Changing the Viewing Software for Image CDs

The viewing software that burns onto the Image CDs may be removed entirely or replaced with viewing software of your choice. The process for changing out the Viewer or removing it altogether is quite straightforward, and the process is the same for those running Back Lab Burner for Image CDs and DVDs.

1. Locate the folder **C:\APM_FOLDERS\PhotoFinaleSoftware**.
2. Remove the files from the folder to remove the viewing software entirely.
3. If you would like to put new viewing software in its place, simply copy the files into the same folder path. It will then burn the software onto the root of each and every CD ordered and burned at the APM or Back Lab Burner.
4. If you want to put the images in a directory other than the one called photos, there is a little more work involved, and it requires a few edits to the XML.
5. Locate the file apmconfig_apm.xml in **C:\APM** and make a backup copy of it for safekeeping just in case things don't go as planned. Next, open the original file in Notepad or any other editor of your choosing.
6. Do a search for the term **image_cd**, and on the same line, there is a setting called **images_root** for which the default is photos (**images_root=" \photos"**).
7. If you'd like the the images burned to the root of the CD, set the path to an empty set. Ex: (**images_root=""**), or if you would like to use a different directory, replace "\photos", with the directory you'd like to use instead. Just make sure to include the \. (ex. **images_root="\Digital_images"**)
8. You can also edit the Archive directory location by editing the setting on the same line called **backupitems_root="\Archive"**.

The process is the same if you are using Back Lab Burner.

> ⚠ **Impact of Software Updates**
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> **Note:** This setting is usually overridden when you run any standard software updates since this is not a standard/supported configuration item, so make sure to come back and check these settings after you perform any software updates to the APM or Back Lab Burner.