

Windows Sound Recorder
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Why would a .WAV file played through the Sound Recorder mini applet play smoothly, but that same .WAV files sound "jerky" when played through the Media Player? Is it the Media Player and the demands it places on hardware?

From the Tech Desk:

Sound Recorder loads the whole sound file into memory, first. Which is why you'll notice that Sound Recorder takes a little longer to open the file. Media Player "streams" the data and reads a chunk or two of the file at a time (reads, plays a while, reads, plays some more, etc.). This causes the "jerkiness" you're encountering.