

## **CD Browser**

CD Browser lets you quickly browse pictures, videos, and sounds in any directory. CD Browser also supports Aristosoft's Virtual CD technology, which lets you install and remove files from your CD with the push of a button. Best of all, CD Browser works with most Windows applications.

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## Using CD Browser

CD Browser can be used simply to browse multimedia collections, or it can be used in conjunction with other Windows applications. CD Browser supports Virtual CD files, which are files on your hard disk which refer to files on the CD. Virtual CD files let you browse files even if the CD is not present, and simplify installing and removing files.

### To browse multimedia files:

There are three ways to use CD Browser:

- o Double-click on the CD Browser icon to open the CD Browser dialog, then press the Browse... button.
- o Use the hot key to open the browser. If you want CD Browser to insert the selected file's path name into the dialog box you are currently using, be sure the text insertion caret (flashing bar) is in the place you would normally type the file name. See [Configuring CD Browser](#) for how to choose a hot key.
- o Press the small CD button which will appear in most file open dialogs when CD Browser is loaded. After you select a file with CD Browser, the file's path name will be placed in the File name box.

### To change directories:

- o Choose a new directory and press OK. Or, double-click on the directory.

### To change drives:

- o Choose a new drive and press OK. Or, double-click on the drive.

### To play a multimedia element:

- o Press the Play button, or double-click on the element.

### To stop playing a multimedia element:

- o Press the Stop button.

### To copy a Virtual CD file to your hard disk:

- o Press the "Copy from CD-ROM" button. This button will be available only if the selected file is a Virtual CD file which is not on the hard disk.

### To remove a Virtual CD file from your hard disk:

- o Press the "Remove hard disk copy" button. This button will be available only if the selected file is a Virtual CD file which is currently on the hard disk.

### To speed up the display of videos and pictures:

- o Press "Save thumbnails" button. This will save a copy of the small pictures --thumbnails--shown in the CD Browser on your hard disk, thus speeding up their display.

### To change the picture displayed for a file:

- o Select the file for which you want to change the picture. The file need not be a video or picture.
- o Press the "Change thumbnail" button. You can select any Windows bitmap for use with the file. It will be stretched to fit the standard size.

### To choose a file and close CD Browser:

- o Select the file.
- o Press OK. If you used the hot key or a CD button to open CD Browser, the path name of this file will be inserted into the dialog box. If you have selected a Virtual CD file, you will be asked if you want to copy it to the hard disk. Most non-Aristosoft programs cannot directly access Virtual CD files, so you may want to either copy the file to the hard disk or make sure the CD-ROM is

present in the drive.

**To close CD Browser:**

- o Press Cancel.

## **Configuring CD Browser**

You can choose the Hot key for CD Browser and specify whether or not to load it automatically on startup. To change any of the following settings, you must open the CD Browser dialog by double-clicking on the CD Browser icon.

### **To change the hot key:**

- o Activate the Hot key control, by clicking on it with the mouse or using the Tab key to activate it.
- o Type in a new key combination. You can use most keyboard keys or mouse buttons, with Control, Shift, or Alt. Press OK to save changes.

### **To load CD Browser automatically when you run Windows:**

- o Press the Autload button. This will insert CD Browser's icon in your Startup group.

### **To stop CD Browser from loading automatically when you run Windows:**

- o Press the Dont' load button. This will remove CD Browser's icon from your Startup group.

