

Re: Files written CD-RW disc cannot be deleted

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There in lies your dilemma Wilfred. XPs built in software treats CD-R/W disks just as though they were a CD-R with the exception that you can totally erase the disk. However you can not delete individual files from a CD-R/W using XP's software. On the other side if you use packet writing software like Roxio's Direct CD (now called Drag to Disk) you can delete individual files. The software has preformatted the media and that preformatting enables you to use the CD-R/W as though it were a giant floppy making individual changes to files.

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"Wilfred" <wpla@hotmail.com> wrote in message

news:CM-dnQ0bU5Alq-Dd4p2dnA@comcast.com...

I may have misspoken. I have used CD-Rs to archive vital data files. I never tried deleting them. I also use Windows Media Player to burn Music CDs on CD-Rs.

I bought the CD-RWs recently to start a photo library and I have assumed that they can be erased. Indeed, I formatted a few with DirectCD and enjoyed the drag and drop convenience. When I complained to a friend that the formatting was so time consuming - it takes about half hour per CD - he suggested that I just use the Windows built-in software. He never warned me that the Windows software is write only like a CD-R.

In essence, are you saying that using Windows XP, CD-Rs and CD-RWs are functionally the same?

"Thomas Wendell" <tumppi@NO_SPAMhotmail.com> wrote in message

news:OZmOJPhIEHA.2688@tk2msftngpl3.phx.gbl...

> I don't know how you've managed for 2 years, but without formatting the disk

> beforehand with DirectCD (or the like) you can't delete files from those
> CD-RWs.

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> A CD-RW that can only be written to? Format it, and it's as new

(almost...)

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> Tumppi

> Reply to group

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> Most learned here on ntp://news.microsoft.com

> Helsinki, Finland (remove NO_SPAM)

> (translations from FI/SE not always accurate)

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> "Wilfred" <wpla@hotmail.com> kirjoitti viestissä
> news:2emdnfldm5M8Q-HdRVn-uw@comcast.com...
> I have used both: Roxio Easy CD Creator v 5.3 and XPs built-in burning
> software. I haven't had any conflicts with the two. I do not have the
> Roxio CD software loading at boot (I unchecked it in msconfig early on
when
> I first started burning CDs) and I always shutdown after launching and
using
> the Roxio software to make sure that it is flushed from memory.
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> The only thing I can think may be have caused it was a freeware program
> called My Album. I used it to try to create a photo slideshow on a CD.
The
> resulting slideshow did not work as expected and when I tried to delete
it,
> I got the Read-only and the access denied errors. I can erase the CD
and
> reuse it but that requires me to erase the entire CD when I only want to
> erase a single file.
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> I tried writing a sample notepad file to a different CD-RW disc. Same
> results: the file is read only and cannot be deleted or its read only
> attributes cannot be changed.
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> "Harry Ohrn" <harry---@webtree.ca> wrote in message
> news:e4KPcReIEHA.2480@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...
> > Were you previously using third party software or were you just using
XP's
> > built in burning software?
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> > "Wilfred" <wpla@hotmail.com> wrote in message
> > news:Wt2dna0jUpxlVuHd4p2dnA@comcast.com...
> > >I have been using CD-RW discs on my Windows XP Professional PC for
over
> > two
> > > years. Suddenly, I am unable to delete files written to CD-RW
discs.
> > All
> > > files written to the CD have read only attributes and when I attempt
to
> > > remove the read only attribute, I get an access denied error. I
also
> > get
> > > a
> > > pop up message that says that files cannot be deleted but new files
can
> > > continue to be written to the disc.
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> > > How do I fix this? A CD-RW that can only be written to may as well
be a
> > > CD-R.
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