

HISTORY

2003-01-21 - VCDEasy v1.1.4

Load/Save is not yet finished, but I prefer to publish VCDEasy 1.1.4 now, without the load/save yet, because a lot of bugs around the Media Player have been fixed, and the Nero ASPI support may help a lot of people having CD writer detection problems.

- Better recognition of the Adaptec ASPI version if any
- VCDEasy can now use Nero's ASPI layer if there ("WnAspi32.Dll" in the folder of Nero [and also "NeroApix.vxd" in "Windows\System\IOSUBSYS\" on Win9x/Me])
- If you know what you are doing... you can force the use of a specific ASPI layer in putting the corresponding "WnAspi32.Dll" file in the CDRDAO folder. Note that an ASPI layer may be more than just one file, so be careful to have all of them installed...
- Several bugs/improvements related to the Media Player box (in the chapters page) has been fixed/made. It should be more robust now. In theory, VCDEasy should be able to read what the Windows Media Player 6.4 (located at: "C:\Program Files\Windows Media Player\mplayer2.exe") can read... But, according to some users, it is not always the case... It depends in fact on the codecs (DirectShow filters in fact) your Media Player is using. Also, note that if your Windows Media Player is unable to resize a video under their original size (because of the codecs), then you may have sound but no video in the VCDEasy's Media Player.
- A bug fixed in the display when Windows large fonts (yet another one...)
- I removed the About, History and Credits pages, and replaced them by dialog windows accessible via the "Help" menu.
- The history is now displayed as RTF document.
- The version of each language file is now displayed.
- Fixed bad display of small icons when the user is not an Administrator on WinNT/2k/XP.
- Put "NoAutopaddingWarning=1" in the VCDEasy.ini file to not have the warning for MPEG files which require autopadding
- Put "NoBadPacketsWarning=1" in the VCDEasy.ini file to not have the warning for MPEG files which have bad packets
- The "Approximate CD size" computation has been (again...) improved.
- VCDEasy is now more robust to errors in the language files (VCDEasy 1.1.3 was not usable with the Czech language file)
- Bug fix when adding a file with bad "Last Modified" information
- Bug fix related to some CD writer speed selections
- Russian Translation by Vladislav Kugelevich (Thanks!)
- Turkish Translation by Solid Development (Thanks!)

2002-11-29 - VCDEasy v1.1.3

Hoping I will still continue to receive a few donations, I planned to buy the Binary Magic's "Magic Cue Burner" delphi component (http://www.binarymagics.com/html/magic_cue_burner.html). It has its own ASPI built-in. I will keep the CDRDAO integration into VCDEasy and let the burning method choice to the user. Next main feature, expected by lots of users, is the ability to load/save a project...

- Ability to capture in one step the pictures for all your chapters
- Ability to capture a picture from the Media Player box
- Media Player box integration into the chapter page, to ease the choice of chapters, as a start. (thanks to some donations I have received, I bought the TActiveMovie delphi component) But please, do not send me an email if the Media Player is unable to play one of your file. The player plays what your regular Windows Media Player can play. If you can not play a file... it can be for example because this file is bad, or because you do not have on your Windows the required CODEC (for example, a MPEG2 codec is required to play MPEG2 files... and there is no MPEG2 codec coming with Windows).
- VCDEasy now uses the file "cdrdao-drivers.txt" in the VCDEasy folder to ease the CDRDAO "Force Driver" choice
- VCDEasy still does not accept network files "\\server\share\..." (limitation from CygWin, the UNIX emulator), but now works with mapped network drive (for example "Z:\Videos" which is in fact "\\server\share\Videos")
- Requested by a donor: when you let VCDEasy analyze the MPEG files, an "Autopadding required" warning is shown if the MPEG file will be padded on the fly (this padding may result to a bad display)
- Requested by a donor: when you let VCDEasy analyze the MPEG files, an "Bad packets" warning is shown if the MPEG file contains some bad packets (this may result to a bad display)
- Requested by most of the donors: Lots of work around guides for the VCDEasy web site... (a few important guides remain to be done...)
- "Tips of the Day" feature added
- CUE files for CDRDAO v1.1.7 can now have the BIN filename in the long filename format (The CDRDAO CUE parsing bug has been fixed)... but CDRDAO still does not use this BIN filename in the CUE file! So the CUE and BIN file still must be in the same folder with the same filename...
- If you will not use CDRDAO v1.1.5 anymore, you can put "Expert_LongBinNameOnly=1" in the VCDEasy.ini file to have the BIN file name in the long filename format (without the directory information) in the generated CUE

files. This can be useful if you use another burning application, and it works with CDRDAO v1.1.7

- CDRDAO v1.1.7 support
- Requested by a donor: Ability to disable "Reload the disc if necessary for writing". Note that with some CD Writers, CDRDAO needs to eject/reload the disk (thus refreshing the status of the inserted disk) for simulation or burn. This reload may cause problems when used with applications like UDF packet writing software
- Requested by a donor: "Do you want to add this non-compliant file anyway ?" added when compliance check failed.
- Requested by a donor: Ability to disable the BURN Proof feature when the CDRDAO driver is generic-mmc or generic-mmc-raw.
- Bug fixed: DEL key deleted two chapter entries in the Chapters page (Thanks to Robert).
- Bug fixed in the XML viewer (Thanks to Bryan).
- Romanian Translation by Virgil Mocanu (Thanks!)

2002-09-04 - VCDEasy v1.1.2

I am still continuing to improve the existing features before implementing new ones...

I must admit that I am currently not motivated at all because of the very few donations I received compared to the huge number of VCDEasy users...

Remember that donations help me pay the www.vcdeasy.org hosting, but would also allow me to buy some codes to improve

quicker VCDEasy. I am thinking for example of TActiveMovie (<http://www.delphicity.com/amovie/scrshots.htm>) for MPEG preview, easier choice of chapters and picture extraction for automatic menu generation.

- Requested by a donor: Ability to play sounds, based on events.
- An "Out of resources" (but not related to the amount of memory on the PC) bug fixed when having a big number of MPEG Stills, and in some conditions.
- Requested by several donors: Improvements of the Interactivity page to have easier choices propagation See the "... " buttons.
- One compliance check added: the duration of a non MPEG still must be more than 4 seconds.
- 25th of August... welcome to Mathis!
- Requested by a donor: The way you can move files in the MPEG files list has been rewritten, it should be better now.
- The "Approximate CD size" computation has been improved (was really bad when there were lots of stills).
- MPEG Stills creation improvements (it should now be more practical to create stills...):
 - o Better quality of the MPEG Stills!
 - o No more stop on errors but ask if you want to continue with the next picture file
 - o New option: Silently continue on errors
 - o Progress information when several pictures
 - o Select Files and Folder buttons added (same behaviour as the existing Drag'n Drop)
 - o Creations summary in the log page
 - o "Mpeg Size (Quality)" set to max by default now
 - o "Resize Filter" choice is now saved
- Requested by a donor: "ItSelf" choice added in the Interactivity page.
- Requested by a donor: At several places, some "Do you want to continue ?" has been added... instead of brutal stop.
- Requested by a donor: At several places, progress information like [item number / total item number] has been added
- A menu bar has been added in order to start freeing some places in the tabbed pages. I will add more menu items later.
- Ability to choose the location of the Mjpeg Tools
- The "file does not exist" bug in Cdx2mpeg has been fixed
- "RPC server error" (when print spooler disabled) bug fixed. Thanks to Keith
- Some logos have been added to the tools pages
- Requested by a donor: Option "Set newly added file as MPEG still, by default" when you do not let VCDEasy analyze the files
- Requested by a donor: "Delete Selected" added in the chapters list's popup menu
- The "Add Files" button of the MPEG files list now systematically sort the files before adding them at the end of the list
- Requested by a donor: Ability to disable Window Size and Position saving
- A few new hints have been added
- A few bugs fixed in Display related to Windows Desktop/Font sizes
- Donation link added
- Portuguese (Europe) Translation by António Eduardo Marques (Thanks!)
- Norwegian Translation by Geir Egil Hansen (Thanks!)
- Swedish Translation by Fredric Blåholtz (Thanks!)

2002-05-20 - VCDEasy v1.1.1 [HOT FIX]

- Bug fix: No more instant crash when VCDEasy starts and when there is no default printer currently selected in "Control Panel/Printers". Thanks to "Ro Wijkejak", who found the reason of this crash.

NB: You can not imagine how difficult it is to make something reliable to all users when many many users... There are always cases I can not test...

2002-05-18 - VCDEasy v1.1.0

NB: No new main features in this version, even after 2 months without updates..., only bug fixes. Since the previous version I tried, without success, to find a good free host for VCDEasy distribution files, as VCDEasy has been removed from most of the former hosts... too many download bandwidth...! I finally decided to pay a host to make VCDEasy freely available to you (instead of stopping...) and started building www.vcdeasy.org

- No more long (sometimes very long...) delays when authoring with lots of file. This was caused by color rendering in the XML viewer. Thanks to "Baldrick" (www.vcdhelp.com)
- Ability to save the colored XML as RTF file (from the XML viewer page)
- Ability to print the content of the XML viewer
- The "Import Chapter" dialog has been slightly improved (Selecting an item "before" fills "Start Offset", this can help you set the "First Chapter starts at"). Thanks to "gonz0"
- New VCDEasy license... more explicit.
- Addition of "reset actions to defaults" in the Interactivity page
- MPEG Stills generation via Drag'n Drop improved (Thanks to "Guido Ledermann")
- New option: "Insert Comments into the generated XML files"
- Requested by some users: Remember the main window position and size (easy and quick to do)
- The CD-ROM volume label now is restricted up to 32 d-characters (instead of 20 previously). "Thanks to Matthew Kanar"
- Bug fixed: bad naming of the remaining chapters after one or more chapters deletion... there since 1.0.6... nobody reported...
- Bug fixed related to numeric Key assignment. Thanks to "VicBond007" and "gonz0"
- Italian Translation by Claudio Trevisi (Thanks!)
- Danish Translation by Jørgen Præst (Thanks!)

NB: I may soon abandon/remove CDRDAO support as it seems that there are more users with CD writers support or ASPI problems, than users able to use burn correctly. About 90% of the emails I receive is related to CDRDAO troubles... To avoid removing burning support completely, I am looking for CDRDAO alternatives (with integrated CD devices access support and CD devices via USB support). If someone can help...

2002-03-21 - VCDEasy v1.0.9

- MPEG Stills support in the (S)VCD authoring
- Some checks about some (S)VCD limitations have been added
- "Always on Top" added to the System Menu (Upper Left Icon) and to the Taskbar menu
- The queued commands manager has been improved to deal with skipped commands based on context. The first consequence of this is that VCDEasy will now propose to erase a non empty CD-RW during authoring
- I put the default burn speed at 4x instead of MAX, as using MAX speed may sometimes cause jerky audio/video
- Previously used CUE files (detailed CUE files) may cause CD writing problems with some CD writers while it works fine with simplified CUE files ("For_Fireburner"). So I introduce a new CD Image type option to let you choose which cue file type to choose. Thanks to "Bondiablo" for his investigations.
- New option: SVCD "Hacked" in the MPEG Still creation page (required for many DVD/SVCD players).
- New option: Show the "Update scan data offsets" warning even when this update option is activated
- Global code/events architecture re-designed
- The "Approximate CD size" computation has been improved.
- Display Improvements related to Windows Desktop/Font sizes
- ListView and TreeView Improvements
- Spanish Translation by Algernon and Félix Argila García (Thanks!)
- Croatian Translation by Raven (Thanks!)
- Polish Translation by Michal Cichocki (Thanks!)
- Bug fixed in the XML generation, "Reactivity" was always set to "Immediate"
- Bug fixed in the MPEG Stills creation when single quote in filenames. Thanks to "Por Que"
- Bug fixed in the XML generation (occurred rarely). Thanks to "Magnus Johansson" and "Por Que"

2002-02-17 - VCDEasy v1.0.8

NB: Adding MPEG stills to VideoCD projects requires me to modify a lot of things, so I prefer publish VCDEasy 1.0.8 now without being able yet to use MPEG stills. It will be in the next version...

- New page added in the tools section: "Mpeg Stills Creation"...
- The CD-i support is no more set by default as it seems that some PC DVD/CD readers cannot read the disc

- because of CD-i files
- The display under XP has been improved
- VCDEasy now correctly supports Windows font sizes other than "Small Fonts" (I hope this will help low vision persons)
- A bug in reporting the execution results has been fixed
- The "Log" and the "Xml Viewer" pages can be undocked
- ".dat" file renamed to ".mpg" file detection (when analyze ON)
- GNU VCDImager's Cdx2mpeg added in the "Tools" page, so no more GNU VCDImager v0.7.11 support
- "Reset Authoring" and "Clear all MPEG files" buttons added
- "Xml Viewer" page added (currently only displays the last successfully generated XML code)
- "Advance Mode" Checkbox removed (now always in "Advance Mode")
- Greek Translation by Vagos (Thanks!)

2002-01-10 - VCDEasy v1.0.7

- Bug fix: Invalid numeric keys values were generated in the XML file (Thanks to "Kaba")
- Bug fix: APS information was lost after a "Clear All" under Chapters (Thanks to "M. Johansson")
- Bug fix: No more "Division by Zero" when trying to make a chapter every 0 seconds...
- I started to make some MPEG compliance checks when you let VCDEasy analyze the files

NB: Following a question from some users, yes you can (I hope!) create new chapters or add new sequences even if you already started playing with the Interactivity page, things should continue to be automatically updated except for the changes you made yourself.

2002-01-08 - VCDEasy v1.0.6

- GNU VCDImager v0.7.11 and v0.7.12 support (Full Setup Package with v0.7.12)
- VCDEasy now allows the user to change the Playback Control information (Interactivity page when PBC is ON). So you can change the default chapters behavior, but you can now also put and customize motion menus (in changing the PBC information of a sequence without chapter). A future version will contain a "menu" page that will help the user. Note that all the code related to PBC information has been rewritten... so be careful, there may be some bugs...
- When you let VCDEasy analyze the MPEG files, VCDEasy now uses the APS (relaxed or not) information at chapters design time. This allows to know at design time what will be the exact entry points. Note that if you do not let VCDEasy analyze the MPEG files, the chapter entry points you will enter will be changed at Image CD generation time (VCDxBuild), so you won't be able to know at chapters design time what will be the exact entry points (even if you relaxed the APS constraints... see the FAQ)
- The "Relax APS constraint" option has been moved to the "(S)VCD Player" settings page
- When PBC is ON, and for each sequence, you can choose at which numeric keys corresponds the first chapter (Beginning of the sequence), so it is now easier to keep the same numbering as the DVD when wanted
- When PBC is ON, when pressing PREV during first chapter of sequence N, you now go to the beginning of the sequence N-1 by default, instead of going to the last chapter of sequence N-1
- GNU VCDImager known bug: Filenames that will be in a XML file must not contains special characters (non 7bits ASCII characters). So VCDEasy now checks for this.
- Bug fixed in potential duplicated chapters check (Thanks to "Marcio Marchini")
- Defaults Gaps and Margins button is back...
- VCDEasy now detects ASPI layer update and automatically re-activates CDRDAO if ASPI seems now ok)
- VCDEasy logo from an initial idea by Cyril Duboc (Many Thanks to all of you who sent to me some logos)
- Portuguese (Brazilian) Translation by Luis Eugenio M. dos Santos (Thanks!)
- Hungarian Translation by "csi" (Thanks!)
- Dutch Translation by "Oermens" (Thanks!)
- Czech Translation by Jan Kocir (Thanks!)
- Thanks to "Por Que" and "Kaba" for bugs found in the private beta version

2001-12-05 - VCDEasy v1.0.5

- I am still working on PBC interactivity, menu support, integration...
- Distribution package using the freeware "Inno Setup"
- Import chapters list from SmartRipper via Paste (..._INFO.txt) (See chapters list's popup menu)
- Ability to receive/display information messages and URLs when manual web version check
- Miscellaneous things requested by some users:
 - o Volume and Album names can be automatically filled in (based on the first sequence's name)
 - o Some message box have now a "Do not show again" checkbox
 - o option "delete the XML file when real burn successful"
- A (rare) registry access exception has been fixed (thanks to "Pat Martin")
- CdrDao now disabled by default but can be enabled in "settings", as "cdrdao.exe scanbus" on his own can crash windows on some machines (disabled by default... except if the ASPI drivers are up to date)

2001-11-18 - VCDEasy v1.0.4

- PBC interactivity by user started... menu support is not far now...
- Check for potential duplicated chapters because of ASP constraints not relaxed
- Options reorganization to have "Options related to a project"/"Options related to the (S)VCD Player"
- ASPI Tools are now available only when ASPI drivers are up to date (v4.60)... to avoid crash...
- Thanks to all the persons ("Duncan Schilling", "Mike Bowen", "Alex Henriksen", ...) who help me find that VCDEasy crashed on some computers because of the ASPI drivers (and my ASPI tools)
- Use system language to set VCDEasy default language (when possible)
- "next-volume-use-sequence2"/"next-volume-use-lid2" bug in XML generation fixed (Thanks to "M.W.I. Prod.")
- Bug when dealing with chapters in milliseconds fixed (Thanks to "dEpeChe")
- Checkbox "Customize Gaps and Margins" added

2001-11-05 - VCDEasy v1.0.3

- German Translation by Cosmotic <Captain.Cosmotic@gmx.net> (Thanks!)
- A bug related to the Tree View refresh has been fixed
- Option "... key 0 instead of key 1" removed as <bsn> must be in [1..99] (thanks to "Chris Bensch")

2001-11-01 - VCDEasy v1.0.2

- Chapters support improvements: numeric keys to navigate chapters Copy/Paste chapters list(See chapters list's popup menu) Import chapters list from ChapterXtractor via Paste (See chapters list's popup menu) ChapterXtractor's chapters list computation with begin/end offsets
- GNU VCDImager v0.7.11 support Deprecated "leadout pause" option removed, new "leadout pregap" option added
- Ability to save the log file
- "Restriction", "next-volume-use-sequence2", "next-volume-use-lid2" VCD options added
- "--force" option has been added for "CdrDao write"
- Addition of the following tools: Eject/Load/RotateStart/RotateStop/Unlock/Lock
- CdrDao integration has been improve at the user interaction level
- You can now select Simulate and (then) Burn (if simulation was ok)
- I moved from Delphi 5 to Delphi 6... in hoping having not too many bad surprises...
- I changed my application's name from "VCDImager Easy" to "VCDEasy",

2001-09-28 - VCDImager Easy v1.0.1

- Direct (S)VCD rip from CD reader
- Improvement of features enabling/disabling based on choices
- New Tools: Blank CD, CD Info, Unlock CD, Burn Cue/Toc, Create BIN CD Image
- Ability to choose the location of the console applications
- CD Writer/reader and Language settings have been moved to the global "Settings" pages
- Global Settings Pages added
- Some "Non Trivial" hints have been added on some users request
- Hints tweaked to have longer timeout
- Implementation of a workaround when creating a cue file to avoid CdrDao "no space" limitation
- Eject option fixed (thanks to "Lars-Goeran Thieme")

2001-09-17 - VCDImager Easy v1.0.0

- You can now burn! CDRDAO v1.1.5 is now integrated (with all write options)
- "CDRDAO Toc" and "Toast (Mac)" CD image file format added
- New (S)VCD options: "Leadout Pause", "Track Pre Gap", "Track Front/Rear Margins"
- Icons in the main log have now a good display under Win98
- The two missing buttons are back...

2001-09-09 - VCDImager Easy v0.9.9 [HOT FIX]

- Sorry... Hot Fix... I have just discovered that the "Check for new version" worked only in my (private) debugging mode. It should not anymore says "No new version available" if there is one...

2001-09-09 - VCDImager Easy v0.9.8

- CDRDAO integration started...
- GNU VcdImager v0.7.10 support (with its GUI related features) so now the progress bar is back and the log integration is better
- VcdImager v0.7.10 CUE file format changed and is no more compliant with FireBurner I kept Fireburner compatibility in creating "..._for_fireburner.cue" files
- Parses now entirely the MPEG scan information
- VCDxRip added in the "Tools" page

- Outlook Bar like added
- Improvement of the main log component for better readability
- "&" is now forbidden in filenames because it is an XML escape character (thanks to "Beretta")
- <publisher-id> "fails A-character constraint warning" fixed

2001-08-31 - VCDImager Easy v0.9.7

- Chapters creation - "Relax APS" and "Wait Time" options added
- MPEG Files can now be analyzed (but no compliance warning yet)
- Options are now saved, via INI file
- "Tools" page added (currently with "Scan MPEG File" and "Execute an (S)VCD XML File")
- Dynamic Language selection
- Check for available update
- The GUI text for non compliant DVD players option (when Svcd) is now fixed
- Some Hints are now used to simplify the GUI
- Improve MPEG files list performance when dealing with large numbers of files
- Improve the information display when selecting a file in the Iso CD Tree
- Maximum of MPEG files fixed from 10 to 99 (Regression bug, thanks to "Chi ming Poon")

NB: GNU VCDImager v0.6.x support is now abandoned... This allowed me to stop disabling lots of functionalities in the GUI

2001-08-10 - VCDImager Easy v0.9.6

- Internationalization support (and French language file available)
- When v0.7.x, VCDImager Easy no more uses "vcdimager.exe" and "vcdxgen.exe", but generates itself the XML file and now uses "vcdxbuild.exe" to generates the bin/cue files. Note that "vcdimager.exe" is still used when GNU VCDImager is v0.6.x
- VCDImager Easy can now be launched without GNU VCDImager. In this case, it generates only the GNU VCDImager v0.7.x compliant XML file which describes the VideoCd
- "Add empty SEGMENT dir" option added (required by some players), when v0.7.x
- Around 40% of the code have been rewritten, I may have introduced regression bugs

2001-07-23 - VCDImager Easy v0.9.4

- When SVCD, CD-i files no more added to the ISO file system (thanks to "Cor Speelman")
- XML generation now fixed when using with GNU VCDImager 0.7.x (thanks to "Cor Speelman")

2001-07-20 - VCDImager Easy v0.9.2

- First Public Version (All "vcdimager.exe" v0.6.x options are supported, "vcdxgen.exe" is used)