

What is the difference between a CD-R and a CD-RW?

All CD's are methods of storage for your data or information.

CD-R's are **RECORDABLE** which means you can add information to the CD-R until all the space is filled. It is a *Single-Use* form of storage. This type of information is similar to an ink pen because it leaves a permanent mark. [To record a CD](#), a software like Record Now or Easy CD Creator must be used.

CD-RW's are **REWRITABLE** which means you can add and delete information again and again. CD-RW's are similar to pencils because you can erase and rewrite. To Use this method, [Formatting](#) is required. This installs a mini-program onto the CD enabling you to reuse it.