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Cover Show

This option allows you to view a slide show of your previously saved cover art. When you first choose the option you will be given the option of running the show repeatedly. Next you can enter the number of seconds to show each slide (use 9s to have no time limit and allow the slide to proceed only on a key press) and the number of images (for the same Cover) you want to display at a time. You can display up to 5 images at once, or select the number 9 to have a random number displayed for each Cover.

The ESC key terminates the show.

Registration Options

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See Also

[Registration Form](#)

Registration Form

I would like to register VideoMaster for Windows. Please send ____ copies for only \$29.95 (U.S.) each.

I would like to take advantage of your special offer and register both VideoMaster For Windows and SpellPlus. Please send ____ copies each of both for the special price of only \$39.95 (U.S.).

I would like to take advantage of your extra special offer and register VideoMaster For Windows, BitMapZ For Windows, AND get 5 disks of bitmap images. Please send ____ copies each of all three for the special price of only \$44.95 (U.S.).

I would like the following disk size: 3.5" or 5.25"

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|---|----------|
| 1) Subtotal for VideoMaster For Windows (# of copies X \$29.95) | \$ _____ |
| 2) Subtotal for special offer registrations (# of copies X \$39.95) | \$ _____ |
| 3) Subtotal for extra special offer registrations (# of copies X \$44.95) | \$ _____ |
| 4) Optional Express Mail over night delivery add \$10.95 | \$ _____ |
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| | S&H |
| \$ _4.00_ | |

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

I have enclosed payment for the above amount.

Please charge my: Visa Mastercard AmEx Discover

(Credit Card Orders MUST Be Mailed/FAXed To The PsL Address Above To Be Processed)

Signature: _____

Card Number: _____

Exp Date: _____

My name and mailing address is:

Name: _____

Street/PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ Country: _____

See Also

[Registration Options](#)

Registration

As a registered user or VideoMaster for Windows you will receive a printed and bound manual, the latest version of the program, another Unicorn Software program to try, **FREE** phone, mail, BBS or CompuServe technical support, a list of **FREE** and discounted products for Registered Users Only, and notification of all major upgrades. Once registered all upgrades are **FREE** you pay only for the cost of P&H and the disk. Please contact Unicorn Software Limited directly for information on volume discounts and site licenses.

See Also

[Registration Options](#)

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About

The About menu has two options:



About: Provides you with copyright and version information for the program. It also provides the name of the registered user.



Registration (Unregistered Version Only): Brings up the Write program with the registration form for VideoMaster. You can fill out the form and print it using this option.

See Also

[Registration Options](#)

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File Menu

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New

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Print

BackUp

Exit

Delete

This menu option allows you to delete a VideoMaster data file from within the program. It is easier to use than searching through file directories looking for the appropriate file names.

The Delete VideoMaster Data File dialog box will appear after selecting this option.

If the file is on a different drive, select the drive you want from the Drives box.

In the Directories box, double-click the directory you want.

Or press the UP ARROW or DOWN ARROW key to select the directory, and then press ENTER. The current directory will initially be the same directory as the currently selected VideoMaster data file.

Once you have selected with file, it is deleted with a double click, or by hitting the OK button.

Exit



This menu option will allow you to Exit the program and return to Windows.

BackUp



This option will back up the data files you are currently using to disk. You will be shown the total size and number of Videos in the status box. You can back up to A or B drives, and the program will utilize any format of disk.

The program will prompt you to change disks as they become full. This method of back up does not use compression and can only be used until your data file reaches about 1000 Videos. After that we recommend using FLEXIBAK Plus, see Appendix C of VIDEO.WRI for more information on FLEXIBAK Plus.

Print



This menu option allows you to obtain print outs, preview a print out, or write to file a print out. Just click to select the print out you desire from the list, these are the contents:

Listing: Video Number, Category, Title, Format & Star.

Catalog: provides all information.

3X5 Cards: Gives you all information printed on 3X5 cards. (See Appendix A for specifications)

Rolodex Cards: Gives you all information except the Synopsis on pin fed rotary index cards. (See Appendix A of VIDEO.WRI for specifications)

Spine Labels: Prints video spine labels with Video Number & Title for all titles.

Face Labels: Prints video face labels with Video Number , Start & Title for all titles.

Cats n Boxes: Counts for each Category and Box used, as well as percentage.

Next choose the type of print out (PinFed or Sheet) and if you desire to preview the print out, click that box. When all of your options are entered click the OK button. You will then have an opportunity to enter a title for the print out.

If you selected one of the label options you will be told how long the print out might take to produce. You have the option of canceling the print out at this point if you choose. Press the OK button to proceed.

Once all of the Tunes have been extracted, you will be presented with a window to select the Order of the Tune list. You can cross index the listing if you so desire by choosing more than one option and using one of the Combiners. Press the Order! button when you are done.

The program will then start CA-RET to handle the print outs.

New

This menu option allows to create a new VideoMaster data file for use. All Video data files have the extension VID.

The Create VideoMaster Data File dialog box will appear after selecting this option.

If the desired location for the file is on a different drive, select the drive you want from the Drives box.

In the Directories box, double-click the directory you want.

Or press the UP ARROW or DOWN ARROW key to select the directory, and then press ENTER. The current directory will initially be the same directory as the currently selected VideoMaster data file.

In the File Name box, enter the name of the file you want to create.

Double-click the name of the VideoMaster data file or choose OK.

Open



This menu option allows to select a VideoMaster data file for use. All Video data files have the extension VID.

The Open VideoMaster Data File dialog box will appear after selecting this option.

If the file is on a different drive, select the drive you want from the Drives box.

In the Directories box, double-click the directory you want.

Or press the UP ARROW or DOWN ARROW key to select the directory, and then press ENTER. The current directory will initially be the same directory as the currently selected Video data file.

In the File Name box, double-click the name of the Video data file you want to open.

Or select the file and choose OK.

If you enter a file name not in use, you will be asked if you want to create a new file with that name.

Edit Menu



This menu has three options, you can use the Cut, Copy, and Paste commands to transfer information to and from the Clipboard.

To copy text by using the mouse

- 1 Select the text you want to copy.
- 2 Move the mouse pointer to the place you want to insert the copy.
- 3 Press and hold down ALT, and click.

To copy text by using the keyboard

- 1 Select the text you want to copy.
- 2 From the Edit menu, choose Copy.
- 3 Move the insertion point to the place you want the copied text to appear. Or select the text you want to replace with the copied text.
- 4 From the Edit menu, choose Paste.

To move text by using the mouse

- 1 Select the text you want to move.
- 2 Move the mouse pointer to the place you want to insert the text.
- 3 Press and hold down SHIFT+ALT, and click.

To move text by using the keyboard

- 1 Select the text you want to move.
- 2 From the Edit menu, choose Cut.
- 3 Move the insertion point to the place you want the cut text to appear. Or select the text you want to replace with the copied text.
- 4 From the Edit menu, choose Paste.

Picks



This menu option will bring up a window of buttons for picking Videos. Think of this as a way of filtering your data file for only the information you want. These Picks remain in place for Print Outs too. Once you put a Pick in place, it will remain active for the rest of the current session **UNLESS** you run the Crunch option from the Utilities menu, or the Clear Picks button from this menu.

Once you have selected the item you want to Pick for you will be prompted for what criteria you want. When you have entered your choice hit the Enter key and you will be returned to the Picks window. You can select more than one item for Pick for, by using a Combiner. Once you have made your choices click the Set Picks button to confirm.

For example, let's say that you want to work with all Videos that are in the "Drama" category, *and* star "Jason Robards". Click on the Category button from the Picks menu, then select Drama from the categories listing, then click on the "Equal To" button, which will process your 1st selection. When you select another Picks category you will be offered a "Combiner" option of "AND" or "OR". This option allows you to search for Pick#1 *AND* Pick#2, or you can search for Pick#2 *OR* Pick#2 (in this example we'll use the AND option). After you select your choice of Combiner options, you'll be returned to the Picks listing, where you can choose your next Pick selection. For your next selection, you click on the Star button and enter "Jason Robards". To finalize your Picks, just click on the OK button, which will return you to the Main menu screen.

A more complex example would be Category A *or* Category B *and* User Code D *and* Title A. (You would get all Categories A or B with the Code D and the title beginning with A.)

When you have selected either of the U Boxes for Picks, the screen that appears will be of the type for the U Box. A button X Box will allow you to choose only one of the options listed. An X Box will allow you to select whether the box should be Xed, Not Xed or, if it does not matter, N/A.

For example: If you chose for Live to be Xed, Studio not Xed, and the other two N/A. You would have selected Video that are Live and not Studio ONLY, since the other two boxes were N/A they could be either Xed or not.

See Also

[Close 'Nuf](#)

[Find!](#)

Close "Nuf

In the Find! and Pick options when you enter the Title, Star, User Defined Fields, etc. you do not have to enter the entire thing. For example when entering a title you wish to deal with you do not have to enter the full Title, only the first few words, or even letters. In Update this will allow you to view all the records that are Close 'Nuf to what you entered.

EXAMPLE: Entering "Meet" will bring up "Meet Me", "Meet The Beatles" and "I'll Meet You On The Other Side"

See Also

[Picks](#)

[Find!](#)

Find!



On the Singles Screen, from the Videos Menu, you have a Find! button. This will bring up another window that will allow you to enter information regarding the Video you want to find. You can find by any of the Video fields except the U Boxes or Synopsis, if you want to find by those use the Pick menu.

On the Find! window just select the option you want to find by, ie Title, and a box will appear to for you to enter your choice. When you have entered your choice hit the Enter key and you will be returned to the Find! window. You can select more than one item for Find! by, by using a Combiner. When you are done hit the Find! button to start the search.

For example, let's say that you want to work with all Videos that are in the "Drama" category, *and* star "Jason Robards". Click on the Category button from the Picks menu, then select Drama from the categories listing, then click on the "Equal To" button, which will process your 1st selection. When you select another Picks category you will be offered a "Combiner" option of "AND" or "OR". This option allows you to search for Pick#1 *AND* Pick#2, or you can search for Pick#2 *OR* Pick#2 (in this example we'll use the AND option). After you select your choice of Combiner options, you'll be returned to the Picks listing, where you can choose your next Pick selection. For your next selection, you click on the Star button and enter "Jason Robards". To finalize your Picks, just click on the OK button, which will return you to the Main menu screen.

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See Also

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Utilities Menu

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Upgrade

This option allows you to import data files from version of Video for DOS prior to 9.00 and after 7.00. Just specify the location of the VIDEO.DAT and the program will import the file. REGISTERED COPY ONLY.

Crunch

This option compresses the blank spaces out of the data file, resequences the data file for optimal speed and rewrites all the indexes . This can take awhile if your file is especially big. You SHOULD run this prior to printing labels if you have Multi Title tapes.

Colours



This option will let you change the colours used for text and inputs in primary, secondary and tertiary windows within Video. You can also alter the colours for the Browse and Tune boxes. Simply enter one of the 256 choices shown for each prompt.

Primary Window: The main screen of the program.

Secondary Window: Windows that appear as the result of choosing one of the menu items.

Tertiary Window: A Window that appears as a result of selecting an option from another Window.

CoverShow: The background colour used for the CoverShow.

Browse: The colours used for the Browse menu option.

Tool Bars?: Lets you turn on/off the tool bars.

Index

This option allows you to place the file in an option that suits your needs, you can also combine several of the options together. So you could put the file in order by Title, with a sub order by Star, with a sub order by Category.

Import

This option allows you to Import data files created with Video for DOS (versions after 10.00) and Video for Windows. The records will be imported to the file currently in use. Some users find it easy to have one master file and a separate file to make entries with and use this to merge the two.

If there are Categories not in your Category file used in the Imported file, you have the option to change these (not only in the Category list but for each Video as well). For example you used R for Rock in the imported file but you want to use R&R from now on, you have the opportunity to change the Category for all Videos with R and in the Category list as well.

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User Fields



This option allows you to change/enter your titles for the user named fields and the titles for U Boxes and the selection options for them. It will display where these options actually are on the screen to make your entries easier. You can also select either the button or X Box options for the U Boxes. More information about U Boxes is in the file VIDMSTR.WRI.

Auto Numbering

The Auto Number option: If this is checked the Video Number will automatically be placed in the appropriate field when adding new Videos. If you change the number (ie you deleted a Video with a lower number), the number first inserted will be saved for the next add. If it is not checked this option is off.

You have the option of the last number used, when toggling this option on.

Categories



The Categories option allows you to add, change, and delete Categories from your Category list used throughout the program.

Renumber

This option renumbers the data file, based on the current index option and should be used immediately after indexing (if it is desired). It will number your Videos from 1 to whatever. based on the order the file is in when it is run. For example the file is in Title order, it will number them based on that alphabetized list.

Cover Art

This option allows you to view a slide show of your previously saved cover art. When you first choose the option you will be given the option of running the show repeatedly. Next you can enter the number of seconds to show each slide (use 9s to have no time limit and allow the slide to proceed only on a key press) and the number of images (for the same Cover) you want to display at a time. You can display up to 5 images at once, or select the number 9 to have a random number displayed for each Cover.

The ESC key terminates the show.

Videos

The two options for editing Videos are:



Browse



Singles

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Legalese

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ASP Ombudsman Statement

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Browse



First gives you a browsing screen of the Video Number, Title, Star, CoStar, and Category. You can change these entries directly on this screen if you desire. You have the following button choices too:



New: Creates an entry for a new Video.



Find!: Opens the Find! window.



Edit: Opens the Singles screen for the selected Video.

Delete: Delete the Video presently displayed. You will be asked for verification.

Quit: Quits this option.

Singles



Singles Option: This is one of two entry screens you can use to access your Video collection. There are entries for:

Title: The Video's title. For multiple Video sets you may wish to add Disk 1, Disk 2, Disk 3 etc. to the title.

Video Number: This is alphanumeric (letters and/or numbers). Some of the programs options will only work if this is a number (Renumber and Find Range). If you have Auto Numbering on this number will be inserted for you.

Star: The primary Star on the Video.

CoStar: The secondary Star on the Video.

Category: This is a pull down menu of Categories you have entered into the system. To Add/Update the list use the Category option from the Utilities menu.

User #1, #2 & #3: The user can name and use this field for anything they desire. ie Producer, Serial Number, Location. Use the User Fields option from the Utility menu to change.

Rating: The MPAA rating for the video: G, PG, PG13, NR, R, NC17, X, XX, XXX.

Start: The starting point for this title on the video.

U Boxes #1 & #2: The user can name and specify the options for these two boxes. Also, they can be used either as buttons or X Boxes. Use the User Fields option from the Utility menu to change.

Cover: This button lets you view and select bitmap images to store with each Video. Once selected a window will display the CoverArt of the selected Video. You can change or add new art by selecting the New button, Delete the art, or save your changes and exit. To abort changes simply Close the window.

Synopsis: Use this field to make any additional notes or description you need concerning the Video.

Also on the screen there are buttons for:



New: Creates an entry for a new Video.

Delete: Delete the Video presently displayed. You will be asked for verification.

Duplicate: Duplicates the Video displayed, but changes the Video Number to DUPE to make it easy to identify.

Cancel: Abandons changes you have made, or aborts a New entry.

Done: Saves changes made or new Video and exits.

SpellCheck: Run your spellchecker on the Synopsis.

The Navigate Buttons:

Left Arrow: Saves and backs up one Video.

Right Arrow: Saves and goes forward one Video.

See Also

Browse

Find!

SpellCheck

This allows you to specify the SpellCheck program used by the SpellCheck button on the Videos/Single screen. See VIDMSTR.WRI for details.

Wallpaper

The program comes with a bitmap file named VIDEO.BMP. This image is displayed on the main window of the program. You can replace this with an image of your choosing by using this option. Video will attempt to keep the image in the center of the screen.

If you do not desire any artwork, simply delete the enter NONE for the filename and hit the OK button.

Warning: The larger the bitmap file, the longer it will take to load and display!