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Section 1: Introduction

The Slacker Portable is the revolutionary way to take your Slacker Radio stations with you wherever you go. Built-in Wi-Fi automatically refreshes your personalized Slacker stations and the music plays whether you are connected or not. You also can play your personal music collection and custom playlists. Plus, the large 4” screen displays album art, artist information, and album reviews in vivid color.

The Slacker Portable comes with the following:

- Slacker Portable
- Earphones
- USB cable
- Power adapter
- Carrying case
Slacker Portable Features

The Slacker Portable features a convenient scroll wheel, simple buttons and a touch strip.

- **Touch Strip** - Tap the touch strip to select menu items.
- **Home** - Press the Home button to take you back to the previous screen. Press & hold the button to go to the Main Menu.
- **Scroll Wheel** - The Scroll wheel is the primary control for navigating around the Slacker Portable. Click it to select a menu item. For more details, refer to Using the Scroll Wheel.
- **Skip** - Skip to the next song.
- **Pause** - Pause or un-pause the song currently playing.
- **Power Toggle** - Turn the Slacker Portable on or off by sliding the power toggle down and releasing it. Place all of the buttons in a Hold state by sliding the power toggle up and leaving it in that position.

- **Favorite** - Press the Favorite button to rate a Slacker Radio song as a “favorite.” Favorites will be played more often on that station. If you have a Premium Subscription, your favorites are saved to the Portable Library and can be listened to anytime. Rating songs as Favorites affects what will be played on that station.
- **Ban** - Press the Ban button to ban a Slacker Radio song from being played again on that station. Banning songs affects what music will be played on that station.
- **USB Connector** - Plug one end of the USB cable into this connector and the other end into your computer. The connection allows you to update radio station content if you have an Internet connection. And it enables you to transfer your personal music collection to your Slacker Portable.
- **Dock Connector** - This is how you will connect the Portable to Slacker accessories.
Powering the Slacker Portable

It is easy to power your Slacker Portable on or off. For either action, simply do the following:

- Slide the power toggle down and release it.

The Portable will power down automatically after 2 minutes if it is not playing any music AND you are not interacting with it.

If the Portable is playing music but you are not interacting with it, the Portable will shut off the screen in order to conserve the battery. If this happens and you want to view the screen, you can press any button once to turn the screen back on.

Low Battery

When the battery runs low, the Portable will display a warning message. You can click the scroll wheel to dismiss the message and the Portable will continue running. If you ignore the message, then the Portable will power off.

The Portable provides up to three warning messages. Once the third message is displayed, you can click OK, but the Portable will only be able to run for another minute or two. You must charge the battery. If you ignore the third message, then later when you charge the Portable, the Portable will go through the restart process, which can take up to 30 seconds.

**IMPORTANT:** If you let the battery run out completely and then plug the Portable in to charge, the screen will be blank for up to two minutes. However, after those two minutes, the screen will turn on and the Portable will go through the restart process.

Charging the Slacker Portable

You can charge the Slacker Portable two ways. The USB cable and Power Adapter are packaged with the Portable.

- Plug the USB cable into the Portable and into the Power Adapter. Plug the Power Adapter into an AC outlet. You will be able to play music while the Portable is charging.

- Plug the USB cable into the Portable and your computer. When you connect your Portable, it will display a status screen. You will not be able to play music while on this screen. To return to normal operation, simply unplug your Portable.
Navigating the Slacker Portable

Using the Scroll Wheel

The scroll wheel is your primary method of interaction with the Portable. It enables you to scroll to areas on the screen and select the items. There are four actions:

- **Scroll**: Use your thumb to rotate the wheel up or down. As you do, the selection bar on the screen moves with the scrolling. Use this to navigate to the desired item on the screen such as a button or a song.
- **Click (or Single-Click)**: This is a quick press & release. Use this to select items on the screen.
- **Double Click**: Quickly press & release the scroll wheel twice. Use this to add songs from your Library into the Current Playlist.
- **Press & Hold**: Press down the scroll wheel, but do not release it until the Portable displays a menu. The menu is a "contextual options" menu, similar to a right-click menu on many computer software applications.

Using the Touch Strip

The touch strip is a convenient way to select items. To use it, simply tap the strip next to the item you want to select on the screen. This is the same action as single-clicking the scroll wheel. So when directions in this User Guide tell you to click the scroll wheel, you can tap the touch strip instead.

**NOTE**: The touch strip does not work on the text entry screen for network keys.
Section 2: Getting Started

Your Slacker Portable comes loaded with great Slacker Radio stations. You can listen to these stations without taking any other steps. But eventually you will need to refresh your stations. When you refresh your stations, the Slacker Radio service downloads new content onto your Portable. And you also need to follow the refresh process if you want to add new stations to your Portable. In order to refresh your stations, you first must complete these tasks:

- Install the Slacker Software Player
- Activate your Slacker Portable

Install the Slacker Software Player

The Software Player provides all of the great Slacker Radio features of the Slacker Web Player. In addition, you can store and organize your personal music files: mp3 and wma. If you have Slacker Premium Radio, the Software Player saves your Favorite songs to the Library. And you can create playlists from songs in the Library. For more information on the Software Player, refer to Slacker Software Player online help.

To install the Slacker Software Player, do the following:

2. Click the Download button. A message box is displayed.
3. Click the Save File button. The file is saved to your desktop.
4. Double-click the file to start it. An Install wizard starts.
5. Follow the on-screen instructions until the installation is complete.
6. Sign in to the Software Player.

**NOTE:** If you created an account on the Slacker Web Player, use that Username and Password. If you have not yet created an account, click the Create Account button.

Activate the Slacker Portable

Each Slacker Portable has a unique ID, called the Slacker Portable ID. You must enter this ID into your Slacker Account in order to activate your Portable. Once your Portable is activated, the Slacker Radio service will know where to send your Slacker Radio stations.

To activate your Slacker Portable, do the following:

1. Sign in to the Slacker Software Player.
2. Go to the menu Options > Account > Manage Account.
3. Sign in to the Account Management section. This is for extra security.
4. In the section called Slacker Portable, click the Edit button.
5. Enter the Slacker Portable ID and then click Save.

**NOTE:** On the Slacker Portable, navigate to Settings > About to find the Slacker Portable ID.

You may now refresh your Slacker Portable via USB or a Wi-Fi connection. For more details, refer to Refresh Your Slacker Portable.
Refresh Your Slacker Portable

Now that you have installed the Slacker Software Player and activated your Slacker Portable, you are ready to refresh your Slacker Portable. Refreshing is the process by which the Slacker Portable connects to the Slacker Radio service to update the music or add new stations. The Slacker Portable connects to the extensive Slacker music library over Wi-Fi when in wireless range, or over USB when attached to an Internet connected PC.

Instead of live streaming of songs, the Slacker Portable quickly fills itself up with personally selected music each time you connect. The players hold up to 4,000 CD quality songs that are continuously refreshed to match your tastes and the radio stations you play. This means you don’t need a continuous connection to play Slacker Radio on your Portable.

In order to start the refresh process, you connect to the Slacker Radio service one of two ways:

- USB
- Wi-Fi

Connect via USB

Your Slacker Portable comes with a USB cable. You attach your Portable to your computer using this cable. In addition to refreshing your stations, USB is the only method that enables you to transfer your personal music collection from your computer to the Portable. Finally, the computer charges your Portable while connected.

**NOTE:** This method works with PC computers that have the Slacker Software Player installed and running. If you have a MAC, you cannot transfer local music and you must connect via a Wi-Fi network.

To connect via USB, do the following:

1. Plug the supplied USB cable into your PC and the other end into the Slacker Portable.
   **NOTE:** While connected to your PC, your Portable will go into a “connected state.” You will not be able to listen to music or access any Portable features until you unplug your Portable.

2. The Portable will display a screen to show that it is connecting to the Internet. Once connected, the Slacker Radio station refresh process begins.
   **NOTE:** A progress bar provides a visual guide to the time remaining until the refresh is complete. Refreshing content can take from a few moments to several hours depending on the amount of content that needs to be downloaded. Your first Refresh and adding multiple stations often takes the longest.

3. When the refresh is complete, the screen will display a “Refresh Complete” message. Unplug your Portable.
   The Portable will display the Main Menu so you can play your stations.
   **NOTE:** If you want to add music to your Portable, do not unplug the Portable from the computer in Step 3. Instead, refer to Add Songs to the Library.
Connect via Wi-Fi

You can connect to any Wi-Fi network. Slacker will work with many Wi-Fi connections, even those that require a WEP or WPA network security code. However, some Wi-Fi networks require you to enter additional information or check boxes prior to use. The Slacker Portable may not be able to access these types of networks.

To connect via a Wi-Fi network, do the following:

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to Connect and click the scroll wheel.
2. The Portable will search for an available Wi-Fi network. If it can connect, it will, and then will sign in to your Slacker Account and begin the refresh process.
   
   **NOTE 1:** If the Portable cannot connect, it will display a list of networks that it found. Scroll to one of the networks and click the scroll wheel. The Portable will repeat the connection process.

   **NOTE 2:** If the network requires a WEP or WPA key, the Portable will display a screen where you enter the key. Once you enter the key, the Portable will attempt to connect to the network. If the Portable successfully connects to the network, the Portable will save the key so you do not have to enter the key the next time you connect to that network. For details on entering the key, refer to Enter a Network Key.

3. A progress bar provides a visual guide to the time remaining until the refresh is complete. Refreshing content can take from a few moments to several minutes depending on the amount of content that needs to be added.
   
   **NOTE:** During the refresh process, you can press the Home button to return to the Main Menu and use the Portable. Pressing Home will not stop the refresh process.

4. When the refresh is complete, the screen will display a “Refresh Complete” message. Scroll to OK and click the scroll wheel. The Portable will display the Main Menu.

Enter a Network Key

WEP and WPA network keys are security PIN codes found on many personal and business networks. See your network administrator or booklet for information on where to find your network key. If you need to enter a key, you will be prompted to do so when you select the network. You will be presented with a text-entry window.

Using the scroll wheel, do the following:

1. Scroll to the first number or letter you need and click the scroll wheel once. Repeat this step for each character in the key.
   
   **NOTE:** If you need to enter a lowercase letter, first scroll to the bottom of the screen and click Lowercase. The screen then will display all of the characters in a lowercase format. The screen displays Uppercase at the bottom so you can return to uppercase letters. If you need to enter any symbols, scroll to the bottom of the screen and click Symbols.

   **NOTE:** If you want to delete a character you entered, scroll to Delete and click the scroll wheel.

2. When you have completed the network key, scroll to Done, and click the scroll wheel. The Portable will now attempt to access the network.
Add & Remove Slacker Radio Stations

Add Slacker Radio Stations

You can add any Slacker Radio station to your Slacker Portable, including genre, artist, and custom stations. You add stations from the Software Player or Web Player with the Portable Manager tool. You cannot add them from the Portable. The number of stations you can add depends upon your Portable's capacity.

NOTE: For more details on the Portable Manager tool, refer to the Slacker Software Player’s online help.

1. Sign in to the Software Player or Web player.
2. In the left column, click the Portable button to navigate to the Portable Manager.
3. On the left is a complete list of Slacker genre stations, your custom stations, your recently played stations, and your favorite stations. On the right is a list of stations on your Portable.
4. Next to each station on the left is an Add button. Click the Add button. The station will appear on the right. You may add as many stations as your Portable can hold.
5. Click Save. The Slacker Radio service will update your Portable the next time you refresh your Portable.

Add Artist Stations

In addition to the genre and custom stations, there are tens of thousands of artist stations. Unless you have marked artist stations as a Favorite or you have recently played the stations, the artist stations will not appear in the list on the left. To add one of these stations, do the following:

1. In the left column, click the Stations button. (If you are leaving the Portable Manager, make sure you have saved your changes.)
2. In the Search for Artist Stations field, type in the name of the desired artist and click GO.
3. If there is an exact match, the artist’s station page is displayed. If not, a list possible matches is displayed. Click the desired artist from that list and the station page is displayed.
4. On the station page, click the Station Options drop-down menu and select Send to Portable.

Remove Slacker Radio Stations

You can remove Slacker Radio stations from the Portable Manager.

1. Sign in to the Software Player or Web player.
2. In the left column, click the Portable button to navigate to the Portable Manager.
3. Click the Send Stations tab, which is to the right of the Options menu.
4. In the right column, click the X next to the station you want to remove.
5. Click Save. The Slacker Radio service will update your Portable the next time you refresh your Portable.
Reorder Slacker Radio Stations

By default, your stations will be listed in alphabetical order. You can change the order so they appear in any order you desire. You reorder stations from the Portable Manager tool in the Slacker Software Player. You cannot reorder the stations from the Portable.

1. **Sign in** to the Software Player or Web player.
2. In the left column, click the **Portable** button to navigate to the Portable Manager.
3. Move the station in one of two ways:
   - In the right column, **click and hold on a station** and then **drag** it to the desired spot. Release the mouse button when done.
   OR
   - In the right column, **right-click on a station**. A menu is displayed. Select **Move Up** or **Move Down**.
4. Click **Save**. The Slacker Radio service will update your Portable the next time you refresh your Portable.
Section 3: Navigate the Slacker Portable

When you turn on the Slacker Portable, the Portable displays the Main Menu. You access all of the Portable’s features from the Main Menu.

There are six items in the Main Menu:

- Now Playing
- Stations
- Library
- Playlists
- Settings
- Connect

To select any of the features, use the scroll wheel to scroll to the desired feature. When the feature is highlighted, click the scroll wheel once.

Return to the Main Menu

You can return to this screen from any point in the Portable one of two ways:

- Press the Home button to retrace your navigation steps.
- Press & hold the Home button to return to the Main Menu in one step.
Contextual Player

The Contextual Player is displayed at the top of every screen, except for the Settings & Connect screens. The Contextual Player shows you what your Portable is playing. The information includes the song name, artist, upcoming artist, album art and elapsed time.

Status (Top Row)

The top row of the Contextual Player shows you status information:

- **Home icon:** This is displayed when the Touch Strip is active. It is white when you can go back one screen. It is gray when you cannot.
  - Music icon: The Portable displays an icon that corresponds to the type of music it is playing.
    - Slacker Radio
    - Personal content
  
- **Title:** This can display one of three titles:
  - Name of the Slacker Radio station
  - Name of your saved playlist
  - “Current Playlist” if you are playing music from the Library

- **USB icon:** This is displayed when the Portable is connected to a computer. (Not shown. To left of battery.)

- **Wireless icon:** This is displayed when the Portable is connected to a Wi-Fi network. (Not shown. To left of battery.)

- **Battery icon:** This icon always is displayed and shows the battery strength or AC power.

Album Art

This is the image of the album cover for the song that is playing. If you are playing your own music and don’t have album art for the song, then the Contextual Player will display the Slacker logo.

**TIP:** If you scroll up to the album art and click the scroll wheel once, the Portable will display the first Now Playing screen. Keep clicking the scroll wheel to scroll through the various Now Playing views, including Artist Info and Album Info. For details on Now Playing, refer to [Change Library View](#).
Music Information

The Contextual Player shows you information about the currently playing song. It provides the song name, artist name, progress bar, and elapsed time. If you pause a song, the word Paused is displayed next to the elapsed time.

Play Icons

There are icons displayed under the elapsed time. They vary depending upon whether you are playing a Slacker Radio station or personal music files.

- **Slacker Radio station:** Displays a Play/Pause indicator. You cannot scroll to this icon when playing a radio station. (You can when playing music from the Library.)
- **Personal music files:** Displays Skip Back, Play/Pause, and Skip Forward icons. You scroll to them and click the scroll wheel to perform the function. You also can use the Pause and Skip Forward buttons on the right side of the Slacker Portable.

Playlist Menu

When you are playing music from the Library or a playlist, the Portable displays a drop-down menu. You scroll to it and click the scroll wheel to access the menu items. To back out of the menu without making a selection, press the Home button. The menu contains the following items. These items are described in Sections 5 & 6.

- Repeat
- Shuffle Playlist
- Clear Playlist
- Save Playlist
- Library Views...
- Shuffle Play Library
- Exit

Next Artist

The next artist is displayed at the bottom of the Contextual Player, just below the album art. You can scroll to this artist and click the scroll wheel to skip forward to the next song. If there is no next artist - perhaps you are at the end of a playlist, then the Contextual Player will not show this line of text.
Section 4: Playing Slacker Radio Stations

Your Slacker Portable comes pre-loaded with Slacker Radio stations. These are ready to play. To listen to other stations not loaded on your Portable, refer to Add Slacker Radio Stations.

Play a Slacker Radio Station

- Scroll to the desired station and click the scroll wheel.
  
The station will begin to play. The Contextual Player will display details about the song.

When you play a Slacker Radio song, you can do the following to the currently playing song:

- **Pause**: Stop the song at the point it is playing. When you un-pause it will begin playing where you stopped. To pause a song, press the Pause button on the right side of the Portable. To un-pause, press the Pause button again.

- **Skip Forward**: Skip to the next song. The Portable can skip up to 6 times per station, per hour. If you are a Slacker Premium subscriber, you will have unlimited skips.

  **NOTE**: There are additional ways to Pause and Skip Forward for your personal music content. Refer to Navigating Songs for details.
Favorite and Ban Songs

It is extremely easy to customize any Slacker Radio station you listen to. You can rate a song as a favorite to tell Slacker you want to hear it more often. You also can ban a song to remove it from the station.

**NOTE:** There are additional ways to customize your stations. You can use the Create Station feature, which is available on the Software Player and Web Player. For details on this feature, refer to the Software Player online help.

Favorite

Rate a song as a favorite. Slacker Radio will play that song more often. If you have a Premium subscription, Slacker will save that song to your Library so you can play the song whenever you want. To learn more about Slacker Premium radio, visit [www.slacker.com/premium](http://www.slacker.com/premium).

- Press the button with the ♥ on it, which is on the left side of the Portable.

Ban

Ban a song so that the station will not play that song again. Ban affects songs on a per-station basis, so you still may hear that song on other stations.

- Press the button with the ☺ on it, which is on the left side of the Portable.

Now Playing Views

Now Playing views provide more information about the currently playing song - whether it’s a Slacker Radio station, music from your Library, or a playlist. Your Slacker Portable provides the same great Now Playing views that are available on the Software Player and Web Player. These views provide detailed information about the artist and album. They display high resolution artwork. And they enable you to review a station’s playlist.

The Slacker Portable provides four Now Playing views:

- **Album Art:** Displays a large, high resolution album art image.
- **Artist Biography:** Provides a detailed biography of the artist.
- **Album Review:** Provides an extensive review of the album.
- **Playlist:** Displays a list of the last 6 songs played on the station.

**NOTE:** When you are playing your personal music content, the Portable will not display the Artist Biography and Album Review views.

Navigate to Now Playing Views

You can navigate to the Now Playing views one of two ways:

- From the Main Menu, scroll to **Now Playing** and click the scroll wheel.
- On any screen with a Contextual Player, scroll up to the **album art** in the Contextual Player and click the scroll wheel.

Once you navigate to the Now Playing section, the Portable displays the Album Art view. To navigate to the other views, click the scroll wheel - one click per view. You can continue clicking to cycling through the views.

To exit from these views, press the **Home** button. You return to the screen from which you selected Now Playing.
Section 5: Playing Library Music

You access your personal music collection through the Slacker Portable Library. The Library holds the music files which you transfer from your computer. And if you have a Premium subscription, the Library holds the Slacker Radio songs that you marked as favorites. The Portable can play mp3 and wma music files.

Add Songs to the Library

You add songs to your Library by transferring music from your computer to your Portable. You use the Slacker Software Player to transfer the files. Your Portable supports mp3 and wma files.

NOTE: This method works with PC computers only. This feature is not support by MAC.

To add songs, you connect to the computer via the USB cable as you did to refresh your stations.

1. Plug the supplied USB cable into your PC and the other end into the Slacker Portable.  
   NOTE: While connected to your PC, your Portable will go into a “connected state.” You will not be able to listen to music or access any Portable features until you unplug your Portable.

2. The Portable will display a screen to show that it is connecting to the Internet. Once connected, the Slacker Radio station refresh process begins. You can let the Portable complete the process, or you can press the scroll wheel to select Cancel/Transfer MP3s to transfer files immediately.

3. If Microsoft Windows displays the Portable Device dialog box, select the item Slacker Software Player and click the OK button. If not, start the Slacker Software Player. Once the Software Player is running, sign in to the Software Player.

4. Select the Portable button in the left column.

5. Just above the list of Slacker Radio stations in the left column is a menu and two buttons. Click the Send Files button. Now you will see the PC Library on the left and the Slacker Portable Library on the right.

6. Drag-and-drop songs and folders from the PC Library to the Slacker Portable Library and vice versa. When you are done, click the Save button.  
   NOTE: When if you transfer saved Slacker Radio songs from the Software Player to your Portable, the songs will not appear in the Portable Library until you initiate another Refresh.

7. When you are done adding songs, unplug your Portable from the computer.

Navigate the Library

Navigate Folders

In most Library views, your songs will be listed in folders. To open a folder, scroll to the folder and click the scroll wheel. One click opens the folder and a second closes the folder.
Navigate Songs

You may Play, Skip Back and Skip Forward any of the songs in your Library or in a playlist.

- Press the Play or Skip Forward buttons on the right side of the Slacker Portable.
- The Play, Skip Back, and Skip Forward icons in the Contextual Player are interactive when playing music from the Library or a playlist. Scroll to one of these icons and click the scroll wheel.

Remove Songs from the Library

You can remove songs from your Library. If you remove your own music, it will not affect the music stored on your computer. If you remove a song you rated as favorite on a Slacker Radio station, the song also will be removed from your Library on the Slacker Software Player the next time you refresh your Portable.

To remove a song, do the following:

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to Library and click the scroll wheel.
2. Scroll to the desired song and press & hold the scroll wheel. The Portable displays a menu.
3. Scroll to Remove and click the scroll wheel.

Play Music

The Portable enables you to play music in your Library four ways:

- Play songs in a folder.
- Shuffle all of the songs in the Library and play them in the shuffled order.
- Select specific songs.
- Playlists (Refer to Play a Playlist for details.)

Play a Folder

You play one song in the Library and then the Portable continues to play the songs in the order the songs are displayed in the Library.

The order of the songs can change depending upon the Library View. (See Change Library View for details.) If you have selected a view where there are folders, such as “by Artist” or “by Album,” then the Portable will play all of the songs in a folder. If you have selected a view where there are no folders, such as All Songs, then the Portable will play all of the songs in the Library.

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to Library and click the scroll wheel.
2. Scroll to the desired song and click the scroll wheel to play the song.

TIP: If the songs are grouped in folders, scroll to that folder and click the scroll wheel to open the folder. Then scroll to a song in that folder and click the scroll wheel. The Portable will play all of the songs in that folder.
Shuffle Play Library

Play all of the songs in your Library. The order is shuffled before it is played. This feature plays all of the songs in the Library, not just in a folder.

1. Scroll to the Playlist menu in Contextual Player and click the scroll wheel.
   
   **NOTE:** The Portable only displays the Playlist menu while playing music in the Library or a playlist. It does not display the menu while playing radio stations.

2. Scroll to **Shuffle Play Library** and click the scroll wheel.

Select Specific Songs

Select specific songs or folders, and add them to the Current Playlist. For details on the Current Playlist, refer to **My Current Playlist**.

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to **Library** and click the scroll wheel.

2. Scroll to the **folder** that holds the song you want to play and click the scroll wheel. The folder will open.

3. Scroll to the **desired song** and double-click the scroll wheel to play the song.

   **OR**

   Scroll to the **desired song**, and press & hold the scroll wheel. A menu is displayed. Scroll to **Add to Current Playlist** and click the scroll wheel.

4. Continue selecting songs.

If there are no songs in your Current Playlist, the Portable immediately starts to play the song. If there are other songs in the Current Playlist, the Portable appends the song to the end of the Current Playlist.

View Songs in Current Playlist

You can view the songs that you’ve added to the Current Playlist. This Playlist view is one of the Now Playing Views.

1. Scroll to the **album artwork** in the Contextual Player and click the scroll wheel.

2. Click the scroll wheel until you see the **Playlist view**.

For more details on the Now Playing views, refer to **Now Playing Views**.

Repeat Songs and Playlists

Once you start playing songs, you can turn on the Repeat mode. When on, the Portable will start playing the songs again once it has played all of the songs one time.

1. Scroll up to the **Playlist menu** in Contextual Player and click the scroll wheel.

   **NOTE:** The Portable only displays the Playlist menu while playing music in the Library or a playlist. It does not display the menu while playing radio stations.

2. Scroll to **Repeat** and click the scroll wheel.

   **NOTE:** If there is a check mark to the left of Repeat, then the Repeat function is on.
Change Library View

By default, the music in your Library is organized in a folder format by Artists. This is just one of 4 views.

- **All Songs**: Displays all the songs in your Library in alphabetical order. There are no folders.
- **by Artist**: Displays all the artists in your Library. Each artist is a folder and you click the folder to see all of the songs you have by that artist.
- **by Album**: Displays all the albums in your Library. Each album is a folder and you click the folder to see all of the songs you have for that album.
- **by Artist / Album**: Displays all the music in your Library in folders, where the artist is the top folder and the album is a sub-folder.

**NOTE**: When you are playing your personal music content, the Portable will not display the Artist Biography and Album Review views.

You can change the Library view to any one of the 4 views.

1. Scroll up to the **Playlist menu** in Contextual Player and click the scroll wheel.
   
   **NOTE**: The Portable only displays the Playlist menu while playing music in the Library or a playlist. It does not display the menu while playing radio stations.

2. Scroll to **Library Views**... and click the scroll wheel.

3. Scroll to the **desired view** and click the scroll wheel.

When you change the view, the new view persists until you again change the view. You can change the default Library view. For details, refer to **Library View setting**.
Section 6: Managing Playlists

The Slacker Portable enables you to create playlists from the music in your Library. To navigate to these playlists, select Playlists from the Main Menu.

Saved Playlists

You can create and save playlists on your Slacker Portable. When you save a playlist, the Portable calls the playlist Playlist 1, Playlist 2, etc.

My Current Playlist

The first playlist always is My Current Playlist. This acts as a temporary playlist until you clear it or save it. You can add songs or folders to this playlist.

Create a Playlist

To create a playlist, select songs from your Library. The Portable puts the songs in My Current Playlist. Then you save the playlist.

**NOTE:** When you create a playlist, the Portable places the songs in My Current Playlist. There already may be songs in My Current Playlist. To start with a “blank slate,” clear My Current Playlist before you add songs.

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to Library and click the scroll wheel.
2. Scroll to the **song you want to add** and double-click the scroll wheel OR press & hold the scroll wheel and select Add To Current Playlist.

   **Repeat the steps** to add and remove songs until you have made all desired change.

   **NOTE:** If you scroll to a folder, press & hold the scroll wheel, and select Add To Current Playlist, the Portable adds all the songs in the folder to My Current Playlist.

3. Scroll up to the **Playlist menu** in the Contextual Player and click the scroll wheel.
4. Scroll to **Save Playlist** and click the scroll wheel. The Portable automatically names the playlist for you, Playlist 1, Playlist 2, etc. You cannot change the name of the playlist.

Play a Playlist

Your playlists are stored in the Playlists feature. To play one of these lists, do the following:

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to **Playlists** and click the scroll wheel.
2. Scroll to the **desired playlist** and click the scroll wheel. The Portable displays the Now Playing > Playlist view and plays the first song in the playlist.

Remove a Playlist

You can remove playlists. When you remove them, the songs on the playlist remain on the Portable (in your Library).

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to **Playlists** and click the scroll wheel.
2. Scroll to the **desired playlist** and press & hold the scroll wheel. A menu is displayed.
3. Scroll to **Remove** and click the scroll wheel.
Shuffle a Playlist

You can shuffle the contents of My Current Playlist or any saved playlist.

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to **Playlists** and click the scroll wheel.
2. Scroll to the **desired playlist** and click the scroll wheel. The Portable plays the playlist.
3. Scroll to the **Playlist menu** in the Contextual Player and click the scroll wheel.
4. Scroll to **Shuffle Playlist** and click the scroll wheel.

Edit a Playlist

You can add or remove songs to a saved playlist.

**Add Songs**

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to **Playlists** and click the scroll wheel.
2. Scroll to the **desired playlist** and click the scroll wheel. The Portable displays the Now Playing > Playlist view and plays the first song in the playlist.
3. Press the **Home** button to go to the Main Menu.
4. Scroll to **Library** and click the scroll wheel.
5. Scroll to the **song you want to add** and double-click the scroll wheel OR press & hold the scroll wheel and select the menu item **Add To Current Playlist**.
   
   **Repeat the steps** to add and remove songs until you have made all desired change.
6. Scroll up to the **Playlist menu** in the Contextual Player and click the scroll wheel.
7. Scroll to **Save Playlist** and click the scroll wheel.

**Remove Songs**

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to **Now Playing** and click the scroll wheel.
2. Click the scroll wheel 4 times to navigate to the Playlists view.
3. Scroll to the **song you want to remove**, and press & hold the scroll wheel. A menu is displayed.
4. Scroll to **Remove** and click the scroll wheel.
   
   **NOTE:** You must select **Save Playlist** in the Playlist menu in order to save this change.

Clear a Playlist

You can remove all of the songs from a playlist.

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to **Playlists** and click the scroll wheel.
2. Scroll to the **desire playlist** and click the scroll wheel. The Portable begins to play the playlist.
3. Scroll to the **Playlist menu** in the Contextual Player and click the scroll wheel.
4. Scroll to **Clear Playlist** and click the scroll wheel. The Portable stops playing the current song and clears the playlist.
   
   **NOTE:** You must select **Save Playlist** in the Playlist menu in order to save this change.
Section 7: Settings

The Slacker Portable has settings that enable you to customize the display, touch strip, and Library. When you view the choices for a setting, a checkmark is displayed next to the current setting.

Feature Settings

Backlight Time

Change the length of time the backlight remains illuminated when you are not interacting with the Portable.

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to Settings and click the scroll wheel.
2. From the Settings menu, scroll to Backlight Time and click the scroll wheel.
3. Scroll to the desired duration and click the scroll wheel. The default setting is 15 seconds.
   NOTE: A shorter duration will save battery power and increase overall playtime on the Portable.

Brightness

Change the brightness intensity of the screen.

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to Settings and click the scroll wheel.
2. From the Settings menu, scroll to Brightness and click the scroll wheel.
3. Scroll to the desired duration and click the scroll wheel. 1 is the lowest (dimmest) setting and 5 is the brightest setting. The default setting is 4.
   NOTE: A lower setting will save battery power and increase overall playtime on the Portable.

Library View

The Library View setting enables you to organize your music by songs, artist, album, artist/album, or genre.

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to Settings and click the scroll wheel.
2. From the Settings menu, scroll to Library and click the scroll wheel.
3. Scroll to the desired view and click the scroll wheel. The default setting is “by Artist.” You have the same choices as described in Change Library View: All Songs, by Artist, by Album, and by Artist/Album.

Touch Strip

Turn the touch strip on or off. When this is off, you cannot navigate through the Portable with the touch strip. The default setting is On.

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to Settings and click the scroll wheel.
2. From the Settings menu, scroll to Touch Strip and click the scroll wheel.
3. Scroll to the desired setting and click the scroll wheel.
Reset Settings

Reset Messages

The Slacker Portable displays a number of messages. You can hide many of these messages by checking the “Don’t Show Again” checkbox at the bottom of the message. If you have hidden these messages and would like to display them again, use this setting. You will reset all of the messages, not one message at a time.

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to Settings and click the scroll wheel.
2. From the Settings menu, scroll to Reset Messages and click the scroll wheel. The Portable displays a confirmation message that you have reset the messages.

Factory Reset

You can reset the Slacker Portable to remove all data and restore original factory settings. When you reset the Portable, all of your radio stations, playlists, and library content (including favorited songs) are erased. All of your Wi-Fi network settings are erased. And all of the settings are returned to the default state. However, your Portable still is associated with your Slacker account.

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to Settings and click the scroll wheel.
2. From the Settings menu, scroll to Factory Reset and click the scroll wheel.
3. The Portable displays a confirmation message asking you if you want to reset the Portable. Click OK to continue or Cancel to quit the reset.
4. If you click OK, the Portable displays one more message, “Are you sure?” Click Yes to reset the Portable or No to cancel the reset. If you click yes, the Portable restarts.

During the start-up, the Portable displays the message, “Performing Factory Reset. This may take a few minutes. Please wait.” When done, the Portable displays the Main Menu.

About

The About screen provides information about your Slacker Portable. This information includes the Slacker Portable ID - which you use to activate your Portable, the firmware build number, and the manufacturing serial number.

1. From the Main Menu, scroll to Settings and click the scroll wheel.
2. From the Settings menu, scroll to About and click the scroll wheel.
3. To exit this screen, press the Home button.
Section 8: Troubleshooting

If you are having any issues, please refer to these troubleshooting topics. If you still have questions after reviewing these topics, you can do the following:

- Visit the Slacker Support online at [http://www.slacker.com/support](http://www.slacker.com/support).
- Contact Slacker Customer Service by sending an e-mail to support@slacker.com.

1. Q. I can't refresh my Slacker Portable on a Wi-Fi network.

A. The first thing you need to know is if the Wi-Fi network is an Open or a Protected network. If the network is Protected, then you need to know the Network Key in order to connect to the network. When prompted for the Network Key, follow the instructions in "Enter a Network Key."

Networks that require both a User Name and a Password, or networks that require you to read an agreement and acknowledge that agreement, will not work with the Slacker Portable at this time because the Portable cannot display the required web pages.

If you have further issues connecting to a Wi-Fi network, please contact Slacker Support by emailing us at support@slacker.com.

2. Q. I can't refresh my Slacker Portable when I connect it to my computer using USB.

A. In order to refresh the Slacker Portable through your USB port, make sure that your computer is running Windows XP or Windows Vista and that you have downloaded and installed the Slacker Software Player.

Once the Software Player is installed, connect your Portable to your computer using the USB cable supplied with the Portable. The Software Player should find and install the drivers for your Slacker Portable and attempt to refresh the content on your Portable.

3. Q. When I connect my Slacker Portable to the USB, I get a message about “Limited or no connectivity.”

A. If you are using a router to share the Internet with your home network, please check the router settings to make sure that the router is not using the IP Address 192.168.0.1. If you are not sure how to check your router settings, please consult the manual of your router, or contact the manufacturer of your router for further assistance in determining the IP address of your router.

If you are still unable to connect your Slacker Portable via USB and refresh your stations, please contact Slacker Support by emailing us at support@slacker.com.

4. Q. Can I refresh and charge the Slacker Portable simultaneously?

A. Yes. You can do this two ways: 1) Refresh via Wi-Fi. Plug your Portable into the power adapter with a USB cable. 2) Refresh via USB. Plug your Portable into the computer with a USB cable. (This is not supported on a Mac.) For details on charging, refer to Charging the Slacker Portable. For details on refreshing, refer to Refresh Your Slacker Portable.
5. Q. Can I pick which stations are refreshed or do I have to refresh all of the stations?

A. When the Slacker Portable connects to the Slacker service, the service refreshes all of the stations on the Portable. You can cancel out of the refresh process, but you cannot select which stations are refreshed. If you no longer want a particular station, you can remove it from the Portable. To remove a station, refer to Remove Slacker Radio Stations.

6. Q. How do I restart my Slacker Portable if I need to?

A. You can restart the Slacker Portable by holding the Power Switch down for 10 seconds. When the screen goes black, release the Power Switch. The screen will display “Starting up...” while it restarts.