

UnCoverIt 1.3

Manual

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1. Introduction

1.1 Whats is UnCoverIt ?

UnCoverIt is a shareware application that automatically generates labels for different kinds of storage medias.

Unlike other label printing applications you don't have to enter the name of the files on your disk manually. UnCoverIt places icons and file names automatically at the right place and the right size.

UnCoverIt 1.3 adds support for Audio-CDs, so all you have to do is naming the tracks, in case you macintosh doesn't already know their names.

1.2 Supported cover formats

Currently these storage medias are directly supported:

- CD-ROM
- Audio-CD
- Iomega ZIP
- Iomega JAZ
- Iomation SuperDisk
- MO-Cartridges

1.3 Registering UnCoverIt

UnCoverIt is shareware. You have to register it if you are using it for more than 2 weeks.

1.3.1 Pricing

The single user license is \$10.

A Site License costs \$50 and covers all locations for your organization within a 160 kilometer radius of your site (100 miles). One big advantage of a Site License is that you do not need to keep track of how many people at your site are using the software.

A World-Wide License costs \$500 and it covers all locations for your organization on the planet earth.

1.3.2 Registering Online

If you want to register over the internet using your credit card, click the the 'Register online...' button on the register window. This will open your web browser at the Kagi page automatically.

If you don't have Internet Config installed, or it can't find your web browser, you can go there manually by entering the following URL

<<https://order.kagi.com/?3W9>>

If your web browser doesn't support the HTTPS protocol for secure connections, you may use the following URL, using an unsecured HTTP connection to the Kagi server.

<<http://order.kagi.com/?3W9>>

Once there, follow the instructions given to register.

1.3.3 Registration Code

After you have paid Kagi software will mail you a "thanks for your payment" message confirming your registration via e-mail. After you have received this message you should receive a second message containing your personal serial number for UnCoverIt.

1.4 System Requirements

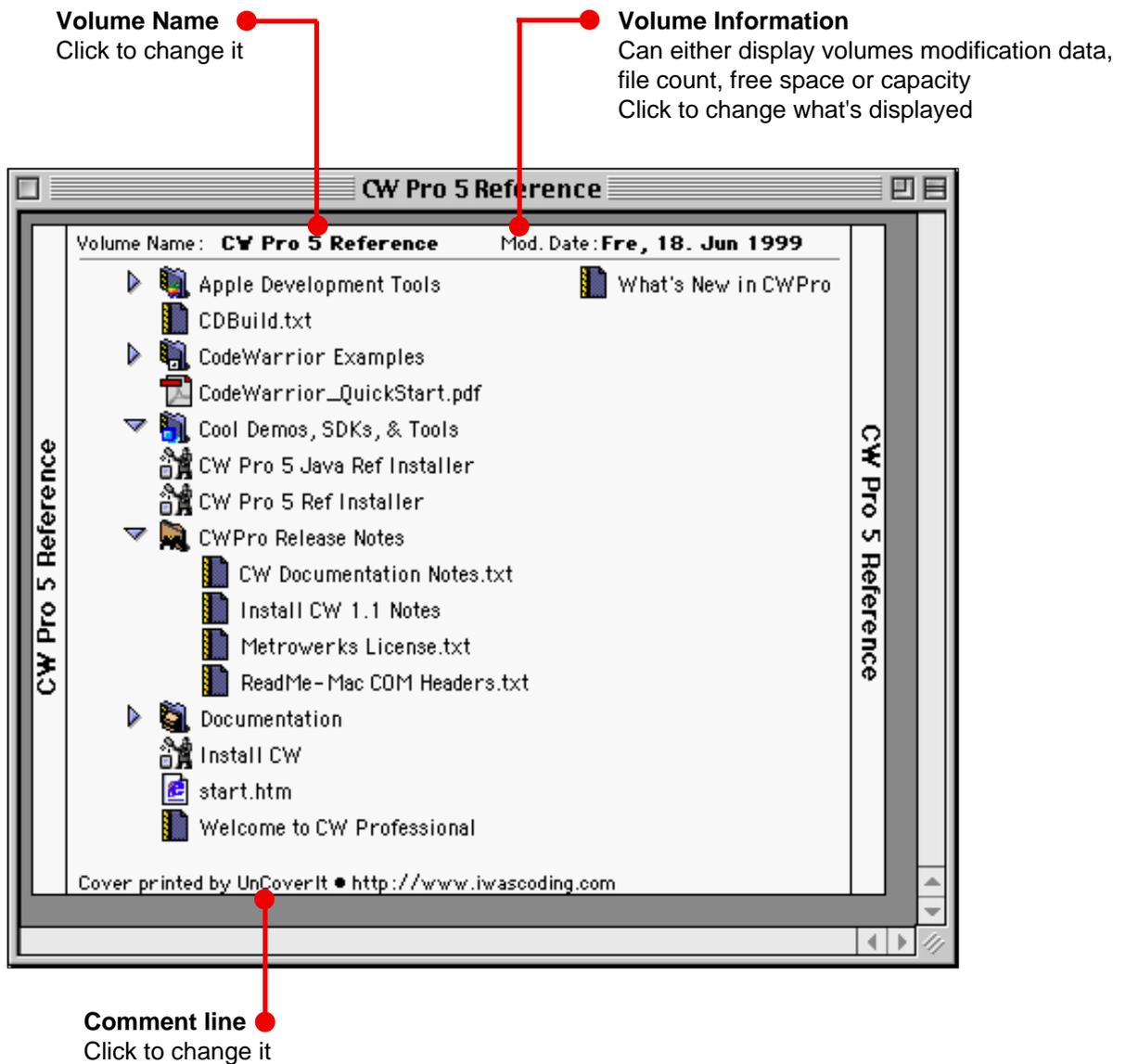
UnCoverIt requires a PPC equipped Macintosh with at least:

- System 8.1 or later (8.5 or later recommended)
- 4 MB free RAM
- 1 MB of free disk space
- QuickTime

2. Overview

2.1 Cover window

This is where you decide what appears on the cover. Click a folders icon or the triangle next to open to make its content visible. Option-click an item to hide it.



2.2 Toolbar

The toolbar window provides quick access to the most commonly used features of UnCoverIt.



Here is a short overview of the commands associated with each button:



Create a new cover



Add volume or session to the active cover



Print cover



Open all folders



Close all folders



Change the font settings



Show or hide invisible files



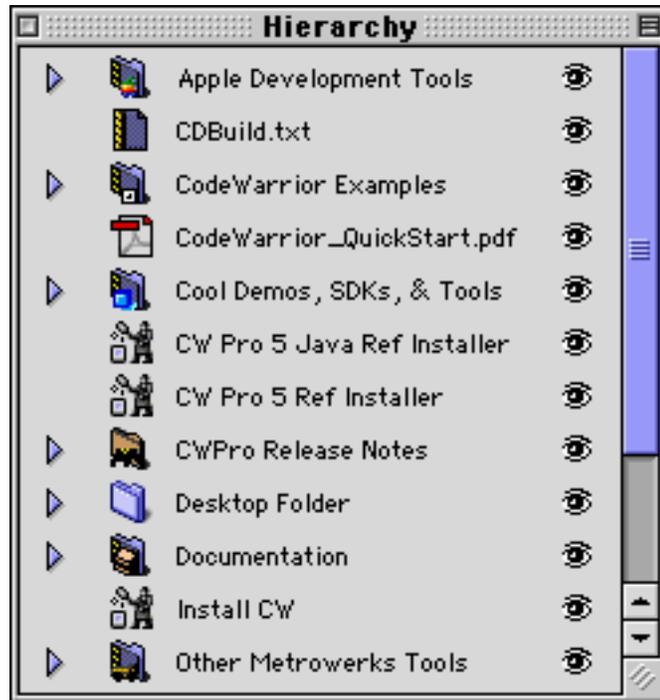
Go to the UnCoverIt webpage



Send e-mail to UnCoverIt's author

2.3 Hierarchy window

The hierarchy window lists the files and folders of the frontmost cover window, if it's a data cover. You can use to make a folders content visible by clicking the triangle in front of it. You can also toggle an items visibility state by clicking the "eye"-icon next to its name. A dimmed "eye"-icon indicates that the item is currently hidden from the cover.



3. Working with data covers

3.1 Creating a new cover

There are several ways to create a new cover. You can either click the "New Cover"-button on the far left in the toolbar window or choose the "New Cover" command from the file menu. In the upcoming dialog select the volume or folder you want to use as source for your cover from the "Volume Name" popup menu. From the second popup menu, "Cover Type", choose the cover format you want to use. If you press the "Make this cover default" button, the "Cover Type" menu will default to its current value next time you open this dialog.



You can also drag a volume or a folder onto the UnCoverIt icon in the Finder™. When doing so, UnCoverIt will use the default cover type for the new cover.

3.2 Choosing what files are displayed

You can click a folders icon or the triangle next to it, to make its subitems visible on the cover. Another click closes the folder again. Clicking the triangle next to the items name in to "Hierarchy window" has the same effect. Use this method if the output in the cover window gets too small to identify the items.

3.2 Hiding Items

You can hide items from the cover by holding down the option key on your keyboard and clicking the items icon. You can later make this item visible again by clicking the eye icon in the "Hierarchy Window". You can use this technique to hide large Finder™ pictures made up from several custom icons on the cover.

3.3 Adding other volumes or sessions

UnCoverIt is able to make up a cover from several different volumes. After you have created a cover, you can add another volume or folder to it by either choosing the "Add Volume/Session" from the menu command or dragging the items icon into the volume window. The content of the second volume is then made visible in the cover window.

3.4 Changing the volume name

You can change the name of the volume used on the cover by choosing "Edit Volume Name..." from the "Cover" menu or by clicking the volume name field in the cover window.

3.5 Changing the volume information field

Choose "Edit Volume Information..." from the "Cover" menu to change the kind of information that is displayed in the information field. There are four different information types available:

- **Modification Date**
Displays the last time the volume was modified
- **File Count**
Displays the number of files and folders on the volume (n/a for folder folders)
- **Capacity**
Shows the overall capacity of the selected volume (n/a for folder folders)
- **Free Space**
Shows the available space on the selected volume (n/a for folder covers)

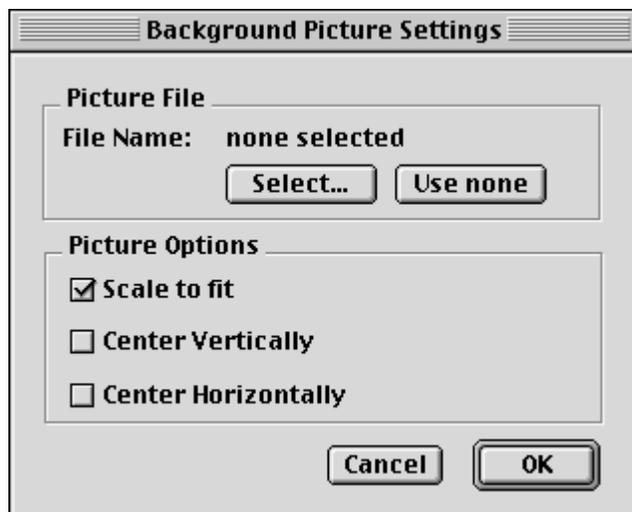
The default information displayed is the volume's modification date. You can change the default type by either clicking "Make this type default" button in the "Volume Information" dialog or through UnCoverIt's preferences dialog.

3.6 Changing the comment field

The single line of text at the bottom of some covers is called comment field. You can use it to add some additional text to the cover, for instance your company's name or webpage URL. To change it, click the comment field itself or choose the "Edit comment..." menu command from the "Cover" menu. You can also tell UnCoverIt to use a default text every time you create a new cover. To do so, click the "Make this comment default" button or go to the "Preferences" dialog, available from the "Edit" menu.

3.7 Adding background pictures

The menu item "Background picture" from the "Cover" Menu brings up a dialog, that lets you select a picture file used as background for the current cover.



Use the "Select" button to choose a picture file. Right now UnCoverIt supports JPEG, GIF and TIFF files.

4. Working with audio covers

4.1 Creating a new audio cover

You create a new cover for an Audio-CD the same way you do it for a regular data CD. In the "Create New Cover" dialog you have to choose an Audio-CD inserted into your macintoshs CD-ROM drive and select one of the cover types for Audio-CDs, for instance "CD-Audio backside". Do not choose one of the data cover types, like "CD-ROM backside". This would cause UnCoverIt to treat your Audio-CD like a regular data CD without track lengths and real names.

4.2 Editing track names

After you have created a new cover, double-click the tracklisting. In the upcoming dialog you can edit the CD name, the tracknames and hide tracks completely from the cover by clicking the eye-icon in the last column of the track table.

4.3 Exporting track names

You can export a text file containing the track names and lengths by pressing the "Export" button inside the "Audio Tracks" dialog. You can later reimport this listing, this time by pressing the "Import" button. This way you can save track names for later use, when you want to create another cover for the same Audio-CD, without having to retype all the track names.

4.4 Note on track names

When you create a cover for an Audio-CD for which you already have entered the track names using the "AppleCD Audio player" application, UnCoverIt will use this names. Tracknames are stored in the "CD Remote Programs" file inside your Systems folder Preferences folder. There are several utilities that use this file, for instance NetCD, which can be used to download tracknames from the online CD-Database at www.cddb.com.

4.5 Using the CDDB

The CDDB is a huge online database available at www.cddb.com that keeps track of music releases. It knows almost all released CDs and the name of each track on them.

UnCoverIt can't connect to the CDDB database directly. However, you can use Toby W. Rush's excellent utility NetCD to fetch a CD's title and track names from the CDDB database. NetCD stores the track names in the "CD Remote Programs" file inside your Preferences folder, which is also used by the AppleCD Audio Player. UnCoverIt searches this file every time you create a new audio cover for the correct track names of your Audio CD.

NetCD is freeware. Download it from <http://www.tobyrush.com>.

5. Disclaimer

5.1 Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

Q:

I already registered a previous version of UnCoverIt. If I want to use the current version, do I have to pay the registration fee again?

A:

No, no matter what version of UnCoverIt you registered, the serial number you received is valid for all later version of UnCoverIt 1.x!

Q:

UnCoverIt is great, but I see a need to be able to save to eps in addition to printing.

A:

You can export EPS-Files using Apple's LaserWriter printer driver which comes with your system software.

To do this select LaserWriter 8 in the chooser application, which you find the Apple menu. In UnCoverIt select "Print..." from the "File" menu. Locate the "Destination" Popup-menu and choose "File...". Now an EPS-File is generated when you hit the "Save..." - Button.

Q:

The vertical text on the side panes looks jaggy. Why isn't it smoothed?

A:

UnCoverIt tells your printer driver to draw rotated text on the side panes. Its up to your printing driver how rotated text is handled. On PostScript printers text appears smoothed, on QuickDraw based printers its jaggy. Of course there are ways to print out smoothed text on QuickDraw based printers, too. But the author thinks it isn't worth the huge effort the current MacOS printing architecture requires to implement this feature. If you really can't live without smoothing text you have two options. First: Consider buying a PostScript printer. Second: Use the Apple LaserWriter to create an EPS-File as described above.

Q:

I want to create a cover for an audio CD. Instead of track names and lengths, I only get a generic cover listing only "Track 1", "Track 2", etc. without playing times and index numbers.

A:

When creating a cover for an Audio-CD, you have to select "CD-Audio backside" or another cover format suitable for Audio CDs. When you choose "CD-Rom backside" UnCoverIt treats your CD like a regular data cd and therefore omits track indexes and track lengths.

Q:

Can I distribute UnCoverIt on my CD-ROM or web site?

A:

Yes, under two conditions. Firstly, you may only distribute the unregistered version. Secondly, you must include the entire package (including documentation, etc...). The easiest way to fulfil these is to download the program from my web site, and distribute it unmodified.

5.2 Known issues

Under system 8.1 you can't select a custom folder as source for a new cover from the popup menu in the "New Cover" dialog. Drag the folder onto the UnCoverIt icon to make a cover for it.

UnCoverIt can't scan volumes with names longer than 27 characters. Keep this in mind when writing

your CDs.

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