

media Element

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[The feature associated with this page, [Windows Media Player SDK](#), is a legacy feature. It has been superseded by [MediaPlayer](#). **MediaPlayer** has been optimized for Windows 10 and Windows 11. Microsoft strongly recommends that new code use **MediaPlayer** instead of **Windows Media Player SDK**, when possible. Microsoft suggests that existing code that uses the legacy APIs be rewritten to use the new APIs if possible.]

The **media** element specifies one of the media items in a playlist.

syntax

```
<media
  src = "URL"
  cid = "WPL_GUID"
  tid = "WPL_GUID"
>
</media>
```

Attributes

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Term	Description
src (required)	The URL of a media item.
cid	The content ID that is unique to this media item.
tid	The tracking ID that can be used to track the File System Object for this media item.

Parent/Child Elements

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Hierarchy	Elements
Parent	seq
Child	None

Remarks

The **cid** attribute (the content ID) is populated by the Windows Media Player as a way to uniquely identify a piece of media content even if its metadata attributes have been changed. This allows the sharing of playlists across computers, because the content can be identified on another computer, and the path to it can be "auto-repaired" by the Windows Media Playlist. The **tid** attribute (the tracking ID) uses the Windows file system to auto-repair the path to the media if the name or location of the file is changed.

Examples

```
<media
  src = "laure.wma"
  cid = "ABCDEFGH-abcd-1234-WXYZ-ABCDEF000000"
  tid = "12345678-1234-abcd-ABCD-123456abcDEF"
>
</media>
```

Requirements

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Requirement	Value
Version	Windows Media Player 9 Series or later.

See also

[seq Element](#)[Windows Media Playlist Elements Reference](#)