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There are also the following available on demand, at the same prices per disk pair for airmailing:

- #100273 - <http://siyavula.com> – one or two great disks which comprise all the textbooks required from complete primary and secondary (junior plus high school) education – age 4 through 17, all subjects. This content is re-mastered to run not only on computer (pdf files) but also on DVD Player (jpg files, utilising a DVD Player's Photo Mode). This disk's current version is #100273. This material is completely relevant for Western countries as well as Third World countries. This disk may be expanding into 2 disks at the current moment....
- #100212 - Learn to Read Count and Tell the Time – a great pre-school disk in PAL and also in NTSC (specify which please if ordering) and in 3gp and mp4 for mobile phones – a is for apple, z is for zebra plus the spelling and pronunciation of 233 common words in English – disk #100212 is the current designation for the PAL version. This runs on DVD Player and also on any computer (computers run both PAL and NTSC versions without problem). This material is completely relevant for Western countries as well as Third World countries.

- #10035 - <http://schools-wikipedia.org> – offline Wikipedia for schools – 2008 encyclopedia – can also be downloaded from their website – 2.7 GB – as a windows install – great content – a great encyclopedia – packed full of history, geography, agriculture, religion, science, maths etc.. This material is completely relevant for Western countries as well as Third World countries.
- #10071 - 17000+ classic novels plus some non-fiction titles from <http://gutenberg.org> – available as 17000 individual zipped up html files from us (to conserve disk space) – approx. 2 GB. 85% English titles plus titles in about 12 foreign languages. Easily searchable by filename and much easier to use (I think) than gutenberg’s own website. The titles are extracted and processed from Gutenberg’s 2.7 GB download single DVD. This material is completely relevant for Western countries as well as Third World countries.
- #10072 - Maps of Africa – almost every square millimetre of the continent – 210 maps, mostly 8000 x 8000 pixels, 2 GB total. This material is completely relevant for Western countries as well as Third World countries.

We will be uploading the files to our website for browsing and for downloading, probably 2012/09 – September 2012. Since it has been, is and will be in the future impossible to download files of 4.33 GB from Third World destinations, we are currently considering a download scenario using Free Download Manager with a textfile list of the 7,000 – 14,000 pdf (plus a few .zip) files for direct downloading as individual files. This may take longer for high bandwidth customers but will enable the Third World to download. We will examine server load implications before taking any final decision on this. See <http://cd3wd.com/download/> for news and links.

Cd3wd has gone modular – as far as possible every file uses a naming system which makes it directory-independent. All the files can sit in one directory or a few directories on your hard drive or external drive and can easily be found using Google Desktop search engine or by searching on the filename tags. A list of these tags and their meaning is at the end of this document. Searches can be done from windows explorer or equivalent under linux, mac and android. We also supply the complete contents list as a .csv file – cd3wd.csv – which can viewed using excel or any spread-sheet under windows, linux, mac and can be searched and filtered. You can do the same on your collection on your hard drive or external hard drive or even USB flash drive – windows command: `dir *.* /S /O /B >cd3wd.csv` . Then any line in the spread-sheet can be copied and pasted into a browser or a windows explorer address box to load and read the file chosen.

A lot of work has gone into cd3wd to make it dvd-player compatible. We have currently about 2350 of our 7000 core titles (i.e. 30%) available as jpg dvd player files – on 7 disks (410,000 pages, 28 GB). Thus if we manage to convert our complete core content to dvd player format it will comprise 25 disks (as compared with the 6 disks for computer format – pdf – content). Since the Third World is awash with DVD Players (1.5 billion) but has a serious lack of computers, we see this DVD Player path as the key to getting cd3wd into more than 50% of households throughout the Third World. Organisation of these existing 2350 titles into discrete disks and for download – as zip-file single titles - is taking place during 2012/08.

Note that these 6 disks are also to some extent organised so that each disk can stand alone:

- #1001 – medicine, health, water, sanitation
- #1002 – material from practical action, ITDG, appropedia, etc..
- #1003 – vocational education, construction, metalwork, electrical trades, auto mechanics, woodwork, metalwork etc
- #1004 – agriculture
- #1005 – more agriculture and also all Portuguese titles and most French and Spanish titles
- #1006 – the upgrade disk – material additional to the cd3wd release of 2011/12, plus the rest of the French and Spanish titles

Note that we have added about 7000 past exam papers from the UK Cambridge exam system – for scientific, accounting, economics, management, IT and other vocational subjects – do not regard these as something for British or International schoolchildren only – they are pretty useful as a guide to many subjects and also as to what instructional material does exist for those subjects. We would like also to add other instructional material and past exam papers from more vocational subjects – advice and sources are welcomed to [alexweir1949@gmail.com](mailto:alexweir1949@gmail.com)

These DVDs can be copied and packaged for about US\$0.30 each. ImgBurn is the best freeware windows-based dvd burner we have encountered, and it is packaged on these disks. We recommend US\$ 1 per 4.33 GB disk as a reasonable retail sales price, but there is no restriction. The content is public domain, creative commons etc with to the best of our knowledge no copyright infringements. We encourage everyone – individuals and organisations - to copy and donate, sell at-cost or sell for-profit.

Copying onto hard drive or USB Flash Drive is easily done using the batch files copy\_to\_C\_Drive.bat etc which are on each disk.

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Enjoy! – Develop and prosper! And please share!

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## Appendix - tags

\_ag\_ agriculture

\_bg\_ biogas

\_bm\_ biomass

\_co\_ construction

\_cm\_ communication

\_ed\_ education

\_engg\_ engineering

\_egy\_ or \_engy\_ energy

\_el\_ electrical and electronics

\_irri\_ irrigation

\_it\_ and \_cmptr\_ - IT and computing

\_lit\_ literature

\_me\_ metalworking

\_ma\_ machinery

\_mc\_ medical and health

\_sa\_ sanitation

\_sc\_ science

\_sl\_ solar

\_st\_ stoves and cookstoves

\_tr\_ transport

\_wi\_ wind

\_wa\_ water

\_wo\_ wood and wood working

\_fr\_ French

\_es\_ Spanish

\_po\_ Portuguese

\_sw\_ Swahili

\_ap\_ appropedia

\_dfid\_ DFID (UKAid)

\_e4c\_ engineering for change

\_ewb\_ engineers without borders

\_gtz\_ gtz now GIZ

\_itdg\_ ITDG (now practical action)

\_msf\_ medicines sans frontiers

\_pa\_ practical action organisation

\_pc\_ peace corps

\_skat\_ swiss aid

\_usaid\_ USAID