

Easy CD Creator™ 4

Quick Reference Guide



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Easy CD Creator 4

Introduction

Use Easy CD Creator, the award winning CD recording software, to make your own CDs. In just a couple of mouse clicks, you can create Audio CDs that can be played on your home or car stereo CD player, or create Data CDs to store data such as the files and folders on your hard disk.

This Quick Reference Guide provides instructions on performing the most common tasks with Easy CD Creator. To get a more comprehensive set of instructions, refer to Easy CD Creator's *Online Help*.

Deluxe Edition Features

To expand your CD recording capabilities, upgrade to Easy CD Creator 4 Deluxe. With Easy CD Creator 4 Deluxe, you get these additional features:

Features	Uses
CD Spin Doctor™	Make Audio CDs from traditional music sources including LPs and cassette tapes, and clean up the sound quality before recording songs to CD
Session Selector	View any previous session of a multisession CD, not just the last session
Sound Editor	Make changes to sound files on your hard disk before recording them to CD
Video CD Creator	Make CDs containing videos or still images
PhotoRelay™	Create slide shows, web albums, and video postcards
Take Two™	Back up the entire contents of your hard disk to a single CD or multiple CDs
MGI® PhotoSuite® II SE	Easily retouch and transform photos, remove red eye, and add special effects
MGI® VideoWave® II SE	Edit video clips, add titles, transitions, audio, and special effects
Track Transition Effects	Add fade in, fade out, and cross fade effects between songs

Ordering the Deluxe Edition

If you are using the Easy CD Creator Standard Edition and would like to upgrade to the Deluxe Edition, you can:

- Contact your nearest software retailer
- Or call Adaptec to order now:
 - US 408-957-7274
 - UK 0800 96 65 26
 - Rest of Europe +32 11 300 379
 - Outside Europe and US +408-957-7274

Installing Easy CD Creator

To install Easy CD Creator:

- 1 Insert the Adaptec Easy CD Creator CD into your CD-Recorder or CD-ROM drive.



Note: In this guide, the term *CD-Recorder* refers to both *CD-Recordable* and *CD-ReWritable* drive.

If Autorun is enabled on your system, the Adaptec Installation window appears automatically and you can skip steps 2 and 3.

- 2 From the Start menu, select **Run**.
- 3 Type **d:\setup** (substitute the appropriate letter of your CD-Recorder or CD-ROM drive for **d**).
- 4 From the Adaptec Installation window, select **Adaptec Easy CD Creator**.



Note: Internet Explorer 4.01 or higher must be installed on your system before you can install Easy CD Creator. If Internet Explorer is not found on your system, you are prompted to install Internet Explorer 5 before continuing with Easy CD Creator installation.

- 5 Follow the installation instructions that appear on the screen.
- 6 When the installation is complete, click **Finish**. The Adaptec Installation window appears again.
- 7 Click **Exit** to exit the Adaptec Installation window.
- 8 Restart your computer when prompted for the changes to take effect.

Starting Easy CD Creator

There are two ways to start Easy CD Creator so you can begin creating your own CDs; from the Start menu or by using the Create CD menu. See *Using the Create CD Menu* below.

To start Easy CD Creator from the Start menu:

- On the Windows taskbar, click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**, point to **Adaptec Easy CD Creator 4**, point to **Features**, and select **Easy CD Creator**.

Using the Create CD Menu

The Create CD menu appears when you first restart your computer after installing Easy CD Creator, or whenever you insert a blank CD into your CD-Recorder. You can also open the Create CD menu from the Start menu.

To open the Create CD menu from the Start menu:

- On the Windows taskbar, click **Start button**, point to **Programs**, point to **Adaptec Easy CD Creator 4**, and select **Create CD**.

Using the CD Guide

The CD Guide is the animated character that helps you through the steps of creating Audio CDs, Data CDs, and designing custom jewel case inserts and CD labels.

To show or hide CD Guide:

- Click the  **CD Guide** button on the toolbar.

Creating an Audio CD

Use Easy CD Creator to create an Audio CD (also known as a music CD) that can be played on your home or car stereo CD player, and every computer that has a CD-Recorder or CD-ROM drive. Unlike a Data CD, an Audio CD is used for playing back music and not for data storage.

To create an Audio CD:

- 1 Open Easy CD Creator from the Start menu. Click **Start**, point to **Programs**, point to **Adaptec Easy CD Creator 4**, point to **Features**, and then select **Easy CD Creator**.

- 2 Open an Audio CD Layout. Click the small arrow next to the New button on the toolbar and select **Audio CD** from the drop-down list. An Audio CD Layout appears.
- 3 Insert a blank CD into your CD-Recorder (the destination drive).
- 4 If you are recording tracks from an existing music CD, insert the music CD into your CD-ROM drive (the source drive). If you are recording WAV or MP3 files, continue with the next step.



Note: You can record any combination of tracks, WAV, or MP3 files to an Audio CD.

- 5 In the left pane of the Explorer section, select the CD-ROM drive containing the music CD; a list of the tracks on the CD appear to the right. If you are recording WAV or MP3 files, select the folder where your files are located.



Note: If information about the music CD is found locally on your hard disk, the CD title, artist name, and the name of each track are displayed. If this information does not appear, and you have access to the Internet, click the **CDDB Internet** button on the toolbar to download the information from the online CDDBTM Disc Recognition Service. (AOL users must have an active Internet connection prior to clicking the button.)

- 6 Select the audio track, WAV, or MP3 file you want to record in the right pane of the Explorer section, and then click **Add**. Repeat until the Audio CD Layout contains all of the tracks and files that you want to record.



Note: If you have tracks on other music CDs that you want to record, repeat steps 4-6 for each music CD from which you want to record. During the actual recording process, Easy CD Creator prompts you to reinsert the appropriate music CD for the track being recorded.

- 7 Click **Create CD**. The CD Creation Setup box appears.
- 8 Click **OK** to start recording.

Creating a Data CD

With Easy CD Creator, you can create a Data CD to store computer data such as the files and folders on your hard disk. This is especially useful for backing up your important files, or sharing them with your colleagues. Unlike an Audio CD, a Data CD is used for data storage only and cannot be played on your home or car stereo CD player.

To create a Data CD:

- 1 Open Easy CD Creator from the Start menu. Click **Start**, point to **Programs**, point to **Adaptec Easy CD Creator 4**, point to **Features**, and then select **Easy CD Creator**.
- 2 Open a Data CD Layout. Click the small arrow next to the New button on the toolbar and select **Data CD** from the drop-down list. A Data CD Layout appears.
- 3 Insert a blank CD into your CD-Recorder (the destination drive).
- 4 In the Explorer section, select the data file or folder you want to record, and then click **Add**. Repeat until the Data CD Layout contains all of the files and folders that you want to record.
- 5 Click **Create CD**. The CD Creation Setup box appears.
- 6 Click **OK** to start recording.

Duplicating a CD

The most common use for making a copy of a CD is to create a working copy of a CD and archive the original in a safe place. Use CD Copier to duplicate a CD.



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Also, check the end-user license on any commercial CDs to determine whether the license permits you to make copies. For example, some game disc licenses specifically exclude any kind of copying; it is therefore illegal to copy them for personal use.

Starting CD Copier

To start CD Copier:

- On the Windows taskbar, click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**, point to **Adaptec Easy CD Creator 4**, point to **Features**, and select **CD Copier**.

Duplicating a CD

To duplicate a CD:

- 1 Insert the original CD from which you want to make copies into your CD-Recorder or CD-ROM drive.
- 2 On the Source and Destination tab, select the drive containing the original CD in the Copy from drop-down list box.
- 3 Select the destination drive that contains the blank CD in the Record to drop-down list box. This is your CD-Recorder.
- 4 Click **Copy** to begin recording a copy of your CD.

Using Jewel Case Creator

Use Jewel Case Creator to make custom jewel case inserts and CD labels to indicate the title and contents of your CD.

Jewel Case Creator comes with a variety of themes which include different graphics and text layouts for Audio and Data CDs. You can also add your own graphics, change backgrounds, and change the layout and style of the text to give your insert and label a custom look.

The following sections describe the most common tasks you can perform with Jewel Case Creator. For additional instructions, refer to Jewel Case Creator's *Online Help*.

Starting Jewel Case Creator

To start Jewel Case Creator:

- On the Windows taskbar, click the **Start** button, point to **Programs**, point to **Adaptec Easy CD Creator 4**, point to **Features**, and select **Jewel Case Creator**.

Adding Contents of an Existing CD

The Add CD Contents feature is the easiest way to fill in the CD title, artist, and a list of tracks for jewel case covers and inserts.

To get the contents of an existing CD:

- 1 Insert the existing CD into your CD-Recorder or CD-ROM drive. If you have more than one drive containing a CD, Jewel Case Creator prompts you to select the drive containing the CD you want to use.
- 2 From the Add menu, select **CD Contents**.

Jewel Case Creator adds the information from the CD into the appropriate text boxes (such as Title, Artist, and Tracks). For audio CDs, if the information can not be found locally, Jewel Case Creator uses the Internet to download the information from the CDDb™ Disc Recognition Service.

Selecting Themes

Jewel Case Creator allows you to select from a variety of themes that come with the application. Themes contain both backgrounds, such as graphics, and text layouts designed for either audio or data CDs.

To select a theme:

- 1 From the Format menu, select **Change Themes**. The Change Theme dialog box appears.
- 2 Select a theme you want to use from the Available Themes list. When you select a theme, a preview of the theme appears on the right side of the dialog box.



Note: When you change a theme, the contents of your insert or label are not affected; however, you can not undo any changes you made prior to changing the theme.

- 3 Click OK.

Printing Covers and CD Labels

The following sections describe selecting paper types, and printing covers and labels.

Selecting the Paper Type

Jewel Case Creator includes a list of paper types in which the positioning of the cover and label pages has already been determined for the selected cover and label stock paper types.



Note: You must select a paper type the first time you print a cover or label.

You can also change previously selected paper types by following these steps:

- 1 From the File menu, select **Page Setup**.
- 2 Click the cover or CD label you want to print: **Front/Inside Cover**, **Back Cover (U-Card)**, or **CD Label**.

- 3 From the Current paper type drop-down list box, select the paper you want to print to. Jewel Case Creator lists the currently supported cover and label stocks. If the third-party cover or label stock you want to use is not listed, select **Generic** (plain paper).
- 4 Continue selecting the paper types for each cover and/or label you want to print.
- 5 Click **OK**.

Printing the Covers and Labels

To print a cover or CD label:

- 1 From the File menu, select **Print**. The Print dialog box appears.
- 2 The first time you print a cover or label, you must select a paper type. See *Selecting the Paper Type* on page 1-9.
- 3 Under Paper, select the cover and label pages you want to print. You can select more than one cover and label to print at a time if you have selected a corresponding paper type.
- 4 For some paper types, such as some of the CD label stock, select which label or cover object on the paper you want to print. Jewel Case Creator prints the object that is highlighted.
- 5 Click **OK**.

Getting Help

For set-up and connection problems with your CD-Recorder, refer to the manufacturer's *Installation Guide*.

For problems with the Adaptec software, explanations of error messages, and more, refer to the software's Online Help.





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