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1 Overview

Have you wanted to create a catalog of your DVD or laser disc collection? Have you wanted to build the catalog without the need to enter a lot of data? If your answer is yes then **The DVD Register** will meet these needs.

Using the catalog number, the universal product code (UPC), or the title you can select from a reference catalog of all of the DVDs and laser discs published in the United States and then copy the matching titles to a personal catalog of your discs. In most cases you will not have to enter the data yourself. If you have a bar code reader connected to your PC, you can automate the inventory of your collection with the "Rapid Cataloging Wizard". If you are just starting your collection you can create a "want list". A copy of the reference catalog is installed on your PC and this is known as the local reference catalog. The DVD Register can also search a copy of the reference catalog that is located on the



Figure 1 Rapid Entry Procedure

Internet and this catalog is known as the Reference Web Catalog.

Once you have created your catalog, you can view and sort your titles and print various reports to list and summarize your collection.

1.1 Features:

- Coverage of the publication specifications, audio specifications, talent, subject matter including themes, disc mastering technical specifications, and the content of your collection.
- Movies in Box Sets are cataloged individually.
- Reference Catalog with over 43,000 DVDs and 16,800 laser discs issued in the United States from 1979-2003.
- Rapid Cataloging Wizard to quickly create a catalog of your discs without entering the data yourself.
- UPC (Bar) Codes for most discs permit cataloging with a bar code reader
- List of publishers and distributors with mailing addresses.
- Compatible with Windows '98, Windows Me, Windows NT, Windows

2000., and Windows XP

- Context sensitive help for most forms and procedures.
- 20 standard reports to list and count your collection. Portable formats help you avoid purchasing duplicates and comprehensive formats help your friends select movies that are available in your home theater.
- Create your own custom report format.
- Create your own custom attributes for extra data you want to record.
- Flexible searching, filtering, and sorting of records for both displays and reports.
- Multi-resolution forms to match the preferred resolution of your display
- Context sensitive and dockable tool bars.
- Export capability to permit you to use other database applications with your records.
- Live Update keeps track of the reference catalog updates you have applied and automatically applies the updates that you need.
- Download images of both front and back artwork with your personal catalog.

2 Setup

2.1 First Time Installation

To setup the application, insert the CD-R in your drive. Normally the setup application will auto-run. If not, then use the Run command in your Start menu to find the setup.exe file on the CD.

You may find that the setup application will install some system files and then ask for a reboot. You must restart your PC to continue with the setup process.

After the reboot you will need to manually restart the setup application. The setup applications will then install the Access 2002 (a.k.a. XP) Runtime client. You must reboot after the Access 2002 runtime client has been installed.

Setup will resume automatically after the reboot and will install the DVD Register application. After setup completes, there will be short cuts installed in the Start Menu. Use the "DVD Register" short cut to start the application.

If your are installing from the internet, then you will download a compressed file that must be unpacked before you can run the setup application. Move the compressed file to a temporary directory. The install pack is a ZIP file. To unzip the file, you will need to use an unzip program such as WINZIP. Once the file is unpacked, you should execute the setup.exe program. After the setup has successfully completed you can remove the temporary installation directory and all of the files that it contains.

Note: The install pack that can be downloaded from the Internet does not contain the Microsoft Access 2002 runtime client, which is required for the DVD Register. In order to use the download, you must have already installed the retail version of Access 2002 on your PC.

2.2 Upgrading from a Previous Release

To upgrade from a previous release of **The DVD Register** application you will need to install the new version of the software and then import your records from the older version of your personal catalog (the source) into the new release (the destination). Therefore you should not remove the previous version of the software before installing the new version. The new software will install by default in a different folder and will not overwrite the older version. Do not install the new software in the same location as the old software. Once you have installed the new software use the following procedure to upgrade your personal catalog:

- 1. Start the application
- 2. Select the "Upgrade Your Discs" subcommand under the "Import" command (File Menu).
- 3. You will be presented with the Warning Screen. Select OK to proceed.
- 4. In the File dialog box, use the navigation controls to go to the directory of the previous release. This will usually be C:\Program Files\Laser Disc Register 1.2x. Select the file "Laser Disc Register.mde" or "mdb" or "DVDreg.mde" or "mdb".
- 5. You will be presented with another warning screen, which gives you the opportunity to continue or cancel. The records from the source database always replace the records that are in the destination database. Any records that you have added to the destination database will be deleted by the import procedure and cannot be recovered.
- 6. Click OK and the contents of the source database will be processed for import. If some records cannot be imported you will receive an error message with the count of records that could not be processed. You will also have the opportunity to view an exception report of any titles that could not be upgraded.

There is no way to undo an import once it has started. The only method to recover from an import is to restore the destination database from a back-up copy. The source database is not changed by the import procedure.

2.3 Uninstalling the Application

To remove the DVD Register application, open the Control Panel and then open the "Add/Remove Programs." utility . Scroll down to "DVD Register 1.23.x" and select the "Add/Remove..." command button. Confirm that you want to remove the application.

Next, using the "Add/Remove Programs" utility, scroll down to "Access 2002 Runtime and select the "add/Remove..." command button. Confirm that you want to remove the application.

3 Launching the Application

The setup procedure will create a set of shortcuts in the Start Menu under Programs. Select the shortcut "Open DVD Register" to start the application. When you launch the application for the first time, it will request that you

provide a serial number. You will normally find the serial number printed on the cover of the CD-ROM. Enter the serial number into the text box provided and then click on the "OK" command button.

Creating Your Inventory 4

Each title in your personal catalog is displayed in a tabbed form. The first tab (Figure 2) contains the publication specifications of the disc. The second tab (Figure 3) lists the technical specification about the title. If the title is an LD,

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Figure 2 My Catalog Title Specifications Screen Example

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that Tab 1 contains a list of the movies or programs contained on the disc or in the box set. To see details more about the movies or programs in your catalog you should use the "Movies Form" command (File Menu) to open the form show in Figure 4. You can use

Figure 3 Example DVD Specifications Screen Example

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Figure 4 Movies or Programs Form Screen Example

Catalog" form. There are two sources of reference data of your personal catalog. One, known as the "Local Reference Catalog" is located on your PC and is installed with the software. Another known as the Reference Web Catalog" is located on the Internet. Either source can be used to construct your catalog.

4.1 Entering Your Records with the Rapid Entry Procedure

You can speed up the creation of your personal catalog by using the rapid entry wizard. You can copy a title from the reference catalog to your personal catalog by means of the UPC code, Catalog Number, or Title. A bar code scanner can speed up the process. Before entering your titles, you may want to clear out the sample titles that are included by default in the personal catalog. These records are for illustration purposes. To delete these records, select one of the sample records and then click the delete button on the toolbar. Continue to click the delete button until all of the sample titles are removed. Use the following procedure to rapidly create your personal catalog:

- 1. Select Rapid Entry command (Tools Menu).
- 2. Select the attribute you want to use to search the reference catalog. The default is by title.
- 3. Select the text box, and enter the search value. You start the search by pressing the Enter Key if the text box is selected. When you search by catalog and title, the search will select any records, i.e. wild card, that contains the information that you entered. You do not have to enter the complete catalog number or title. The UPC must be an exact match.
- 4. The reference titles that match your search criteria will be displayed in he upper grid.
- 5. Once you find a reference title matching the disc in your collection, select

that record and then click the Add Record command button. The title from the reference catalog will be copied to your personal catalog. When the copy is complete, the new record will appear in the lower datasheet which shows the titles in your personal catalog.

You can speed up the process by checking the **Auto Add on Single Matches** check box. When this box is checked and your search criteria generate a single record from the reference catalog, that record will be copied automatically to your catalog.

The catalog attribute is the most accurate way to locate records in the reference catalog. If the catalog number on the album cover includes a "-" or spaces, you should not enter these characters for your search. If you have a bar code scanner, the UPC attribute is the fastest way to create your personal cata-

log. However, there are some records in the reference catalog for which the UPC value is not known. If you cannot locate the reference record by means of the catalog or UPC code, then the title attribute is the robust way to locate the record, particularly if you use a unique fragment of the title. If all three methods do not produce a matching record, then the disc is not included in the reference catalog and you

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	DVD	Tomorrow Never Dies (1997)	906756	MGM/IA Home Vide		027616675	62	

Figure 5 Example Rapid Entry Screen

will need to enter the disc into your catalog manually.

Set up your bar code reader, if you have one, to send a carriage return (enter key) after the data. This will eliminate the need to select the enter key after the scan.

Make sure that before you make a scan with your bar code reader, that you have selected the text field next to the OK command button. You can tell that a field is selected by means of a flashing insertion point at the start of the field. If the field is not selected, the data from your scan will not appear on the form.

4.2 Entering Your Records with the Rapid Web Entry Procedure

The procedure for using the Rapid Web Entry is similar to the Rapid Web and is recommended if you have a high speed connection to the Internet, otherwise you are better off with the non-web procedure. Use the Tools>Rapid Web Entry command to open the search page and select the link: <u>Search the Reference</u> Catalog (Rapid Entry) and the screen shown in Figure 5 will appear.

The form works in a similar fashion to the Rapid Entry form. To add a title to your personal catalog from the Reference Web Catalog select the "Add" command button. One advantage of the Reference Web Catalog is that you will also download cover art.

If you click on the thumb nail then you will be presented with a full size cover art

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Figure 5 Example Rapid Web Entry Screen

art for titles that you have created from the local copy of the Reference Catalog

5 Browsing the Reference Catalog

You can use the Discs Grid to browse the all discs in the reference catalog. See Figure 6. By default the gird opens with the contents of "My Catalog" or "Mine". You can select the radio button "All" to view the titles in the reference catalog. Filters can be applied to "All" titles. This approach is useful if you want to develop a Want List for example of titles that star a specific actor or are the work of a specific director. You can apply a filter to the records shown in the grid view. First define the filter by selecting the desired values from the fields at the top of the form. You can select values in one or more fields. If you select multiple values then the filter Titles toggle button. If the "Filter Titles" toggle button is recessed, then a filter has been applied. Click the toggle button again to remove the filter.

6 Live Update

If you use the local copy of the reference catalog, you will want to keep the refer-

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Figure 6 Browsing the Reference Catalog

ence catalog stored on your PC up to date with the latest titles that have been released. If you use the Reference Web Catalog, then you do not need to perform the update procedure. The Reference Web Catalog is always up to date. The Live Update feature automates the administration of reference catalog updates. Live update handles the following tasks:

- Login to the update site
- Determine if any new updates are available

- Download new updates
- Apply the downloaded updates to the reference catalog

In order to use the Live Update feature, you must have an active download sub-

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Figure 7 Example Live Update Screen

scription and you must know your login and serial number. If you purchased the application or CD, then you would find the serial number marked on the CD cover. If you downloaded the application, then you would receive your serial number via e-mail. In order to receive a login to the download site, you must register on the download site. After your registration is processed, you will receive a login via e-mail. Once you have your login and serial number, you should enter then on the Help>About form. The Live Update feature will use the values entered on this form to login to the download site.

In order for the Live Update feature to reach the download site you must have access to the Internet on your PC. Live Update will initially look for the de-

fault connection that you use to access the Internet. If it is a dial-up connection, then Live Update will initiate the dial-up script. If your dial-up connection is automatic including the dial-up access password, then Live Update will not require any manual intervention to reach the download site. If your dial-up connection requires a password that you enter each time that you initiate a connection to the Internet, then you should initiate and establish the dial-up connection before you start Live Update.

Use the Tools>Live Update Command to start the live update. The Live Update Status and Control Window will open as shown in Figure 6.

Click the "Start Live Update" command button to initiate the Live Update. If you want to cancel a live update in progress, then click the "Cancel Update" command button. When you cancel an update, the updates process will finish the current step before stopping in order to restart later from a known point. The "Change Login and Password" command button will open the Help>About form, so that you can make a change to your login and password. You must close the Help>About form, before the revised login and password will be available to Live Update.

Once Live Update starts, it will display progress messages in the form as well as update the progress bar. You can show/hide the detailed progress messages by setting/unsetting the check box. You can change the check box after Live Update has started but it may take a little longer for the change to take effect.

Note: During the time that the update file is being downloaded you will see the animated pages move between the folders.

Live Update keeps track of the updates that have been applied to the Reference Catalog, You can display a report of the updates that have been applied from the Tools>Reference Updates>Reference Updates command.

The manual process of downloading and importing reference catalog updates can still be used. Live Update will recognize that an update has been applied manually and will look for later updates.

8 Getting the Most out the Application

Once you have completed the creation of your personal catalog you will want to print out reports, search or filter your catalog, and possibly update your catalog to include more information about the titles. For more instructions about these and other features open the "Help Contents" command under the Help Menu.

9 Upgrades

If you are a current download subscriber, you can download upgrades of the application from the internet at: <u>http://www.orlofsky.com</u> or <u>http://www.dvd-register.com</u>

To contact the DVD Register customer support, send e-mail to: orlof-sky@orlofsky.com

10 Software License

Use of **The DVD Register** software is subject to the terms of a software license. To read the software license, select the "About" command under the Help Menu and click on the command button on the "About" form to read the license. The software license is also printed on page 12 of this guide. Use of the reference data is limited to the purpose of cataloging a personal DVD or laser disc collection. Commercial use of the reference data is prohibited.

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- Your CD-R may contain new reference catalog updates. These new updates will be located on the CD in the "Reference Catalog Updates" folder. The Readme.txt file will explain how to apply these updates. Alternatively you can download all new updates with the Tools>Live Update command.
- 2. The CD is setup to autorun the setup procedure. Should the autorun not occur then the setup can be invoked manually by opening the setup.vbs file. The setup will occur in multiple phases. During the pre-setup phase you will be asked whether a retail version of Access 2000, 2002, or 2003 is installed on the PC. If yes, then the setup will launch the DVD Register application. If No, the setup will determine the version of Windows on the PC. If the version of Windows is 98, 98SE, ME, or NT, then the setup will install the Access 2000 or XP, then the setup will install the Access 2003 runtime and then the DVD Register application. If the version of Windows is 95 or cannot be determined, then the setup will abort and terminate.

On Windows98 the setup will:

- 1. Copy files and then request a reboot to update system files.
- 2. Install the Access Runtime and then request a reboot.
- 4. Install the DVD Register and no reboot will be requested

On WindwsMe the setup will:

- 1. Install the Access Runtime and then request a reboot
- 2. Install the DVD Register and no reboot will be requested
- Win2000 or WinXP
- On Windows 2000 Professional the setup will.
- 1. Install the Access Runtime and no reboot will be requested
- 2. Install the DVD Register and no reboot will be requested.
- 3. Several *.vbs files are provided to force certain setup procedures to occur and to bypass the OS detection logic. These can be used if the OS is known such as Win2003 Server but the pre-setup cannot recognize the OS correctly. The Access 2003 RT can be installed on Windows 2000 Service Pack 2 or later. The Access 2000 RT can be installed on Windows98 or later.
- 4. If the setup procedure fails by reporting that the setup has been invoked with the incorrect options and then stops prematurely and then says that a reboot is necessary then you may need to update your version of "Windows Installer". On the CD in the folder "Windows Installer 2.0" open the file InstMsiA.exe. This file will update your copy of Windows Installer to Release 2.0. Then restart setup and it will proceed. This can happen with Versions of Windows 98 that have not been updated with current applications that require the newer Windows Installer.

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