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# What Is CD-Helper?

CD-Helper allows you to keep indices of the content of CD-ROMs.

## **The Idea:**

Everyone loves getting hundreds of megabytes of software on magazine CD-ROM cover disks. But who has the disk space to install all those applications, demos, games and multimedia? I certainly don't. That will come in handy some day you think, I'll remember that. So, when that day comes will you remember it? And if you do, will you remember where it is? Not if you've got a large CD-ROM collection like me. What you need is a program to help you...

## **The program:**

CD-Helper can be used in a two different way. The first way is to set-up Program Manager/Start Menu items for your CD-ROM apps. You then have them on your desktop, so when you run them CD-Helper tells you which CD-ROM to insert and then runs it for you. The second way is to run CD-Helper and browse through your indexes of apps, then simply double-click the one you want to run. You're told which CD-ROM to insert and off you go.

So you can have all those apps or games or movies on your desktop but not on your harddisk and you're told which CD-ROM to insert to run them.

# Using CD-Helper

CD-Helper can be used in two ways. You can build up your index of CD-ROM programs within CD-Helper and then run the items by loading CD-Helper and double-clicking the item. Alternatively it's possible to build the index in CD-Helper and then add program manager icons for each item.

When CD-Helper is first run you are prompted for an index name. Enter a name, for example **index1** or **movies** or **june-cd**. The name must be 8 characters or less i.e. a filename.

When the program is run with no command line parameters the main window will appear. It works by storing indexes of items, where each item is a program to run or file to load into a program. There is an area to display all your index entries, some buttons for quick access to common features and a menu for access to all functions. The following topics describe the various functions of CD-Helper:

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# Adding a new item

You can add a new item to the current index by clicking the **New...** button or the **File|New...** menu item or by dragging file(s) onto CD-Helper from file manager/explorer.

You will then see either an Open Dialog box or the edit window depending on your preferences setting. If the Open Dialog isn't present just press **Browse...** When you have selected a file you may be offered the option to associate it, again this depends on your preferences settings. Clicking Yes adds the associated executable to the command line, if you select No you should add your own executable to the command line box in the edit window.

In the edit windows the default item name appears in the top box, it defaults to the file name that you picked. You may change it to something more descriptive or to anything up to 255 characters long.

The label of the file's drive appears in the bottom edit box, this cannot be changed. You can also add your own disk description to help you find the CD-ROM to insert. For example you could put 'red CD-ROM on the second shelf from the top', or maybe 'April PCW coverdisk'. This field is for your reference only.

When you have finished press **OK** and the item will be added to index and will be visible in the main window's listbox.

# Editing an item

You can edit an item by selecting the item and clicking **Items|Edit...** from the menu.

The edit window then appears and you are free to change any field or **Browse...** for an different file.

Press **OK** to return to the main window and update the item.

# Removing an item

Select the item to be removed and click on **Items|Remove** from the menu.



# Opening an index

You can open an index by clicking **File|Open Index...** Then select the index name and press **OK** or just double-click on the name.

# Creating a new index

Click **File|New Index...** to start a new index file, just type a unique filename into the input box and press Enter or click **OK**.

# Creating a Program Manager/Start Menu item

To add the selected item to your Program Manager or Start Menu press the Add Item... button or click **Items|Add Item...** Then select a group to add your program to or type in a unique name and press **OK**.

# Running an item

To execute one of the commands behind an item simply double-click on it. If you have added the item to program manger or Start menu then you can run it as if a normal program (so you never have to load CD-Helper). In either case CD-Helper will run the command or prompt you to insert the relavent CD-ROM. The prompt screen will display the label of the required disk as well as your added description so you can find the disk quickly.

# Setting preferences

The following options can be changed in the Preferences dialog:

## After Execution:

This sets the action that CD-Helper should do after you run an item by double-clicking on it. It can **Close**, **Minimise** or do **Nothing**.

## Drive to use as default:

Which drive should you see when you use an Open Dialog. If there is a CD-ROM drive present then CD-Helper will pick this for you. You can set this to which ever drive you prefer.

## Always use associated application:

When you select a non-executable file to add as an item, should CD-Helper automatically use associated application as defined in File Manager or Explorer. Or should CD-Helper prompt you in each case.

## Automatically open "Browse..." dialog for "New..." items:

When you choose New... to add an item, should CD-Helper just bring up the edit dialog or first bring up the **Browse...** select file dialog.

## Default index file:

The index file name entered into the edit box is the index which will be loaded by default when CD-Helper is loaded. Press the button marked "Make Current Index Default" to change the default index file to the file which is currently open.

# Exiting the program

To Exit CD-Helper press the Exit button, select the **File|Exit** menu item, press Alt-F4 or click the close system menu item. If you have not registered CD-Helper the registration nag screen will appear before you can exit.

# Registering CD-Helper

CD-Helper is NOT free, it is a SHAREWARE program. Shareware means that you may download and freely distribute the unregistered version, which may be used and evaluated for a period of 30 days. After such time the program must be registered or deleted from your computer. Shareware is a distribution method, not a type of software. Shareware has the ultimate money-back guarantee -- if you don't use the product, you don't pay for it. The shareware system and the continued availability of quality shareware products depend on your willingness to register and pay for the shareware you use. It's the registration fees you pay which allow authors to support and continue to develop quality products. Please show your support for shareware by registering those programs you actually use.

Upon registering you will receive a registration number. Enter your name (as it appears in the registrarion e-mail, case sensitive) and number into the edit boxes and press the Register button. If the correct code you will then be registered.

Registration of CD-Helper costs £10.00 (UK pounds sterling).

Please send cash, or a cheque, to the following address. Please include your name, address and e-mail address.

Andrew Duke  
136 Wrinklemarsh Road  
London  
SE3 8DR  
United Kingdom

Name.....

Address.....

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e-mail address.....

What you get when you register:

- A serial number to register CD-Helper will be sent by e-mail.
- No more nag screens.
- Peace of mind that the author is not starving to death while you use his program for nothing.
- Updated versions will be sent by e-mail as soon as they are released, and at no further cost to you.
- Technical support by e-mail (please quote your serial number)



# Tips for using CD-Helper

1. When CD-Helper requests a CD-ROM, insert the disk and wait for a few seconds to allow the system to spin up the disk. The requester dialog will reappear if you press **OK** too soon.
2. Users of Windows 95 may find it annoying that CD-ROMs autoload when inserted. This does not effect the running of your program by CD-Helper, but is obviously unwanted. Holding down **SHIFT** when the disk is inserted will prevent that disk from autoloading. Autoloading can be permanently turned off by right clicking your My Computer icon and selecting Properties. From the Device Manager view the properties of your CD-ROM and change the Auto Insert Notification on the Settings tab.

# About CD-Helper

**CD-Helper** was written by **Andrew Duke** in Borland Delphi.

The latest information and upgrades can be obtained from the CD-Helper web page at:

<http://www.soton.ac.uk/~ajd/cdhelp/>

or by e-mailing me:

[ajd@soton.ac.uk](mailto:ajd@soton.ac.uk)

Thanks to:

**CD-Helper** is shareware, please [register](#) it.

**EasyHTML** - The HTML Authoring Tool for those who want complete control over the design of their web documents.

<http://www.soton.ac.uk/~ajd/easyhtml/>

# The Edit window

This dialog allows you to enter or change the properties of your item. The name which is displayed in your index is displayed in the first edit box. The second box is for the command line, enter your own or press the **Browse...** button to find a file. The third box is for your personal description of the CD-ROM. For example you could put "red CD-ROM on the second shelf from the top", or maybe "April PCW coverdisk". This field is for your reference only. The final field is read only and displays the drive label.

Press the **OK** button when you are finished, your item will then be appended to the index.



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