

Welcome to CDWinder 5 !

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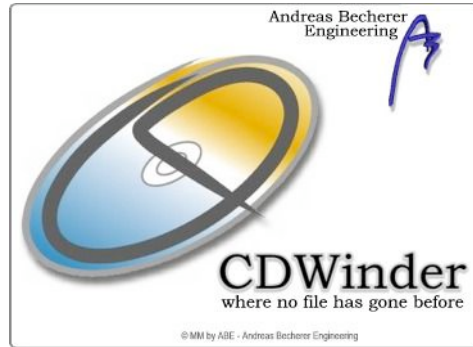
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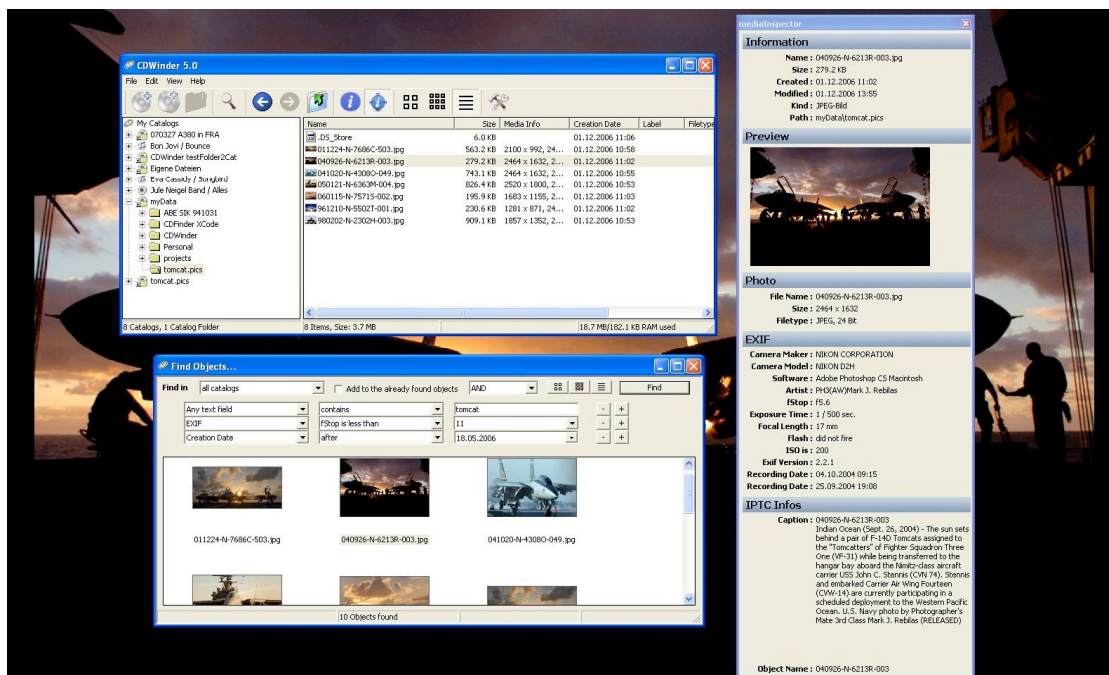
What is CDWinder ?



CDWinder is a media cataloging tool for the Windows platform. CDWinder creates catalog files of almost everything that spins – CD-ROMs, hard disks, floppies, ZIPs, ... – and offers these catalogs offline for browsing and powerful search operations.

CDWinder is essentially the “CDFinder for Windows”, while [CDFinder](#) – for those of you who may not know – is one of the best media cataloging tools for the Apple Macintosh. Together they form a cross-platform media cataloging system and thus one of the few of its kind.

CDWinder is fast, lightweight and easy to handle and install. It includes support for many different types of media, including Audio CD's (by accessing freedb.org on the internet) and MP3-tags, imaging info's and IPTC and EXIF tags. Many more multimedia-infos are on our schedule for the near future – thumbnails or in-depth info about video files.





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Basic Principles and First Steps

Create a Database Folder

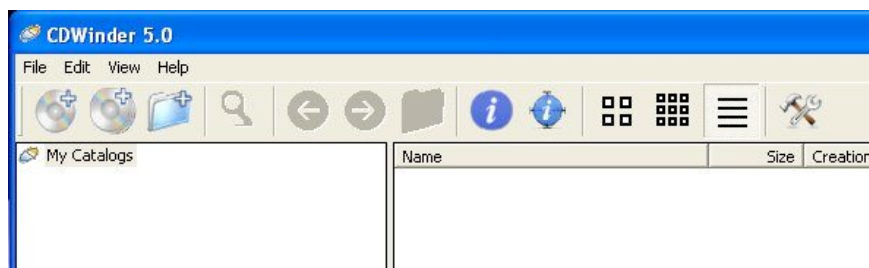
CDWinder stores the information about the contents of a disk in a catalog. A catalog is essentially a file (often with the suffix .cdw), containing the names and properties of the folders, applications and data files contained on a disk. Each disk is represented in its own catalog file.

To be able to collect and store a potentially huge number of catalogs for all the media you can find, CDWinder keeps the catalog files in a Database Folder. When you first start CDWinder, you will be asked where this folder should reside.



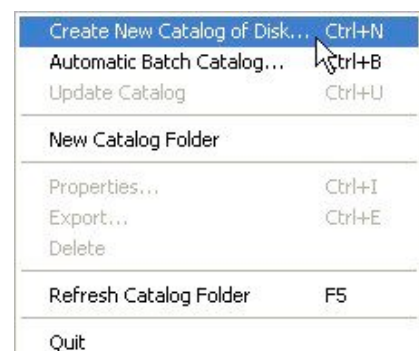
Choose a folder you can easily find and backup (for example ***My Documents\catalog files***).

CDWinder will open with the chosen database folder (presumably an empty one).



Create catalogs of your harddisks, CD-ROMs, DVDs, ZIP-disks, ...
Name it !

Now you can start to create catalogs of every drive you are interested in. Just select **File** and then **Create New Catalog of Disk**. You will be asked to choose a drive, before the cataloguing process begins. After completion the catalog is shown in your database folder.

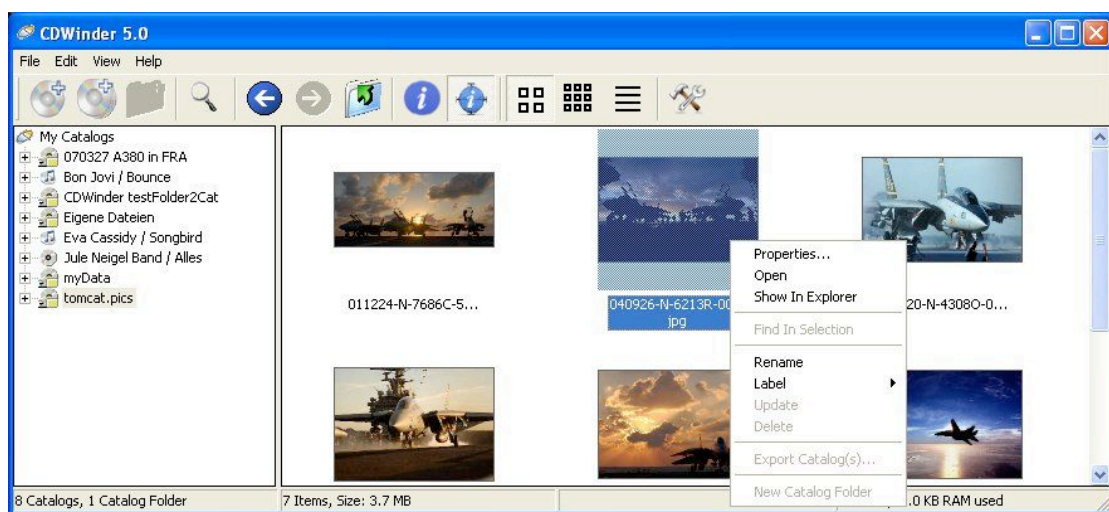




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Browse through your catalogs and their items

Once you have one or more catalogs in your catalog folder, you can browse through their contents, sort and navigate just like you would in the Windows Explorer. Only that these disks don't have to be online. Soon you will have your whole CD collection catalogued to explore and browse through... For each catalog and item you can view its respective properties by selecting **File** and **Properties**, or using the context menu - right click on the catalog and choose **Properties**... That's where you can also rename or comment specific items.



Using the toolbar commands or the main menu, you can change the display style between the thumbnail view (as shown above), an icon overview or the file details. If the catalog you are viewing has stored preview thumbnails, you will see them in the main window.

A history is available to aid your way through the catalogs, folders and hierarchies. You can travel back the way you came, repeat the steps you have taken or step up one level for overview – all by choosing the navigational commands in the toolbar or the main menu.

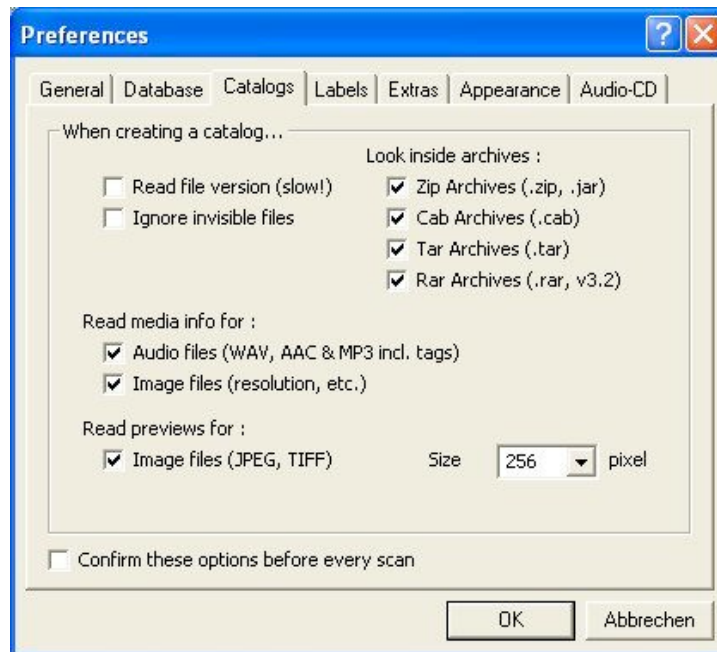


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Cataloging Options

When creating catalogs of your media, you will want to control what kind of data gets stored in them, and just how much information is gathered for every file. You can do that in the **Preferences**, on the **Catalogs** tab.



Here you will find different settings, that will influence the effort CDWinder puts into examining the files it finds – and thereby the time it spends on the disks as well as the size of the catalog file(s).

Gathering the version information takes a very long time for each file, so it can be switched on or off independently. And invisible items can be skipped completely, if you want to.

The different archive types CDWinder can read can be switched on or off independently. If you choose to catalog the contents of specific archives, they will be stored as (ompressed) folders, and the files within placed under them hierarchically. If not, they will just show up as an archive file.



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Media Infos

For different file types, you can add media information. For audio files, this contains information like the duration or the bitrate, as well as any tagged information contained within (MP3- or AAC-tags, like Artist, Album or Lyrics) See also [Cataloging of MP3- and AAC-Tags](#).

For a number of image file formats, CDWinder will make note of their dimensions, dpi and color depth. In JPEG and TIFF files, this includes the cataloging of **EXIF** and **IPTC** data.

Previews

Since version 5, you can store thumbnail previews of a number of image formats in the catalogs. If you choose to do so, you can determine their size in pixels.

Currently, CDWinder reads previews for the following image file types : JPEG, TIFF, PSD, PNG, BMP und GIF.

CDWinder uses QuickTime™ to generate and display the previews. It will look for QuickTime™ in version 6.5 or later. If present, this setting is activated and available. If not, no previews can be stored.

If a catalog has previews, you can see them for each file in the main window, and in the inspector. The catalog information in the Inspector will show if the catalog contains previews. And you can use the find criteria **Photo – Has Previews** to find files that contain a thumbnail.



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The Inspector

Extensive and in-depth information on the objects in CDWinder are available in the **Inspector**. You can activate it via an icon in the toolbar, or use the menu **View** with **Show Inspector**.

The Inspector displays a variety of information in different sections, context-sensitive for the currently selected object and depending on its type. It will recognize the selection in the catalog tree, or the detail views in the main and find windows.

The sections in the Inspector can be hidden and displayed independently, to concentrate on certain information or enhance visibility. You just need to click on the respective section header.

The section **Information** shows general file information, just as you would find them in CDWinder or Windows properties windows. Additional information is dependant on the object type.

For audio files you will find general information like duration or genre, as well as all known MP3- or AAC-tags. Image files will show general information about resolution and color depth, as well as information in EXIF or IPTC tags – if available.

If the respective file has a preview stored in the catalog, it gets displayed here. Or, if the file itself is available (e.g. the cataloged media is inserted or connected to the computer), CDWinder will generate a thumbnail preview directly.

The information in IPTC und EXIF tags are displayed only in the Inspector. You can find files by single IPTC- or EXIF-criteria, and inspect them closer using the Inspector from the Find-Dialog.

mediaInspector

Information

Name : 040926-N-6213R-003.jpg

Size : 279.2 KB


Created : 01.12.2006 11:02

Modified : 01.12.2006 13:55

Kind : JPEG-Bild

Path : myData\tomcat.pics\

Preview



Photo

File Name : 040926-N-6213R-003.jpg

Size : 2464 x 1632

Filetype : JPEG, 24 Bit

EXIF

Camera Maker : NIKON CORPORATION

Camera Model : NIKON D2H

Software : Adobe Photoshop CS Macintosh

Artist : PH3(AW)Mark J. Rebilas

fStop : f5.6

Exposure Time : 1 / 500 sec.

Focal Length : 17 mm

Flash : did not fire

ISO is : 200

Exif Version : 2.2.1

Recording Date : 04.10.2004 09:15

Recording Date : 25.09.2004 19:08

IPTC Infos

Caption : 040926-N-6213R-003
Indian Ocean (Sept. 26, 2004) - The sun sets behind a pair of F-14D Tomcats assigned to the "Tomcatters" of Fighter Squadron Three One (VF-31) while being transferred to the hangar bay aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74). Stennis and embarked Carrier Air Wing Fourteen (CVW-14) are currently participating in a scheduled deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean. U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 3rd Class Mark J. Rebilas (RELEASED)

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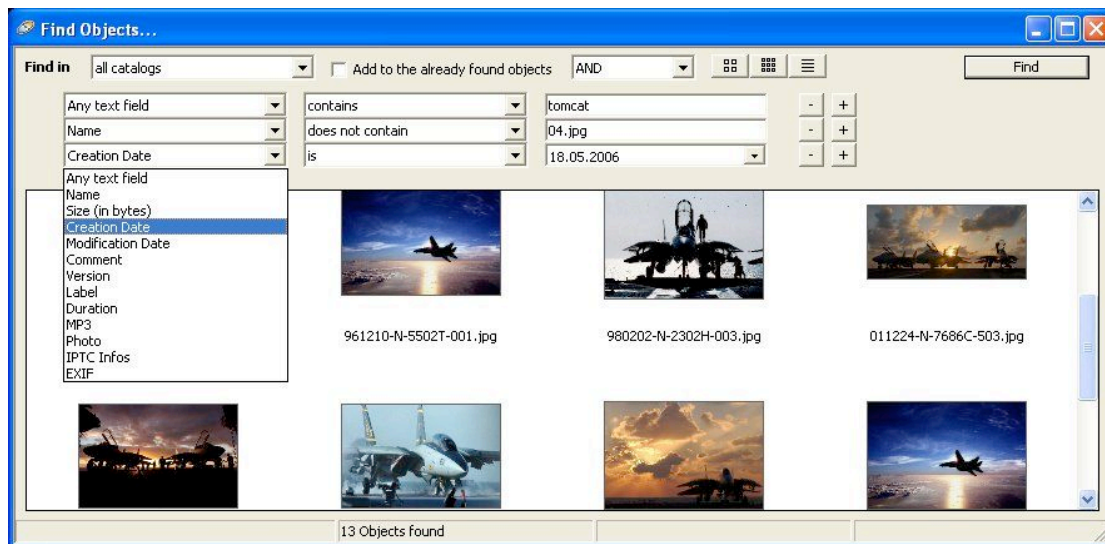


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Find items in your catalogs

But that's just the beginning. You will want to find certain files or folders while not knowing what CD to look at first... That's where you select **Edit** and **Find...** to open the find dialog of CDWinder. Here you can search for items based on different criteria and get an idea what you have stored and where you can find it.

You can search for Name, Size, Creation Date, Comment, Version Information Labels or Audio Information, as presented in the first drop down list. The second drop down list offers different search types for the chosen search criteria – for example Name-contains or Creation Date-before.



When searching for text fields (Names, Comments, ...) CDWinder supports wildcards (* or ?, like Windows does). Generally, The search term should be entered in the way you expect to find it in the data.

The scope of catalogs to search can be defined by selecting "Find in" - **all catalogs**, the **current selection** (meaning a catalog or –folder you selected in the main window), **the found items** or catalogs with certain labels.





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Organize your catalogs

To make it easier to identify and categorize your different catalogs, you can attach a comment or rename them. Just choose **Edit** and then **Rename...**, or use the context menu – right click on the catalog and choose **Rename...**. To comment a catalog use the properties dialog.

You can also organize your catalog files in different folders. Just choose **File** and then **New Catalog Folder**, or use the context menu – right click on My Catalogs (or any other catalog folder) and choose **New Catalog Folder**. You can build catalog folder hierarchies just to your liking, and move catalogs and folders between them using *drag'n drop*. The catalog folder properties-dialogs give you extensive statistical information about their contents.

The properties-dialog for My Catalogs shows you how many catalogs you have overall and reveals the location of your catalog folder.

CDWinder sports 15 different **labels**, to categorize and – well – label your catalogs and –folders. You can use the properties-dialogs to select labels for objects, and use the find-dialog to spot them.

Speed up the launch process

CDWinder offers a way to speed up the launch process when dealing with large database folders containing many catalogs. It's called QuickLaunch Cache and can be switched on in the "General" preferences dialog.

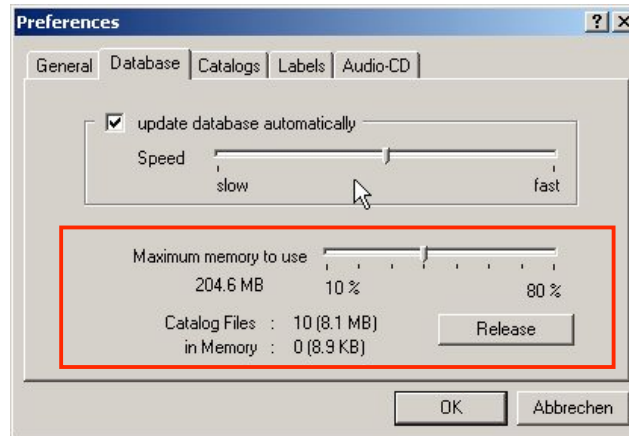
If switched on, CDWinder will store its memory contents in a file called CDWinderQuickLaunchCache.cdwqlc, located in the program folder. As long as you use the same database folder, this cache will be used for much faster fire-up times. When you switch database folders, the cache will have to be filled initially, requiring a normal loading of all catalog files once.



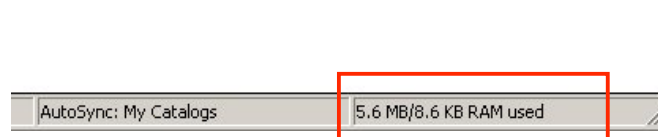
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Managing Memory

You can control how much memory CDWinder uses in your system. When handling large amounts of big catalog files, this can be very useful.



The maximum amount of memory can be configured in the preferences' "Database" dialog, by choosing between 10% to 80% of the physical memory as a threshold. When crossing that threshold, CDWinder will try to unload catalogs that are not used right away to clear up memory and keep it in the chosen boundary.



The amount of memory used at any given time is visible in the status bar. The amount on the left is the total system memory used for CDWinder (if supported by your System), the value on the right is the memory used for catalog data. Used memory occupied by loaded catalogs can also be released manually by using the release button (see dialog above).

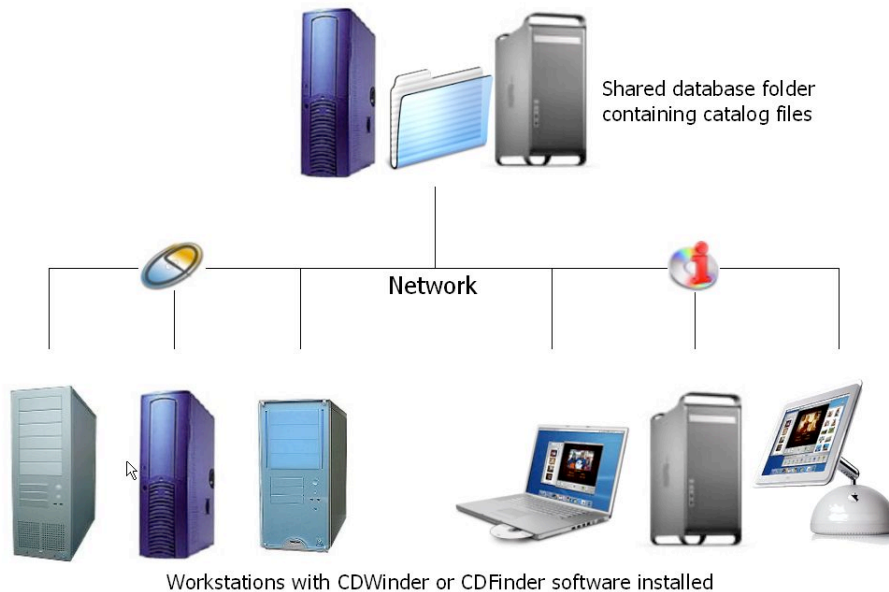


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Use CDWinder (and CDFinder) in a network

NOTE: This feature requires a business license !

Network usage is simply done by sharing the catalogs you work with – using the same database folder together with your team. Relying on file sharing, this can also be done across platforms.



Setting this up is quite simple : Create a folder on a shared drive, put your catalogs in there (if you have), and use this folder as a database folder in your local CDWinder. The drive containing the database folder will have to be mapped with a local drive letter to do so.

NOTE: You will need a business license of CDWinder (and CDFinder, if applicable) to accomplish this.

After setup, all participating users can create and work with the catalogs present, create new ones and/or delete existing ones, too. Depending on the way you want to use this, setting up user rights for different folders or catalogs might be a good idea. CDWinder will recognize write-protected catalogs and handle them accordingly.



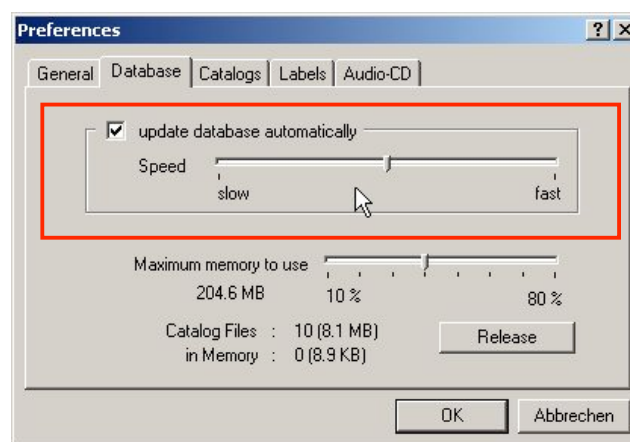
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Keeping in sync

NOTE: This feature requires a business license !

Especially when using CDWinder in a network with several users working on the same database folder, it's useful to keep up with the changes being made – e.g. catalogs being created or deleted – during the day.

CDWinder is able to automatically keep it's data up-to-date, reflecting the latest changes in the database folder by using AutoSync.



You can configure AutoSync in the preferences using the "Database" dialog. Simply turn it on and select the speed you're comfortable with.



You can watch AutoSync working in the status bar – it will allways tell you if it's running or what's being updated right now. You can use a couple-click on that area of the status bar for a shortcut to the corresponding preferences.



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Handling of Audio CD's

Due to a really stupid oversight by the audio industry (only to be repeated with DVDs now by the movie industry!!), Audio-CDs contain no names of tracks or titles, only the audio data itself. To get the appropriate titles, CDWinder uses the Internet database freedb.org.

Unfortunately, with the rise of copy protected audio-CD's recognition has become difficult, if not impossible.

Retreive titles

To read the titles from the freedb.org, CDWinder must have an Internet connection. Without Internet connection, this will not work, and CDWinder will create a catalog that only contains generic titles and the duration of the tracks. In that case, CDWinder will append a special ID to the name of the catalog.

To uniquely identify any Audio-CD, this special ID is calculated from the number of tracks, their duration, and some additional information. But that ID can never be really unique, so it is possible to have different CDs with the same ID. CDWinder will ask you for the correct title if the freedb contains multiple CDs with the same ID, or close matches with similar ID's.

Audio CD recognition (ASPI interface)

In Windows NT 4.0, 2000 and XP, Audio-CD recognition can be improved by utilizing an ASPI-interface. For Windows NT 4.0 and with mixed-mode (ehanced) Audio CDs, this is the only way of accessing freedb data. To use the ASPI-interface, provide an ASPI-driver (wnaspi32.dll) in the CDWinder program directory.

In the freedb-preferences pane, there's a checkbox to display the status of the ASPI-interface. If it is enabled, CDWinder found an ASPI-driver and can use it for recognition. If not, no suitable driver was found.

If you are having problems while cataloging CD's, try the different settings. Look for suitable ASPI-drivers (for example [here](#)) and install them correctly.

Submit titles

It is not yet possible to submit titles to freedb via CDWinder. This will be done in a later version. You can, and you should however, already enter the correct titles to any CD not yet found in freedb. Later versions of CDWinder will then be able to use that information to submit the titles to freedb.



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Cataloging of MP3- and AAC-Tags

CDWinder reads the title, artist, album, year, encoding application name, track number (and total of tracks, if available), genre, and a comment. All these information are optionally included in every MP3 file. If they do not exist in a specific file, CDWinder cannot read them. CDWinder supports all currently known versions of these tags. CDWinder does not read any additional data yet, such as lyrics, or a cover picture.

CDWinder does not allow any modifications of these tags. There are several different tools qualified for this job floating around in the net – but I'm still searching for an ideal complement to CDWinder here – any ideas are welcome.

CDWinder also reads the duration of the MP3 track, the compression kind, the bitrate, the sample rate, and the number of channels in the file. All that info is only added to new catalogs if the setting **"Audio files (WAV, AAC & MP3 incl. tags)"** in the Preferences is activated. It should be active by default.

CDWinder does display all available information of an MP3 file in the Properties window for it. There is a tab named "MP3" containing everything we gathered out of the tags.

CDWinder displays the compression and duration information in the new Media-Info column. CDWinder does not yet display any additional information in that column, but later versions will.

The name of the column is "Media Info", as CDWinder will display a lot of additional information for other file formats there in the future! Stay tuned!

CDWinder does not allow the creation of playlists or any other things you may want for handling your local collection MP3 files. As CDWinder is mainly a catalog application, I don't really want to lose the focus here. Here again, we have a couple of interesting tools specializing in that area available – I'll compile a review and perhaps some recommendations soon.



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Automatic Batch Cataloging

I've decided to include a new feature for working through piles of media waiting to be catalogued – mainly inspired by all those Audio-CD's stacking up on my desk. It's just handy to have CDWinder do all the clicks and handling and just switching the discs.

When selecting **Automatic Batch Catalog** from the **File**-menu, you are presented with a new dialog asking for some decisions.



CDWinder lets you select one of the drives available supporting removable media (CD/DVD-ROM-drives, ZIP-drives, even floppy disk drives if there's a disk inside,...) and make a selection about the target Catalog Folder – that's great because for example your AudioCD's go right in their own folder while cataloging them. When pressing OK, CDWinder starts cataloging in the drive you chose or waits for you to insert media there. You can always stop the cataloging process and return to this dialog.

The normal progress-dialog is used to handle all of this and display the current status, so there shouldn't be much of getting used to.

Automation (Command Line Parameters)

CDWinder offers a number of command line parameters, to control its behavior of initiate certain actions externally. When used in a batch command or script, CDWinder can be automated and integrated in a Workflow.

- By using the parameters **/db** in the command line, the current instance of CDWinder can be forced to use a specific database folder, instead of the one stored in the preferences (for registered users only)
 - o Usage : `cdwinder.exe /db "D:\myData\catalog files"`



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- The parameter **/c** allows to catalog a drive or path
 - o Usage : **cdwinder.exe /c "C:\"**
 - o This can be used to programmatically catalog a specified volume or path, e.g. after burning new disks, as command line in your burning tool of choice.
- Together with **/c** you may use **/cf** to specify the catalog folder to operate in **/** to store the new catalog in
 - o Usage : **cdwinder.exe /cf "test"**
 - o The catalog folder named test is looked up, and used as the destination folder for the cataloging operation
- You can use **/uc** to update a catalog, identified by its name
 - o Usage : **cdwinder.exe /uc "test"**
 - o The catalog named test is looked up, and immediately after startup the update is commenced. The quotes are optional.
- The parameter **/ucf** is most useful if you have a catalog folder with your favourite disks or local harddrives that you want to update regularly.
 - o Usage : **cdwinder.exe /ucf "Local Harddrives"**
 - o The catalog folder is found and identified, and all online volumes in it are scheduled for update, scanned three at a time.
- The parameter **/x** forces this instance to shutdown after processing all tasks ordered by external commands.

System requirements

CDWinder will run on all current Win32 platforms (Windows 2000, XP, 2003 and Vista). There are no special hardware requirements other than those of your respective Windows version.

Internet connectivity (for freedb access) requires Internet Explorer 3.0 or higher.

CD-ID-generation (and therefore use of freedb) on Windows NT 3.x/4.0 requires the use of an ASPI-driver (wnaspi32.dll). You may obtain a driver suitable for CDWinder [here](http://www.poikosoft.com/download.html) (<http://www.poikosoft.com/download.html>).



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How much does it cost and how to contact the author ?

Pricing

CDWinder has the following pricing, depending on payment method :

	direct	Kagi
CDWinder Personal License		
Single User, full features, but no sharing of catalog files on a file server. Only for private, or personal use.	29 €	\$39
CDWinder Business Licenses		
Multi-User, full features, plus sharing of catalog files on a file server, and also automatic updating of the Database Folder. Required for business use.		
CDWinder 2 User Pack	99 €	\$119
CDWinder 5 User Pack	229 €	\$299
CDWinder 10 User Pack	399 €	\$449
CDWinder 20 User Pack	649 €	\$799
CDWinder 50 User Pack	1299 €	\$1699
CDWinder Site License	2899 €	\$2999

A Site License covers all locations for your organization within a 160 kilometer radius of your site (100 miles). One big advantage of a Site License is that you do not need to keep track of how many people at your site are using the software. To use CDWinder in a network, you need a Business License. If you want a CD-ROM, please contact me.

Updates are free and can be obtained at the **CDWinder-Homepage:**

<http://www.cdwinder.de>

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Payment

Payment via PayPal

Payment via PayPal is available directly on our website – just use the BuyNow buttons to initiate the purchase.

Payment via Kagi

You can pay for CDWinder online here : <http://order.kagi.com/?32U>

Kagi is our reseller partner, based in the USA.

If paying with **Credit Card** or **First Virtual**, you can email or fax the data to Kagi. Their email address is **sales@kagi.com** and their fax number is +1 510 652-6589.

Payments sent via email are processed by Kagi within a week. You will receive an email acknowledgement when it is processed. Payments sent via fax take up to 20 days and if you provide a correct Internet email address you will receive an email acknowledgement. If you require a written receipt, please keep in mind that even by airmail it might take a week for a letter to arrive. After you receive the acknowledgement by Kagi, I will send you the key as soon as possible. Please keep in mind that CDWinder is not my full-time job, so it could be 4 or even 5 days until you receive your key from me. Usually it will only take one or two days.

If you are paying with **Cash** or **USD Check** you should print the data using the Register application and send it to the address shown on the form, which is:

Kagi
1442-A Walnut Street PMB #392-1UJ
Berkeley, California 94709-1405
USA

You can pay with a wide variety of cash from different countries but at present if you pay via check, it must be a check drawn in US Dollars. Kagi cannot accept checks in other currencies, the conversion rate for non-USD checks is around USD 15 per check and that is just not practical.

If you have a purchasing department, you can enter all the data into the Register program and then select **Invoice** as your payment method. Print three copies of the form and send it to your accounts payable people. You might want to highlight the line that mentions that they must include a copy of the form with their payment. Kagi can not invoice your company, you need to act on my behalf and generate the invoice and handle all the paperwork on your end.



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Please do not fax or email payment forms that indicate Cash, Check or Invoice as the payment method. As far as we know, there is still no technology to transfer physical objects via fax or email and without the payment, the form cannot be processed.

Payments send via postal mail take time to reach Kagi and then up to 10 days for processing. Again, if you include a correct email address, you will hear from Kagi when the form is processed.

Payment via bank transfer (in Euroland)

Sine July 1st, 2003 wire transfers in Europa have become easier – and cheaper, too. If you live in Euroland, paying with a wire transfer might be an option for you. Please make sure you verify the fees with your bank.

Please make sure that no extra transfer fees are charged to us. Please also send us an email with your name and address so we know where to send the keyword to.

The bank account information is:

BIC: (Bank Identifier Code)	NASS DE 55
IBAN: (International Bank Account Nr.)	DE13 5105 0015 0131 0060 04
(Account holder: Andreas Becherer.	
Bank: Naspa Wiesbaden, Germany)	

Payment directly to the author (Cash only!)

You can pay **Cash** by simply adding the money to your registration form. This works quite well if the envelope is made of thick paper. I do accept cash in different currencies, please contact me! You can either use the Text document enclosed with CDWinder as a registration form or use the PDF-Registration-Form found in the documentation package.

For any other needs please contact me personally : sales@cdwinder.de



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What Is New ?

Changes Since the Last Version

- CDWinder can now catalog thumbnail previews for photo and image files of several types (JPG, TIFF, PSD, PNG, GIF, BMP)
- Enhanced user interface: CDWinder's list windows can be switched between the list and a new icon view mode, to see all those thumbnails in full glory. Navigational controls and history ease your path through your data, and allow better control.
- Full Unicode support: All new catalogs created by CDWinder 5.0 now contain the full Unicode file names, comments, and such
 - Date and number outputs are correctly locale formatted
 - Date inputs for search criteria use a calendar control
- New additional run time parameters: CDWinder is now able to catalog media or update existing catalogs or folders by specifying parameters at startup. That way you can have CDWinder catalog every disk you burn, or update specific catalogs over night.
- A number of bugs was fixed

Version History

- CDWinder 2.6.1 18. December 2006
 - Some nasty bugs were fixed, e.g.
 - Improved the new AutoVerify function
 - AutoVerify interrupted normal operations
 - In some circumstances, the new AutoVerify would cause CDWinder use up far too much memory, or even crash
 - Exporting of different levels of catalog information didn't work correctly and was rebuilt.
- CDWinder 2.6 2. December 2006
 - Revamped and enhanced the Find window
 - We now allow the combination of several search criteria (up to 16) to find objects in the catalogs
 - Existing techniques as "find in found objects", "add to found objects" or wildcards (with names) still exist and can be combined with the new mechanisms
 - Added custom fields and extra information to add to the catalogs
 - Automatic serial numbers for catalogs have been added
 - Up to 5 custom fields can be defined, that carry additional information for each catalog
 - Added Lyrics
 - MP3-tags now include Lyrics tag – lyrics are stored full-text in our catalogs and can be searched using Any Text
 - Enhanced the media Inspector in visuals and behaviour
 - Improved catalog file handling and collaboration with CDFinder
 - Several bugs were fixed, e.g.



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- MP3- und IPTC cataloging was corrected, existing catalogs are automatically verified and corrected
 - Changes in the catalogs are now saved correctly and more frequently
 - Labels are now changed and saved correctly
- CDWinder is tested on Windows Vista, but no longer supports Windows 95/98/ME.
- **CDWinder 2.5 4. October 2005**
 - cataloging of photo meta data : EXIF and IPTC
 - special search functions, to search items with these data tags
 - view and browse through the objects and their meta data with the new media Inspector
 - the Inspector displays detailed information for the currently selected item
 - it will also show a picture preview (only if the file is locally available)
 - enhanced the performance in finding and browsing, if only to handle all the additional data
 - several bugs were fixed
- **CDWinder 2.0.1 17. April 2005**
 - Corrected several bugs, including
 - Preferences dialog would not accept a database folder on a network drive
 - Objects in CDFinder catalogs with danish or french characters were not displayed correctly
- **CDWinder 2.0 26. March 2005**
 - Enhanced the user interface
 - Added details columns (comments, modification date, kind etc.) for the catalogs and objects
 - Enabled the user to choose which columns to display
 - Enabled rearranging of columns
 - Corrected and enhanced column based sorting
 - Made CDWinder remember all those options
 - Enhanced Drag'nDrop support
 - Folders and volumes can be dragged onto CDWinder to have them cataloged, even directly in specific folders.
 - Catalogs and catalog folders can be moved and copied to other catalog folders, several at a time, from the ListView
 - Multiple selected catalogs and catalog folders can serve as a source for search operations, or be exported all together
 - Enhanced archive support
 - Added RAR archive support
 - Added folder support for all archive types
 - Added a command line switch
 - By using the parameters /db in the command line, the current instance of CDWinder can be forced to use a specific database folder, instead of the one stored in the preferences (for registered users only)
 - Usage : cdwinder.exe /db "D:\myData\catalog files"
 - Fixed several bugs...
- **CDWinder 1.9.1 22. December 2003**
- **CDWinder 1.9 2. November 2003**
- **CDWinder 1.8 22. June 2003**
- **CDWinder 1.7.1 3. February 2003**



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- CDWinder 1.7 15. December 2002
 - CDWinder 1.6 31. March 2002
 - CDWinder 1.5.1 19. December 2001
 - CDWinder 1.5 25. November 2001
 - The Audio Edition
 - CDWinder 1.2 29. July 2001
 - CDWinder 1.1.1 29. April 2001
 - CDWinder 1.1 24. March 2001
 - CDWinder 1.0.1 14. January 2001
 - CDWinder 1.0 18. December 2000
- very first release of CDWinder.

Limitations

The unregistered version of CDWinder will annoy you at every launch with a little dialog reminding you of the benefits of paying the registration fee. The number of catalogs is also reduced to 25, which is surely enough to evaluate the application and its functions.



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Famous last words

Hopefully you have as much fun and benefit using CDWinder as I have developing it. If you find anything I haven't addressed here, please don't hesitate to contact me. I'm always open for ideas, suggestions, problems and laudation ☺.

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