

# Backing Up Your iPhoto Library to CD

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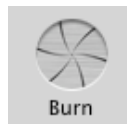
The digital pictures you take and load into iPhoto on your computer should be backed up just like your documents. However, the server is not the best place to back up your photos because they tend to take up more hard drive space. Instead, you should make a habit of backing up your iPhoto library to CD.

Begin by opening iPhoto. You may have created various photo albums in iPhoto, but we are interested in backing up all the photos that you have in your iPhoto library, which would also include the photos that you have filed into individual albums in iPhoto.

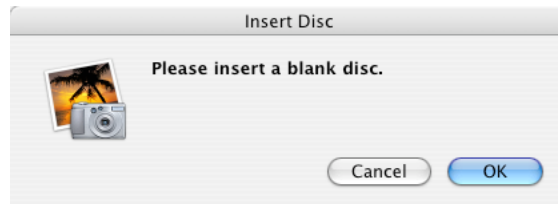
Make sure that your entire iPhoto library is selected by clicking on the **Photo Library** icon in the left side of the iPhoto window. It looks like this:



Next, go to the **Burn** button that is at the bottom right of the iPhoto window. Single-click this button:

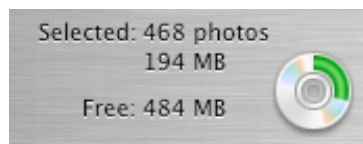


A dialog box will appear and ask you to insert a blank CD:



Insert a blank CD into your Mac. Click the **OK** button.

If you look at the bottom left of the iPhoto window you will be informed how much space on the disc the photos will take as well as how much space is left on the disc:



If you have so many photos in your iPhoto library that you are unable to fit them all on one disc you might need to create separate albums to group your photos into smaller collections. You can then burn the individual albums to disc.

Click on the **Burn** button again to begin burning the disc:



A dialog box will ask you to confirm that you want to burn the disc:



Click the **Burn** button. iPhoto will create a disk image into which it will copy your iPhoto library. Your library will then be burned to CD.

When you are finished you will have a disc with your iPhoto library burned to it:



This disc can be used to restore a damaged or deleted iPhoto library.

Make it a habit to back up your iPhoto library regularly if you take many digital photos.