are added. Or *Creating CDs and DVDs 51* · Drag your file from your desktop or from anywhere in Windows Explorer into the file selection window. Repeat this step until all files are added. NOTE: You can rename your files in the file selection window by selecting and typing over the current name. This does not affect the original files on your hard disk drive. 6 Click the Burn icon when all of your files have been added.

7 Click Done when recording is complete. Click the Help icon, and then click RecordNow! Help for more information about recording data files with the RecordNow! program. *Storing Data Files on Disc* When storing data files on a disc, it is important to note that: · You can add new data files to a CD-R, DVD+R, and a DVD-R in a later recording session, until the disc is full. With DVD+R and DVD-R discs, you need to select the correct setting in RecordNow! to record files in a later session. To do this, insert your recorded DVD, open RecordNow!, click the Options icon (wrench), click Data, select the recording option you want, and then click OK. · When you record files that have the same name as previously recorded files, RecordNow! updates the file and the previous version is overwritten. · RecordNow! allows you to change file names and titles of files you want to record and names of files that were previously recorded. · As you select data files to record to your disc, RecordNow! calculates and displays the amount of recording space used on your disc. Copying a DVD or CD IMPORTANT: HP supports the lawful use of technology and does not endorse or encourage the use of our products for purposes other than those permitted by copyright law. RecordNow! allows you to make a copy of a music or data disc from your collection.

You can't copy commercial DVDs because they are protected by copyright laws and are encoded to prevent illegal duplication. To make a copy of a music or data disc from your collection: 1 Click Start, choose All Programs, Sonic RecordNow!, and then click RecordNow!. 2 Select the Data Projects tab. 3 Select Exact Copy. 4 Insert the CD or DVD you want to copy.

52 *Getting Started Guide 5* Click the Copy icon. 6 Insert a blank DVD or CD into the drive, and then click OK. 7 Click Done when the recording is complete.

*Erasing a DVD or CD* You can use RecordNow! to erase music, data, or video files from rewritable DVDs and CDs, leaving almost all the disc space available for new recordings. If you try to record a video or music file to a rewritable disc that has files on it, the recording program prompts you to erase the disc first.

1 Click Start, choose All Programs, Sonic RecordNow!, and then click RecordNow!. 2 Insert the DVD+RW, DVD-RW, or CD-RW you want to erase. If an Auto Play window opens, click Cancel. 3 Select the Home Screen tab and then Erase Disc. 4 Click Yes to confirm that you want to erase the disc. *Removing Files in RecordNow!* When removing files in RecordNow!, it is important to note: · When you remove a recorded file from a data DVD+R, DVD-R, or CD-R, the disc space is lost and can't be used for new recordings. · You can't remove music files from previously recorded music CDs, but you can remove music files from the File Selection window in RecordNow! before you record the files to your disc. · If you delete files from the File Selection window in RecordNow! before the disc is recorded, available disc space is not affected. If you remove a file from a DVD+R, DVD-R, or CD-R after the disc is recorded, available disc space is lost. *Removing Files from a Recorded Data Disc* RecordNow! can't erase files from recordable (record once) DVDs or CDs, but files that have been previously recorded can be removed.

When you remove a recorded file from a data DVD+R, DVD-R, or CD-R, the disc space is lost and can't be used for new recordings. *Creating CDs and DVDs 53* To remove data files from a recorded DVD or CD: 1 Click Start, choose All Programs, Sonic RecordNow!, and then click RecordNow!. 2 Select the Data Projects tab. 3 Insert the disc from which you want to remove files. If an Auto Play window opens, click Cancel. 4 Click Data Disc. 5 You must have at least one file on your data disc to re-record it. Select the file you want to remove, and then click the Remove icon in the upper-right corner. 6 Click Yes. 7 Click the Burn icon to save your data disc without the files you removed.

8 Click Done when the recording is complete. *Archiving Files on a DVD or CD* 1 Click Start, choose All Programs, Sonic RecordNow!, and then click RecordNow!. 2 Select the Backup Projects tab. 3 Select File Archive. 4 Insert a blank CD or DVD into the drive.

5 Place a check mark in the Changed since box to limit the scan to files that have been changed since the last time you completed a File Archive. 6 Add your files to the Archive window: · Select one or more categories from the list on the left, and click Scan. RecordNow! scans your hard disk for files related to the category and moves them to the Archive window on the right. Drag files from the Windows Explorer to the Archive window. Or · 7 Click the Burn icon when all of your files have been added.

If the files do not fit on one disc, File Archive asks you for additional discs. 8 Click Done when recording is complete. *Creating an Image File* RecordNow! can take all the files from a CD or DVD and convert them into a single file called an image file. You can use the image file to reproduce the original disc. This is often used when you need to make multiple copies of the same disc. 54 *Getting Started Guide Saving an Image* 1 Click Start, choose All Programs, Sonic RecordNow!, and then click RecordNow!. 2 Select the Backup Projects tab. 3 Select Save Image. 4 Insert the source disc into the drive. 5 Click Browse to set the destination and name of the image file.

6 Click the Save icon to create the image file. *Burning an Image* 1 Click Start, choose All Programs, Sonic RecordNow!, and then click RecordNow!. 2 Select the Backup Projects tab. 3 Select Burn Image. 4 Click the Browse button to locate your saved image file. 5 Click the Burn icon. 6 Insert a blank recordable CD or DVD into the drive. 7 Click Done when recording is complete. *Recording Video Files* Video quality depends on the quality of the source files, the PC speed, and its graphics processing ability. Refer to the "Recording VHS analog video direct to DVD (select models only)" section of this guide.

NOTE: Your DVD Writer or CD Writer drive will not copy commercially available DVD movies. Most commercial DVDs are encoded to prevent unauthorized duplication. *Using Disc Labels* WARNING: When labeling your DVDs, do not use sticky labels. They can cause the DVD to play erratically. Instead, write on the DVD with a felt-tip pen to label it.

*Creating CDs and DVDs 55* *Disc Labeling with LightScribe* LightScribe (select models only) is a direct disc labeling technology providing you a simple way to burn precise, silk-screen quality labels.



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