

Welcome to the CD Engine program.

Engine control

The CD engine can be controlled using mouse: left-click either activates the item containing cursor or triggers the action that is assigned to the item. Right-click rolls up a local menu which can additional other commands belonging to the item. We believe that the engine is very intuitive.

Movement among sections

Sections can be activated using links in the engine window: most of the links will be presented in the form of a button. Links in text can also exist.

The Section menu contains list of all the sections. When a command from the Section menu is activated, the command changes the active section.

Switching languages

When the engine starts, it automatically chooses language to use for its contents. The choice depends on the operating system settings and can sometimes differ from the user's preferences. Language can be changed any time using Language submenu in the Options menu: however probably only Czech and Slovak will be supported. Default language which is used for dialog boxes and menus is the one of the operating system (if available). It can be changed independently of the content language using the Default language... command of the Options menu, Language submenu.

Picture slideshow

Some of the sections can contain slideshow, i.e. picture set that can be viewed. Left-click in the center of the image switches between thumbnail and fullscreen view, left-click on the left side of the picture shows previous picture in the sequence, left-click on the right side show next picture. The action to be taken after left-click is indicated by the mouse pointer shape. If you move the mouse pointer to the top of the screen, a toolbar containing picture list will be shown. The toolbar is hidden after mouse leave it.

By default the view automatically shows all pictures in intervals. This feature can be turned on or off in the local menu, other options can be changed in the Options menu of the main window.

Program installation and deinstallation

Most of the programs can be run from the engine: if it is the case you will see the corresponding buttons. Some programs do not support automatic uninstallation, so the uninstall button will be disabled or hidden. You can install the program even in the case it is already installed: this allows reinstallation should there be a problem with the program.

Walkthru and cheat database

The Database menu contains commands which activate a dialog box with walkthrus and cheats. While cheats can be viewed only in the dialog box, walkthrus are presented as separate files which can be viewed by pressing the corresponding button.

Options

Different options can be changed from the Options menu. Music, sound effects, and animation can be turned on or off, several other items are also available.

Additional components

Additional components (mostly helper programs) are presented in the Components menu.

What to do in case of problems

Should you encounter a problem or should you have any other comment you can contact us. You can find the e-mail address which should be used in the About dialog box in Help menu.

Reporting errors

If you send us an error report, please write as complete report as possible: in most cases, in order to correct an error we need to reproduce in on our system. Definitely include the operating system version (name, version, language, installed service packs), hardware configuration (processor, memory size, hard drive free space, sound and graphic card, and other hardware), and a list of installed programs which could be the cause of the error (especially debuggers and system monitors, but a complete list can do no harm).

We also need a complete list of steps to be taken to reproduce the problem and complete text of all the error messages that are shown up. You can find parts of this information on the System information dialog box, which is accessible from the Help menu.

Please try to run the engine several times (after restarting the operating system) to be sure whether the error occurs always or only sometimes. Should you have any idea what would be the cause of the error you can write it to us: it could help us a lot. If you are able to take a screenshot (fox example using the PrintScreen key) showing the error state, it would be great.

All members of the team that created this CD, including author of the program, wish you a pleasant work with our CD and this program.