

CD-EZ --- CD-ROM Launching Made Easy!

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Disk Set Up

Disk Class: Will normally be CD-ROM by default. Can also be one of up to nine user configurable classes.

Description: Optional description of the CD. Handy for future reference; invaluable for identifying the CD in a remote or network CD drive.

Command: Command line to be executed to launch the CD (Required for CD-ROM class).

[1] The easiest way to set up the command is to just drag the Icon you normally use to run the CD to the edit form and drop it. This sets up both the command and directory. It is available only in alternate shell programs (NOT Program Manager). I know it works with Norton Desktop and DashBoard and it probably works with several of the other shell programs. You can also drag/drop from File Manager and File Manager replacement programs.

[2] You can also use the "Find" button and point to the application.

[3] You can key the command line directly if you know it.

[4] You can copy the command from the Icon's properties just select the command and press <control-c> then use the Edit/Paste menu selection on the edit form or put the cursor in the command field and press <control-v>.

Directory: The directory to use as current when the CD is launched.

Alt Command: An alternate command for the CD. Seldom used but gives the capability to launch the CD with a different program (to perhaps run a "Making of..." etc.)

Features

- Full Help plus Tip Windows and Caption Help.
- Support for Multiple and Network CD Drives.
- Auto Path changing when using alternate CD drives.
- Works with floppy drives too.
- Advanced CD ID functions.
- Can ID and launch audio CDs using your favorite CD Audio program.
- Built in easy to use disk editor for changes.
- Can ID the CD without launching, great for "seeing" what is in a network CD drive.
- Can launch an alternate program for each CD. Good for running "making of.." or other alternate program.
- CD Classes for easy setup of like CDs. Could set up a class for Photo CDs, CD-ROM magazines, or whatever.
- Multiple setup methods including: drag/drop, cut/paste, and finding.
- Auto detects the drive for most CD drives.

Future Ideas

- An even easier way to set up when using Program Manager.
- A way to have CD-EZ run automatically when the CD was inserted (without using many resources).
- A library of known CD-ROMs so that they could be set up automatically.
- Possible tie in to the new AutoLoad info to automatically setup/run CD-ROMs.
- Your ideas?

Information on CD classes

CD Classes provide an easier way to set up multiple like CDs. CD-ROM is the default class, but it really means, don't use a class for this CD. The first "real" class comes automatically set up -- the CD-Audio class. It is a special class that automatically plays the Audio CD and starts up the CD-Audio program it is told to for all CD-Audio CDs. By default it runs Media Player but there are many fine CD Audio players available. You may set up additional classes yourself. Some ideas would be: Photo CDs, CD-ROM magazines that use the same launching program, Video CDs, Clipart CDs, etc.

The command line set up for the class will be run for any CD identified as being that class. The command line for each individual CD in the class is optional and won't normally be used. However if it is present it will be used as a parameter on the class's command.

Installing or Removing

The install program installs the needed files CDEZ.EXE, CDEZ.DAT, CDEZ.TIP, CDEZ.HLP, REGISTER.EXE, and REGISTER.HLP in the directory where you told it to. A few VBX/DLL files will also be installed in your Windows\System directory. You must also have VBRUN300.DLL installed. It probably already is in your Windows or Windows\System directory. If you don't have it, you can download it from a variety of BBSs, Online Services, or the Internet. I know it is currently (June 1995) available in the *MS Software Library* forum on CompuServe. A copy of VBRUN300.DLL may be included in some distribution files/disks.

To remove the program, just delete all files beginning with CDEZ or REGISTER from the directory where they were installed. Also delete the program's group and icon(s) from Program Manager. No changes were made to any of your Windows INI files.

Introduction

CD-EZ is designed to be the easiest way to use your collection of CD-ROMs.

It remembers how to run your CDs so that you don't have to. Get rid of all those different Icons you use to launch your CDs now. Just this one Icon will launch virtually any CD. It will also launch Audio CDs using your favorite Audio CD playing program.

The unregistered version is fully functional and has no "nag" screens or reminders. It does limit the number of CDs that can be set up to an evaluation amount (eleven). The registered version raises that limit to two hundred.

LICENSE INFO

This program is being released as shareware. You are granted the right to evaluate it for 30 days. If you decide that the program is useful and you wish to use it beyond the 30 day trial period, you must register it. If not then you must remove it from your system. Registration provides you with a license to use the software, and any future Windows 3.xx versions of the software.

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No Disk Message (More Info)

1) Verify that a CD-ROM is in the drive and ready to use.

2) This program requires the Windows "[MCI] CD-Audio" driver for preferred performance. [Click here](#) to verify that the driver is present or to install the driver if it isn't (follow the Windows provided help/instructions to install the driver).

3) If you can't load the driver you can still use the program in a slightly slower way. Just add your CD-ROM drive's disk ID to the command line for CDEZ; ie "CDEZ.EXE D" if your CD-ROM drive was drive D. See [set up for multiple/network drives](#) for more info.

Registration

Registration for this version is only **\$10.00 (\$9.50 direct from the author)**. Your registration gives you the right to use any future Windows 3.xx versions of the program at no additional cost. You would also receive a special upgrade price on any future versions for other platforms. Click [license info](#) for more details on rights and restrictions.

The **Register** menu selection on the disk edit screen will bring up a Registration form that you can fill in and hit a button to print for author direct registrations. It also has a button to press to bring up the registration program for credit cards, first virtual, and currency using a registration service. Kagi Shareware provides only the registration service for this program -- all other questions and requests for [technical support](#) should be directed to the author.

Site and Worldwide licenses are available. Site licenses cover a single organization for an area of up to one hundred miles (160 km) in radius. A world-wide license covers everyone in a single organization. Site licenses are \$200 (\$190 author direct) and World-wide licenses are \$800 (\$760 author direct). Please include the organization name that you would like to appear when the program is run. Also, for an additional charge the program could be customized to bring up a splash screen with your organization's logo or other graphic. Contact the author for info on costs and requirements for customizing the program.

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All other forms of registration should be sent to Kagi Shareware using the proper registration program that can be run with the "Credit Cards / Other" button on the registration screen.

NOTE: Both REGISTER.EXE and REGISTER.HLP may be deleted from the MKS directory (or other directory where the program was installed) after the program has been registered.

Technical Support

Questions, comments, bug reports, suggestions, etc are all welcome. I can be reached by regular mail at the address given for registration. You can also E-Mail me. Please address any E-Mail to Mark Keller. My preferred E-Mail address in on the Internet is [markkeller@kagi.com]. I also monitor the CIS Winshare forum and the FidoNet Shareware echo on a regular basis. You can also netmail me at [1:203/153]. Or you can try one of my alternate Internet addresses [markkeller@ichange.com] or [mark.keller@elkgrove.wmeonlin.sacbbx.com]. I can also normally receive regular or "3-D" faxes on most business days until about 5:30pm pacific time at (916) 424-9503.

Unregistered users desiring a response must include a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope or an Internet E-Mail Address.

Using CD-EZ

To **launch** a CD that has been set up, just place it in the CD drive and start CD-EZ -- the rest is automatic.

To **launch** a CD with the **alternate** program just press the <Alt> key while the CD is being identified.

To **identify** a CD press the <Shift> key while the CD is being identified.

To **edit** a CD's entry press the <Ctrl> key while the CD is being identified.

To **set up a new CD**:

[1] If you haven't already done so you will normally need to run the CD's normal setup; follow the instructions provided with the CD.

[2] With the CD in the drive, launch the CD-EZ program, enter the needed values on the CD-EZ disk entry form.

[3] Click the "Update and Exit" button to save setup.

[4] The CD is now memorized and ready to launch -- see above.

To set for **multiple drives** or **network CD drives**:

[1] Make a copy of the CD-EZ program Icon for each drive.

[2] Make the command "CDEZ.EXE x" where x is the disk ID of the drive.

[3] You can choose alternate Icons for the program from the CDEZ.DLL file for use with many common drive IDs.

[4] You should normally run the set up all new CDs using your default drive. Then the program should be able to run that CD from various drives changing the drive ID in the path and command line for you.

CD-EZ will also launch **diskettes** for you. They should be diskettes that don't change. Set up like you would a network CD drive but use a or b for the drive ID. Appropriate Icons are available in the CDEZ.DLL file.

Late Breaking Info: It was just found in beta that you may have trouble with the program no longer being able to ID your CD-ROMs if you upgrade from a Double Spin to a Quad Spin (and perhaps other faster drives). The workaround would be to change your Icon to point to your CD ROM drive with the parameter (like a network CD drive). It would then ID fine using the secondary info, but would no longer be able to launch audio CDs. I expect to have a better solution in a future release.

