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Subject: Re: Sending files to writable CD

Posted by [Michael Wallace](#) on Fri, 13 Feb 2004 20:11:33 GMT

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Mark Servetus wrote:

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- > IDL? I have a writable CD, but all attempts to copy or create files
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- > openw, 1, 'e:\test.out'
- > % OPENW: Error opening file. Unit: 90, File: e:\test.out
- > Incorrect function.

Writing to a CD doesn't follow the same process as writing to a hard drive or floppy disk. Typically, you have to create a CD image (iso file) and then write the image to the CD. I think there is software available that hides the details from you so you can just drag-n-drop or create new files right in the CD's directory. However, you have to have such a tool installed and running before your above IDL will work. Even in that case, I don't know if it will work or not.... never tried it.

Mike

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Posted by [R.G. Stockwell](#) on Fri, 13 Feb 2004 20:16:22 GMT

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since you are in winXP, I'm pretty sure that you can format the cd in a "direct cd" format, so that it does indeed look like a harddrive (and your example should work).

Cheers,  
bob

PS I'm not at home right now, so I can't check how exactly to do this. What CD burning software do you have?

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