

Club KidSoft Volume 2, Issue 4 User Guide

Running Club KidSoft

1. Put the CD-ROM into your CD-ROM drive
2. In your Program Manager, click on RUN under the FILE menu. Then type **D:\SETUP** assuming that **D** is your CD-ROM drive.
3. Once installation is complete, a program group called Club KidSoft will appear in your Program Manager. Inside the program group are two icons: the *Club KidSoft Vol. 2, Issue 4* and an information document called *Club KidSoft Vol. 2, Issue 4 README*.
4. Double click on the *Club KidSoft Vol. 2, Issue 4* icon to launch the program.

Troubleshooting

Please refer to the README.WRI file for detailed information on troubleshooting issues.

Running Club KidSoft for the first time

The first time that you run Club KidSoft, you must register your CD-ROM disc. By registering, you are uniquely identifying your computer which enables the software unlocking technology.

Registering is easy. Simply look on the back of the case that the CD came in for a sticker with a 14 character Disc ID code and a 9 digit Media Code. Enter the Disc ID code into the space provided in the registration dialog box. Then enter the 9 digit Media Code in the space provided in the registration dialog box.

Inside Club KidSoft

Use your mouse to navigate around the program. Explore the screen by clicking on different objects with your mouse.

The lower left hand side of all screens will have a button to let you go backwards to the previous screen. To exit, either backup to the first screen then click on the stop sign or press ALT-F4 and click the OK button.

The **Club Room** button will take you to the ClubRoom screen. From there you can click on the painting on the wall to see the Club Art, you can click on the Zap Writer on the cabinet to see the Club Stories, you can click on the radio to hear Club Radio, you can click on the Contest banner to hear about the latest Club KidSoft contests, you can click on the TV to see the latest Club TV videos or you can click on the cabinet doors to get to the Demo Screen where kids can try out all kinds of cool software.

The **Catalog** button takes you to the Club KidSoft catalog of software titles. Within the catalog, you can learn about the software programs in the Club KidSoft catalog, run demos, and choose downloadable software for purchase.

The **Buy Software** button takes you directly to the purchase screen of the catalog. Once you're there, you can see all the software that you can buy from KidSoft.

Exiting from the Demos

Before each demo is launched, a dialog box will appear with specific notes for that demo. This information will explain how to exit the demo.

Shopping in the Club KidSoft Catalog

The Catalog is organized so that you can see all the titles of the catalog in different ways; the

entire catalog sorted alphabetically; alphabetically by title, by age, by category, or by subject; or by using the Power Shopping mode which allows you to make more specific choices of what to see. When you first enter the screen, you'll be viewing the entire catalog. If you want to narrow the search, click on one of the buttons on the left hand side of the window. When you click one of the buttons you will then see a row of buttons appear. Clicking on one of the buttons will show the products that fit that criteria.

When you click on Power Shopping you will be shown all of the buttons available. You can select one button from each row depending on what you are looking for. If you click a button and then change your mind, simply click on it again and it will be released. When you have selected the buttons that you want, click on the Search button that appeared in the bottom right hand corner of the screen. This will perform the search and display the resulting products, if any. If you want to change the search criteria, simply change the button selections and then press **Search** again.

If there are more products than can be displayed on the screen at one time, a **Next Page** button will appear in the bottom right corner of the screen. Clicking this button will show you the next set of products. When you reach the end, clicking **Next Page** again will start over from the beginning.

By clicking on a box image, the box enlarges and gives a description of the program. In this screen you may choose to try out the program if the demo button is enabled, learn about hardware requirements, or find out if there is a Club Special associated with this product.

The **Purchase** button launches you into the purchasing screen. You do not actually purchase the software until you are on the phone with a KidSoft operator and exchanging information. Feel free to explore the screens; in all cases you can return to the catalog by using the backup arrows.

Purchasing from the Club KidSoft CD-ROM

The software titles that show the ClubCode icon (the key icon in the product detail screen) are available for purchase right off the disc. Club KidSoft walks you through the steps for purchase. When you make the phone call to KidSoft, the product specialist will help process your order.

The Purchasing Screen

The purchasing screen allows you to view all the KidSoft products available on the CD-ROM as well as products you can purchase via mail-order. From the list of products, select a product by clicking on the name with the mouse. A picture of the product will appear along with the product number, title, and price. If the product can be unlocked off of the CD, the Unlock code field and **Unlock** button will also appear. In the top right corner of the screen, you will notice a series of letters. This is your ClubCode password. In the same place, you should see your Media Code. You will need to give these 2 pieces of information to the KidSoft product specialist to process your order.

When you are ready to order, call KidSoft at **800-354-6150** and identify the product you wish to purchase.

A product specialist will process your order. If the product is unlockable from the CD, then the product specialist will give you a 14 character unlock code. Once you type the unlock code into the box on your screen, the software will be available for downloading. This code will only work with your CD-ROM on your computer. The software, which has been unlocked, now resides on the disc ready for installation. Once a product has successfully been unlocked, you will see the Install dialog box.

Installing, and Re-installing Software

The Install dialog box will prompt you for a drive to install the product on. In the list you can

see how much space is available on each drive. To the right, you can see how much space the product requires.

You may install the product at this time by pressing the **Install** button, or you may choose to install the product later by pressing the **Install Later** button.

You may install or re-install your ClubCode software at any time. Once a purchase has been made, the product remains unlocked on the CD so you can reinstall it at any time. When you would like to re-install a ClubCode product, simply select that product in the product list on the purchase screen. A button labeled **Install** will appear. Clicking on this button will invoke the install dialog box described above.

Installation of Windows Applications

All of the Windows applications (and some of the DOS programs) that you can purchase directly off the Club KidSoft CD require you to run an additional setup program to properly install and configure the application. When you click the **Install Now** button in the Install dialog box, this program will be launched automatically for you.

Important Information about the SETUP directory

Disc registration information is saved onto your hard disk in a directory named SETUP. The SETUP directory is located in the same location where you installed KIDSOFT.EXE (the Club KidSoft program). The default location for these files is **C:\KIDSOFT**. You should not modify nor delete the SETUP directory or the files contained in the SETUP directory. Doing so will corrupt information about the products you have purchased, preventing you from being able to install or re-install your purchased products. If you should accidentally corrupt these files, you will need to re-register your disc and call KidSoft to receive new unlocking codes for the products you have purchased.