

Re: COPYING FILES TO CD-RW

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AFAIK once something is written to a CD-RW disk it is on that disk until the disk is reformatted! You can delete it but it still takes up space that will not be reused. I stand by my statement that you end up with document corruption writing directly to a CD-R or CD-RW from Word. You may be correct that this is because of impatience by the user rather than anything inherent in the use of the CD; but it does happen enough to warrant the advice to not try it.

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Charles Kenyon

Word New User FAQ & Web Directory: <http://addbalance.com/word>
Intermediate User's Guide to Microsoft Word (supplemented version of Microsoft's Legal Users' Guide) <http://addbalance.com/usersguide>
See also the MVP FAQ: <http://www.mvps.org/word> which is awesome!

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"Pop" <nobody@spamcop.net> wrote in message news:%233jr9rR%23EHA.1084@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

I have to disagree with you I'm afraid, re RW drives. It's truly not a good idea to open and edit a document on a CD, but not because Word trashes them. It's because of the excess time involved and the creation/deletion of temporary files, back ground saves, etc., that create very very long wait times, often fooling users in to thinking the machine has locked up, especially when the Page File maxes out.

Trashing files that way only happens with impatient people, or when a system is set up improperly. I often do it to just change a word or sentence or two, but to do any amount of work, you do indeed really need to bring it to the hard drive to work on it. However, there is no problem with using Save As to save the final document to the CD AS LONG AS you don't want to keep a local copy on the hard drive.

It is best, as mentioned, to work on the file on the hard drive, save it there, and THEN Save As or copy it to, the CDRW.

Now, since a CDR cannot support the deletion of anything on it, meaning it's write once only, it gets pretty messy and impractical to edit a file on the CD. In fact, it's impossible and Word will complain loudly, especially when the many files being created have filled the CD, the older temp files still exist, and there's no more room left because of all the multiple files already created in tryin to edit it there. You can only add to, not edit or delete anything on a non-rewritable CD.

It's always best to copy to the hard drive, edit, then copy back to CD or CDRW. The packet writing software, or lack thereof, can also create confusion, and lots of it.

Pop

microsoft.public.word.newusers: Re: COPYING FILES TO CD-RW

Charles Kenyon wrote:

> If you want to be able to use your documents, when working with in
> Word, act as if your floppy drive does not exist. (This applies to
> CDRW/CDR drives as well.)
> Don't use Word to:
> Open a document on a floppy
> Print a document on a floppy
> Edit a document on a floppy
> Save a document to a floppy (not even a copy)
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> Word regularly trashes documents on floppy drives!
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> Instead, work on the document using your hard drive. Copy it back and
> forth using Windows.
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> I know that for some with shared computers (libraries) this is a tough
> prescription. All I can recommend for that is to use a brand new
> formatted disk each time you save and don't do any editing.
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> "FRANK ZANGARI" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
> news:21b601c4f7fa\$86025140\$a401280a@phx.gbl...
>> I am trying to copy my files to a cd.
>> When i click on properties it has a check mark on archive.
>> When I right click to send that file to cd-rw a bubble
>> comes up and says,,
>> Can not copy business card, access is denied.
>> Make sure the disk is not full or write protected and that
>> the file is not in use.
>>
>> I even tried this on my computer and went to explore and
>> tried it from there and still get the same bubble.
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>> Properties has a check mark on archive and not on read
>> only.
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>> Can you help me on this. please be explicit.
>> I'm no computer nerd.
>> Thank you
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I may or may not know what I'm saying, but if I
have nothing to say, that's what I say!