



# Coffee Break

Question on Software or Operating system.

When an Autorun-enabled CD-ROM is inserted into a CD-ROM drive, Windows automatically launches the program contained on the disk, whether you want it to or not. Similarly the audio CD player pops up whenever you insert an audio CD and starts playing it immediately. This is cute the first or second time, but soon gets infuriating.

There are a few reasons why you would not want Autorun start .

1. To copy audio tracks from a CD.
2. To prevent software loading that stop you making a back-up of a CD.
3. Wait for Windows to launch a preference menu.

**How can you stop Autorun.**

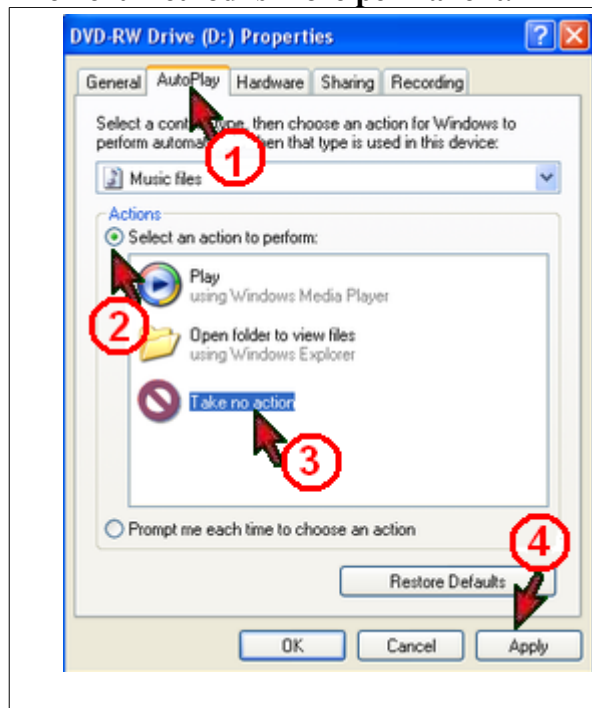
**There are three ways to stop Autorun.**

**The simplest method is to hold down the**



**shift key when you insert a CD.**

**The next method is more permanent.**



1. Click on [My Computer] icon.
2. Right click the CD or DVD drive.
3. Choose [Properties]
4. Click on [AutoPlay] tab.
5. Click the [Select an action to perform] radio button (item 2)
6. Click [Take no action] (item 3)
7. Then left click [Apply]
8. Followed by [OK]

**The other method is change the registry value to 0 (zero).**

*This is not recommended unless you have the skills to do so.*

***It is shown for those who want to make it permanent.***

1. Click Start, click Run, type regedit in the Open box, and then press ENTER.
2. Locate and click the following registry key:  
HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\System\CurrentControlSet\Services\CDRom
3. To disable automatically running CD-ROMs, change the Autorun value to 0 (zero). To enable automatically running CD-ROMs, change the Autorun value to 1.
4. Restart your computer.

**Foot note. Best to use the Shift Key for those odd occasions**