AutoROMa™

Documentation/Help File

QUICK HELP: For quick help on most menus, with buttons, boxes, etc. Just click with your **RIGHT mouse button** on the button, area, etc.

If you've just recently stepped up to CD-ROM or have a collection of CD-ROMs, AutoROMa is going to make things a lot easier on you! You'll never again have to remember which program you have to run to launch, start, a CD-ROM. You won't have to have a new icon for each CD-ROM. You won't have to guess if you've installed the launching program. You won't have to... Well, that's why we named it AutoROMa. It's **auto**matic CD-**ROM** launching **every time**, for **every** CD-ROM you have with one program and one icon. Now, what can be simpler or more **auto**matic than that?

THE FIRST TIME
The first time you run AutoROMa, it will **auto**matically initiate setup. AutoROMa will identify your CD-ROM drive (or attempt to) and ask you to confirm or identify it. You will never have to do this again.

THE MENU
Now, and from now on, the Main Menu will be the first thing you see. It contains five controls, one of which, **[?]**, is to display this help/documentation file. (Remember, just click with your **right mouse button for help** for most items in AutoROMa.) Another control, **[Register]**, is for registering AutoROMa. Once registered, this control will vanish.

LAUNCH/IDENTIFY NEW CD ROM
This control is dual in purpose but again automatic.
(1) If AutoROMa finds a "listing" for the active CD-ROM it will immediately **Launch** it.
(2) If AutoROMa fails to find a "listing" for the active CD-ROM it will request your assistance to **Identify** the disc, but only this one time. There are two steps to identify a CD-ROM.

(a) AutoROMa will ask you to type in a Title/Name of the CD-ROM. Type in anything you wish here. Something easy for you to identify. For example, if the title of the CD-ROM is <u>The Complete Unabridged Works Of William Shakespear</u>, you might only want to type "Works of Shakespear" or "Shakespear."

(b) If AutoROMa detects an "install" program it will notify you of this and ask about whether you have run this program on the CD-ROM. Some CD-ROMs require access programs be installed on your hard drive. If you shell from AutoROMa to run the install program, "EXIT" back to AutoROMa. Next, or if no install program was found, AutoROMa will present a panel providing you the ability to identify how the CD-ROM is launched, run, accessed, etc. Realize here you can minimize the "launch panel" and use File Manager or DOSShell to locate the program needed. Of course you could consult the instructions which came with the CD-ROM. **You must press [ENTER] on they keyboard to finish and close this panel.**

Now the main menu will be redisplayed. If you wish to "test" your identification of the CD-ROM, click on Launch/Identify again. You will be prompted to insert the next CD-ROM but just like OK and continue. You newly identified CD-ROM should be accessed without further interaction. If it is not - DON'T PANIC - keep reading.

EDIT/SCAN AUTOROMA LIBRARY

This control allows you to view or change your CD-ROM Library. When you assist AutoROMa in identifying a CD-ROM, the information is added to the AutoROMa library, namely **C:\WINDOWS\ AUTOROMA.RES**(ource). It is possible to use NOTEPAD or WRITE to view or change your AutoROMa resource file. The file is plain text and in the following form. The first line is the CD-ROM drive designator which might be e:, f:, g:, etc. After that each CD-ROM record takes three lines. The first line was scanned and written by AutoROMa and should never be changed. The second line is the name of the CD-ROM that you typed in. And the third line is the program that launches, accesses, the CD-ROM. Following each record is a line which is only a delimiter, "***". It provides a visual means of separating each record, but must remain in the file!

Don't forget the right mouse button clicked on most controls, panels, titles, etc. will provide quick help.

To use the built-in editor simply locate the title and double-click on it. This will load the title and the launch program into the text/editing panels in the bottom part of the window. Simple focus the pointer into the Title or Launch box then click to edit the Title or Launch program. Editing the Title has no consequences. If you edit the Launch Program and inadvertently make a mistake that CD-ROM might not launch properly or at all. **Don't Panic!** Simply re-edit the launch program line to correct your mistake. And as above you can

perform the same tasks with NOTEPAD or WRITE.

To **DELETE** a CD-ROM from your library, simple click on the Title in the Library box, the click on the **DELETE** control. The title will be marked with an "*", asterisk. Simply click on **DELETE** again to undelete the title and remove the asterisk. The actual deletions will occur when you click **OK** and a new library file is written to your hard drive.

Clicking on **OK** writes out a new library file, if changes were made. and returns you to the Launch, Edit, Exit Panel.

EXIT AutoROMa

Clicking on this control will close AutoROMa and return you to your previous application. If you plan on using AutoROMa several times, it might be easier to just click the minimize button and leave AutoROMa active.

REGISTER

If you have yet to register, this control will appear in the lower left corner of the Launch, Edit, Exit Panel. Clicking on **REGISTER** will bring up the registration panel. When you register you will be sent your registration number. Simply type in the information sent. You will know you are successful when the Registration Panel says, "Registration Complete!" and you will be returned to the Launch, Edit, Exit Panel **without** a [Register] control. Follow the directions **exactly**!

When you register not only will it eliminate the Shareware Reminder Screen when AutoROMa is initialized, but also you will receive the following benefits.

1) 24 hour / 365 day tech support by Fax [817-249-4284] - **FREE**
2) Tech Support by electronic mail via CompuServe: 70130,330 - **FREE**
3) Tech Support via Internet: 70130.330@compuserve.com - **FREE**
4) CompuServe IntroPak, incl. $15 usage, a $39.95 value - **FREE**
5) $3/$6 discount coupon when registering Unique Software Products
6) `JCSM Shareware Collection' Bonus Certificate - hundreds of millions of
    bytes of quality shareware on a CD-ROM for only $9.95!
7) The latest version of our internationally famous, "FUNNY, FULL FEATURED,   and FREE" program, File Flush! - **FREE**

FILES and FOILBLES

AutoROMa will create the following two files:
C:\WINDOWS\AUTOROMA.RES [this is your CD-ROM library file - see above]

C:\WINDOWS\AUTOROMA.REG [this is your registration information]

These file(s) are provided and muse be located in your **C:\WINDOWS** directory
AUTOROMA.WRI
    if it is not located there the help control, [?], cannot display the (this) help/documentation file.

HELP

You can contact US in a variety of ways. If you have questions, feel free to use any method below to contact us. **Always include your name and address or electronic mail address number for a reply even if you fax your inquiry.** Remember we keep the registration cost low by keeping other costs low, including long distance telephone charges (fax or voice). Replies will be made as promptly as possible. If you inquire by fax, please indicate how you wish a response other than fax or voice.

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