

Club KidSoft Volume 3, Issue 1

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 3. Issue 1* and an information document called *Vol 3. Issue 1 README*.
4. Double click on the *Club KidSoft Vol 3. Issue 1* 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 Registration Code and an 8 character Key Code. Enter the Registration Code into the space provided in the registration dialog box. Then enter the 8 character Key Code in the space provided in the registration dialog box.

Inside Club KidSoft

Use your mouse to navigate around the screens. Explore each 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 Ctrl-Q and click the OK button.

The **Flying Chair** (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 neon light 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.

From the first screen, 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 select the software that you want to buy from KidSoft by browsing through the index of products.

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. You can also view and print a list of all the demo exit command by opening the document *Demo Notes* in the Club KidSoft group on your desktop.

Shopping in the Club KidSoft Catalog

The Catalog was designed to make it easy to find a particular product, products for a particular age group, products in specific categories, or to just browse our entire catalog.

While in our Catalog Screen, you may use the black menu buttons entitled "CATEGORIES" and "AGES" to define your search criteria.

You may also use the "FIND" button located on the bottom of the screen to search for a specific product by title.

Clicking on a box photo will take you to a detail screen where you may view the product description. By clicking on the tabs at the top of that screen, you may obtain information on pricing, available platforms and hardware requirements. If there is a demo available, you may launch it from the "RUN DEMO" button located on the bottom portion of the picture of the screen.

To purchase a product, click the "BUY NOW" button on the bottom right of the screen. If you have selected your product, this will take you directly to the Purchase Screen, if you have not yet selected a product, this button will take you to the FIND screen so that you may locate the product you would like to purchase. You will then be taken to the product detail screen. Click "BUY NOW" again and you will be taken to the Purchase Screen.

Purchasing from the Club KidSoft CD-ROM

Once you are in the Purchase Screen, and have your desired product selected, call Club KidSoft at 800-354-6150.

If this product is available by unlocking, you will see a Customer Code printed in red. That is the code you will give to the Club KidSoft product specialist if you wish to instantly unlock your product right off the Club KidSoft CD. You also have the option to purchase this product through mail order.

If the selected product is only available by Mail Order, you will see a picture of a package that will say "KidSoft Mail Order."

If you are purchasing your product through instant unlocking, your Club KidSoft 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 unlocking. This code will only work with your CD-ROM on your computer. After the product has been unlocked, the installation instructions will appear in the product detail screen before the product description.

Installing, and Re-installing Software

After you unlock a program, choose to Install Now or Install Later. You can always reinstall a purchased piece of software again. Whenever you choose Install Now, the Club KidSoft application will either 1) run the purchased software's installer if there is one, or 2) copy the files to your boot-up hard disk drive to a specific folder. All the directory and file information will be displayed on screen. Write this information down for future reference.

When you choose Install Later, the Club KidSoft application will remember what you've purchased. You can quickly install a product by clicking on the "Unlocked Products" button on the first screen in the Club KidSoft application. On the next screen, click on the product in the list you wish to install. Click on the Install button to install that product. Once you have unlocked a software program, the software remains unlocked on the disc, but may be used only on the computer from which you made the software purchase.

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.