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1) Download the latest released OS ISO image file from the Alesis Web Site (www.alesis.com)

2) Download a copy of Goldenhawk's CDRWIN from their web site (www.goldenhawk.com)
The latest version of Goldenhawk at the time of this document is version 3.8a.



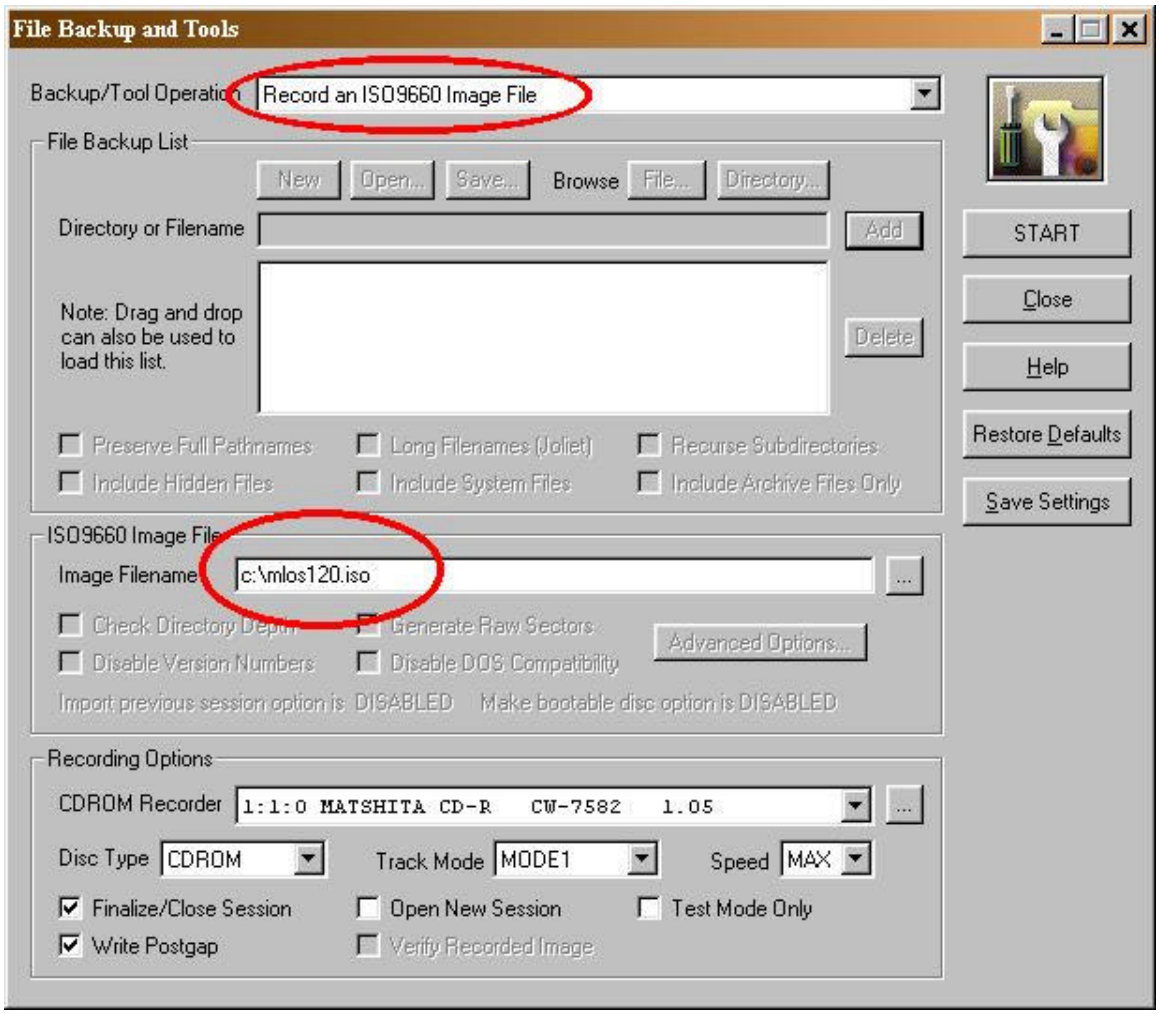
3) Install CDRWIN on your PC.



4) Launch CDRWIN and select **File Backup and Tools**.



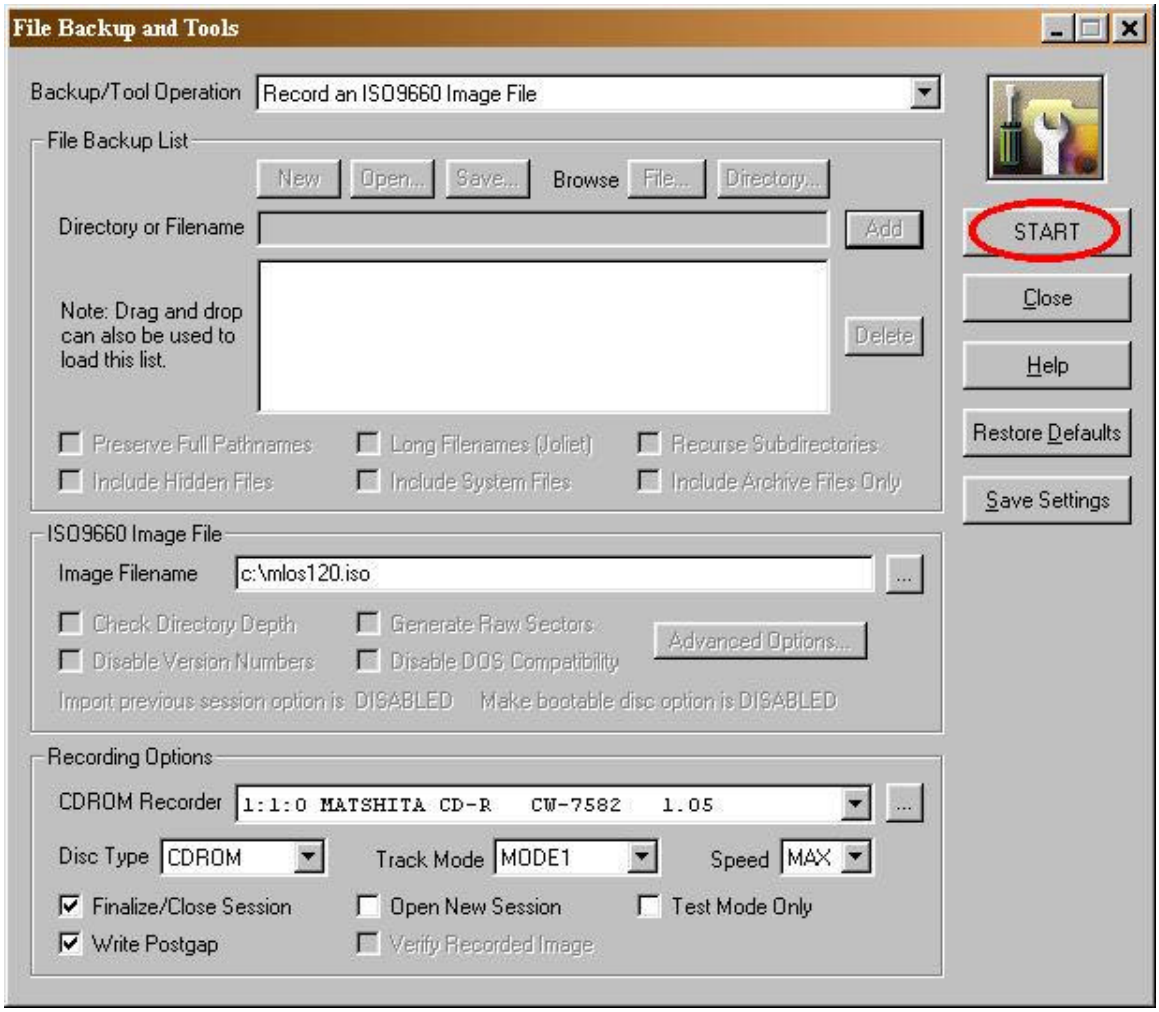
5) When the **File Backup and Tools** dialog box appears, select the following options:



Backup/Tool Operation: Record an ISO9660 Image File
Image filename: (Should point to the downloaded file from Step 1)
CDROM Recorder: (Should be the CDR or CDRW drive in your machine)

Disc Type: CDROM
Finalize/Close Session: Checked
Write Postgap: Checked
Track Mode: Mode1
Speed: (Any Speed)

6) Insert a blank CDR into your drive and click “START”.
NOTE: Only record using CDR media. CDRW may not work inside your ML-9600.



7) Wait for the burning process to complete and click “OK”.



8) Remove and label your new Masterlink OS disc.

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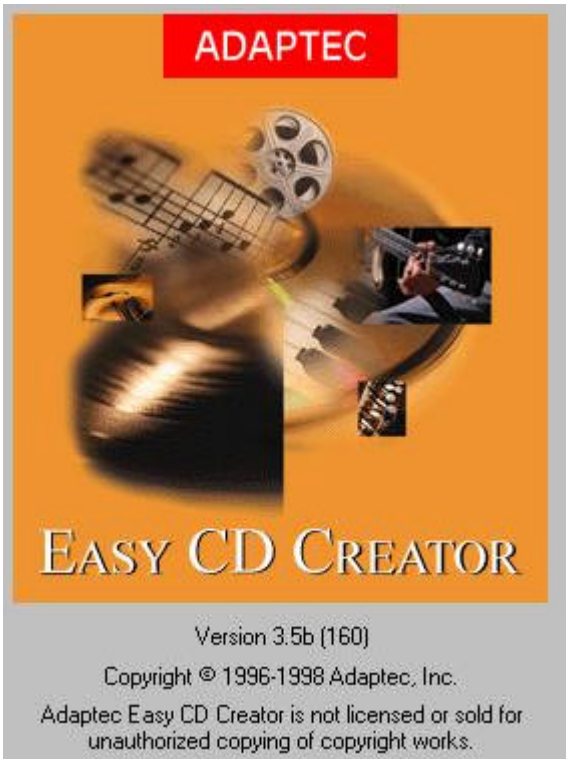
Instructions to Create an Alesis Masterlink OS disc using Easy CD Creator on your Windows PC

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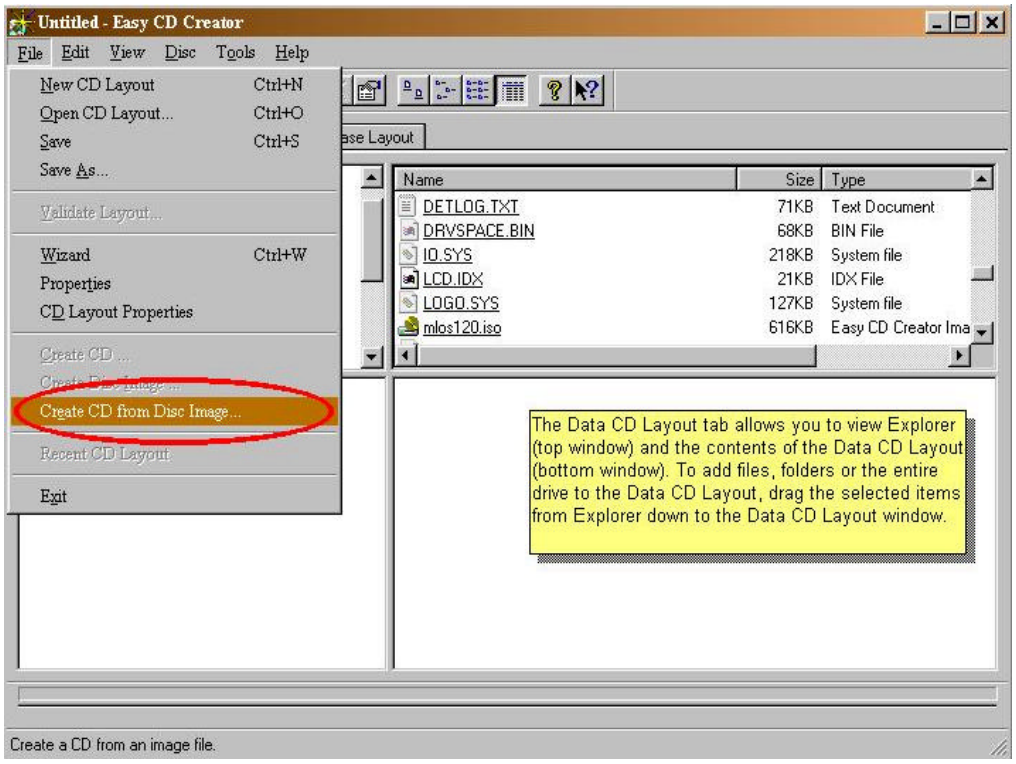
2) Obtain and install a copy of Adaptec's Easy CD Creator. The version that I am using for this document is v3.5b. Easy CD Creator is not free. It must be purchased, but sometimes it comes with CDR/CDRW drives. If you don't want to purchase a copy of Easy CD Creator, try using CDRWIN.



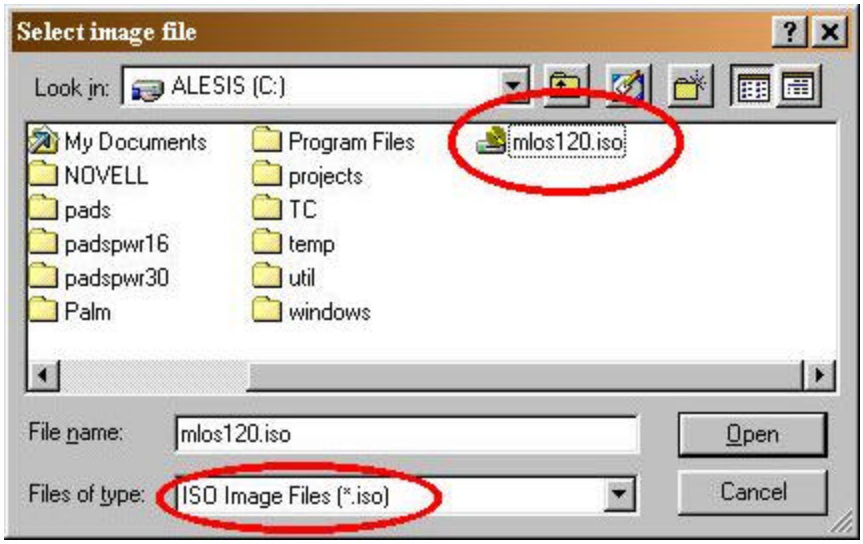
3) Launch Easy CD Creator. When the **Creator Wizard** dialog box appears, select “Cancel”.



4) Next, from the file menu select “Create CD From Disc Image”.

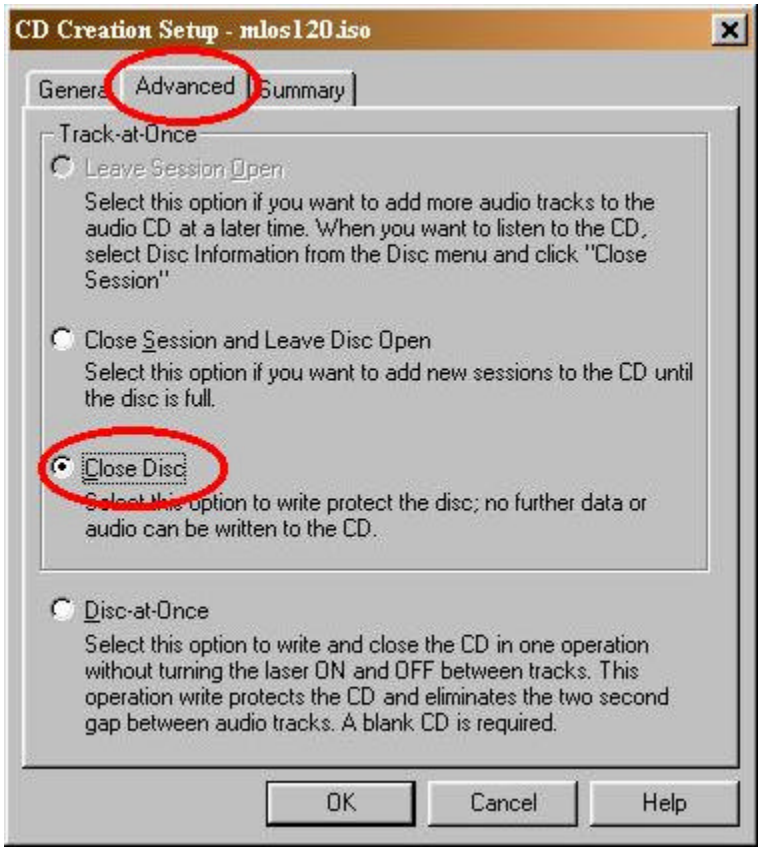


5) When the common dialog box appears, first select the file type as “ISO Image File” and then locate the Alesis Masterlink OS ISO file on your hard drive.



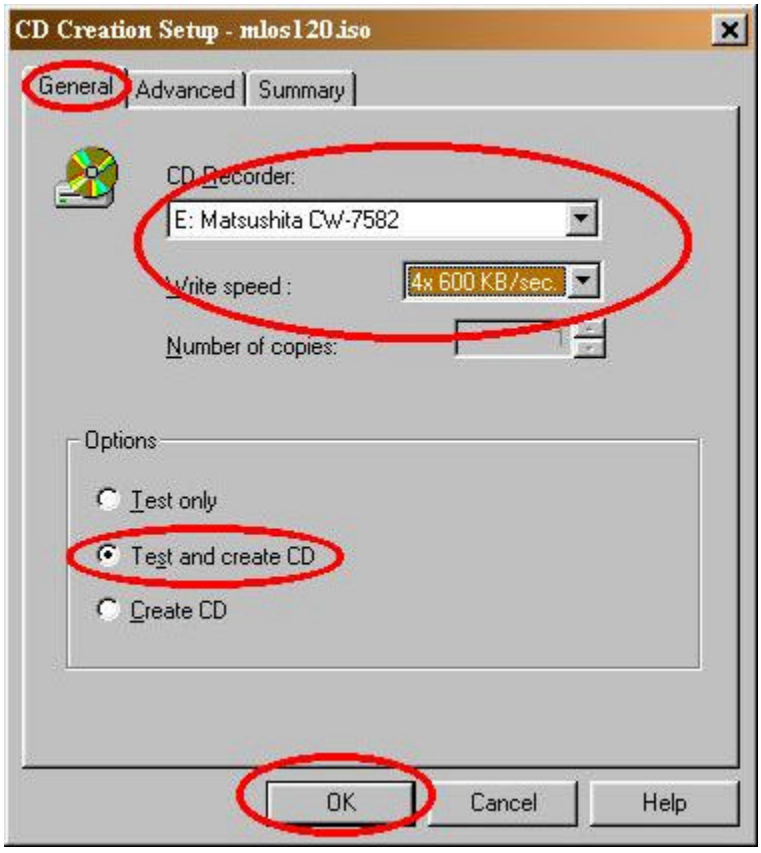
6) When the **CD Creation Setup** dialog box appears, select the **Advanced** Tab. Check the “Close Disc” option. If you try and write the CD while leaving the disc open, the Masterlink may not recognize the disc as a valid OS disc.

NOTE: Do not click “OK” yet.

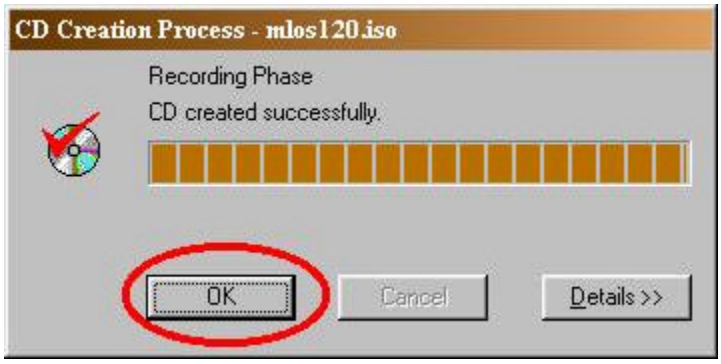


7) Next select the **General** Tab and select the proper **CD Recorder** and **Write Speed** for your system. If you only have one CD recorder, it should already be selected. The write speed will depend on your system performance. Faster systems can write at the max speed, while performance-challenged systems may require writing at 1X or 2X.

Under **Options**, select "Test and Create CD". Insert a blank CDR into your drive.
NOTE: Only record using CDR media. CDRW may not work inside your ML-9600.
When you're ready, click "OK" and start the burning process.



8) Wait for the burning process to complete, then click "OK". The disc should automatically eject.



9) Remove and label your new Masterlink OS disc.

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Instructions to Create an Alesis Masterlink OS disc using Toast on your Mac
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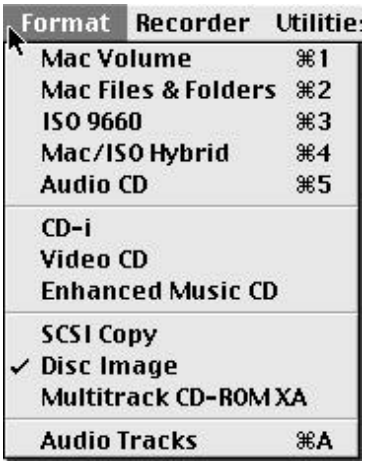


1) Download the latest OS ISO image file from the Alesis Web Site (www.alesis.com). For Mac users, the ISO file should be available in HQX format.

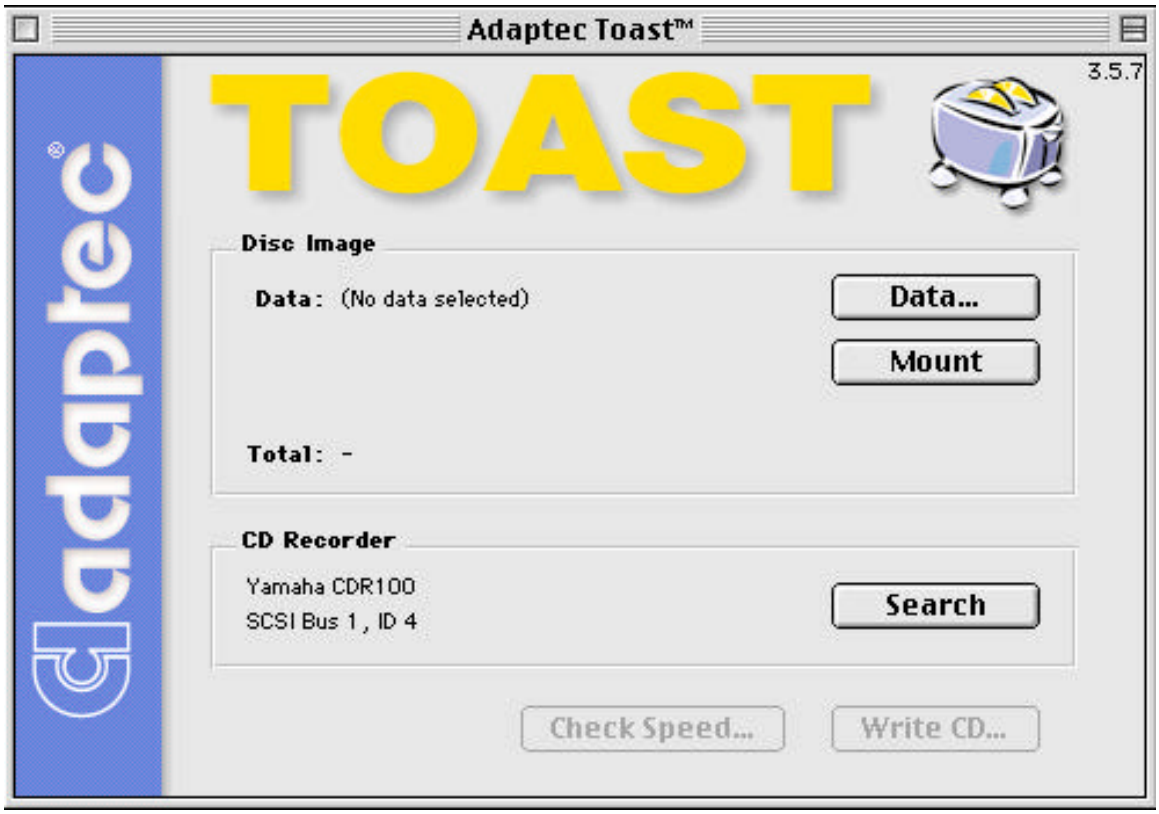
2) Install and open Adaptec's Toast application.



3) From the "Format" pull-down menu, select “Disc Image”.



4) Using Aladdin's Stuffit Expander (or similar program), expand the HQX file into the OS ISO image. Drag the icon into the Toast document and drop it in the "Disc Image" window.



5) Insert a blank CD-R into your machine and click the "Write CD..." button.

6) Click on the "Write Disc" button. Do not select "Write Session".



7) Wait for the burning and verification process to complete and press “Eject CD".



8) Remove and label your CD.

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Instructions to Load an OS Disc in Your Alesis Masterlink

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This procedure assumes that you are upgrading your software on the Masterlink. If your Masterlink has a new hard drive installed, or if the hard drive has somehow been erased, just power up your Masterlink and it will instruct you on how to install the new OS. The procedure will be similar to the one listed below.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:
If you are performing an upgrade to your Masterlink, a FORMAT of your drive may be required. You need to backup all of your files on the drive before proceeding. If you're not sure about OS versions, contact customer support.

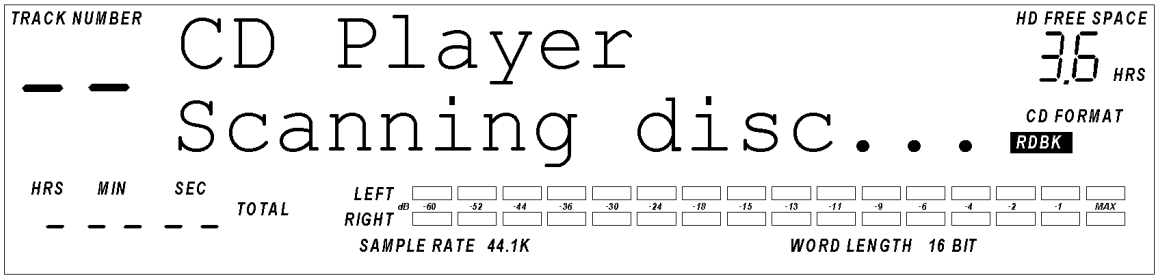
OS vs. File System … What does Format mean to me?

Along with all of the user audio files, the Masterlink stores its operating system (OS) software on the internal hard drive. The drive is actually partitioned into two distinct sections. The system partition is used for the OS, user settings and for image rendering. The user partition is used for audio files. In Masterlink terms, a "format" refers only to the audio file system, not the OS.

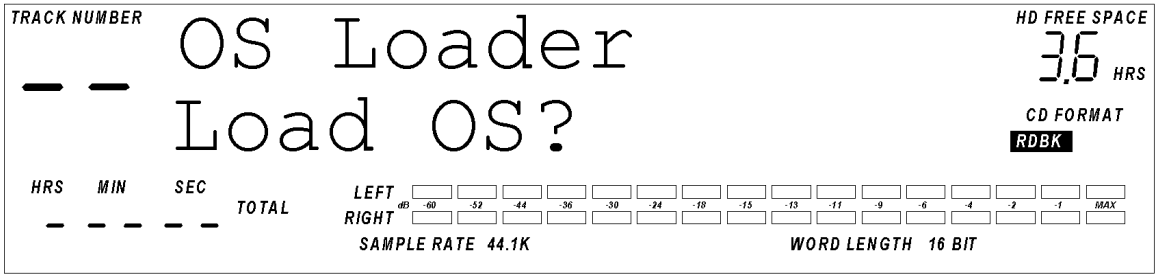
While the system and user partitions are both linked, they have the possibility of being changed independently. For instance, an OS version of v1.00 may require a file system version of v1.00. If the user updates their OS to version v1.20, a file system of version v1.00 is still compatible and does not require formatting. However, OS version v2.00 is not compatible with version v1.00 file system and does require formatting. Similarly, with a properly installed OS, the file system may be formatted without erasing the currently installed OS. The user may format their drive to erase their audio files as many times as they like without changing the OS.

1) Create or obtain a valid Alesis Masterlink OS disc.

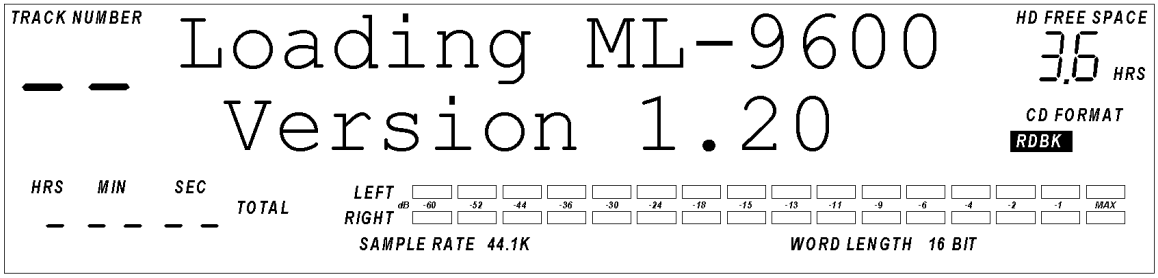
2) Power up your Alesis Masterlink, and insert the OS disc. The unit should attempt to identify the disc as normal. From HD mode, the scanning will be in the background. From CD mode you will see the normal scanning display.



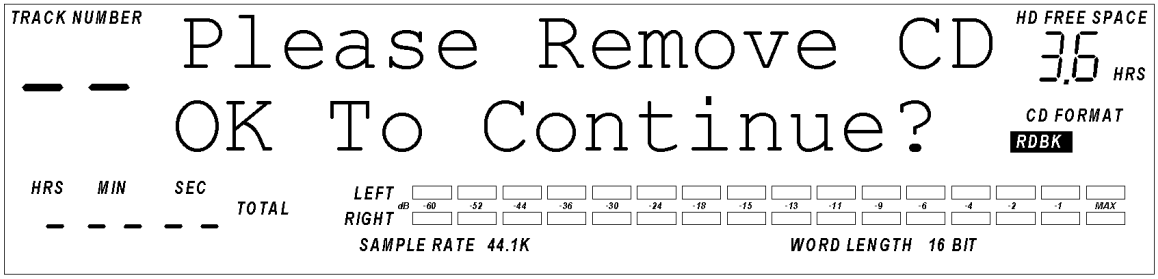
3) When the Masterlink completes the disc detection, it will ask you to confirm that you want to load the OS. Press “UP/YES” to continue.



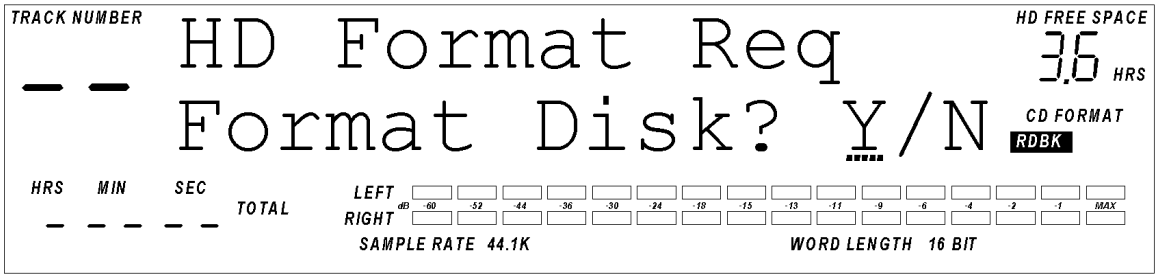
4) The Masterlink will change screens and show you which version of software is being installed.



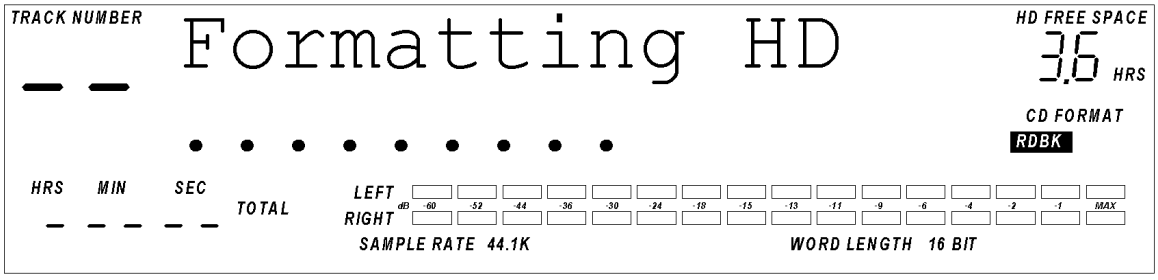
5) After loading the OS into memory, the unit will eject the disc and prompt you to remove the CD. Remove the disc and press “UP/YES”.
Note: Some versions of Masterlink may not prompt you with this message. You need to remove the disc before the unit resets and pulls the disc back in. If you forget, press cancel after the Masterlink restarts the OS loading procedure from step 3.



6) If you are performing a major upgrade, the Masterlink may require that the drive be formatted. This means that all of your audio files will be erased. If a format is not required, this step is skipped. If a format is required, the following dialog will appear. If you wish to format the drive and continue, press “UP/YES”. If you press “DOWN/NO”, the unit will reset without updating the OS software and without formatting your drive.
Note: Some versions of Masterlink do not have this feature and formatting is automatic.
Be sure to backup your work.



7) If a format is required, the Masterlink will show you a progress indicator.



8) The Masterlink will reset and load the new OS onto the hard drive. You’re done!

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