



# MacBurn

DVD Burning Software for OS X

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## **macXware™ MacBurn™ User Guide**

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## **Welcome to MacBurn**

The easiest way to burn data DVD's, multi-session data CD's, audio CD's, erase CD-RW's & create disc images.

MacBurn brings the power of CD & DVD burning to you in one easy-to-use application. Burn backups of your data or make a mix of your favorite tunes with a few simple clicks.

You can even burn discs that can be read on Mac's, PC's or both!

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## **Installing MacBurn**

Insert the MacBurn CD-ROM in your CD-ROM drive. Once the CD-ROM icon appears on the Desktop, double click on it to launch the Welcome Screen. You can double click on the icon that says Install MacBurn to launch the installer. Follow the on-screen installation instructions. This will install MacBurn to Applications directory on your Hard Disk and place a MacBurn alias on your desktop.

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## **1. Getting Started**

Welcome MacBurn user!

Getting up and running with MacBurn is incredibly easy.

To install MacBurn simply copy the MacBurn application to any location you wish (we recommend placing it in your Applications folder, but any location will do just fine).

Please take a few moments to read over the System Requirements and brief instructions located within this manual.

## **2. System Requirements**

- Mac OS X 10.2.6 or higher (Mac OS X 10.3 recommended).
- Optical media recording device, such as a CD burner for CD burning capability or a DVD burner for DVD burning capability, compatible with Mac OS X. (If your CD/DVD burner works with iTunes or the Finder it will work with MacBurn).
- Disc Image (ISO & DMG) creation functionality only available under Mac OS X 10.3 or later.
- 700 MB of free HD space to burn roughly 80 minutes of Audio to CD.

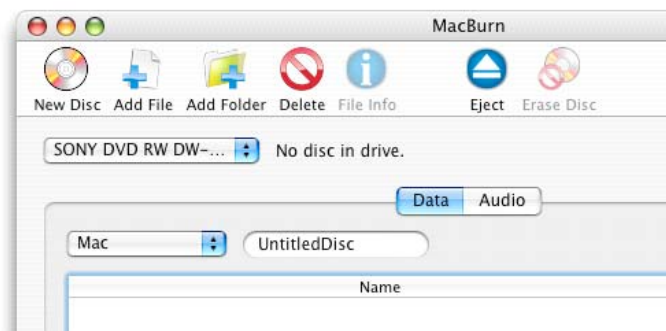
## **3. Recording Data to a CD or DVD**

Step 1 - Insert a blank disc.

Step 2 - Select the “**Data**” tab in MacBurn.

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Step 3 - Add the files you want to include on your new CD or DVD. You can do this by dragging files to the file list in MacBurn or by clicking the “**Add File**” and “**Add Folder**” buttons. You can see how much space your files will take up on the disc in the bar at the bottom of the MacBurn window.

Step 4 - Name your disc by typing a new name into the round text box in the upper right hand corner of the MacBurn Window.

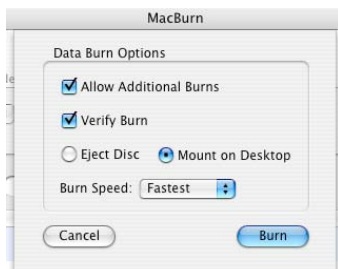
Step 5 - Select whether this disc will be read on a Mac, a PC or both using the drop down box next to the disc name box.

Step 6 - Click the “**Burn**” toolbar



button.

Step 7 - Select your burn options and click “**Burn**”.



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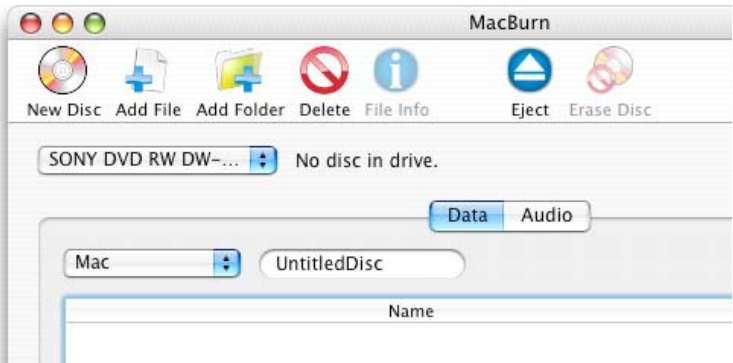
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## 4. How to Record an Audio CD

Audio CD's may be burned with MacBurn using a wide variety of QuickTime compatible file types (MP3's, MOV's, etc) as the source for audio tracks.

Step 1 - Insert a blank disc.

Step 2 - Select the “**Audio**” tab in MacBurn.



Step 3 - Add the audio files you want to include on your new Audio CD. You may do this by dragging files to the file list in MacBurn or by clicking the “**Add File**” and “**Add Folder**” buttons. You can see how much total time your audio files will take up on the disc in the bar at the bottom of the MacBurn window.

Step 4 - Click “**Burn**”.



Step 5 - Select your burn options and click “**Burn**”.

**Note:** While it is possible to burn multiple audio sessions to the same CD, it is not recommended as some very strange results can occur. However it is possible to allow additional data burns after burning a single audio session.

## 5. Burning Multiple Sessions

MacBurn allows you to burn multiple sessions to a single CD (Only Mac formatted Data CD's are supported). This allows you to add, update or remove additional files and directories on your data CD at a later point in time, not just during a single recording session.

The first time you burn a given CD (and every time you burn a session to it thereafter) make sure you check the **“Allow Additional Burns”** checkbox on the **“Burn Options”** sheet that appears when you burn a disc. Checking this option will leave the CD **“open”** for additional writes.

If you ever leave **“Allow Additional Burns”** unchecked you will not be able to burn another session to this CD!



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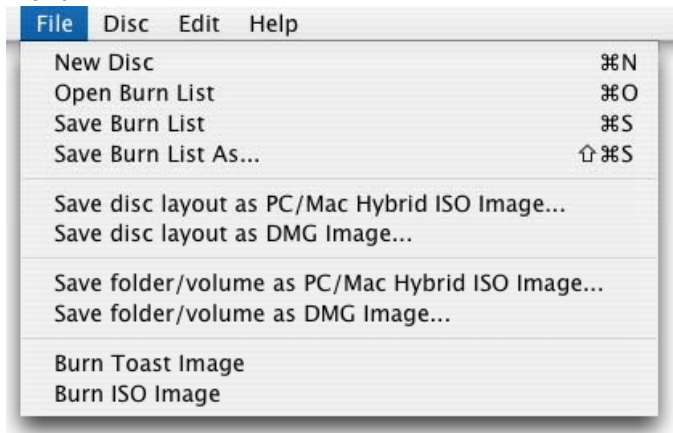
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## 6. Creating and Burning Disc Images

**6.1 Making a new ISO or DMG disc image is similar to burning a new disc.**

Step 1 - Simply add the files you want to include in the disc image to MacBurn.

Step 2 - Then select either "Save disc layout as DMG Image..." or "Save disc layout as PC/Mac Hybrid ISO Image..." from the file menu.



Step 3 - You will then be prompted for the file name and location you would like to save the new disc image.

**Note:** Creating a new disc image can take some time when you are dealing with larger files (or larger numbers of files). Also be sure that you have enough free space on volume which contains your MacBurn Temp folder (you will need twice as much free

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space on the drive as MacBurn says is used for the particular disc layout if you plan on saving the disc image to the same volume as your Temp folder).

### **6.2 Making an ISO or DMG image of an already existing drive or folder.**

Step 1 - Select "**Save folder/volume as PC/Mac Hybrid ISO Image...**" from the file menu.

Step 2 - Select the folder or volume you wish to make an ISO disc image of.

Step 3 - Give the new ISO image the name of your choice (it is not necessary to add ".iso" to the end of the file, this will happen automatically).

**Note:** Make sure that the volume you save your new ISO image to has enough free space! If you are making an ISO backup of a folder that is 500 MB, be sure that the location you save it to has more than 500MB free.

### **6.3 Burning a disc image**

If you have an existing Toast or ISO Disc image then you can burn that to any disc that is large enough to hold it.

Simply insert a blank CD, select "Burn Toast Image" (or "**Burn ISO Image**") from the File menu and select the Disc Image you wish to burn.

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### 7. Erasing a CD-RW

First of all, make sure there is nothing you want on the disc you are about to erase!

If you are completely sure, then insert the disc and click the **“Erase Disc”** button:



**Note:** Erasing a disc may take quite a few minutes to complete.

### 8. Working with Burn Lists

A Burn List is simply a small file that contains all the information about a disc you wish to burn. This file can be saved and loaded to make repeatedly burning files much quicker and easier.

Saving a Burn List is just like preparing to burn a new disc. Except instead of clicking Burn, chose **“Save Burn List”** from the File menu.

To load an existing Burn List simply choose **“Open Burn List”** from the File menu.

**Note:** When a Burn List is loaded, but a file (or folder) that you had previously saved in that particular Burn List has been moved or renamed it will not show up in the MacBurn window.

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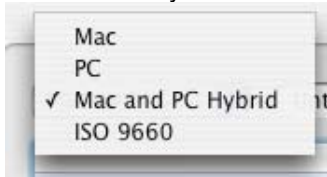
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### 9. Platform Specific Files

If you are creating a CD that will be used on multiple platforms (both Mac and PC) you can use MacBurn to hide some of the files when on a given platform. Mac specific files can be made visible when on a Mac, but not on a PC.

Step 1 – Add all the files you wish to burn to a Data disc.

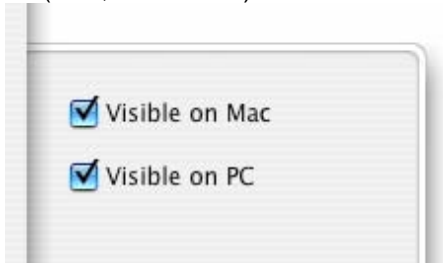
Step 2 – Select “**Mac and PC Hybrid**” from the drop down box located directly next to where you enter the disc name.



Step 3 – Click on the **File Info** button.



Step 4 – A drawer will now appear. Select any given file in the MacBurn window and choose which systems this file will be visible on (Mac, PC or both).



## 10. Troubleshooting

**Q: Every time I insert a blank CD or DVD into my drive a message pops up asking me what to do with the disc. What do I do?**

A: You have two options:

- 1) Simply choose ignore every time you insert a blank disc and this window pops up.
- 2) Open your System Preferences application and select “CDs and DVDs” from the Hardware section. From here you can customize what your Mac will do when a blank CD or DVD is inserted (simply ignore the disc, launch MacBurn, etc).

**Q: Is my CD/DVD burner compatible with MacBurn?**

A: If your burner is natively supported by Mac OS X then it is compatible with MacBurn. An easy way to check this is to try to burn a CD with either the Finder or iTunes. If you can't burn a CD with either of those applications then it is not supported by MacBurn.

**Q: MacBurn fails to start up. When I launch the application it just quits.**

A: If you have an external CD/DVD burner make sure it is plugged in correctly and turned on. There are some circumstances where, if the burner is not turned on, MacBurn will fail to start.

**Q: Can I burn a video DVD that I can watch on my set top DVD player?**

A: No. Set top DVD players connected to your television use a format called “UDF” which is not currently supported by MacBurn.



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