# Using CD Writers on iMac’s

iMacs have the ability to create audio CDs, DVDs, DVD-ROMs, and CD-ROMs. For help finding a machine that can create CDs or DVDs, please see a lab consultant.

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<th>To create a CD or DVD on a iMac at UMSL, we use a program called Finder. On the Quick Launch Bar, click on the Finder icon.</th>
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| First you have to insert blank CD/DVD in the CD ROM located at the right part of the iMac. This window will pop up. |

| After you click OK an icon will show up at Macintosh menu and on the Desktop. Then you simply drag and drop all the files you want to burn on CD to this window. |
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After you are done adding files just click on **Burn Disc**.

Once you finish with burning eject the CD hitting the **Eject button** on the top right of the keyboard.

Or by clicking with right button of the mouse on CD icon located on the Desktop and selecting Eject.

Note on choosing an appropriate disk type:

**CD-R** disks are ‘record-once’, which means that nothing can be erased from them and once session is closed or disk is full they can no-longer be modified, but they are much cheaper than CD-RW disks. CD-R disks are an ideal choice for archiving. Leave sessions open until you are sure you will never want to modify the files again.

**CD-RW** disks can be erased and re-used many times (usually between 500-1000) CD-RW disks are an ideal choice for occasional transfer of large files. Leave sessions open until you are sure you will never want to modify the files again.

**DVD-R** disks are ‘record-once’, like CD-R, except they store a lot more data. If you want to make a video for viewing on a DVD Player or DVD-ROM drive, or if you need to store more than 700 MB of data, and will always have access to a DVD-ROM drive, use a DVD-R. These disks are much more expensive than CD-R, however.