Using CD Writers on Macintosh G5’s

Macintosh G5’s have the ability to create audio CDs and CD-ROMs. For help finding a machine that can create CDs, please see a lab consultant.

To create a CD or DVD on a G5 at UMSL, we use a program called Toast, located in:

Applications → Roxio Toast 6 Titanium → Toast 6 Titanium

Or, on the Quick Launch Bar, click on the Toaster icon.

When you open Toast you will be in a new data CD project by default.

To set the project type for Audio, Video, Data or CD Copier, simply click on the appropriate button.
Next, select Add to add the files you want to put on the disk.

This will bring up a dialogue box, where you can select the file(s) that you want to copy.

Insert a blank CD-R, CD-RW, or DVD-R disk in the drive by hitting the Eject button on the top right of the keyboard.
Once the disk is in, hit the Record icon.

Another dialogue window will pop up. Hit the Record button.

- Once the disk is finished, a dialogue window will pop up. Hit the Eject button on the window and remove the disk from the drive.
- Be sure to close the drive again by hitting the Eject button on the keyboard.

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.