

mediadogg Software: June/July 2012 Update Summary

New features in LoadDVD and LoadDVD Pro 2.30

- Supports DVDP 3.8.1 and beyond **ONLY**
- Import / Export of My Links in CSV format
- Export of links from Profile Links page in CSV format

Six new menus are provided:

Online>My Links>Flag MyLinks - Flags profiles that have My Links entries

Online>My Lns>Clear Flagged - deletes the My Links entries from the flagged profiles

Online>Online Profile Links>Flag Missing Online Links - flags profiles with no links on Profile Links Page

Tools>Link Tools>Import My Links - the CSV file format is described following

Tools>Link Tools>Export Flagged My Links - this will create a CSV file suitable for edit/import

Tools>Link Tools>Export Flagged Online Links - this will create a CSV file of links from Profile Links Page

To Bulk Load My Links using CSV:

- (1) Prepare a CSV file with each row representing a link.
- (2) Load the CSV file using Tools>Link Tools>Import My Links.

The header of the CSV file will typically look like: upcean, linkURL, linkDesc, linkCat, linkUse

- In lieu of "upcean", the tag "profileID" can be used.
- Only **two fields are required: upcean and linkURL**. Default values will be used for other fields if missing.
- Extraneous fields, such as "title," will be ignored. This is for your convenience in editing the CSV.
- The CSV may be prepared manually, with Excel, or using the CSV Export plugin. Please note that when using Excel, take care to enter upcean/profileID into a text column (or prefix entries with a single quote) to prevent Excel from attempting to format the profile ID as a number.
- The Import process strips out any leading quote from the profileID
- The Import process also tolerates the "-" marks included in the exported UPC from CSV Export
- Quotes are optional surrounding the data of any field.
- Header names are not case sensitive

The following abbreviations are used to simplify data entry:

Category: (linkCat)

Of - Official Web Site

F - Fan Site

T - Trailers and Clips

Re - Reviews

Ra - Rating

Ge - General Information

Ga - Games

Ot- Other

Link Use: (linkUse)

N - none

T - Trailer Link

I - IMDb Link

R - Rotten Tomatoes

M - Metacritic

Here is a sample file, suitable for import:

profileID, linkURL, linkDesc, linkCat, linkUse

"024543563419", "file:///C:/Users/mediadogg/iTunes/iTunes Music/starwars.mp3", "Star Wars Theme", T, T

"719987220621.4", "http://www.Google.com", "Search", Ge, N

New features in LoadDVD 2.31 (Pro Version will be updated early August)

- Supports DVDP 3.8.1 and beyond **ONLY**
- Support for External Automation commands
- Two new automation commands provided [DVD], [RCF]
- [PLY] command enhanced to select a particular profile

Running automation commands external to DVD Profiler

LoadDVD and LoadDVD Pro can now perform as automation servers in the **mediadogg a/v Automation System**. This means that whole house and media automation can be performed from anywhere in the internet (depending on router settings). Most people will use these commands only within their local Home Network.

LoadDVD is limited to the support of the following commands: [DVD], [RCF] and [PLY].

LoadDVD Pro, when released in August will support the ENTIRE a/v automation command set, including changer control and the sending of IR codes. The a/v Automation User Guide will be updated when LoadDVD Pro is updated and becomes available.

Automation commands may be sent from any TCP/IP client to the IP address where LoadDVD is running (inside DVD Profiler), and by default to port 4747. The port number can be changed in the LoadDVD options panel "Cmd Port". The new port will take effect after the next restart of DVD Profiler.

The program **RunAction.exe** is provided as a convenient vehicle to send commands from the Windows environment. It is located in the ...\plugins\LoadDVD folder.

Syntax: **RunAction "command" ipaddress port**

New / updated Automation Commands Syntax

[RCF] command file path – immediately runs the DVD Profiler command file.

Example: **RunAction "[RCF] \\host\mydocuments\DVD Profiler\GetLayout.txt" 192.168.1.125 4747**

[DVD] profileID – selects the indicated profile within DVD Profiler. Any valid form of the profileID may be used.

Example: **RunAction "[DVD] 043396059900" 192.168.1.125 4747**

Example: **RunAction "[DVD] ICFD8461A80517AC6.17" 192.168.1.125 4747**

[PLY] disc# - performs the LoadDVD Play/Retrieve action for the selected disc. Equivalent to "Ctrl+disc#".

Example: **RunAction "[PLY] 2" 192.168.1.125 4747**

[PLY] filepath – quick way to play a media file

Example: **RunAction "[PLY] \\server\mymovies\star_wars.avi" 192.168.1.125 4747**

Notes:

- Commands can be sent **from anywhere in the network, from any device**, including iPod and Android.
- LoadDVD – style substitution is supported within the commands, so that **"PLY] \\server\mymovies\%title%.avi"** uses the title from the selected profile as part of the filepath.
- Commands can be strung out in sequence, so **"[DVD] 043396059900 [PLY] 1"** selects the DVD and immediately plays it.