



DiscBlaze

User Manual

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Getting Started

Welcome DiscBlaze user!

Getting up and running with DiscBlaze is incredibly easy.

To install DiscBlaze simply copy the DiscBlaze application from the disc image you downloaded 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.

System Requirements

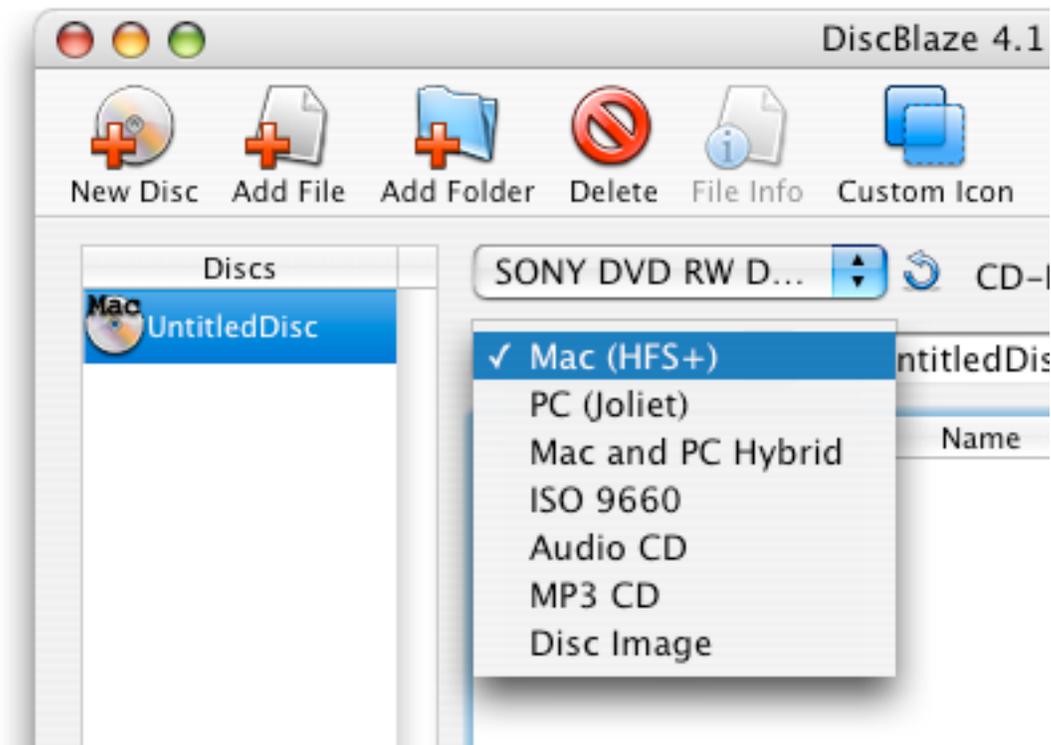
- MacOS X 10.2.6 or higher (MacOS X 10.3 recommended).
- A CD burner (for CD burning capability) or DVD burner (for DVD burning capability) compatible with MacOS X. (If your CD/DVD burner works with iTunes or the Finder it will work with DiscBlaze.)
- Disc Image (ISO & DMG) creation functionality only available under MacOS X 10.3 or later.
- 700 MB of free HD space to burn roughly 80 minutes of Audio to CD.

How To Burn a Data CD or DVD

Step 1 – Click the “New Disc” toolbar button to create a new Disc entry in the list.

Step 2 - 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 3 - Insert a blank disc.



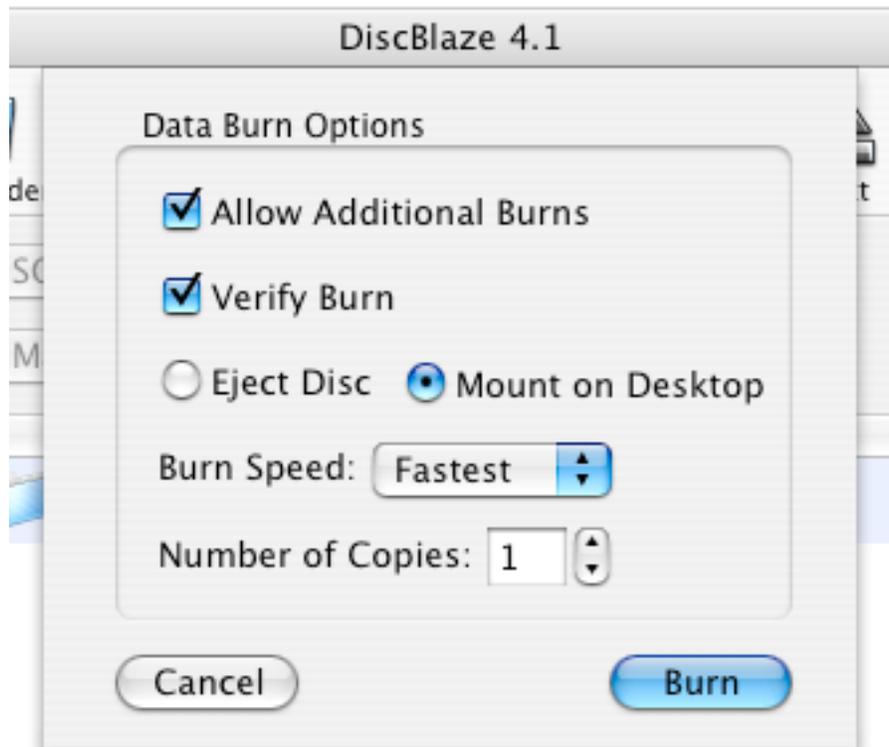
Step 4 - Add a few files to include on your new CD or DVD. You may do this by dragging files to the file list in DiscBlaze or by clicking the “Add File” and “Add Folder” buttons. You can see how much space your files will take up on the disc in the bar at the bottom of the DiscBlaze window.

Step 5 - Name your disc by typing a new name into the round text box.

Step 6 - Click the “Burn” toolbar button.



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



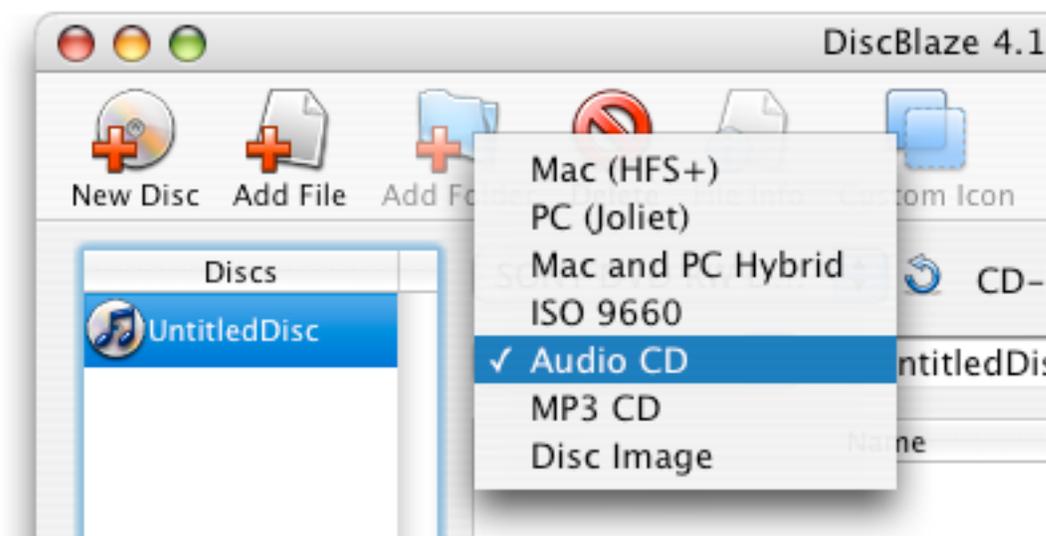
How To Burn an Audio CD

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

Step 1 – Click the “New Disc” toolbar button to create a new Disc entry in the list.

Step 2 - Insert a blank CD.

Step 3 - Select the “Audio CD” disc type from the format drop down box.



Step 4 - Add a few audio files to include on your new Audio CD. You may do this by dragging files to the file list in DiscBlaze 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 DiscBlaze window.

Step 5 - Click “Burn”. 

Step 6 - 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.

Burning Multiple Sessions

DiscBlaze allows you to burn multiple sessions to a single CD (Only Mac formatted Data CD's are supported).

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.

If you ever leave "Allow Additional Burns" unchecked you will not be able to burn another session to this CD.

Creating and Burning Disc Images

Making a new disc image is similar to burning a new disc.

Step 1 : Follow the instruction for burning a Data CD/DVD. But stop before you click on the Burn Data toolbar button. (And there is no need to insert a blank disc.)

Step 2 : Then select "Save disc layout as Disc Image..." from the file

menu.

Step 3 : You will then be prompted for the disc image type (ISO, DMG or CDR), file name and location where you would like to save the new disc image.

Note: Creating a new disc image can take quite 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 DiscBlaze Temp folder (you will need twice as much free space on the drive as DiscBlaze says is used for the particular disc layout if you plan on saving the disc image to the same volume as your Temp folder).

Making a disc image of an already existing drive or folder.

Step 1 : Select “Save folder/volume as Disc Image...” from the file menu.

Step 2 : Select the folder or volume you wish to make a disc image of.

Step 3 : Give the new disc image the name of your choice and select the disc image type (ISO, DMG or CDR).

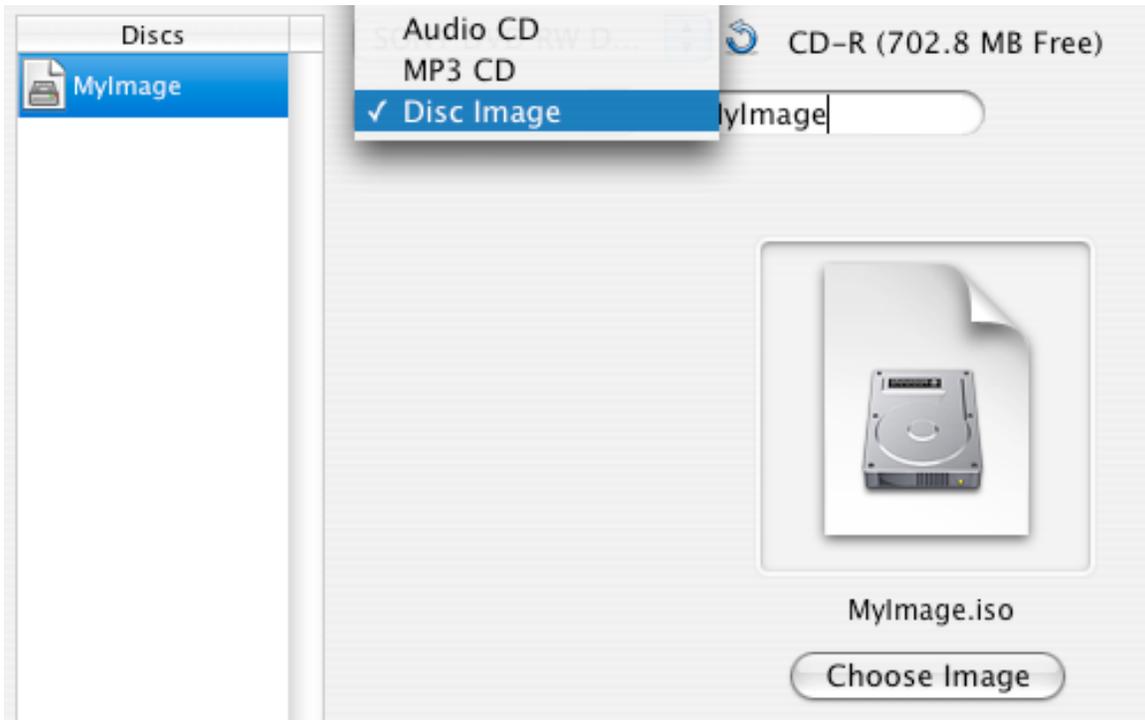
NOTE : Make sure that the volume you save your new disc image to has enough free space! If you are making an disc image backup of a folder that is 500 MB, be sure that the location you save it to has more than 500MB free.

Burning a disc image

If you have an existing Toast, CDR, Nero (.nrg) or ISO Disc image you can burn that to any disc that is large enough to hold it.

Simply insert a blank CD, select “Burn Disc Image” from the File menu and select the Disc Image you wish to burn.

In addition, starting with version 4.1 you can select a “Disc Image” type to make burning commonly burned images easier.



Erasing a CDRW

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

If you are %100 sure, then insert the disc and click the “Erase Disc” button.



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

Working with the Discs List.

On the left hand side of the DiscBlaze window you will find a list of “discs”. Think of each item in this list as similar to an audio playlist in iTunes (or other music application), except instead of containing audio files to listen to, it contains information about the files you wish to burn.

You may have as many discs in your Discs list at a time as you like. Once you create a new disc it will remain there until you delete it.

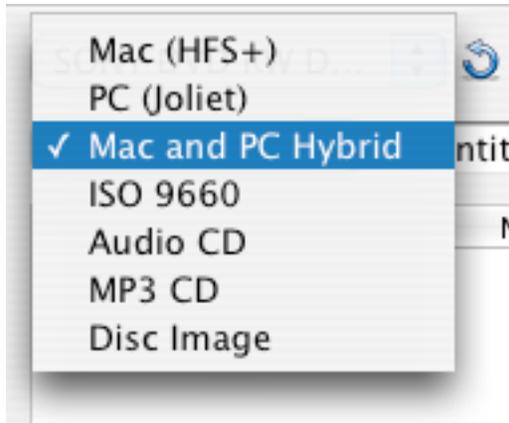
The Discs List system makes it much easier to keep track of and burn commonly burned discs (such as backups).

Platform Specific Files

If you are creating a CD that will be used on multiple platforms (both Mac and PC) you can use DiscBlaze 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.

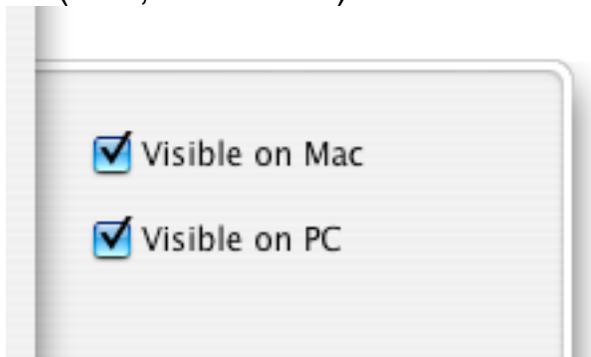
Step 1 – Add all the files you wish to burn to a Data disc.

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 DiscBlaze window and choose which systems this file will be visible on (Mac, PC or both).



Creating an MP3 CD

Creating an MP3 CD is a simple process.

Follow the same instructions for creating a Data CD or DVD only make sure to select “MP3 CD” from the drop down box and only add MP3 audio files.

An MP3 CD is, essentially, just an ISO 9660 CD.

Setting Custom Disc Icons

Custom disc icons can be set for Mac (HFS+) discs (and the MacOS portion of Mac/PC hybrid discs).

To do so simply click the “Custom Icon” toolbar button to show the custom icon sheet and check the “Use custom icon” check box.



You then have two options:

- 1) Select from any of the pre-made custom icons from the list by double clicking on the one you wish to use.
- 2) Use any icon of your choosing by dragging the file with the icon you wish onto the large image well on this sheet.

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 DiscBlaze, etc).

Q: Is my CD/DVD burner compatible with DiscBlaze?

A: If your burner is natively supported by MacOS X then it is compatible with DiscBlaze. 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 DiscBlaze does not support it.

Q: DiscBlaze 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, DiscBlaze will fail to start. If this is not the case try deleting your “DiscBlaze Temp Folder” (usually located in your home users folder).

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 DiscBlaze.