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Thank you for downloading DVD Database X. DVD Database X is a full-featured database program designed to help you keep track of any size DVD collection. DVD Database X has the following features:

- Easy-to-use, Intuitive Interface
- Movie Lookup from the Internet Movie Database Website (IMDB)
- DVD Label and Jacket Printing
- Automatic Playing of unecrypted VIDEO_TS Folders from your Hard Drive

Download and Installation

DVD Database X is distributed as a zipped archive. Double-click the DVD Database X.zip file to uncompress it. Drop the DVD Database folder into your Applications folder, or keep it on your desktop. The **DVD data** folder must remain in the same folder as the application.

Drag and Drop the DVD Database application icon into your Dock for easy access to your movie collection.

Adding Movies Manually

Click the Add button on the main screen (or hit Command-N), and fill in the fields. You must assign a unique movie title for each DVD that you add.

Adding Movies Using IMDB

If you have an active internet connection, DVD Database X can perform a title search using the IMDB website.

From the menu, click Search > IMDB Lookup (or hit Command-M). Type in the movie title, and click Lookup (or hit the Enter key). DVD Database X will query the IMDB website. Search results are returned in the list, or the database fields are automatically filled in if an exact match is found. If more than one result is found, click the movie in the list to load the fields for each search result.

Click Add Movie to add the selected movie to your database.

IMDB is an independently operated website, and the author of DVD Database X cannot take responsibility for its content.

Editing Movies

Select a movie from the main screen, and click Edit. Or, you may simply double-click a movie.

Searching Your Movies

You can search the Title, Director, or Cast fields in your movie collection. From the menu, click Search > Search My Movies (or hit Command-S). Pick the field you want to search and type in what you want to search for. Searches are not case sensitive.

After a search, hit the Show All button to display your entire collection.

Showing and Hiding the Cover Graphics and Plot

From the menu, click View > Show Cover and Plot (or hit Command-Z). The Movie and Plot drawer will slide out from the left side of the main screen, and display the cover art and plot for each movie cllicked.

Click View > Hide Cover and Plot (or hit Command-Z again) to hide this feature.

Printing a List of Your Movies

Click File > Print > Print Movie List. Check the fields that you wish to print, or click All to print all fields. Click the Print button, and you will see the standard page setup and print dialogs for your printer.

Printing DVD Labels

Select the movie from the main screen that you want to print a label for. Click File > Print > Print DVD Label (or hit Command-L). Check the fields that you want to print on your label, click Print, and you'll see the standard page setup and print dialogs for your printer.

The Horizontal Offset and Vertical Offset fields are used to adjust the position of the label printed on your label stock. If the print is not correctly positioned on your label sheets, you need to make adjustments to these settings. Each pixel is 1/72".

Printing DVD Jacket Inserts

Select the movie from the main screen that you want to print a jacket for. Click File > Print > Print DVD Jacket (or hit Command-J). Check the fields that you want to print on your jacket, click Print, and you'll see the standard page setup and print dialogs for your printer.

Lending and Returning Movies

Select the movie that you want to lend out. Click the Loan button, and select your friend from the pull-down list, or Add New to enter a new name. Click the Loan button.

When the movie has been returned, select it on the main screen, and hit the Return button.

Friends and Formats

Delete friends (who have not returned your movies!) and video and audio formats by selecting Edit > Friends and Formats. Select the appropriate table, the appropriate entry, and click delete.

Importing and Exporting

DVD Database X will import a tab-delimited text file (you can create this in AppleWorks) and add the movies to the database. Here is the file layout:

> Movie title
> Genre
> Year
> Director
> Video Aspect Ratio
> Sound
> Cast
> Borrower
> Borrowed Date
> Path to VIDEO_TS Folder
> Image file name (located in DVD data/images)
> Plot

To import a data file, click File > Import... and select the appropriate file.

Your movies can be exported to the same format by selecting File > Export...

Playing Movies From DVD Database X

IMPORTANT - Any movie that you wish to play from DVD Database X cannot be encrypted. You can use any of the available utilities to create a backup of a commercial DVD on your hard drive (such as DVDBackup 1.3).

From the Add New Movie or Edit Movie screen, click the Browse button next to the Path to VIDEO_TS Folder text box. Navigate to the unencrypted VIDEO_TS files, and click Choose. Click the Save button.

If you have done the above step, the Play button will be enabled when you click on the movie from the main screen. Click it, and the movie will play in full-screen mode within Apple's DVD Player.