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Congratulations

on purchasing your new VTech product.
Before using this product, please read the Important safety instructions on page 71 of this manual.

This manual has all the feature operations and troubleshooting necessary to install and operate your new VTech product. Please review this manual thoroughly to ensure proper installation and operation of this innovative and feature rich VTech product. For support, shopping, and everything new at VTech, visit our website at www.vtechphones.com/IS9181.

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The IS9181 enables you to:

- Listen to thousands of free Internet radio stations from around the world without turning on a computer.
- Listen to the digital music collection stored on your computer in any room of the house.
- Listen to music from a MP3 player or connect to a home audio system.

In addition, the IS9181 provides weather for your area.

Before you begin

Remove both clear plastic protective sheets from the top and from the display of the IS9181.

Minimum requirements

You must have the following to access Internet radio and the music files stored on your computer.

- Broadband Internet connection (typically cable, fiber optic or DSL).
- A wireless router.

To access the music files on your computer you will also need: Windows 2000, XP (32-bit edition), Vista (32-bit edition), Mac OSX version 10.4 or 10.5: English versions only.

note

 To purchase a replacement power adapter or remote control, visit our website at www. vtechphones. com/IS9181 or call 1 (800) 595-9511.

Before you begin

Parts checklist

Your IS9181 package contains the following items. Save your sales receipt and original packaging in the event warranty service is necessary.



1. Quick start guide



2. User's manual



3. IS9181



4. IS9181 power adapter



5. Auxiliary audio cable



6. Remote control

IS9181 layout

1. MENU

Show settings and options.

2 SOURCE

Select music source (Internet Radio, My Music, FM Radio, Aux In).

3. FAVORITES

Show a list of saved favorite stations.

4. WEATHER (called INFO on some models)

Show weather information.

5. VOL+ / VOL-

Adjust listening volume.

6. Rotary dial

Rotate clockwise or counterclockwise to navigate through the menu and display items.

7. SELECT

Select the highlighted item.

8. BACK

Return to the previous menu.

9. STANDBY

Press to switch between standby mode and on.
Entering standby mode exits menus, stops the music, and the backlight on the VTech logo turns off. The clock appears while in standby mode.

10.

My Music: skip to the previous song. Internet and FM Radio: skip to the previous station.

11. ▶Ⅱ

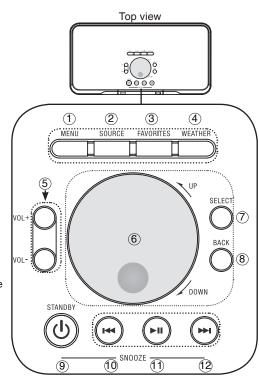
My Music: play and pause current song.

Internet and FM Radio: mute and un-mute audio.

12.

My Music: skip to the next song.

Internet and FM Radio: skip to the next station.



IS9181 layout

1. Remote control receiver

Receives the signal from the remote control.

2. VTech logo with backlight

Blinks while the IS9181 boots up. On when the IS9181 is on. Off when the IS9181 is in standby mode.

3. High frequency speakers

Audio output.

4. DC 14V power jack

Connect to the IS9181 power adapter.

5. LINE OUT port

Connect to an audio cable (not included) here to send the audio to an external audio system.

6. AUX IN port

Connect the supplied audio cable here to listen to an external audio device.

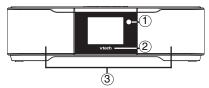
7. Low frequency speaker

Audio output.

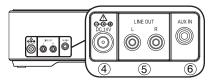
8. Battery compartment cover

Battery installation is optional. Remove the battery compartment cover to install the six AA batteries (not included).

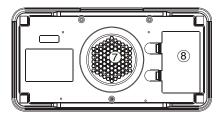
Front view



Back view



Bottom view



Remote control layout

The keys on the remote control correspond to the keys on the IS9181, so you can perform all operations using the remote control.

1. STANDBY

Press to switch between standby mode and on.

Entering standby mode exits menus, stops the music, and the backlight on the VTech logo turns off. The clock appears while in standby mode.

2. FAV (FAVORITES)

Show a list of saved favorite stations.

3. **MENU**

Show settings and options.

4.

My Music: skip to the previous song. Internet and FM Radio: skip to the previous station.

5. VOL+ / VOL-

Adjust listening volume.

6. A / \

Press to navigate through the menu and display items.

These keys operate the same as the rotary dial.

7. SOURCE

Select music source (Internet Radio, My Music, FM Radio, Aux In).

8. WEATHER (called INFO on some models)

Show weather information.

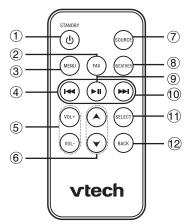
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My Music: play and pause the current song.

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10.

My Music: skip to the next song. Internet and FM Radio: skip to the next station.



11. SELECT

Select the highlighted item.

12. **BACK**

Return to the previous menu.

IS9181 status icons

1. **Clock** (pages 17-18)

You can set the clock manually or automatically from the Internet (see pages 17-18).

- 2. Internet connection Internet service is connected.
- 3. **WiFi connection** (page 15) WiFi is connected.

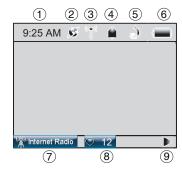
No WiFi connection

WiFi is disconnected or not configured.

4. Alarm (page 11)
The alarm is set.

Alarm (on) (((🏚)))

5. Software update (only on some models - page 20)
New software is ready to be installed.



- 6. Battery (page 64)
 - The batteries are in use.
- 7. Internet radio (page 22)
 Internet radio is playing.

My music My Music (page 26)
Music on your computer is playing.

FM radio FM Radio (page 56) FM radio is playing.

Aux in Aux in (page 57)
An external audio source is playing.

- 8. **Favorites** (page 58) Favorites No. 12 is playing.
- 9. **Play** D

The radio or music is playing.

Pause |

The music is paused.
The Internet radio or FM radio is muted.

Previous K

Go to the previous available station or song.

Skip 测

Skip to the next available station or song.

Seek SEEK (page 56)
Search for the next available
FM channel.

IS9181 installation

A wireless network with Internet access is required to complete the setup of your IS9181. For easier setup, write the required information in the table below.

Wireless Network

| Your Network Name (SSID) | |
|--|--|
| Your Password (Network Key) | |
| Clock | |
| Your Time Zone (Newfoundland, Atlantic, Eastern, Central, Mountain, Pacific, Hawaii, Alaska) | |
| Weather Settings | |
| Your 5-digit zip code (USA) or | |
| 6-character postal code (Canada) | |

Avoid placing the IS9181 too close to:

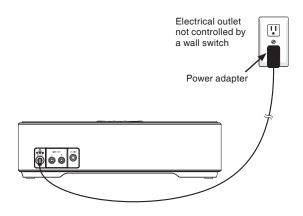
- Communication devices such as cordless telephones.
- · Excessive heat or moisture sources.
- · Microwave ovens, refrigerators, or fluorescent lighting.
- · Excessive dust sources such as a workshop or garage.
- · Mechanical vibration or shock such as on top of the washing machine or workbench.

IS9181 installation

To install the IS9181:

Plug the IS9181 power adapter into the power port labeled **DC 14V** on the back of the IS9181, and plug the other end into an electrical outlet not controlled by a wall switch.

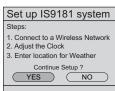
A progress bar appears on the screen while booting up. It may take up to three minutes to complete this process.



When the IS9181 is finished booting up for the first time, Press STANDBY to advance to device setup appears on the screen.

- Press STANDBY and the initial setup screen appears (shown to the right).
- 2. Press **SELECT** and follow the setup screen instructions.





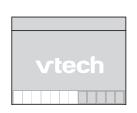
For instructions on setting the **Wireless network**, see page 15.

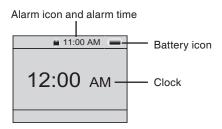
For instructions on setting the **Clock**, see page 17.

For instructions on setting the **Weather settings**, see page 19.

Standby mode

Every time that you plug in the IS9181 and each time it regains power after an outage, the progress bar appears on the screen. It may take up to three minutes to complete the boot-up process. When the clock appears, the IS9181 is in standby mode. Press **STANDBY** to turn on and use the IS9181.





Press **STANDBY** again to return the IS9181 to standby mode. When in standby mode, the IS9181 exits menus, stops the music, and the backlight on the VTech logo turns off. The clock appears while in standby mode.

Remote control installation

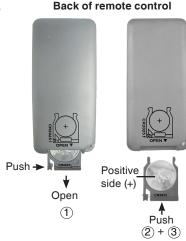
The battery is already installed in the remote control. However, you must remove the plastic tab before use (as shown to the right).



Replace remote control battery

Use a CR2025 lithium cell battery (sold separately) or equivalent to replace the remote control battery. To replace the battery:

- 1. Push and hold the tab on the battery compartment to the right and pull the compartment out of the remote control.
- 2. Remove the old battery and insert a new CR2025 lithium cell battery or equivalent into the battery compartment with the positive side (+) facing up.
- 3. Push the battery compartment into the remote control until it clicks into place.



Alarm

In this menu, you can set the alarm time and turn it on and off. To set the alarm:

- 1. With the IS9181 turned on, press **MENU**.
- 2. Rotate the dial to highlight Alarm and press SELECT.
- 3. To turn the alarm on, rotate the dial to highlight **ON** and press **SELECT**.
- 4. To set the alarm time, rotate the dial to highlight **CHANGE** and press **SELECT**. The **Alarm Time** screen appears.
- Rotate the dial to move the cursor between the hour, minute, and AM/PM positions. When the cursor is in the desired position, press SELECT.
- 6. Rotate the dial up or down to change the time or to change between **AM** and **PM**, and press **SELECT**.
- 7. Repeat steps **5** and **6** until the time is correct. Rotate the dial to highlight **DONE** and press **SELECT**. A list of alarm sources appears.
- Rotate the dial to highlight the alarm source and press SELECT. The Alarm Volume screen appears. Press SELECT.
- 9. If the alarm is turned off, the next screen will ask you if you want to turn it on.





CANCEL

DONE

note

- The alarm clock does not work on battery power. The alarm clock must have AC power in order to work
- You cannot adjust the alarm volume using the VOL + and VOL - keys; you must use the rotary dial.
- The volume for the alarm buzzer cannot be adjusted.

Alarm

- Rotate the dial to adjust the volume of the radio station and press SELECT.
- 10. Rotate the dial to highlight DONE and press SELECT. Alarm Settings updated appears.

When the alarm goes off, the selected alarm source plays continuously. If the selected source is Internet radio or FM radio, the last station that you listened to plays and the station information is shown on the bottom bar. If Internet radio station is not available, **Buzzer** is used instead.

To stop the buzzer:

While the alarm is sounding, rotate the dial to highlight **STOP** and press **SELECT** to stop the alarm buzzer.

To stop the alarm:

If the selected alarm source is Internet radio or FM radio, rotate the dial to highlight **OK** and press **SELECT**. The radio continues to play until you stop it by pressing **>II**, or **STANDBY**.

To silence the alarm:

Do any of the following to snooze the alarm for 10 minutes.

- Press I
 , ►II, or ►II.
- Press STANDBY. The screen goes into the snooze standby mode (the time displays in the center of the screen).
- Press SELECT to snooze.

You can snooze the alarm as many times as you want until you cancel snooze mode or stop the alarm.







Alarm

To cancel snooze:

If the alarm is in snooze mode, rotate the dial to highlight **YES** and press **SELECT**.

If the alarm is in snooze standby mode (the time displays in the center of the screen), press **STANDBY**. Rotate the dial to highlight **YES** and press **SELECT**.

This is a daily alarm, so the alarm continues to go off every day until you turn the alarm off (see step 3 on page 11).

Snoozing... Cancel Snooze? NO YES

Equalizer setting (only available on some models)

The equalizer setting offers six different audio profiles to choose from when playing the **Internet Radio** or **My Music**.

- Make sure you are playing an Internet radio station or My Music, then press MENU.
- 2. Rotate the dial to highlight **Equalizer Setting** and press **SELECT**. Make sure the volume is above 15 to best hear the differences between equalizer settings.
- 3. The current setting is shown and is playing. When you rotate the dial to another setting, that setting will be applied to the music that is currently playing. Rotate the dial to hear each setting.





Equalizer setting (only available on some models)

4. When you find a setting you like, press **SELECT** to save. The setting will be applied to both **Internet Radio** and **My Music**.

NOTES:

- If you select equalizer setting without choosing a source first, you can change the setting but you hear no audio.
- The audio profiles are set in the factory and cannot be changed.
- The differences you hear between the equalizer settings will vary depending on the type of music you are playing.

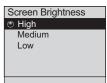
Hip Hop Save Private Stream for Free

Screen brightness

You can adjust the screen brightness to suit different lighting conditions. To change the brightness of the screen:

- 1. With the IS9181 turned on, press **MENU**.
- 2. Rotate the dial to highlight Screen Brightness and press SELECT. The current level of brightness appears on the screen.
- 3. Rotate the dial to adjust the level of brightness. When you adjust the level, the screen brightness changes accordingly.
- 4. Press **SELECT** to confirm. **Screen Brightness setting saved** appears.





Wireless network

In this menu, you can either allow the system to search for a wireless network, or enter the name of a known available network.

To connect to your wireless network:

- 1. With the IS9181 turned on, press MENU.
- Rotate the dial to highlight Wireless Network and press SELECT.
- 3. Press **SELECT** to change.
- 4. To search for a wireless network automatically, rotate the dial to highlight **Search for Network** and press **SELECT**.
- Any available networks appear on the screen. Rotate the dial to highlight your network and press SELECT.
 OR-

To enter the name of the network, rotate the dial to highlight **Enter Network Name** and press **SELECT**. Rotate the dial to highlight the character of the name of the network and press **SELECT** to add it to the entry line. Network names are case sensitive. Repeat this process until the entire name is displayed. Rotate the dial to highlight **DONE** and then press **SELECT**.



SYMBOLS

CANCEL

(DONE)

DELETE)



- If at first you do not see your network on the list, press BACK and try searching again. If you still do not see your network after a few tries, you may need to enter the network name manually.
 - or symbols are used, select CAPS or SYMBOLS to show a list of characters. Select SPACE to insert a blank space.

· If capital letters

Select **DELETE** to erase the last
 character.

note

- Passwords are case-sensitive. If capital letters or symbols are used, select CAPS or SYMBOLS to show a list of characters. Select SPACE to insert a blank space.
- Press BACK

 to return to
 the previous
 screen. Select
 CANCED to
 go to the screen
 with the current
 settings for
 the wireless
 network.

Menu

Wireless network

If you enter the network name manually, the next step is to choose your security type.

6. If password protection is not set on your network, move on to step 7.

-OR-

Rotate the dial to highlight the character of the network password and press **SELECT** to add it to the entry line. You can select **DELETE** to erase the last character. Repeat character selection until the entire password is displayed. Rotate the dial to highlight **DONE** and then press **SELECT**.

7. The IS9181 now attempts to connect to your wireless network (this could take up to 1 minute). Once connected, the menu screen appears and the IS9181 is ready to use.

NOTES:

- If the IS9181 cannot find the network in one minute, an error message appears.
- The password for the wireless network is different than the password for the router configuration utility.



Clock

The clock is set to 12:00 AM by default. You can choose to set the clock manually or to have it automatically set by the Internet.

To set the clock to be automatically set by the Internet:

- 1. With the IS9181 turned on, press **MENU**.
- 2. Rotate the dial to highlight Clock and press SELECT.
- 3. Press **SELECT** to choose **CHANGE**).
- 4. Press SELECT to highlight Auto (from Internet). A list of time zones appears. On some models you need to choose your region (USA & Canada or Rest of World) and press SELECT to see the list of time zones.
- 5. Rotate the dial to highlight your time zone and press **SELECT**.
- 6. The procedure for this step depends on your region and model.
 - a. If you chose USA & Canada for your region, and you observe Daylight Saving, press SELECT for Auto Adjust. The time automatically updates when Daylight Saving begins and ends.
 - -OR-

If you do not observe **Daylight Saving**, then highlight **Not Observed** and press **SELECT**.

b. If you chose **Rest of World** for your region or did not have to choose a region, and **Daylight Saving** is currently in effect, press **SELECT** to highlight **On**. You must manually change the time when **Daylight Saving** begins and ends.

-OR-

If **Daylight Saving** is currently not in effect or you do not observe **Daylight Saving**, rotate the dial to highlight **Off** and press **SELECT**.



Clock

To set the clock manually:

- 1. With the IS9181 turned on, press MENU.
- 2. Rotate the dial to highlight Clock and press SELECT.
- 3. Press **SELECT** to change.
- 4. Rotate the dial to highlight Manual and press SELECT.
- 5. Rotate the dial to move the cursor between the hour, minute, and AM/PM positions. When the cursor is in the desired position, press **SELECT**.
- 6. Rotate the dial up or down to increase or decrease the time value or to change between **AM** and **PM**, and press **SELECT**.
- 7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 until the time is correct. Rotate the dial to highlight **DONE** and press **SELECT**. **Clock set** appears.









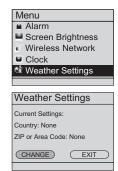
Weather settings

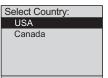
In this menu, enter your zip code (in the USA), or your postal code (in Canada). After you have entered your zip or postal code, you can see the five day weather forecast for your area by pressing the **WEATHER** (called INFO on some models) key.

To program the weather settings for your area:

- 1. With the IS9181 turned on, press **MENU**.
- 2. Rotate the dial to highlight Weather Settings and press SELECT.
- 3. Press **SELECT** to change.
- 4. Rotate the dial to highlight USA or Canada and press SELECT. Depending on which you choose, either the Enter ZIP Code or Enter Postal Code screen appears.
- 5. Rotate the dial to highlight the character of the zip code or postal code and press SELECT to add it to the entry line. You can select DELETE to erase the last character. Repeat the character selection until the entire zip code or postal code is displayed. Rotate the dial to highlight DONE and then press SELECT. Weather settings saved appears.

Press **BACK** to return to the previous screen. Select **CANCEL** to go to the screen with the current settings for the weather.







Language (only available on some models)

You can choose for the screen test to be in English, Español, Français, Deutsch or Italiano. The new language will take about one minute to load. All other activities will be closed automatically before a language is loaded.

Software update (only available on some models)

The IS9181 will automatically check for software updates on a regular basis. If you are listening to Internet radio on My Music and the scheduled time arrives, the update will not occur. After new software has been downloaded, the icon appears on the top status bar to indicate it is ready for installation.

To install new software:

- 1. Press MENU.
- 2. Rotate the dial to highlight Software update and press SELECT.

NOTE:

· Rebooting the IS9181 (removing the power for 10 seconds) will also trigger the new software to install.

Product ID

This screen displays the product information, such as its MAC address, assigned IP address, web code, and software (firmware) version. You need to know the web code of the IS9181 when adding a new radio station to the IS9181 through the VTech website (see page 24).

To view the Product ID:

- 1. With the IS9181 turned on, press MENU.
- 2. Rotate the dial to highlight Product ID and press SELECT.
- 3. To exit the screen, press **SELECT**.

NOTE:

• The web code uses zero and one, not the capital letter "O" or "I".



Internet radio

Play Internet radio station

The Internet radio stations are organized into different categories. You can search for and play Internet radio stations by browsing through the available categories. You may also search for radio stations using the VTech website (see page 24). To play the Internet radio station:

- 1. With the IS9181 turned on, press **SOURCE**.
- 2. Rotate the dial to highlight Internet Radio and press SELECT.
- 3. Rotate the dial to highlight the desired browsing method and press **SELECT**. Repeat this process until you reach a list of radio stations (the light icon appears to the left of the station name).
 - Depending on the list of radio stations available on the Internet, your browsing experience may differ. A typical session may go through several levels of options - for example:
 - Locations
 - North America
 - United States
 - California

Alternative

Source Internet Radio My Music FM Radio Aux In Internet Radio Genres Locations **Languages** Most Popular Stations My Stations

NOTES:

- To make browsing easier, your country (USA or Canada) will show up on the top of the list of countries.
- Stations with UK only or USA only at the end of the station name indicate these stations can only be played in that country or region.

Internet radio

Play Internet radio station

4. Rotate the dial to highlight the desired radio station and press **SELECT**. The selected radio station plays.

To mute the sound, press (**). To resume the sound, press (***) again.

Press (**) to play the previous station on the list. Press (**) to play the next station on the list.

Press **BACK** to return to the previous screen.

Press **SOURCE** to go back to the top source menu.

If you are playing an Internet radio station and you change to another source, when you select Internet radio again the same station plays.

If you have chosen Internet radio as your source and you press **MENU**, three additional items appear at the top of the menu:

- Now Playing returns you to the Internet radio playing screen.
- Add to Favorites see page 58 for instructions.





Sample of Internet radio station playing

Internet radio

My Stations

You can search for and add Internet radio stations to the **My Stations** folder at **http://www.vtechphones.com/IS9181**. Use this website when you are unable to find a radio station on the IS9181, you want more search options, and when you want the convenience of a computer screen for viewing all the station choices.

NOTE:

Before you create an online account, make sure that you play an internet radio from the IS9181 so it can synchronize
with the network.

If you have not added any stations from the VTech website and you try to access My Stations, you will see the following message:

Stations list is empty.

To add your own stations, visit www.vtechphones.com/IS9181.

Once you create your online account you can:

- · Search for Internet radio stations online.
 - * Search by the station name (Charlie) or call letters (KYCH).
 - * Browse the list of stations by: genre, location, language, and most popular.
 - * Add stations by URL if you know the URL of a specific station.
- When you save an Internet radio station online, it will be saved in the website and in the My Stations folder on your IS9181.

Internet radio

My Stations

Play added Internet radio station

- 1. With the IS9181 turned on, press **SOURCE**.
- 2. Rotate the dial to highlight Internet Radio and press SELECT.
- 3. Rotate the dial to highlight My Stations and press SELECT. A list of all added radio stations appear.
- 4. Rotate the dial to highlight the desired station and press **SELECT**.

If you create an account on the IS9181 website (see page 24) and add stations, those stations will be saved on the website and in the **My Stations** folder on your IS9181. The **My Stations** folder is separate from **Favorites**. **My Stations** can only be changed on the website and **Favorites** can only be changed on the IS9181. You can save the same stations to **My Stations** and **Favorites** if you wish.





My Music

The IS9181 can play music stored on one or more computers on your wireless network.

Your computer must be on for the IS9181 to see and play your music files. The IS9181 only supports the following formats of music files:

- MP3
- WMA
- Real audio (only RA, RM, and RMVB)
- AAC (only MP4 and M4A)

If you use a Windows operating system go to the next page. If you use a Mac operating system go to page 44.

NOTE:

• IS9181 cannot play any protected music files.

Computer setup for My Music - Windows

Determine the version of your Windows operating system

If you do not know what operating system you are using:

- 1. Click on the Start menu.
- 2. Right click My Computer and click on Properties.

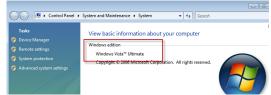
Windows 2000:



Windows XP:



Windows Vista (All versions):



For setup PC setup instructions for Windows 2000 see pages 28-30.

For setup PC setup instructions for Windows XP see pages 31-36.

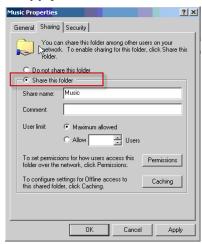
For setup PC setup instructions for Windows Vista see pages 37-43.

Computer setup for My Music - Windows

Share a folder on Windows 2000 Professional

For the IS9181 to access the music on your computer, you must share the folder where the music is located.

- 1. Right click on the folder you wish to share.
- 2. Click on Sharing.
- 3. Check Share this folder and click Apply.

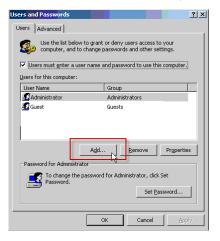


Computer setup for My Music - Windows

Create a new user account for Windows 2000

You must create a new user account in Windows 2000 for the IS9181 to access the music on your computer. If you would like to access music files on multiple computers you will need to create the same user account with the same password on each computer.

- 1. Click the **Start** menu, then click **Control Panel**.
- 2. Click Users and Passwords, then click Add.



 You MUST enter IS9181 (the "IS" must be capitalized) as the User name and Full name then click Next.



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Create a new user account for Windows 2000

Create a password. Enter a password and click Next.

To ensure the security of your computer we recommend that you create a password for the IS9181 user account. The password should have a minimum of four characters and a maximum of 16 characters. The password cannot include spaces, commas or equal signs.

Note: If you are going to create the user account on multiple computers then you must use the same password on each.



Select Other: Administrators as the account type and click Finish.



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Share a folder on Windows XP

For the IS9181 to access the music on your computer, you must share the folder where the music is located.

- 1. Right click on the folder you wish to share.
- 2. Click on Sharing and Security.
- 3. If you see one of the two screens shown below:





- a. Check the box next to: Share this folder on the network.
- b. Click Apply.
- -OR-

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Share a folder on Windows XP

If you see the screen shown below, click on the phrase: If you understand the security risks but want to share files without running the wizard, click here.



 When the following message box appears, select Just enable file sharing and click OK.



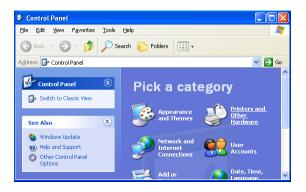
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Create a new user account for Windows XP

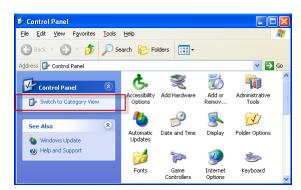
You must create a new user account in Windows XP for the IS9181 to access the music on your computer. If you would like to access music files on multiple computers you need to create the same user account with the same password on each computer. When you boot up your computer, you will see the IS9181 user account on the login page.

1. Click the Start menu then click Control Panel.

The instructions are given in the Category View (the Windows default) as shown below.



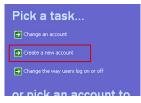
If your Control Panel is in Classic View as shown below, click Switch to Category View.



Computer setup for My Music - Windows

Create a new user account for Windows XP

2. Click User Accounts, then click Create a new account.



 You MUST Enter IS9181 (the "IS" must be capitalized) as the new account name then click Next.

Note: If you are going to create the user account on multiple computers, then you must use the same account name.



4. Select **Computer administrator** as the account type.

