# **Advanced Plugin: LoadDVD Pro**

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### Introduction

LoadDVD Pro is a "plugin" or add-in program for Invelos DVD Profiler ("Profiler"). At this time, the program does not run on its own, outside of DVD Profiler.

LoadDVD, the free precursor to LoadDVD Pro, creates menu items and icons within Profiler that will play media associated with the profiles stored in the Profiler database. For example, trailers and other movie-related materials may be associated with discs in the profile, and those media are played based on the file associations defined on the user's system.

The most important feature of LoadDVD (and thereby of LoadDVD Pro) is the support of a number of DVD Changer products, notably: Sony VGPXL1B1/2/3, Dacal and Ziotek Carousels, and Sony CX995V. Direct control and infrared control options are provided. So, it is possible to actually call up and play DVDs from Sony changers by clicking on icons within Profiler. Many other options are available that allow more advanced automation for technical users. Full details are available on the Mediadogg Web Site, and on the Invelos Software Web Site.

LoadDVD Pro adds to the features of LoadDVD, by providing an embedded version of Windows Media Player 11 ("WMP"), as a Profiler hosted window.

Following is an example of how the player looks when embedded in a hosted window.



- clicking on this icon starts the playlist that is stored in the playlist view. All WMP media formats are supported, as well as ISOs mounted automatically with the user's choice of virtual disc software. Youtube videos are supported in the playlist by seamlessly switching to a web browser in the same window.

- clicking this icon plays the file referenced in the LoadDVD filepath stored in Notes.

This window can optionally (On/Off via menus under Tools) be used to directly play the most of the media already supported under LoadDVD. Media files such as .avi, .mp3, .mpg and other formats supported by WMP can be played directly in the window. Any file path that can be played with standalone Windows Media Player 11, should be playable with this plugin. The location of the window is remembered across sessions. ISO files, not supported by WMP, are played by automatically calling the user's choice of virtual disk software

LoadDVD Pro also adds a Playlist Manager. Convenient lists of arbitrary size can be created, saved and loaded for use by the embedded WMP. Three playlist formats are supported for both loading and saving: <u>wpl</u>, <u>m3u</u> and <u>html</u>. Playlist elements can also be automatically formatted for use within Profiler Notes in either LoadDVD filepath format, or in standard HTML format. Playlist elements can also be automatically loaded from the popular collection# format for trailers used in Profiler HTML window.

### **Using the Major Features**

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The playlist view is obtained by clicking with the mouse in the upper left corner of the player screen. This is one of 4 hotspots.



#### **Hotspots:**

- Upper left Switch to Playlist view
- Middle left Load Playlist
- Upper right Previous in playlist
- Middle right Next in playlist

#### File:

- Add files to the playlist.
- Add files from specified folders.
- Load a playlist entry from the clipboard
- Load playlists in wpl, m3u and html formats stored on disk.
- Load playlist elements stored in Profiler Notes as LoadDVD filepath or as HTML.
- Load playlist items from files following the collection# scheme popular with Profiler users.
- Save checked items to a playlist on disk.
- Save playlist items to DVD Profiler Notes in HTML format: or in LoadDVD filepath format.

View Player switches back to the Player view.

#### Slideshow: (starts immediately)

- All Credit media in database.
- All Scene media in database.
- All Credit and Scene media
- Displayed DVD Cast and crew media found in folders or shortcuts named "First\_Last"

**Random:** On or Off – optionally loads items in random order.

**Edit Notes**, brings up the Profiler Personal Data Editor as a convenience in making related changes to Notes, Location and Slots.



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## **Next / Prev in Youtube mode:** Click on the whitespace below the player for the menu.

#### **Options:**

Font: gives the choice of three text sizes.

#### **Configuration:**

- **Use Drive** sets the drive letter given to the virtual drive for mounting ISOs.
- Mount command gives the explicit command for running the virtual drive mounting process.
- Unmount command is the explicit command for un-mounting a file. Use %d and %f in the commands to indicate to LoadDVD Pro exactly where the drive letter and file path should appear in the commands. The substitution will be done automatically for you.
- **Path for collection# trailers** sets the path for loading playlist items tied to the collection# of the current profile.
- **Path for Scene Photos** sets the path for loading playlist items tied to the profile ID.
- **Path for Credit Photos** sets the path for loading playlist items tied to the cast and crew.

### Where To Get It

The software may be purchased and downloaded at the <u>Mediadogg Software Store</u>. The modest one-time only license fee entitles the user to free future upgrades. Only Paypal is accepted at this time.

### Installation and Startup

- 1. The plugin is downloaded in ".zip" format. Once unzipped, a self-installing .exe file is created. *It is important to uninstall old versions of LoadDVD or LoadDVD Pro prior to installing the new version*. LoadDVD personal data will be preserved, however it is recommended that the Plugins\LoadDVD folder, DVD Profiler databases, and the entire computer system be completely backed up, prior to installation of the new software.
- 2. The first time that the player is invoked, it will position itself somewhere on the Profiler window. You must then chose to "dock" or lock the position of the window wherever you prefer it to appear. Profiler automatically remembers the position across sessions.
- 3. You must adjust your AutoPlay options to prevent two players from starting up when an ISO is loaded into the virtual drive.
- 4. Make sure that the paths to your virtual drive software and to your trailers are set up properly in the Playlist Options panel.

Note that the free version LoadDVD and the fee version LoadDVD Pro cannot coexist on the same computer.

### **Known Limitations**

1. Media files not supported by the Windows Media Player and the codecs installed on your system will not play properly (examples are .VOB)

### Support

The author appreciates the use of *Invelos Software Forums* for discussion and support of this plugin. You will find a dedicated Plugins Forum and dedicated LoadDVD Pro thread at <u>www.Invelos.com</u>. You will find an active community of other users of *Invelos DVD Profiler* and its plugins, both Invelos-supplied and third-party, such as LoadDVD Pro.

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### **System Requirements**

LoadDVD Pro is supported only in Windows environments supported by Invelos DVD Profiler. It is not supported on Mac nor on any form of cell-phone, smart-phone or PDA.

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