

Re: Problems creating RW discs in K3B

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akonstam@trinity.edu wrote:

> *On Tue, Oct 19, 2004 at 04:46:55PM +0000, Andrew Konosky wrote:*

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>> *Michael Schwendt wrote:*

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>>> *On Mon, 18 Oct 2004 22:16:31 +0000, Andrew Konosky wrote:*

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>>>> *I recently upgraded from a 24/10/40 Plextor CD-RW to an Optorite 12x
>>>> DVD+/-RW, and I have also upgraded to newer versions of K3B as well.*

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>>> *Which version of k3b is it? And where did you get it?*

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>>>> *I ask that because there has been a Fedora Core 2 update for k3b which
>>>> fixes a multi-session related bug.*

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>> *[root@andrew root]# rpm -qa|grep k3b*

>> *k3b-mp3-0.11.17-0.0.2.kde*

>> *k3b-0.11.17-0.0.2.kde*

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>> *I use Yum and Synaptic, and both say I have the latest version.*

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Fedora: Re: Problems creating RW discs in K3B

>As usual I am confused by this discussion. As far as I can see
>cdrecord, k3b and xcdroast can effectively use only CD-R disks.
>They can not format CD-RW disks as Windows software can do allowing
>you to use the CD just like you would use a hard drive in reading and
>writing to it. So why would anyone use the more expensive CD-RW disks
>on Linux systems?
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>Does anyone have a different take on this matter?
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Yes, I have a different take.

1) cdrecord can handle CD-RW disks. Though not well documented or used. It allows you to use a CD-RW disk like you would any other CD-R with the option to erase the CD.

2) There is no tool that allows you to use the CD-RW like a floppy (on the fly witting device).

Here are my comments about CD-RW media:

- a) They tend to be ~500MB in size as opposed to the 650MB for a CD-R.
- b) They don't last forever. They are useful for so many write / erase cycles before they die.
- c) CD-R's seem to be cheaper even today. You can get 50-100 CD-R's for the price of 10-25 CD-RW's.
- d) Save your money and time, just buy the CD-R's and throw away if not needed. They destroy (self destruct) very easily if you break the plastic.

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