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**From:** Linda Averett  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 01, 2000 10:48 AM  
**To:** Mike Beckerman; Chadd Knowlton; Dan Plastina; Geoff Harris; Kirt Debiq; Kip Olson  
**Subject:** RE: WMP UI

Geoff will not drive the issues with Whistler. He needs to focus on Aruba. Currently, I am the one working with IE and several people are working with the shell (which is a large group). I need to see Jim's earlier mail about Whistler integration in order to comment. For instance -- you will be able to initiate audio burn from the shell. The shell just has not implemented that feature yet.

Please send me the list of current issues.

As far as the long term issues, Geoff and I need to take a look at feature balance and issue balance across the pm team. Then we will pick a person to own UI direction/integration issues.

Thanks, Linda

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**From:** Mike Beckerman  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 01, 2000 10:41 AM  
**To:** Chadd Knowlton; Linda Averett; Dan Plastina; Geoff Harris; Kirt Debiq; Kip Olson  
**Subject:** FW: WMP UI

FYI; Geoff, you'll be the person to drive these discussions across the teams?

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**From:** Jim Allchin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 01, 2000 10:28 AM  
**To:** Chris Jones; Will Poole  
**Cc:** Eric Rudder; Tandy Trower; Mike Beckerman  
**Subject:** RE: WMP UI

There is both the long term and short term. This mail is about short term.

You saw my mail earlier about the indexing aspect and my issues of not being able to burn music from the shell. It doesn't stop there. We need to have faster playback without starting the player in My Music. I am sure we can do better in Whistler than what is currently planned.

We should do a brainstorm about this.

jim

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**From:** Chris Jones  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2000 1:21 PM  
**To:** Will Poole; Bill Gates  
**Cc:** Craig Mundie; Eric Rudder; Tandy Trower; Jim Allchin; Mike Beckerman  
**Subject:** RE: WMP UI

note that we are also doing some work in ie 6 to incorporate media playback into the browser frame. ramezn is working on this with lindaa.

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**From:** Will Poole  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2000 1:08 PM  
**To:** Bill Gates

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**Cc:** Craig Mundie; Eric Rudder; Tandy Trower; Jim Allchin; Chris Jones; Mike Beckerman  
**Subject:** RE: WMP UI

Our first step in this area has been with shell integration in Whistler. We've done a ton of work with JoeB's team and people are quite pleased with the results of the integration efforts so far. We have done less with the browser, other than the radio toolbar which is a very popular ie5 feature [when people find it, which it not often b/c the IE team could not turn it on by default due to perf considerations]. As you not we've also done some limited work in Mars (including both integration of audio/video playback via our OCX as well as providing programming through your favorite site windowsmedia.com ) We think there is lots of upside to further shell integration of video as well as audio. As a company we must figure out how to better reconcile the different consumer UIs that we ship (windows shell, IE, net, mars, media player, etc.).

Would you like to start with a review of current work in Whistler, plus Backcomb plans? Then we could maybe do a broader review to include Mars etc.

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**From:** Bill Gates  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 31, 2000 12:50 PM  
**To:** Will Poole  
**Cc:** Craig Mundie; Eric Rudder; Tandy Trower  
**Subject:** WMP UI

The meeting on music yesterday reminded me that we need to do a lot better on WMP UI and how it relates to the rest of Windows. Today it is a world of its own - the fonts, the appearance, the file format, the concepts - no relationship to the shell or the browser.

The MARs guys did move things in the right direction but I guess that is viewed as heretical.

We need to lead in the UI including the integration.

Somehow we need to get better discussion going on this.