CD Essentials Release Notes

Installing a CD in CDE

When using CD Essentials ("CDE") to install a new CD on your system, CDE will minimize itself if you choose to run a program on the CD. Be sure to return to CDE (by using Alt-Tab or double clicking on the CDE icon) to finish the CDE installation of the new CD after you've finished running the program on the CD. The process of installing a new CD in CDE is referred to as the "Interview Process" below.

If you click on any button other than OK, Run, Install or Search, you will exit the interview process. To restart the interview, press the CD Sensing button twice.

Already Installed Button

When installing a new CD in CDE, you may actually be performing two installations. The first adds the CD to CDE's CD List. The second installs whatever software is required for that particular CD onto your hard disk.

If your CD is already installed on your hard disk, or you wish to skip over the scan portion of the CD installation, click the Already Installed button. This tells CDE that the necessary files for that CD already exist on your hard drive, so no additional installation is necessary.

Run Application Paths

When running an installation program from a CD, CDE will watch for icons being created in Program Manager. It will capture the title and path from the first icon created and use these in the Title field and Path field respectively. You can choose to ignore them and enter something else if you like.

Entering a Working Directory in the Run Application Path

If you need to enter a working directory to launch a program (this is necessary if a program consists of many DLLs that need to be present in a single directory for the program to run), separate the path from the working directory with a caret (shift-6) like this:

D:\PROGDIR\PROG.EXE^D:\PROGDIR

Substitute your program's directory for PROGDIR, and substitute your program's filename for PROG.EXE.

Re-Sensing a Disk in the Drive

If you want to force CDE to sense a CD without ejecting and re-inserting the disk, press the CD Sensing button twice.

Audio CD Module

In the Audio CD module, music CDs will not stop playing when the MediaRak is exited. This allows you to free memory for other applications while you listen to music. However, the CD will stop playing when you re-start the MediaRak. This is normal.

The UnInstall Program

The UnInstall program deletes all files in your CDE directory, and removes the WINDAT.INI, ORCH.INI and MEDIARAK.INI files from the Windows directory. No changes to the WIN.INI or SYSTEM.INI were made for CD Essentials. However, Microsoft Video for Windows Runtime v1.1 was installed as part of the CDE installation. This program makes its own changes to the SYSTEM.INI and WIN.INI, and is not removed as a part of the uninstall process.

Deleting CD From Your CD List

If you want to delete a CD from the CD list, you must click OK twice when in non-expert mode - once to answer the "Are you sure?" prompt, and again to exit the CD list and accept changes. You cannot delete

records from the CD Library.