

Re: erasing a cd-rw

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"Joanne" <jobobbuss@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:eTH3nlJGHA.3700@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
>I am running WinXP Pro on a Dell Optiplex desktop.
> Looking at the help files, I am told that to erase a CD-RW so
> I can
> re-use it I should go to My Computer, dbl click the cd
> writer drive,
> and under 'Writing Tasks' I will find the 'Erase this CD-RW
> 'and
> clicking on it will start the wizard to run me through the
> process.
> But when I go to my computer and dbl click my cd burner, I
> don't get a
> menu item anywhere that is "Writing Tasks" and of course, I
> cannot
> then click on erase to do the job.
> Could someone tell me if I need to be installing some WinXP
> feature
> perhaps? or what else may be missing here.
> Thanks for your time
> Joanne

In order to see "CD Writing Tasks", you have to enable "Show Common Tasks in Folders" on the General tab of Folder Options. On the toolbar at the top of the window, click on Tools and select Folder Options to check on this.

If you don't want to enable Common Tasks right click the icon for your CD drive in My Computer. If there are files on the CD-RW, you should see an option on the menu to "Erase this CD-RW".

Keep in mind that the CD writing software included with Windows XP is very limited. Most users rely on a third party program to handle CD writing.

Good luck

Nepatsfan

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