CDBrowser Help Contents

Using CDBrowser, you can work with CD-Audio databases. A database is the file in which information you've saved about a CD, such its title and track names, is stored. Typically, you save information about a CD using CD-Audio.

CDBrowser lets you modify disc information, merge CD-Audio databases, and convert databases from older versions of CD-Audio.

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File Commands

New   Creates new CD-Audio 2.0 databases.

Open   Opens existing databases

Import   Merges databases and converts databases from previous versions of CD-Audio.

Print   Prints the current database.

Print Preview   Displays the database page exactly as it will be printed.

Print Setup   Selects a printer and printer connection.

Close   Closes the current database.

Exit   Closes CDBrowser.

Edit Commands

Add disc...   Defines new disc information and adds this disc the current database.

Next disc   Highlights the next disc in the database list. If the program window is open, information for the selected disc is displayed.

Previous disk   Highlights the previous disc in the database list. If the program window is open, information for the selected disc is displayed.

Find...   Searches for text from artist and disc titles.

View Commands

List	Activates the list window.
Program	Opens the program window and displays the information for the disc selected in the list window.
Line	Goes to the specified line in the list window.
Sort	Lists discs according to the number of tracks, artist title, or disc title.
Toolbar	Shows and hides the toolbar.
Status bar	Shows and hides the status bar.

Drive Commands

Select   Lists the drive letters of available CD-ROM drives.

Lookup   Looks for an entry in the database for the CD in the drive.

Match   Matches an entry in the database with the CD in the drive.

Window Commands

Cascade   Staggers open windows.
Tile Horizontally Arranges open windows from side to side.
Tile Vertically   Arranges open windows from top to bottom.
Arrange Icons   Places icons in a row.
Refresh   Updates information in the current window.

Working with Databases

A database is created automatically when you save program information using CD-Audio. You can   open any existing database using CDBrowser.

In addition, you can merge databases, which allows you to share information with other users or between your own databases. If you've used previous versions of CD-Audio, you can also import older databases into the CD-Audio 2 database.

CD-Audio 2 database are made up of a set of files. CAUDIODB.CDB is a text file that references the following files:
- CDAUDIOD.DBF, which stores artist and disc titles
- CDAUDIOD.CDX, an index file for CDAUDIOD.DBF
- CDAUDIOT.DBF, which stores track names
- CDAUDIOT.CDX, an index file for CDAUDIOT.DBF
- CDAUDIOP.DBF, which stores programming information
- CDAUDIOP.CDX, an index file for CDAUDIOP.DBF

To open or import CD-Audio 2 databases, you need CAUDIODB.CDB and its associated DBF files. If CDX files aren't found, they're created automatically.

To import a CD-Audio 1.x database, you need two files: DCDAUDIO.DBF and TCDAUDIO.DBF.

You can print the list of discs in a database. You can also preview the page before printing, and choose print options just as you would for most standard Windows applications.

To create a database
1. Choose **New** from the File menu.
   Or select the **New** icon from the toolbar.
   Or press Ctrl+N.
2. Specify the name CAUDIODB.CDB and choose a location for the database.
3. Choose **OK**.

To open a database
1. Choose **Open** from the File menu.
   Or select the **Open** icon from the toolbar.
   Or press Ctrl+O.
2. Double-click the database name.
   Or select the name and choose **OK**.

To merge or convert a database
1. Open the database to which you want to add entries.
2. Choose **Import** from the File menu.
   Or select the **Import** icon from the toolbar.
3. Choose the type of database you want to import using the List Files of Type drop-down list box.
4. Double-click the name of the database you want to import.

To print the list of discs
1. Choose **Print** from the File menu.
   Or select the **Print** icon from the toolbar.
2. Choose **OK**.

To close a database
Choose **Close** from the File menu.

Adding, Matching, and Finding Discs

Usually, you add disc information to a database by saving program information using CD-Audio. However, you can also add disc information within CDBrowser, match existing disc information to a CD, and lookup disc information for a CD. Disc information includes:
- artist, disc, and track titles
- program information, which includes the order in which you want tracks played and any tracks you want excluded from the play list

You can add disc information whether or not the drive contains a disc. If no database information exists for the disc in the drive, CDBrowser assumes that the new information is to be matched with the current disc. CDBrowser displays a Program window that lists the tracks and the length of each track. You can define disc information.

If the drive doesn't contain a disc or if database information exists for the disc in the drive, CDBrowser assumes that new information is for another disc. CDBrowser prompts you for the number of tracks and displays a Program window in which you can define disc information.

In the List window, disc entries that aren't associated with a physical disc are marked by an asterisk. Once you've inserted an unmatched disc into the drive, you can match an entry to the disc.

For disc entries that are matched to physical discs, you can lookup the entry when you insert the disc in the drive.

To add a disc to a database
1. Choose **Add Disc** from the Edit window.
   Or choose the **Add Disc** icon from the toolbar.
2. Enter the number of tracks, if prompted.
3. Define disc information using the Program window.
4. Choose **Save**.
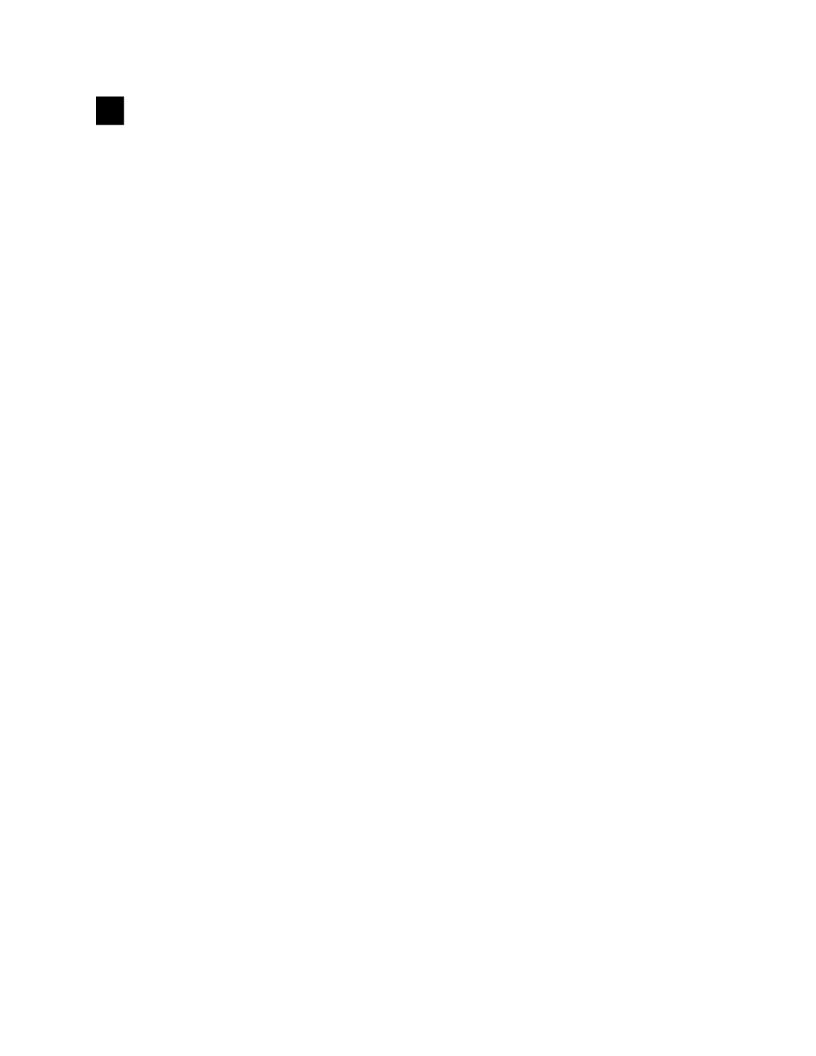
To delete a disc from a database
1. Select the disc entry in the List window.
1. Choose **Delete Disc** from the Edit menu.
2. Choose **OK**.

To lookup disc information for a disc
1. Insert the disc in the drive.
2. Choose **Lookup** from the Edit menu.
   Or select the **Lookup** icon from the toolbar.

To match disc information to a CD
1. Insert the disc in the drive.
2. Select the disc entry from the List window.
3. Choose **Match** from the Edit menu.
   Or select the **Match** icon from the toolbar.

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Selecting Discs

When a disc is selected, its name is selected in the List window. If the Program window is open, it's updated to display the information for the selected disc.

If you have more than one CD-ROM drive connected to your system, you can select the drive you want use with CDBrowser. By default, CDBrowser uses the first available drive letter.

To select a disc from the List window

Click its name using the left mouse button.
Or choose **Next Disc** from the Edit menu or the **Next disc** icon from the toolbar.
Or choose **Previous Disc** from the Edit menu or the **Previous disc** icon from the toolbar.
Or choose **Line** from the View menu and enter the line number of the disc.

To select another CD-ROM drive

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

Sorting Discs and Searching for Text

If you have many entries in a database, you may want to sort items or search for titles in the List window.

You can sort discs in the List window according to the number of tracks or the titles. Discs are sorted in ascending order.

CDBrowser provides a text search feature. Although the text search isn't case-sensitive, you must specify text starting from the first character of the title. For example, to find the disc title "My Audio Disc", you could use any of the following: "my aud", "my AUDIO", or "My Audio Disc". However, you could not use, for example, "audio disc" or "y Audio".

■   **To sort discs in the List window**
1. Choose **Sort** from the Edit menu.
2. Choose how you want discs sorted.

■   **To search for text in the List window**
1. Choose **Find** from the Edit menu.
2. Enter the search text.
3. Choose **Find Next** until the entry you're looking for is selected in the List window.
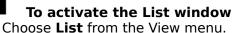
Hiding and Showing the Toolbar and Status Bar

To increase the space available for CDBrowser windows, you may want to hide the toolbar or status bar.

■ **To hide or show the toolbar or status bar**
Choose **Toolbar** or **Status bar** from the View menu.

Activating, Arranging, Selecting, and Refreshing Windows

For each database, you can open a List window and a Program window. You can minimize these windows to display them as icons in the CDBrowser window and update the window to display new information, if necessary. To help you organize windows and icons, you can use Window menu commands.

To activate the List window
Choose **List** from the View menu.

To open and activate the Program window
Choose **Program** from the View menu.

To arrange   use this command...
windows in a staggered overlay pattern Cascade
windows from side to side   Tile Horizontally
windows from top to bottom   Tile Vertically
icons in a row   Arrange Icons

To update a List or Program window
Choose **Refresh** from the Window menu.

Exiting CDBrowser

■   **To exit CDBrowser**
Choose **Exit** from the File menu.
Or press Alt+F4.