Burning a CD using Nero

Burning
Putting information in the form of files onto a CD is not like saving it to a hard drive. The files are stored temporarily and then “Burnt” to the CD.

Windows XP has a built in function to burn CDs but in the UWS environment if you have a CD burner then you automatically get the Nero burning program.

If the Nero package is installed on your computer then you cannot burn using Windows XP.

Nero
Nero comes as a package of applications such as a Media Player and photo manipulation program as well as a CD Rom burning tool called Nero Burning Rom.

There are 2 different ways to use Nero CD burning, the Nero Burning Rom using a windows look or Nero Express. There is also a toolbox Quickstart.

Quickstart
The Quickstart feature is a toolbox with shortcuts to all the Nero application and manuals on your computer. To burn a CD you select the “Make a data CD” icon, but it will simply open Nero Express.

Nero Express
Nero express does not have many features but is a handy and simple way of burning files.

To use Nero Express to Burn
- Click on the Data icon to drop the list.
- Click Data Disc and the Nero Express Disc Content will open
• Add the files by either:
  o Click the Add button and locate the files to add to the list.
  o Drag the files from an open folder to the window

• When all the files are in the window click Next and Nero will identify the default CD writer and burn speed.

• Click Burn to copy the files to the CD. Nero buffers the files and burns them to the CD.
• When the burn is finished an alert will appear.

• Click OK to return to the Nero Express window
• Click Next to go to the next window.
• Choose another function or Exit to close Nero Express

There are other minor functions you can do from Nero Express.

• With the Nero Express window open,
  o Click More and a small toolbar appears at the bottom.
  o Click Nero to go to the Nero Burning Rom window.
Nero Burning Rom
Nero Burning Rom is the full functioned Burn window. From here you can feature up your burn process with functions like Multisessions and CD Labels etc. You can assemble you files manually or use the New Compilation window. When you first open, Nero Burning Rom the New Compilation window appears automatically. You can also start it by selecting New from the File menu.

To Burn using the Nero Burning Rom wizard.

• Open Nero Burning Rom and the New Compilation window opens.

• You can check the setup but if you aren’t sure, leave the default and click the New button and a 4 column window opens that allows you to move files.

• In this window the first 2 columns are for the CD (it probably has a name like ISO1 which is the default compilation name, until you give it another name).
  o The 1st column identifies the CD by name,
  o The 2nd column is where you compile you files to be burnt.
• The next 2 columns are a File Browser.
  o The 3rd column identifies the folder level
  o The 4th column is a sub set of what you select in the 3rd column.
• To compile your files, simply click hold and drag them from the 4th column to the 2nd.
• When you have finished compiling your files, Click the **Burn** button on the toolbar.

• A Burn Compilation window will open and **Nero** will identify the default CD writer and burn speed and all the other default settings.

• Again you can check the setup but if you aren’t sure, leave the default and click the **Burn** button. Nero buffers the files and burns them to the CD.

• When the burn is finished an alert will appear.

![Nero Express](image)

• Click **OK** to return to the compilation window.

• Click the **Done** button to return to the Burning Rom Window.

• Choose a new burn or close the Burning Rom.

• When you close a session Save window appears. This window will give your compilation a name. If you want to name it click **Yes** if not choose **No**.

![Nero Burning ROM](image)

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**Clearing a CD-RW**

Because files on a CD-RW cannot be over-ridden, eventually you will have to clear the CD. Nero uses their **Erase rewriteable disk** function.

**To erase a CD-RW**

- In the **Nero Burning Rom**
  - From the **Recorder** menu, choose **Erase rewriteable disk**.
  - Check the details and click **Erase**
- In **Nero Express**
  - Click **More** and a small toolbar appears at the bottom.
  - Click **Erase Disk**
  - Check the details and click **Erase**