



The CD-ROM Auto-Run Feature

When an auto-run CD is inserted into a CD-ROM drive, Windows automatically launches a specified file stored on the disk. Or, in the case of an audio CD, the default audio player will open and start playing.

Some people find auto-run annoying. The following sections describe how to disable the feature in various Windows versions. To re-enable the auto-run feature, simply reverse the instructions.

Temporary disable – works with any Windows Version

- Hold down the **Shift** key when inserting the CD

Windows 95/98/Me

- Right-click on the **My Computer** icon. (If the My Computer icon is no longer on the Desktop, open Windows Explorer and open My Computer from there).
- Choose the Device Manager tab.
- Open the **CD-ROM** branch, and select the entry for your CD-ROM drive.
- Select **Properties** → **Settings** tab.
- Disable the **Auto insert notification** option.
- Click OK twice.
- Restart Windows.
- Now Windows will no longer be aware that you have inserted a CD, so to display the title of a newly inserted CD you need to refresh the window by pressing F5 in My Computer or Windows Explorer

Windows 2000 (also works for XP) – Experienced users ONLY

- Run the Registry Editor.
- Navigate to the key:
HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\Cdrom.
- Double-click the **Autorun** entry and type 0 for its value.
If there is no Autorun entry in that key you may create one as follows:
Select Edit → New → DWORD Value and enter the word Autorun for the name.
- You may have to log out for this change to take effect.
- Now Windows will no longer be aware that you have inserted a CD, so to display the title of a newly inserted CD you need to refresh the window by pressing F5 in My Computer or Windows Explorer

Windows XP

- Open My Computer (If the My Computer icon is no longer on the Desktop, open Windows Explorer and open My Computer from there).
- Right-click on the drive icon for your CD or DVD drive and select **Properties** from the pop-up list.
- Select the **AutoPlay** tab.
- For each item in the drop-down list choose the desired action from the Actions box. The **Take no action** option will disable auto-run for each CD type.