

Burning Files to CD or DVD using Nero

Nero is a software package frequently given away with CD and DVD writers, and with new PC systems. As one of the most popular packages it has become increasingly powerful over the years, and is now capable of performing just about every 'burning' operation going.

'Burning' is the word frequently used to describe the operation of writing data to a CD or DVD. Different formats are used depending on the type of data (film, music) being written and how you intend to play it.

Nero comes in two parts:

Nero Express has an easy-to-use interface that provides a step by step guide to recording to a CD or DVD.

Nero Burning ROM has a more complex interface that allows for more versatility in the process. You can swap from one to the other depending on your experience or the complexity of the job you need to do.

Creating a New Data CD using Nero Express

By writing your data to a cd or DVD you are creating a **backup**. By default, Nero creates a disc that you can keep updating. This is called "multi-session". Every addition you make is another "session". Beware though as Windows 98SE and earlier cannot read beyond the first session.

Open the Nero Application

- Insert a blank CD in the drive.
- From the Start > Programs menu, navigate from Nero to Nero Express.
- Select Data, then Data Disc.



Fig 1

Select the files that you want to copy to the CD.

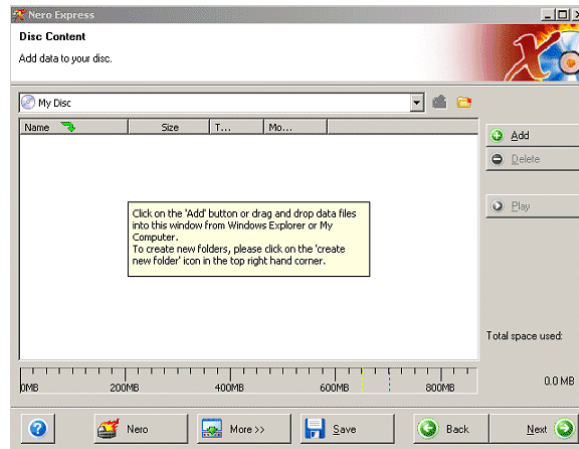


Fig 2

Select **Add** to choose which files to copy to the CD, or drag and drop files into this window.

If you choose **Add**, a window opens, where you select the files to add to the CD.

Select **Add** after each one, and then **Finished** when you are done.

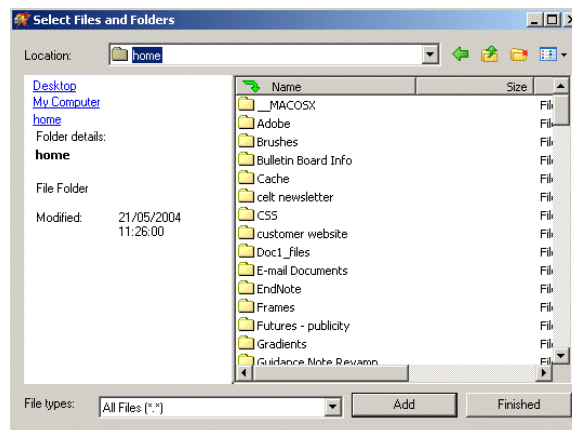


Fig 3

The file(s) that you added will appear in the Disc Content window. The blue progress bar shows you how much space you are using on the CD.

Watch for the dotted red line that indicates the maximum data the CD or DVD will hold for this format (in Fig 5 below it is shown at the 650MB mark, and shows that 650MB is the maximum you can write to this disk).

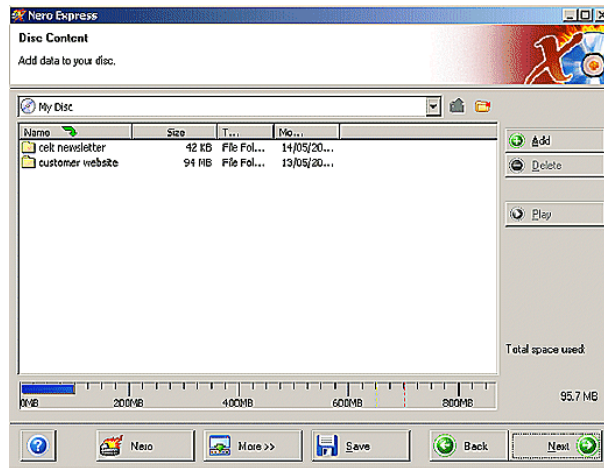


Fig 5

Select **Next**.

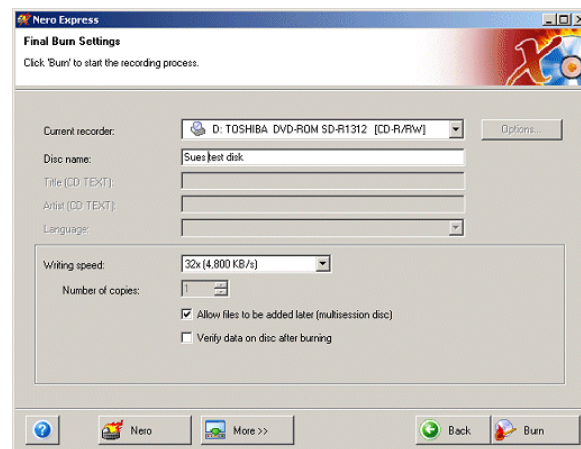
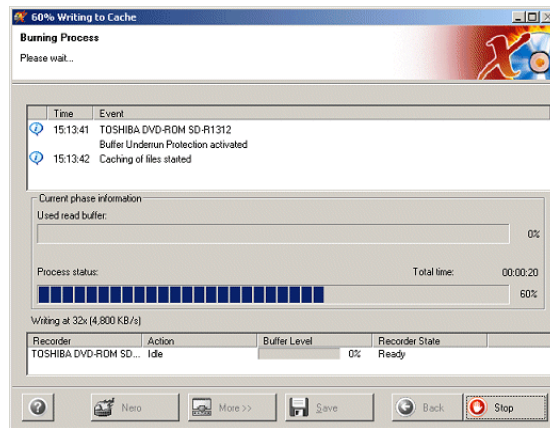


Fig 6

- Make sure that your CD writer is shown in the 'Current recorder' window, or select it from the drop-down list if not.
- Make sure that '**Allow files to be added later**' is ticked.
- Then select **Burn**.
- **Wait while your data is recorded**
- While the data is being recorded, you will see a status screen, showing progress.

The CD writing process is very sensitive to interruption so don't be tempted to do anything else on the computer until writing is complete.



Finish and Exit

When the burn process is complete a dialogue box will appear. Select **OK**.

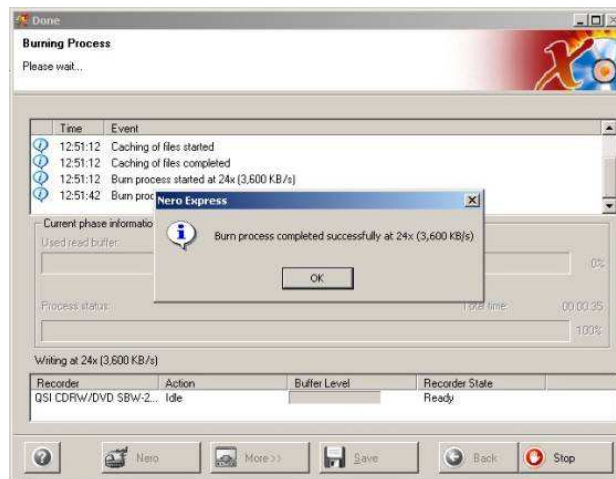


Fig 8

On the following screen, select **Next**, and the disk will eject.

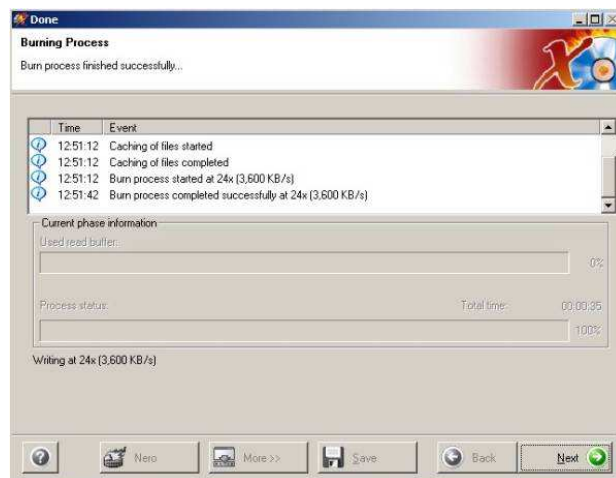


Fig 9

The disc will now be ejected.

Select **Exit**, then answer **No** when asked “**Do you want to save your project?**”

Finally, check your CD using **My Computer** to make sure you can read the files on it.