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Software of the month

++ G Burner V2.7

Just recently I downloaded a compressed archive file from the internet which for me had an unusual file extension(GB). I therefore proceeded to lookup, download, virus check and install the compatible burner software.

GBurner Features:

- Create and burn data/audio/video CD/DVD. gBurner supports the following disc types:CD, CD,DVD-R,DVD-RW,DVD+R,DVD+RW,DVD+R, DL,DVD - RAM.
- Create multisession CD/DVD.
- Make bootable CD/DVD.
- Burn data, audio and video image file.
- Copy CD/DVD.
- Erase rewritable disc
- Support unicode file names.
- Support Mp3, Wma, Wav, Flac and Ape Audio formats
- Optimize file layout to save disc space.

- Open, create, extract, edit and convert ISO/BIN Image file. gBurner can convert almost all image file formats to ISO/BIN image file format
- Easy and friendly interface.
- gBurner supports context menu, drag and drop, clipboard copy and paste...

System requirements:

- Windows2000/XP/Vista.
- 64MB RAM
- 128MB HD Space for installation.

During my testing I found this GBurner software very user friendly and an excellent alternative for the bulky Nero V8.0 or V9.0 burning software.

Easy navigation is provided via keyboard accessible menu navigation. An extensive progress report is provided during the cd/dvd burning process, so you will know exactly what is happening.

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Articles

++ Nokia N82 – Hands on review

After almost four years of faithful service, my beloved Nokia 6600, decided to stop working. So it was the time for me to dish out on a new mobile phone. I am not the type to splurge on the latest fads, so after a substantial amount of research I decided to get the Nokia N82.

The Nokia N82 certainly is not a cheap mobile, but it has a myriad of features that make this smart mobile phone behave similar to a mini computer.

Features:

Amongst other features, the most important for me are:

- Works in five continents (bands)
- 100MB internal memory.
- 5 megapixel camera.
- FM radio with 50 preset stations.
- Voice dialling capability
- WIFI capability
- 3G capability
- Bluetooth

Once I received this Nokia N82 mobile, the first thing I did was to install the MobileSpeak V3.82 software. With this MobileSpeak software can I make this mobile output speech, so I will have total access to the menus and contacts.

One of the nice features that this Nokia N82 has, is the WIFI capability. Thanks to this feature I can browse on the internet as I do with a regular computer.

Obviously, browsing on the internet using only the mobile is time consuming, but if you connect a Bluetooth keyboard then you can work much faster. In fact I managed to login onto my Gmail account to read emails by just using the mobile from the comfort of my bedroom. Website

loading using the Nokia's built-in web browser is a bit slow when compared with either Internet Explorer or Firefox browsers. Obviously, today's desktop computers have much more processing power available for processing intensive tasks.

Most of the features work fine as to be expected. But one of the features that took me a very long time to figure out how it works was the integrated FM Radio. This happened because every time I tried to hear the radio, the radio never played as expected, and to manage to listen to the radio, I had to mute the MobileSpeak (MS) software. It took me so long because although I did everything correctly, only after a few weeks did I discover a bug between Mobile Speak and the Nokia N82 original firmware.

I also wrote the Codefactory in Spain, the makers of Mobile speak software, and they confirmed to me that there is an issue between MS and the N82, which I suppose will be fixed by Nokia in the next Nokia N82 firmware release.

Pictures taken by the Nokia N82 built-in 5 mega pixel camera was excellent. For best viewing results I recommend to see the pictures on the computer screen or dedicated electronic picture frame. As reported to me, the only downside of the camera is just the flash, because it is not powerful enough. So if you are going to take pictures inside, using the flash, make sure that the room is well lit.

I use the camera also with colour identifying software, and this worked fine.

The Nokia N82 certainly is a very good investment. If you shop-around you can find different prices for the same model. I highly recommend it.

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