



Media Player

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Introducing Media Player

You can use Media Player to play and organize digital media files on your computer and on the Internet

This section covers:

- **System requirements.** Describes the hardware and software required to use Media Player.
- **Common tasks.** Highlights some of the most basic tasks that you can accomplish with the Player.
- **Player areas and buttons.** Describes the primary user interface elements of the Player, including the playback controls and the information display areas.
- **Using the Player Help system.** Media Player Help contains basic information on how to use your Windows Media Player.

System requirements

The following hardware and software are required to use Media Player.

Component	Required	Recommended
Operating system	Microsoft Windows 7 or 8.	Microsoft Windows 7 or 8.
Processor	A 233 megahertz (MHz) processor, such as an Intel Pentium II or Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) processor	A 1.5 gigahertz (GHz) processor or faster, especially if you intend to synchronize video files to your portable device
RAM	64 megabytes (MB)	512 MB or higher
Free hard disk space	100 MB	60 gigabytes (GB)
Optical drive	CD or DVD drive	CD drive for playing audio CDs CD-RW drive for burning CDs DVD drive playing DVDs
Modem	28.8 kilobits per second (Kbps)	Active broadband connection
Sound card	16-bit sound card	24-bit sound card for playing High Definition Compatible Digital (HDCD) content Compatible 5.1 multichannel audio sound card (for example, Creative Sound Blaster Live! 5.1 or Sound Blaster Audigy; Echo Audio Layla24 or Mona; or M-Audio Delta 1010, Delta 1010-LT, or Delta 410) for playing multichannel audio content For more information about multichannel audio, see the 5.1 Audio Web page (http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=12287).
Monitor	Super VGA (800 x 600) resolution	Same as required configuration or higher resolution
Video card	Video card with 64 MB of RAM (video RAM or VRAM) and DirectX generation	Video card with 256 MB of RAM or higher and DirectX 9.0b or later generation
Sound output device	Speakers or headphones	5.1 multichannel speakers For more information about device

Component	Required	Recommended
		compatibility, see the documentation for your sound card.
Software	N/A	N/A
Internet browser	Firefox Chrome	Firefox Chrome

Common tasks

To help you get up and running quickly, this section highlights the most frequently used tasks that you can accomplish with Media Player.

- To play files
- To add items to your library
- To create a playlist
- To play a Youtube video
- To Create a User Account

Related topics

- [Introducing Media Player](#)

Player areas and buttons

Media Player consists of several areas. Some areas contain controls that you can use to perform an action, such as playing a Youtube video creating a user account. Other areas display videos; visualizations; or information, such as details about the music you are listening to.

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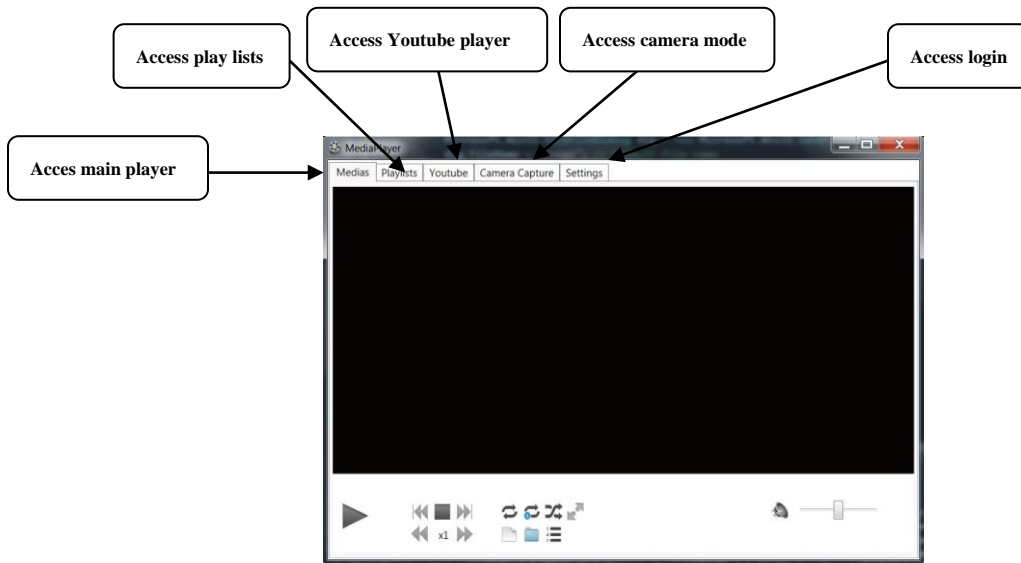
- Tab Bar
- Playback controls
- Playlist area
- Youtube area
- Login area
- Menu bar

Related topics

- [Introducing Media Player](#)

Tab bar

The Features taskbar contains buttons that link to the key Player features and an area with buttons that link to online stores.



The following table explains the function of the buttons that can be displayed on the Features taskbar.

Player features

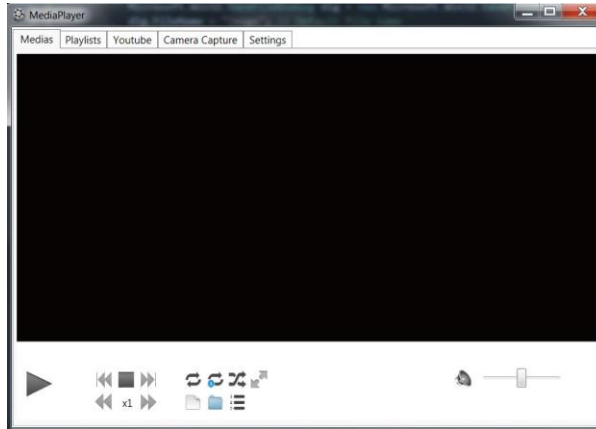
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Medias	Go to Media area
Playlists	Go to Playlists area
Youtube	Go to Youtube area
Camera Capture	Go to Camera Capture area
Settings	Go to Settings area

Related topics






- Player areas and buttons









Playback controls

The playback controls are displayed at the bottom of Windows Media Player. Use these controls to adjust the volume level and to control basic playback tasks such as playing, pausing, stopping, rewinding, and fast-forwarding audio and video files.



The following table explains the function of each control.

Click	To
 Play button	Play a selected item. When an item is playing, the Play button becomes the Pause button except if you are playing a live event that is being streamed.
 Pause button	Pause a selected item. To resume play, click Play . When an item is not playing (that is, it is either paused or stopped), the Pause button becomes the Play button.
 Stop button	Stop playing a selected item.
 Seek slider	Play an item at a specific point. The Seek slider indicates the playback progress of a selected item. When the Seek slider is available, you can move the slider to the place in a selected item that you want to start playback.
 Mute button	Turn the sound on or off.

Click	To
 Volume slider	Control the volume level.
 Previous button	Play the previous item, if applicable.
 SlowDown button	Slows down an item, if applicable.
 Fasten up button	Festen up an item, if applicable.
 Next button	Play the next item, if applicable.
 Shuffle button	Turn on or off shuffle.
 Repeat One button	Turn on or off repeat once. Once the current title has finished playing it will start over again.
 Repeat All button	Turn on or off repeat all. Once the current playlist has finished playing it will start over again.

Related topics

- Player areas and buttons

Playlist area

The Now Playing area contains a number of panes that you can use to view videos, visualizations, media information, audio and video enhancement controls, and the current playlist. You can show or hide these panes to suit your needs.

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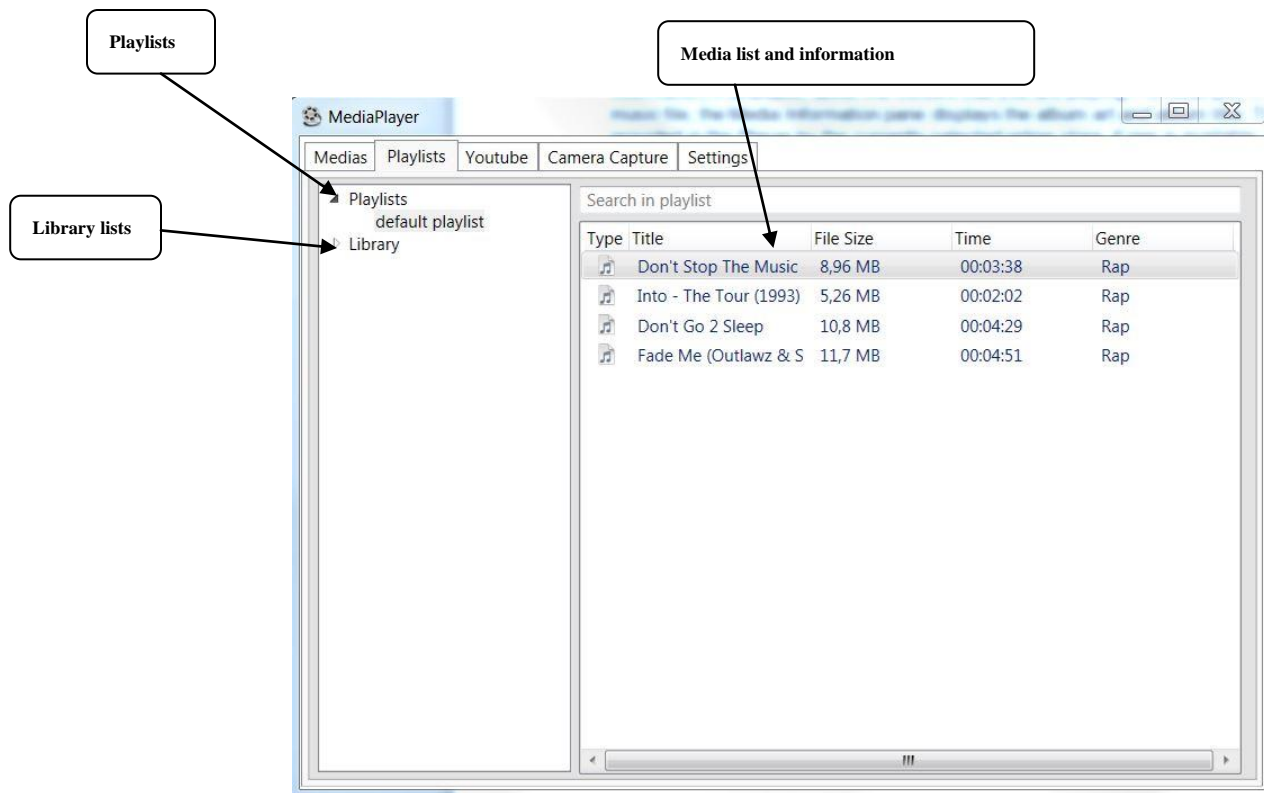
- Playlist pane

Related topics

- Player areas and buttons

Playlist pane

The main component of playlist.

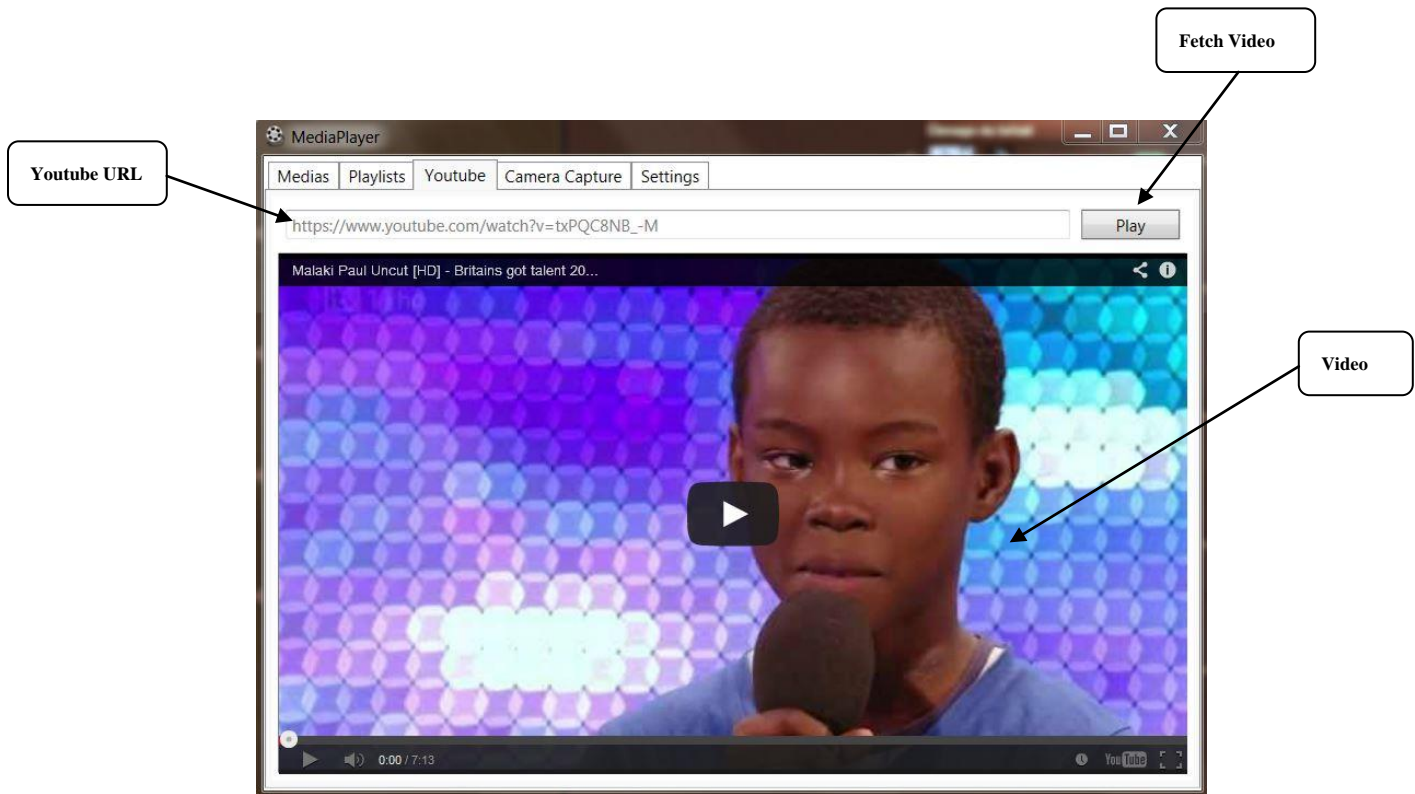


Related topics

- Now Playing area

Youtube area

The Youtube Player lets you watch Youtube videos through the Media Player.

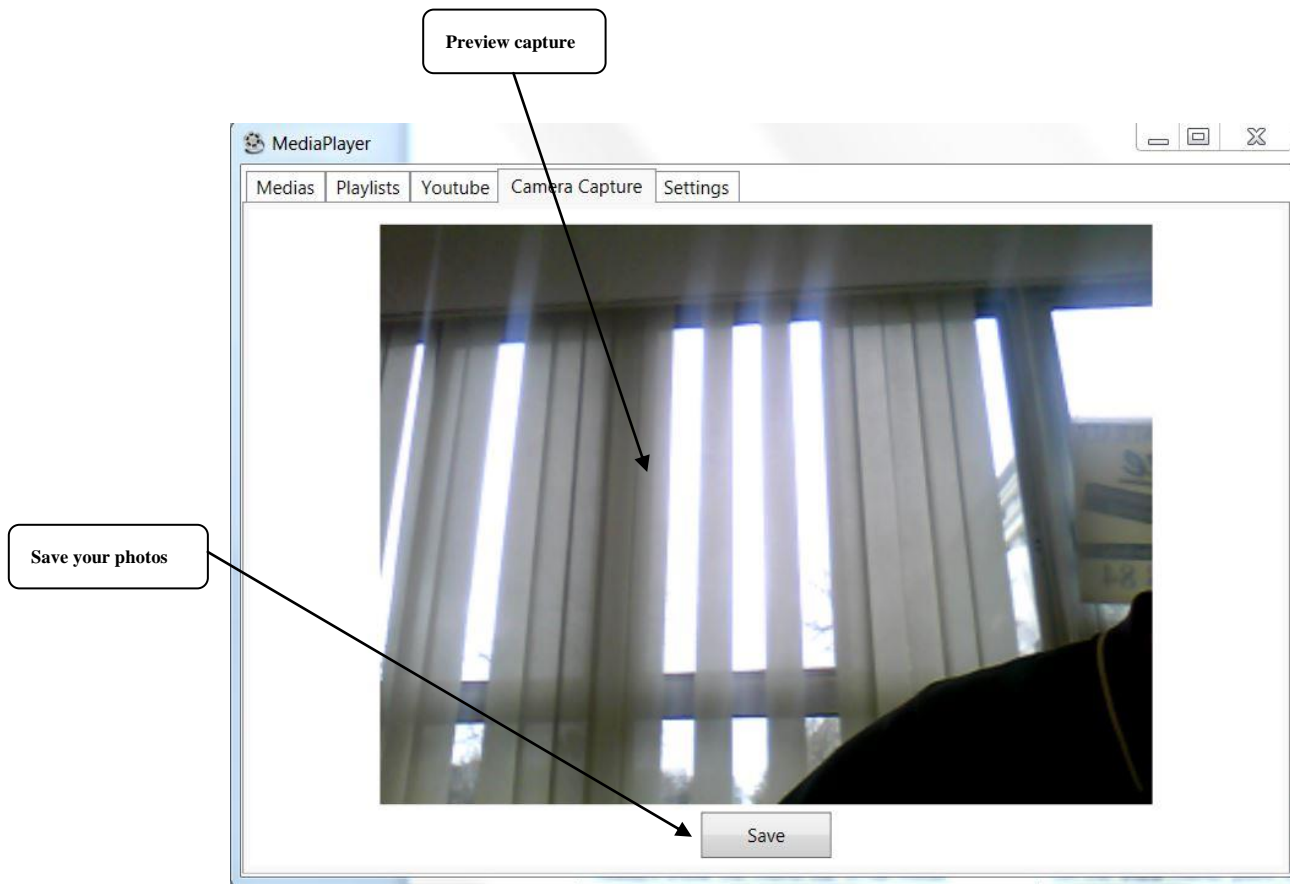


Related topics

- Player areas and buttons
- To switch between display modes

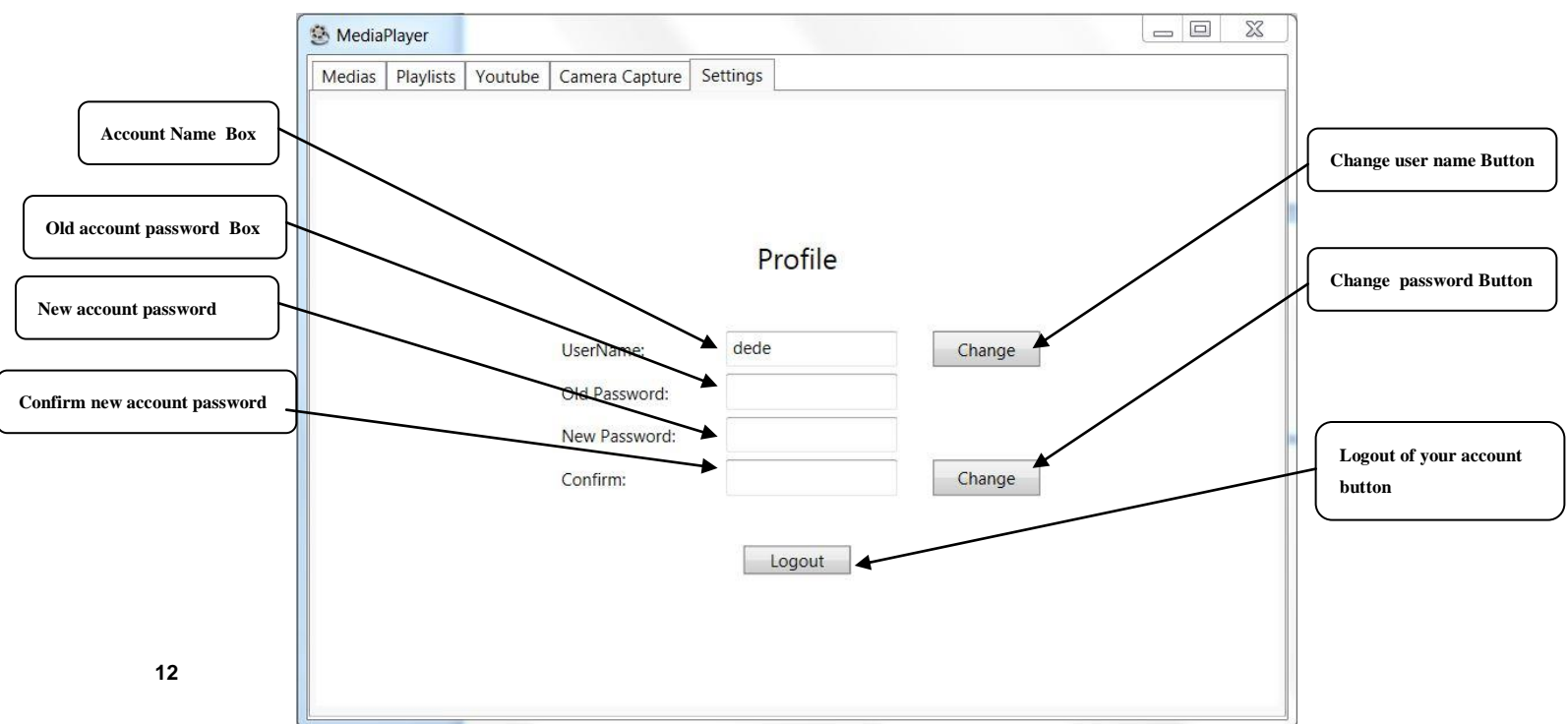
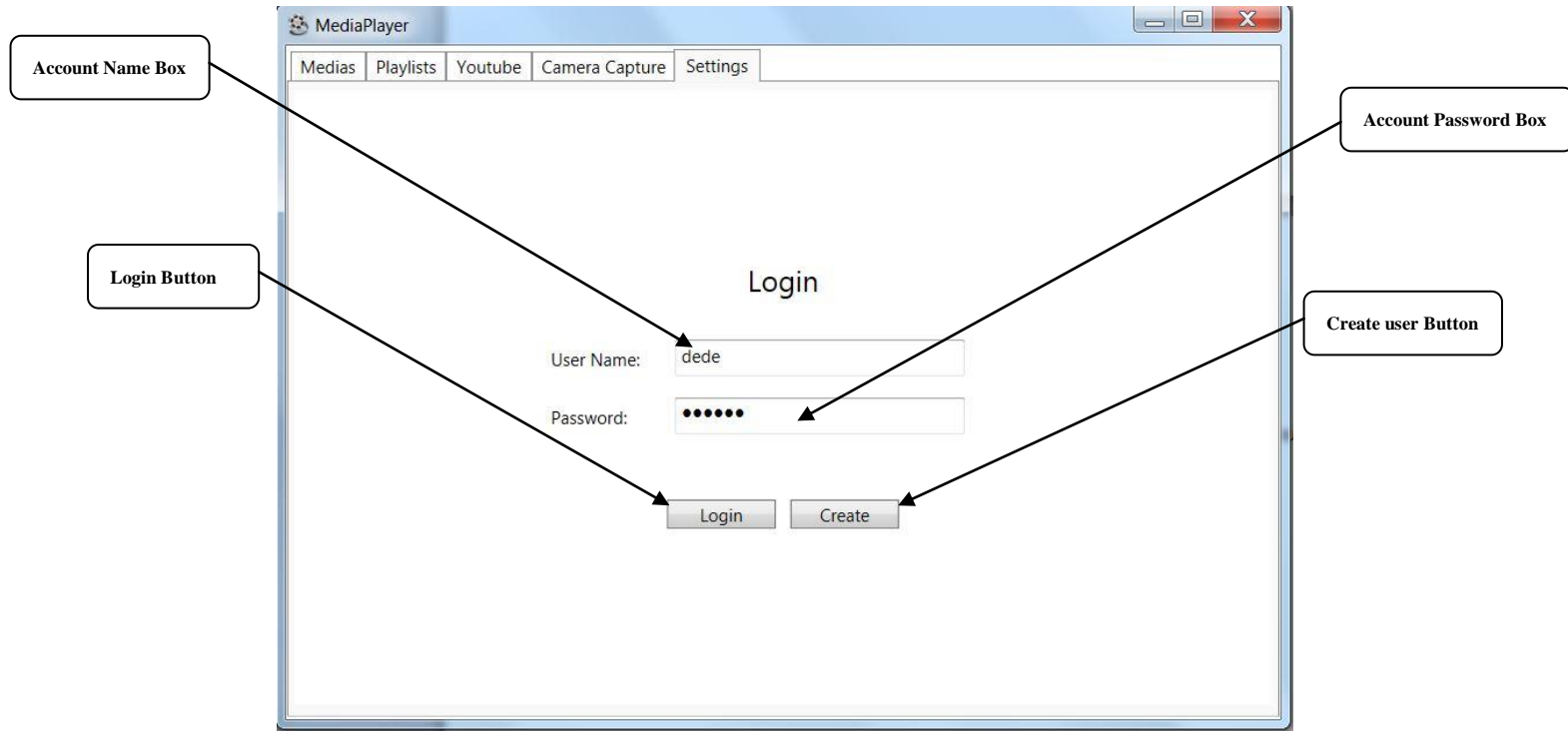
Camera Capture area

The camera capture lets you take pictures via your web cam.



Settings area

In the settings area you can create a user account or login to one. To your account are binded your playlists.



Player Help

Windows Media Player Help provides information about using the Player. The following table lists a number of tips and tricks for using Help effectively.

To	Do this