CD-Audio Help Contents

Using CD-Audio, you can play your audio CDs while working in other applications. Just as a home CD player includes many controls, CD-Audio provides buttons that play, pause, stop, and eject CDs. You can also shuffle and repeat tracks, as well as program the order in which you want tracks played.

CD-Audio also includes features for listening to portions of tracks and recording sound for use on your hard drive.

Help topics for CD-Audio are divided into two categories represented by the following icons:

Using Help

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How To...

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Getting Started: CD-Audio Basic Features

Use the...	to...
Play button	start play.
Pause button	pause and resume play.
Stop button	stop play.
Eject button	eject a CD.
Skip Forward button	skip to the next track.
Skip Backward button	skip to the beginning of the current track. If you're less than one second into the current track, CD-Audio skips to the beginning of the previous track.
Scan Forward button	search forward within the current track by 3 second intervals. This button is available only in full window view.
Scan Backward button	search backward within the current track by 3 second intervals. This button is available only in full window view.
Shuffle icon	play tracks in a random order. Alternatively, you can choose Shuffle from the Player menu.
Disk Repeat icon	repeat tracks. Alternatively, you can choose Repeat from the Player menu.
Track Intro's icon	play the first 10 seconds of each track. Alternatively, you can choose Track Intro's from the Player menu.
Play List list box	view the order in which tracks will be played and the time of each track. Any tracks you've excluded from the program list aren't listed. You can start play by selecting a track name.

■   **To automatically start play when you insert a CD**
Choose **Auto Play** from the System menu.

■   **To keep the CD-Audio window on top of other windows**
Choose **Always on Top** from the System menu.

Configuring CD-Audio

You can choose the fonts and colors used in the CD-Audio window. If more than one CD-ROM drive is connected to your system, you can also change the drive from which CDs are played. An option is also provided for keeping the CD-Audio window as the top window.

You can also modify configuration options for CD-Audio. The new settings are used the next time you start CD-Audio.

To change the font used by text in the window
1. Choose **Display Font** from the Player menu.
2. Choose **Use Custom Font** and the select a font.
   Or choose **Use Corel CD-Audio LED** font to use the default font.
3. Choose **OK**.

To change the colors used in the window
1. Choose **Display Color** from the Player menu.
2. Choose a Color Type.
3. Select a color. Depending on your video configuration, you may want to turn off the Dim color by selecting the same color for both Window Bkgnd and Dim Color.
4. Choose **OK**.

To play CDs from another drive
1. Choose **Drive** from the Player menu.
2. Select the drive letter.
3. Choose **OK**.

To keep the CD-Audio window on top of other windows
Choose **Always on Top** from the System menu.

To modify the configuration of CD-Audio
1. Choose **Advanced Options** from the Player menu.
2. Enter the CD-ROM polling interval and Default CD-ROM drive, and mark the CD Database Read Only checkbox.
3. Choose **OK**.

CD-ROM polling interval

Indicates the interval, in milliseconds, at which status information is updated and the drive is checked for a CD.

Default CD-ROM drive

Indicates the letter of the drive from which you want to play CDs by default. This option is useful if you have more than one CD-ROM drive connected to your system. By default, the drive associated with the first available drive letter is used.

CD Database Read Only

Indicates whether changes you make, such as defining track and artist titles, will be saved to the database file.

Changing CD-Audio Views

CD-Audio provides two window views: full view and remote control. The full window view displays all the features and buttons available with CD-Audio. The remote window view is a small window that includes only the basic CD-Audio features. In both window views, you can show or hide the tool, menu, and status bars.

You can also minimize the window to an icon which displays the number of the current track and the minutes and seconds that the track has been in play.

To change window views
Choose **Remote Control** from the View menu.
Or choose **Full View** from the View menu.
Or choose the **Minimize** button.

To control play from the CD-Audio icon
Double-click the right mouse button to start, pause, and resume play.
Or use the System menu commands to start, pause, and stop play.
Or use the keyboard shortcuts to perform associated actions.

To show or hide the toolbar
Choose **Toolbar** from the View menu.

To hide the menu bar
Choose **Menu bar** from the View or System menu.

To show the menu bar
Choose **Menu bar** from the System menu.

See also
Keyboard Shortcuts

Programming and Customizing a CD

The Program command of the Player menu lets you choose the order in which you want tracks played, exclude tracks from play, and customize the artist, disk, and track titles. Once you've defined artist and disk titles, CD-Audio displays the titles on the player door.

You can save the program information in a <u>database</u>. The next time you use the CD, the information is read from the database.

▸ The CD Database Read Only box in the Advanced Options panel must be unmarked to save information to the database. If the database is read-only, the Program window includes only the track list.

To customize the title of the artist, disk, or selected track
1. Choose **Program** from the Player menu.
2. Highlight the current text in the appropriate box. **Tab** moves between fields and highlights the text.
3. Enter the new title.

To exclude a track from play
1. Choose **Program** from the Player menu.
2. Unmark the checkbox displayed beside the track name.

To change the order in which tracks are played
Drag a track name using the left mouse button to its new location in the list.

To change the information displayed for each track
1. Choose **View**.
2. Indicate the type of information you want displayed.
3. Choose **OK**.

To reset the tracks to the order in which they're listed on the CD
Choose **Reset**.

To saved changed program information
Choose **Save**. If you eject a CD, CD-Audio prompts you to save changed information.

database

The location where customized information about your CDs is stored. You specify whether you want to store information in a database using the CD-Audio advanced options of the Configuration utility.

Recording and Editing Audio Selections

If your drive supports digital sampling, you can record audio from your CDs. The recorded sound is stored as a .WAV file that you can playback on systems with sound capabilities. The README file lists the drives that support digital sampling.

You can edit sound files created using CD-Audio. The editor that CD-Audio launches, by default, is named WinDAT. If you want to use another sound file editor, associate the .WAV extension, using File Manager, with your own editor.

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   To record a sound file
1. Choose **Select a Sample of a Track** from the Sample menu.
   Or choose the **Select a Sample** icon.
2. Select the portion of a track that you want to record using the scan selection bar pointers. The left pointer marks the start of a selection and the right pointer marks the end of a selection. You can also drag the area marked by the pointers. Once you selected an area, CD-Audio plays only the audio within the markers.
3. Choose **Save Selected Audio to WAV file** from the Sample menu.
   Or choose the **Save Audio** icon.
4. Specify a name and location for the file, choose a sample rate and the bits per sample, and mark whether you want to record for stereo. A message at the bottom of this panel displays the length of the recording and the bytes required to store the file: the better the quality of the recording, the larger the .WAV file becomes.
5. Choose **OK**.

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   To launch WinDAT from CD-Audio
Choose **Edit...** from the Sample menu.

Sample Rate

The rate at which the amplitude of the analog sound waveform is polled for conversion to digital representation. More frequent sampling provides better sound quality, but requires more space to store the file.

Bits per sample

The number of bits used to store each sample. A 16-bit resolution provides better sound quality than an 8-bit resolution, but requires more space to store the file.

stereo

The left and right speaker channels are addressed separately. Recording in stereo requires twice the number of bytes as mono, but will enhance the sound quality.

Using Multiple CD-ROM Drives

CD-Audio supports multiple CD-ROM drives and includes many features for optimizing use of these drives. For example, you can start CD-Audio once for each CD-ROM drive connected to your system.

In addition, you can define the drive letter that you want CD-Audio to use on startup. By default, CD-Audio uses the first CD-ROM. For example, if drive letters E: and F: are assigned to CD-ROM drives, CD-Audio uses drive E:. You can also temporarily change drives for the current CD-Audio session. When you change drives, the current drive stops play.

To change the default CD-ROM drive

1. Choose **Advanced Options** from the Player menu.
2. Enter the letter of the drive.
3. Choose **OK**.

To temporarily change CD-ROM drives

1. Choose **Drive** from the Player menu.
2. Select the drive letter.
3. Choose **OK**.

Keyboard Shortcuts

You can use keyboard shortcuts to control play from any of the CD-Audio views and obtain help information. The following keyboard shortcuts are available:

- Help   F1
- Play   F5
                 Ctrl-P
- Pause   F6
                 Ctrl-U
- Stop   F7
                 Ctrl-S
- Eject   F8
                 Ctrl-E
- Next track   Alt-<right arrow>
- Previous track Alt-<left arrow>

Exiting CD-Audio

To exit CD-Audio

Select **Exit** from the Player menu.

Play button

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Pause button

Stop button

Eject button

Skip Forward button

Skip Backward button

Scan Forward button

Scan Backward button

Shuffle icon

Disk Repeat icon

Track Intro's icon

Play List list box

Play List:

Track 4 (05:36)
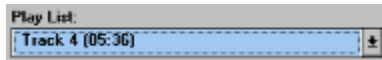
Select a Sample icon

Save Audio icon