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While Mac users can use the ISO format on their systems, most software on OS X is distributed as a DMG file. DMG format has controversial advantages compared to the ISO format such as encryption, compression, . but the truth is that most users use ISO and are not easy to use DMG files in the PC world.

You might have a problem like this at work: you have a DMG file in your hand and have to burn it to a DVD but are using a Linux system.

The first solution you think about is online solutions for writing DMG files on Windows but without any free utilities. So you can try other solutions. Convert the DMG file to an ISO file and we have a way to do this - a good thing is that the tool used for this conversion is a simple command-line utility.

This method only works on Mac, so you have to convert DMG file to ISO file on a Mac and then transfer and use ISO file on your computer. The utility used for this purpose is **hdiutil** and has the complete command:

```
hdiutil convert dmgfilename.dmg -format UDTO -o converted_iso
```

Below is the screenshot of this command when converting DMG file to ISO

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-imac52:~ vmware$ file converted_iso.cdr
-imac52:~ vmware$ ls nmap-4.76.dmg
-imac52:~ vmware$ hdiutil convert nmap-4.76.dmg -format UDTO -o converted_iso
```

The above command will create a file with the extension .cdr, this is the standard for a CD / DVD. If you want, you can rename it to an ISO file and it still works fine. Copy it to your Windows or Linux / Unix system.

You can use Nero, **cdrecord** / **wodim** or ISO file burning tools to burn this ISO file to a CD.

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