

Re: cdrecord newbie mystified at step zero

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On Aug 13, 2:31 am, Matt Giwer <jul...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

You don't mount blank media. cdrecord sends data to the drive telling it to burn a file system on it.

Ah! Based on this remark, also as made by Scott Hemphill in his followup, I realized that, okay, you just start writing to a blank CD. Same goes for getting the track numbers from a partially filled CD -- you just execute cdrecord with -msinfo. (But first, I had to get my device designation, ATA:1,1,0, correct.)

What had confused me was the structure of the tutorial I cited, which states, ahead of where it gets down to the business of recording, that "Data CD's must be mounted before one may access them." In the context, such a "Note" apparently is gratuitous and irrelevant.

So, just now, I was able to write a test directory to a blank CD after making it into a .iso. As you say, though, it "disappears" the directory and writes the contents file by file. It would be nice to retain directories -- the way I can with Nero under Windows XP -- but maybe that's asking too much of a Linux command-line utility. For the time being, though, it will work as a backup for digital images, which is my immediate need.

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