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# *Press Release*

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## ***WriteUDF!™ UDF Writer for Mac OS 10.4 Released by SAI***

***World's First "Drag & Drop" Writing to Hard Disk Drives, MO and DVD-RAM Media using UDF Format, including UDF v2.5 and UDFv2.6.***

*Kirkland Washington, 5 May 2006...Software Architects, Inc., the leading developer of UDF file system technology for computers and consumer electronics products, announced its release of WriteUDF!™ v1.0 for Mac OS X 10.4. WriteUDF! enables all Apple computer models to format, read and write to disks formatted in any version of the UDF format (universal disc format). This includes reading VR formatted DVD-RAM discs containing recorded DVD video, as well as data files. The software also supports mounting and reading of recordable DVD, MO and DVD-RAM media. Users can easily, mount, copy and write non-copy protected DVD's to a UDF formatted hard disk to create a "universal" library drive that is readable on PC's running Windows as well as on Mac systems.*

### **Solves Common File and Disc Interchange Problems**

WriteUDF! Turns an ordinary hard disk drive into a data distribution medium. For example, files saved to a hard disk drive formatted in UDF can be mounted and read on both Mac and Windows systems and many Linux and Unix systems. Portable hard disk drives can be used on any computer system when traveling. UDF has been used for years on MO and recordable DVD as a reliable transport medium for distributing files to other computer systems. Now, WriteUDF! Allows users to leverage the very high capacity of hard disk drives in the same manner. For example, 100 Gbyte video files can now be transported and reliably accessed when traveling, regardless of the computer system to be used.

### **The Universal Format for Archival**

WriteUDF! Is the ideal utility for archiving large amounts of files to hard disk drives, MO or DVD-RAM media. Organizations making permanent records to meet regulatory requirements can now use high capacity hard disk drives as permanent archives with the assurance that the files can be accessed many years into the future, regardless of the operating system used by the computer at the time of recovery.

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UDF was originally conceived and created for the specific purpose of providing an open, international standard for long term archival and retrieval of files. Backed two international standards, UDF is the ideal format for backup and long-term archival applications.

The Universal Disk Format ("UDF") was created and published by the Optical Storage Technology Association ([www.osta.org](http://www.osta.org)) to create an industry standard format for optical Recording. Based on the ISO 13346 and ECMA 167 international standards, the UDF format provides a reliable method of media interchange between different computer systems, including Mac, Windows, Linux, Unix and other operating systems.

### **Supports A Wide Variety of Media Types and UDF Formats**

Version 1.0 supports UDF versions 1.02, 1.5, 2.0, 2.01, 2.5 and 2.6, and supports reading DVD discs containing data or DVD video files. WriteUDF! supports reading MMC compliant DVD-ROM, DVD-R, DVD-RW and DVD-RAM drives and media, as well as writing to MO drives, hard disk drives and DVD-RAM.

### **Key Benefits:**

- Easy to use: simply drag & drop files to the volume
- Mobile: drives formatted in UDF can be read on most PC's running Windows or Linux.
- Versatile: mounts and reads both data discs and Video Recording format DVD discs
- Long-term readability: archived files can be accessed from future computer systems

### **System Requirements**

Apple Mac, PowerMac or new Intel based models  
Mac OS X 10.4.x or greater  
512 Mbytes RAM

### **Pricing and Availability**

Version 1.0 is available May 2006. Price is \$79.95. English and Japanese versions available. Companion version for MS Windows also available.

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### **Software Architects, Inc.**

Software Architects, Inc. ("SAI") is the leading developer of UDF file systems, formats and device driver technology for computers and consumer electronics devices. The company applies its software technology to address media compatibility and file interchange between a wide variety of computing and electronics devices.

Founded in 1987, the company has 18 years of experience in developing and licensing its technology to OEM manufacturers, systems integrators and resellers in world markets. As a member of the Optical Storage Technology Association (OSTA), the DVD Forum, Recordable DVD Council and the "Mt. Fuji Group", SAI plays a leading role in the application of the Universal Disk Format and technology for a variety of computer and consumer applications. Visit "<http://www.softarch.com>" [www.softarch.com](http://www.softarch.com)

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