Crestron Windows Media Center Interface Software

User Guide

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Introduction

Features and Functions

- Easy browsing and instant access to all music and video sources on your Windows Media Center.

- Compatible with any Crestron® 2-Series control system.

- Control the Windows Media Center from any Crestron touchpanel in your system.

- Select music, video, TV.

    ➢ Choose favorite genres, artists, albums, tracks or preset playlists for customized listening enjoyment.

    ➢ Choose live or pre-recorded TV, or DVD.

- Use the simulated remote control device on your touchpanel screen to select and control video sources.

- Control the volume level and muting of the Windows Media Center.

The information in this guide describes the functions of the Windows Media Center Interface Software supplied by Crestron. For information concerning creation of play lists and the various music and video category lists, refer to the documentation provided with your Windows Media Center.

Using the Interface Software

The Crestron Windows Media Center Interface Software lets you select and control the audio and video sources available on a Windows Media Center installed as part of the Crestron control system in your home.

A friendly onscreen menu can be displayed on any Crestron touchpanel within your home. The screens discussed in this guide are typical examples of the interface software program provided by Crestron to its dealers. Since your dealer may have customized screens for you, your screens may differ with respect to presentation, but the general topics covered should apply nonetheless.

The main page, shown below, provides the convenience of easy browsing and instant access to all the music and video sources available via the Windows Media Center. The main page is the first level of browsing; it provides 'jump-to' buttons that display pages showing category lists (**Genres**, **Artists**, **Albums**, **Tracks**, **Playlists**, and **Video**); a **Remote Control** button that displays a virtual remote control device for control of available video sources, including live TV; and the **Now Playing** button that displays a page which provides details of the music or video currently playing (for example, title, album, artist, duration and elapsed time).

WMC Interface Software Main Page

- The Browser Navigation buttons function as described in the following table.

BUTTON	DESCRIPTION
⯭	Jump to beginning of list
⯅	Scroll up list
⯆	Scroll down list
⯯	Jump to end of list

- Control the overall audio output of the media center using the increase (⊼), decrease (⅃), and mute (◉) buttons. The bargraph to the right of the buttons displays the relative volume level.

- Use the **Jump A – Z** button to display a virtual keyboard image that lets you select the first letter of the names in the listings of the genres, albums, artists, tracks and playlist items. Refer to the following illustration.

- The categories and functions available by selecting the 'jump to' buttons are discussed in the following sections.

Alphabetical Keyboard
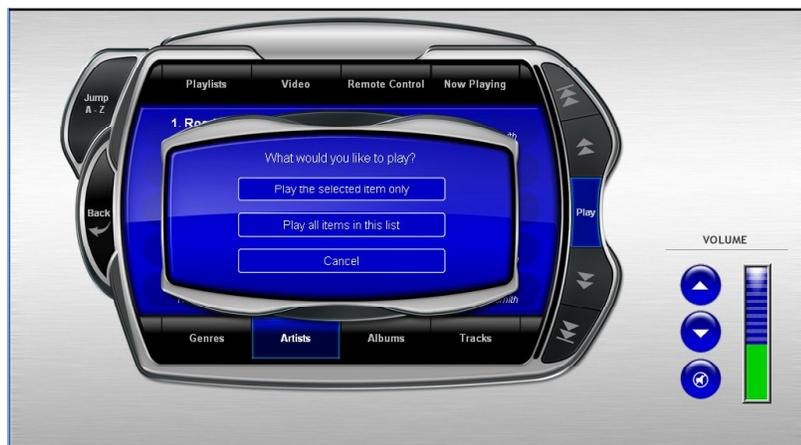

Music Selection Categories

Music selection can be made based on any of several categories: genres, artists, albums, tracks, and playlists, as shown in the following figures.
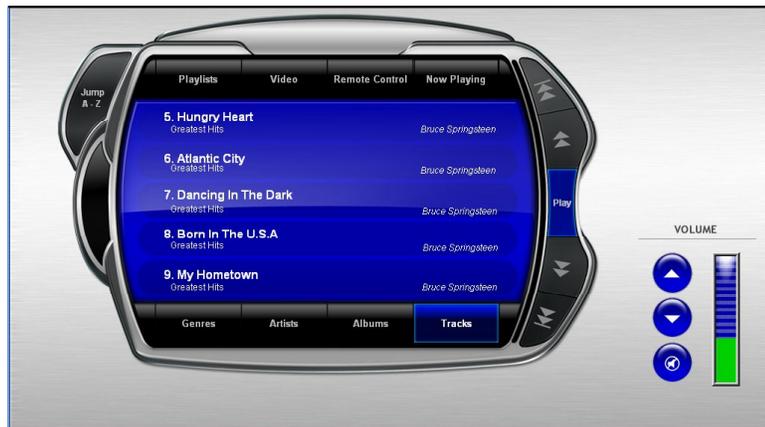
Typical Genres Selection Page

Typical Artists Selection Page

Typical Albums Selection Page

Selecting a genres, artist or album displays a page listing all the tracks in that genres, album, or by that artist. Selecting one of the tracks displays the following "What would you like to play" screen allowing you to choose just the selected item, all the items in the list, or cancel so you can make a different selection. (Refer to following illustration.)

"What Would You Like to Play" Screen

Typical Tracks Selection Page

The tracks selection page lists all available tracks. Note that the album title appears under the track title; the artist's name appears to the right.

The playlists selection page lists custom combinations of music and/or video that have been created on the Windows Media Center. Refer to the documentation supplied with your Windows Media Center for details on creating playlists.

Typical Playlists Selection Page

Now Playing/Fullscreen Functions

For more information about what is currently playing, whether music or video, select the **Now Playing** button. (Refer to the following illustration.) Use the playback transport buttons on the Now Playing page just as you would on any standard recording device.

- The **Now Playing** button is replaced by the **Fullscreen** button. Press this button to transition the Windows Media Center TV interface from the inset video size to 'full screen play' mode. Press it again to return to the inset size.

- The **Browse** button takes you back to the browser screen.

Typical Now Playing Page

Video Selection

To watch recorded video available on your Windows Media Center, select the **Video** button as shown in the following illustration. The browser screen shows all available video sources. Touch to play your choice.

Typical Video Selection Page

Remote Control

Select the **Remote Control** button to display the simulated remote control device, shown in the following illustration. You can use this page to select and record live TV programs, control the playback of DVDs, browse the guide, and more. The **Back** button returns you to the browser screen; the other buttons provide the same functions as the buttons on the actual remote control supplied with your Windows Media Center. (Refer to the documentation supplied with the Windows Media Center for detailed information regarding button functions.)

Simulated Remote Control

Problem Solving

Troubleshooting

The following table provides corrective action for possible trouble situations. If further assistance is required, please contact a Crestron customer service representative.

Interface Software Troubleshooting

TROUBLE	PROBABLE CAUSE	CORRECTIVE ACTION
Windows Media Center cannot connect to control system.	The IP ID in the SW-WMC configuration tool does not match the IP ID in the control system program, or the SW-WMC configuration tool contains the wrong IP address.	Enter correct IP ID and/or IP Address. Refer to the latest version of the Installation & Configuration Guide, Doc. 6500.
No items appear in the browser screens.	The Windows Media Center does not contain any music and/or videos.	Add audio and/or video content to the Windows Media Center*.

*While the Windows Media Center is searching for data, content may not show up on browser screens.

Further Inquiries

If you cannot locate specific information or have questions after reviewing this guide, contact your dealer.

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