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Welcome to GoCD version 1.0.

GoCD is a small program to simplify the use of CDROMS from within Microsoft Windows.

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Introduction

If, like me, you have a fair sized collection of CDROMS, you will no doubt have noticed that in addition to their annoying habit of depositing megabytes of support files onto you hard disk, they also each supply their own individual icon which is used to launch the application contained on them.

So, when you want to run a CD, you first put it into your CD drive, then rummage through the plethora of Program Manager groups looking for the right icon to launch the application contained on the disk you have just loaded.

Wouldnt life be easier if, after putting the required disc into the drive, you could click on a single CD icon which would automatically launch the correct program.

With the help of GoCD you can.

GoCD works by looking at the volume label on each CD and remembering what command should be executed in order to run the application on the disc. It maintains a database of such labels and commands and compares the label of the CD currently loaded with this. If it is found, the associated command is executed, if it is not, youll be prompted to enter the appropiate command before the CD software is launched.

Notes:

CDs should be installed normally before using GoCD. (so it wont prevent your hard disk being clogged up)

GoCD is of limited use with shareware collection type CDs, where a large number of executables reside on the disc, and a different one is to be run each time the disc is loaded. It is likely, however, that future versions of the program will allow a choice of programs to be executed from the one CD.

GoCD works best with CDs that have volume labels. Virtually all CDs have one, but if one is not found, the first filename on the CD is used as the disc identifier. This is far from a ideal solution, but should be OK in 99% of cases.

CDs with duplicate labels will cause GoCD a problem. I will think about a solution for this for the next release, however I have yet to find any that do, so testing may be difficult. (Let me know if you have some)

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Selecting your CDROM drive letter

The first time you run GoCD you will be prompted to select the drive letter of your CDROM drive.

Simply pick the appropiate letter from the drop-down list. This will then be remembered and you will not be troubled to select it again.

If you change your drive letter for whatever reason after doing this, youll have to edit the **CD Drive=** setting in the **[General]** section of **GoCD.INI** manually.

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Specifying the command to execute

The first time GoCD encounters a new CD it will ask you to enter the command that should be executed to launch the CD software.

The best way to find this out is to look at the command line that has been set up for the CD softwares icon in Program Manager. Once known, you can type it in manually, or press the **Select** button to navigate your hard disk and locate it using a standard file open dialog box.

Most CD software is launched using a simple command line like:

c:\encarta\encart94.exe   for Microsoft Encarta 94.

Some, however, like Cinemania 94 require a parameter to be added to the end of the command line:

mviewer2 cnmnia94.mvb

In such cases, be sure to copy the command line exactly as it appears in Program Manager. You can use the clipboard to simplify this:

In Program Manager, highlight the appropiate icon
Press <Alt><Enter> to see the icons properties
Highlight the command line
Press <Ctrl ><Insert> to copy the command to the clipboard

Return to GoCDs dialog box, and click on the edit box
Press <Shift><Insert> to paste the command line from the clipboard.

Future versions will no doubt simplify this somehow, and allow subsequent editing of the command. In the meantime, youll need to edit **GoCD.INI** by hand if this is necessary.

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GoCD command line options

GoCD accepts a couple of options on its command line that can be used if you have a non-standard system setup or more than one CDROM drive.

The options are

/D Specify the drive letter of the CDROM drive to look at. This overrides the setting in the GOCD.INI file and is useful if you have more than one CDROM drive. The syntax is:

    /DE: Use CDROM drive E:
    /DR: Use CDROM drive R:

    The : (colon) must be included!

    You can thus have two (or more) icons set up for GoCD, each with a different /D switch on the command line so that any one of a multiple CDROM setup can be accessed easily.

/I Specify the location of the INI file. By default the INI file will automatically be created as GOCD.INI in your Windows directory. If you want it kept somewhere else or use multiple operating systems, this switch can be used to get GoCD to look elsewhere for it. The syntax is:

    /Ic:\winprogs\gocd\gocd.ini Use the file GOCD.INI in c:\winprogs\gocd
    /If:\nt\progs\gocd\temp.ini use the file TEMP.INI in f:\nt\progs\gocd

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There are two ways to register this program:

1.   If you have access to CompuServe, you can register on-line using SWREG. Simply type GO SWREG and follow the instructions. Enter GoCDs ID **# 3116** when prompted. The $10 will be charged to your CompuServe account, and I will contact you by e-mail, usually within 24 hours.

2.   By Mail. Cash or checks/cheques can be accepted in any major currency, equivalent in value to US$10 per copy. Sterling Eurocheques are preferred from European countries that supply them.

        Click here for Shareware registration form

Registered users will:

- be informed how to disable the Shareware reminder;
- be told how to get GoCD to launch more than one program per CD;
- receive a pat on the back for supporting Shareware;
- receive (when available) a GoCD database editor;
- be entitled to FREE upgrades to all future versions of GoCD that may be released.

I would be pleased to receive any comments, bug reports or suggestions for future releases. I may be contacted by e-mail at the addresses below:

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W. Sussex
RH19 3NY
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Please give an e-Mail address if you have one so I can inform you of your registration code as soon as I receive your order, and give timely information on upgrades.

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GoCD 1.0 Registration Form.

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Comments:

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