ReelDVD® 3.1.1

Welcome to Sonic ReelDVD!

Welcome to Sonic ReelDVD 3.1.1! This release removes the dongle requirement and includes a number of stability fixes. Please read this document thoroughly. It contains the following important information:

If you experience problems installing this software, submit a Support Request on the Sonic web site:

http://support.sonic.com

Installation

System Requirements

To use ReelDVD, you must have a compatible computer with the appropriate peripherals. For the latest list of recommended CPUs and peripherals, refer to the *ReelDVD Configuration Guide* on the Sonic Web site:

http://www.sonic.com/products/reeldvd/config.asp

Installing and Activating ReelDVD

The following section documents the basic steps for installing and activating ReelDVD 3.1.1. For detailed installation instructions, refer to the *ReelDVD User Guide*.

To install activate ReelDVD 3.1.1:

1   If upgrading from a version of ReelDVD that required a dongle, power down your computer and remove the dongle attached to the parallel port. ReelDVD no longer requires a dongle.

2   Launch Windows and log on in Administrator mode.

3   If upgrading from an earlier version of ReelDVD, uninstall it with the Add/Remove Programs control panel.

4   Do one of the following:

•   If you are installing the program from the ReelDVD Installation disc, insert the disc and run the Setup program. Follow the on-screen instructions and restart your computer when prompted.

•   If you purchased the upgrade as a download, download and run the Setup program. Follow the on-screen instructions and restart your computer when prompted.

5   From the Windows Start menu, choose Programs > Sonic > ReelDVD > Sonic ReelDVD.

6   When prompted with the ReelDVD Activation screen, click Register.

7   Enter your user information and click Next. You are prompted to activate ReelDVD with either of two methods.

8   If you are connected to the Internet:

•   Select Internet Activation and click Next. Your Web browser launches.

•   When prompted, enter the serial number included with ReelDVD and click Go. A license file is installed to your hard drive and ReelDVD is automatically activated.

– or –

9   If you are *not* connected to the Internet:

•   Select Manual Activation and click Next.

•   Click Save License Request and save the license request file to your hard drive.

•   Email the license request file along with the serial number included with ReelDVD to Sonic (at license_request@sonic.com).

•   Once Sonic emails you your license file, extract it to your Desktop and double-click it. The license file is installed and ReelDVD is automatically activated.

Installing and Activating Sonic CinePlayer

Some versions of ReelDVD include Sonic CinePlayer. This player can be used both as a standard DVD player and as an emulation tool for testing projects before recording them to disc.

To install and activate Sonic CinePlayer:

1 Run the ReelDVD Setup program.

2 At the main Install screen, select the option for Sonic CinePlayer. Follow the on-screen instructions.

3 Click Finish to exit the Sonic CinePlayer Installer.

4 From the Windows Start menu, choose Programs > Sonic > CinePlayer > CinePlayer.

For information on using Sonic CinePlayer, refer to the documentation installed with the software.

Manual Addendum

ReelDVD Compatibility

ReelDVD project (.stb) and template (.stt) files are not compatible with Scenarist. To export a ReelDVD project to Scenarist, choose File > Save As and select Scenarist Script (.scp) as the file type. Once the project has been saved as a Scenarist Script file, it cannot be opened in ReelDVD.

Unencoded Subtitles and Simulation Mode

Imported subtitle images are not encoded until you attempt to play the project in Simulation mode. When playing the project while encoding the subtitles, the video and audio may drift out of sync. Subsequent playback, after the subtitles have been encoded, will not exhibit this problem.

Shortcuts for Documentation Files

ReelDVD installs both English and Japanese documentation files. The shortcuts in the Start menu link to the language version of the documentation files that matches the operating system language. Any of the installed documentation files can be viewed by double-clicking them from the Documentation folder inside the ReelDVD program folder.

Resolved Issues

- Copying and pasting slideshows in a PAL project no longer results in locked and uneditable tracks.

- Copying and pasting PAL still menus no longer distorts the subpicture overlays.

- Importing Photoshop layers on a computer with a multiprocessor no longer causes the application to quit.

- The ReelDVD Explorer Window is now displayed correctly after installation.

- Importing *Program* streams or other multiplexed MPEG content now results in an appropriate error message.

- DVD projects mastered to DLT in ReelDVD 3.0.2 occasionally contained erroneous region coding settings, and could not be used for mastering (even though the write operation appeared to complete successfully in the program). This problem has been fixed in ReelDVD 3.0.3.

- Pasting to a project after changing the Aspect Ratio no longer causes the project to fail.

- Pasted menus now retain their correct button links.

- When dragging assets to the Storyboard area, the icons for the new tracks now appear where expected.

- It is no longer possible to drag chapter segments to the Storyboard area (this functionality is not supported).

- Subpictures dragged to the Track window (and dropped near the end of a track) no longer extend beyond the end of the track.

- Subtitles are now successfully displayed when all subtitles in a track are created with the Subtitle Editor.

Known Issues

- When trimming the start time for a track's video stream, the track's audio stream still plays back from the beginning. This problem does not occur if the video stream was encoded with embedded time code.

- Audio may sound *scratchy* in Simulation mode, but will be fine once the project is written to disc.

- The link lines from the Auto Play, Title, and Menu icons may disappear in the Storyboard area if the lines are fully horizontal. This is only a screen redraw problem.

- When pasting multiple times into the Storyboard area, the new track icons may overlap so that some icons are not immediately visible. To avoid this, always move the icon after it has been pasted.

- When a video stream duration in a motion menu is increased, you must also increase the duration of the audio, subpicture, and button streams to match.

- With multiple tracks selected in the Storyboard area, choosing Add Audio Stream or Add Subpicture Stream will *only* add a new stream to the track displayed in the Track window.

- Track icons may become corrupt when scrolling the Storyboard area. To refresh this screen redraw problem, simply Minimize and Maximize the ReelDVD main window.

- A problem was discovered with the Verify function when writing to DLT. This feature has been temporarily removed, and will be restored to the user interface in a future release.

- When first launching ReelDVD after installing, dragging the ReelDVD Explorer window to the lower right (while the Track and Preview windows are also open) may cause the Explorer window to look like the Preview window. To refresh this screen redraw problem, simply Minimize and Maximize the ReelDVD main window.

- On some systems, maximizing the main ReelDVD window with the Maximize button may cause the window layout to be forgotten. The window layout *will* be remembered when resizing the main window by dragging the lower right corner.