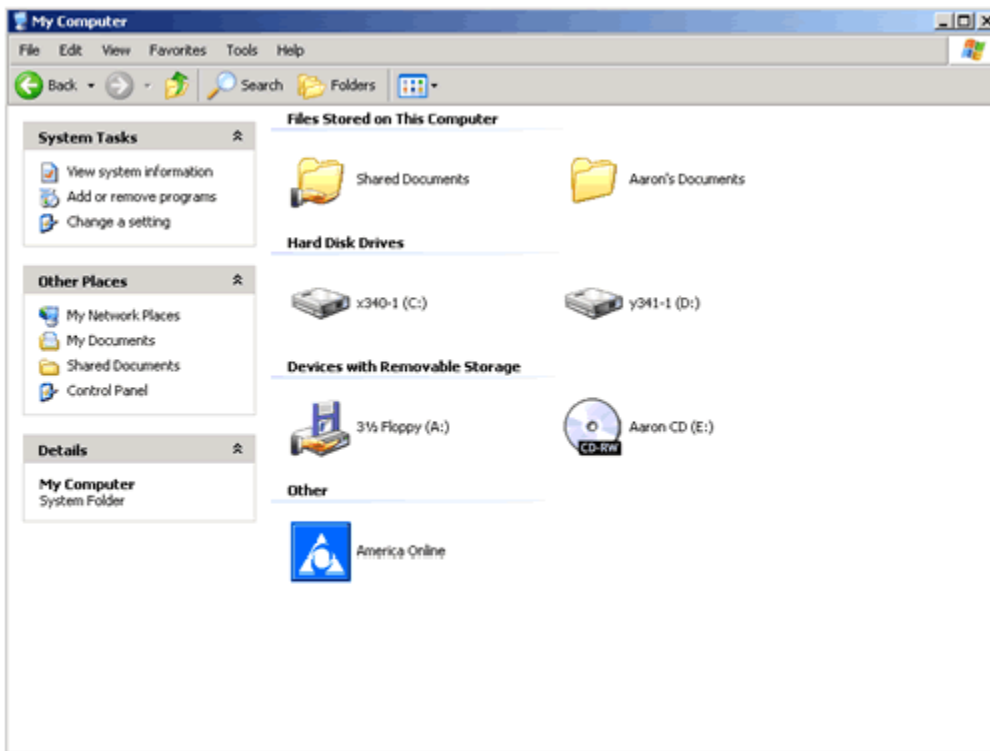


## burning: step by step in windows xp part 1

To create a CD using Windows XP insert a blank CD-R or CD-RW into the CD burner. If you receive a dialog box asking you what to do with the CD, select Open Writable CD folder in Windows Explorer. That should bring up a blank screen ready for copying files. If you don't get this dialog, open "My Computer" and open the CD-R or CD-RW from there.



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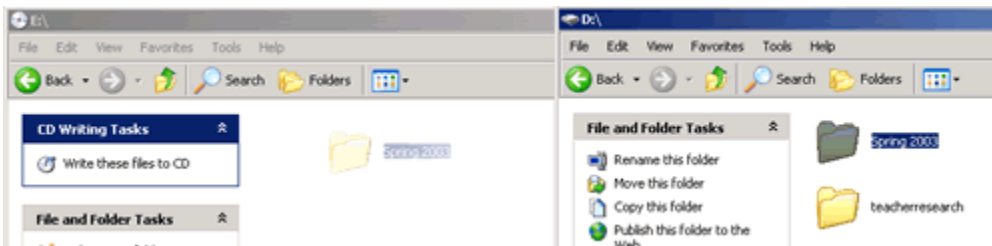


## burning: step by step in windows xp - part 2

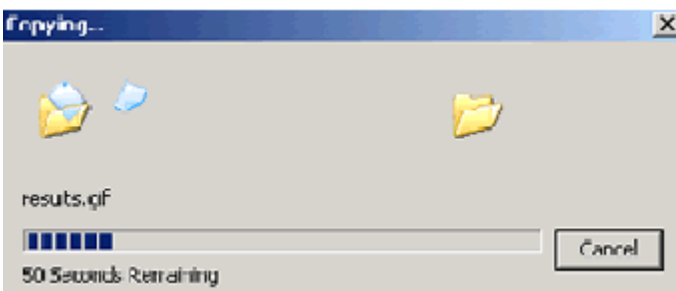
After opening the disk (E or whatever drive letter is assigned to the burner) from My Computer or the dialog box, again go to the desktop or start menu and open My Computer in another window. Navigate to the desired file on one of your other floppy, zip, CD or hard disk drives (in this case, the files are being copied from hard disk drive D). Using the navigation toolbar at the bottom of the screen you can open both the blank CD drive window (in this case E:) and drag the desired files from the source drive (in this case D) to the destination blank CD. The toolbar windows will look like this:



With both E drive (destination) drive and source (whatever drive(s) contain your source files) drive windows on top, arrange them so you can see both the contents of the (in this case D) source drive and the E (destination) drive. In this case, I will again drag the Spring 2003 folder from D to E drive. The image below shows the Spring folder lightly shaded in the E: (destination) window because I have used one left mouse click on the source drive (D in this case) and have dragged the file to the E (destination) drive. (see example below)



With the D drive visible (above right window), click once on the Spring 2003 folder and drag it to the E drive window (above left window). When you let go of the icon, the files should begin copying. (see example below)

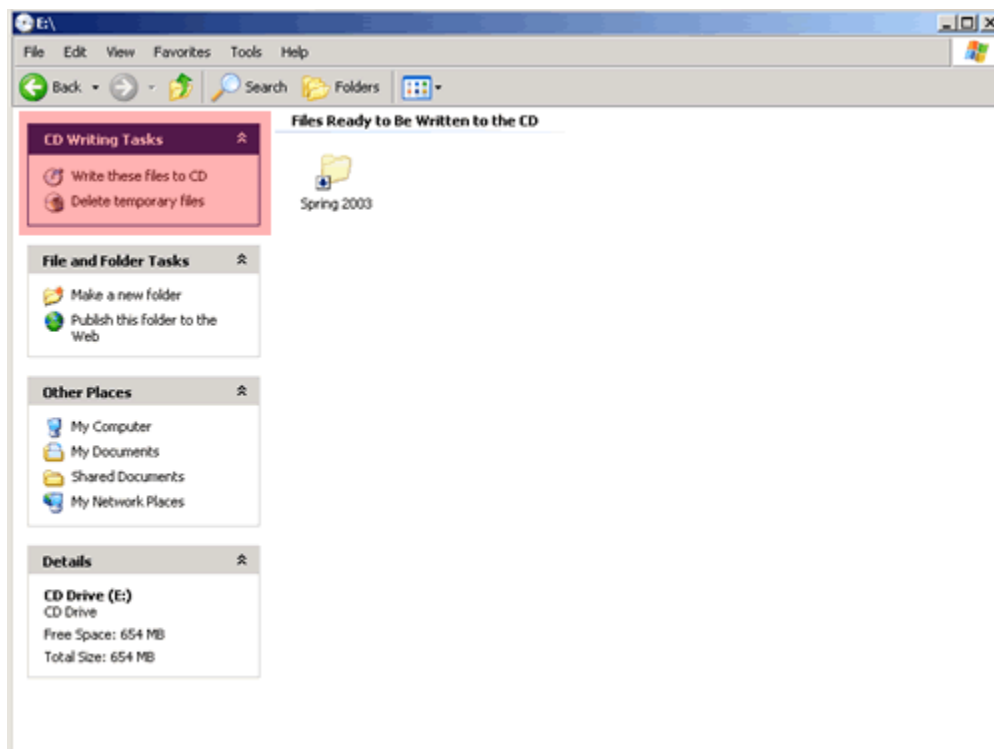


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## burning: step by step in windows xp part 3

Once all the files you need have been copied to a temporary folder on your hard drive and are ready to be written to CD, you need to click on the "Write Files to CD" link found in the first section of the window to the left of the main body. (see red highlighted area below) This is because you can change the files to be copied at any time until clicking the link. Before this step, all files are on your computer hard drive in a temporary file folder.



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## burning: step by step in windows xp part 4

After clicking on the Write to CD link, you should see a CD Writing Wizard. Name your CD an appropriate name for your purposes. Since this is a new CD, the default name in XP will usually be the current date. Select the text and delete it. Replace the date text with a memorable name for your CD (in this case: Aaron CD) and click Next.

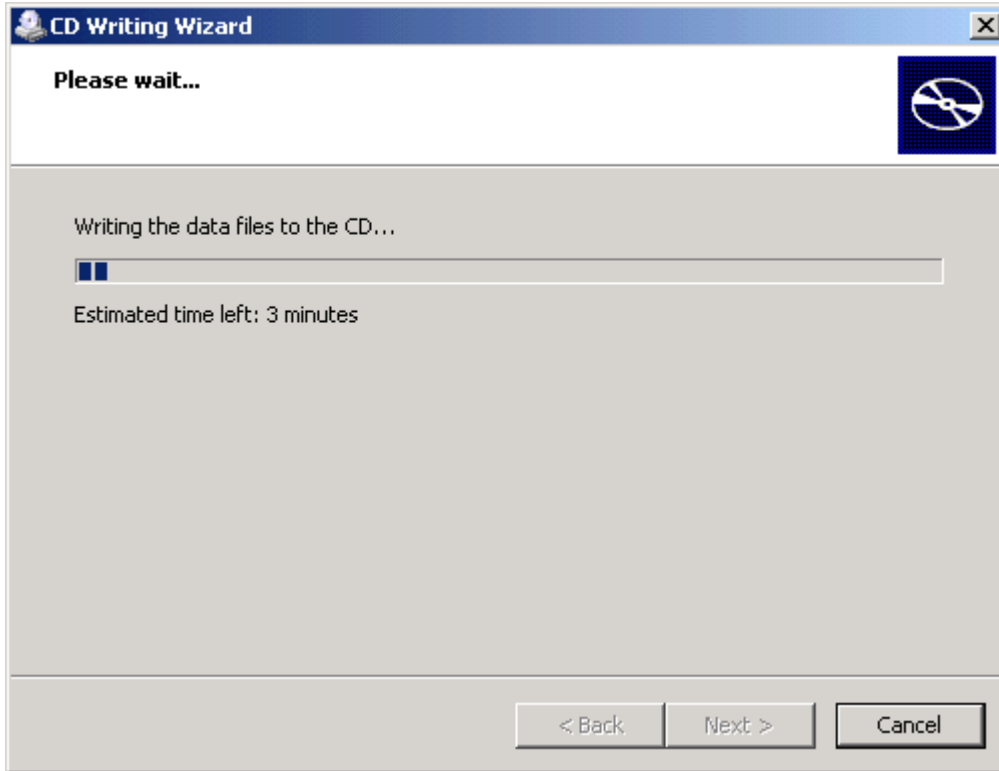


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## burning: step by step in windows xp part 5

The CD will write your files to the CD and the disk will then be complete.



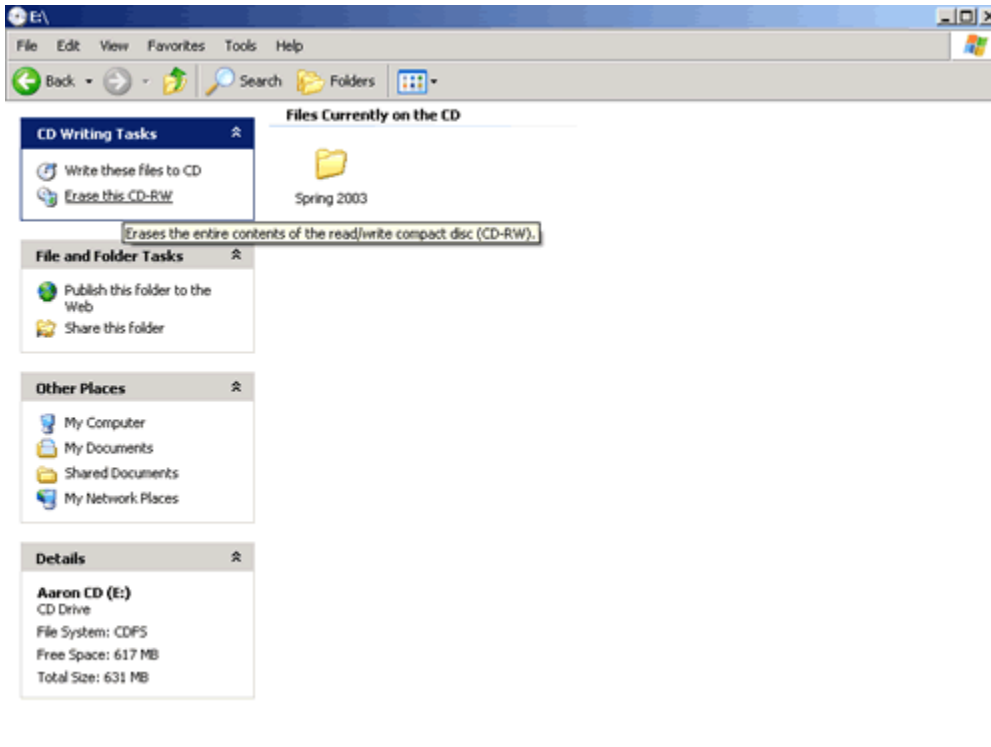
When the CD finishes, the CD will be ejected. You can then open your CD Burner drive so you can remove the completed CD. With the Windows XP CD writer, you can only write and finalize the CD. The software is very easy to use, but the final burn is final. Once you burn a CD using the XP integrated CD burning software, the CD is complete. If you are using a CD-R, you can no longer write to the disk after burning using Windows XP. If you are using a CD-RW, you can still erase the disk and write to it again.

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## burning: step by step in windows xp part 6

To erase a CD using Windows XP, select the CD (in this case it is "Aaron CD (E:)"). When you select the CD, you should see the following:



Click on "Erase this CD" and a CD Write wizard will appear. Click next and the CD should be erased.

If you already have a blank disk, you will simply double click on the CD to open it. This will begin the preparation to copy files to the blank CD-R or CD-RW disk.

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