

VideoReQuest Software Changes

Note: To update the software on your VideoReQuest:
Press the "Menu" button and select Configuration-> Advanced-> Online Software Update.

v1.4.0: Changes since v1.3.0 (May 2006)

Enhancements

- Fully automatic cover art for ALL DVDs (backwards compatible to software v1.2.0 and 1.3.0 if automatic cover art is enabled in the menu).
- New Flash Based graphical user interface.
 - Faster & more intuitive navigation.
 - Improved look and feel.
- New Web Server
 - Ability to access flash based user interface (forward ports 3670 and 2992 for remote access).
 - Similar look and feel to AudioReQuest web server.
 - Enhanced editing and export capability.
- Parental control functionality: The VideoReQuest now prompts the user for the Sony 777 PIN number if parental controls have been setup in the Sony 777 menu.
- TV video calibration: allows you to change the height, width and centering of the VideoReQuest on-screen display.
- Removed "Now Playing" category. After playing a movie, the cursor returns back to the list from which the DVD was chosen.
- Improved Title Search: Searches may be more general and results are returned in order of relevancy (along with associated cover art icons).
- Added support for the Zektor CSV 4.1 video switch.
- Shift-Edit (Media Refresh) now works from any VideoReQuest navigation screen.

Control System Features:

- Numerous new and updated integration commands. Please see the VideoReQuest protocol guide for complete details.

Fixes:

- 720p re-enabled (this option had been disabled in software v1.3.0).
- Genre list consolidated to reduce duplicates / similar genres.
- Improved IR processing to reduce inadvertent duplicate button presses.

Notes:

- Custom user edits are now handled exclusively via the web server interface.
- Removed "DVD Player Power Setting" from the menu since players do not always turn on promptly.

v1.3.0: Changes since v1.2.0 (January 2006)

- Patch release to support internal hardware changes.

v1.2.0: Changes since v1.1.15 (November 2005)

Enhancements

- Automatic cover art for Disney, Fox, Sony and their associated studios



1. Disney: Disney, Buena Vista, Miramax, Touchstone, ABC, ESPN, Pixar
2. Sony: Sony Pictures, Columbia, Tri-Star
3. Fox: 20th Century Fox, Fox Home Entertainment, Lucas Films

Note: Automatic cover art and genre icons are turned off by default, and must be enabled in the menu.

- Automatic genre icons when no cover art is available (optional)
- Dramatically improved on screen graphical interface
- Improved web server: You now have the ability to edit content such as Title, Genre, Year, Director, Cast, Plot, etc.
- ARQLink updated to support VideoReQuest when associated with an AudioReQuest or by manually inputting the WAN IP.
- Improved handling of unknown discs, over 90,000 DVDs now looked up

v1.1.15: Changes since v1.1.14 (May 2005)

Enhancements

- New User Interface graphics
- All new web server adds advanced features such as DVD editing and improved cover art upload.
- Significantly faster DVD lookups.
- Discrete control over video switch. (Shift 1-4 on Remote).
- Quick search in all menus, including DVD search, genre and ratings.
- Faster startup time: Shaved approximately 1 minute off of boot to main menu. Also added a DVD Player Detection Settings to not detect empty serial ports for faster boot up.
- New screen saver shows random movie covers and information from your complete collection.

New system categories:

- "Recently Added" - Displays all the movies that were added in the past few weeks starting with the most recent. Its a great way to quickly get to your movie rentals or new DVDs
- "Recently Played" - Lists all the movies that were played in the past few weeks so you can continue watching movies you had to stop or see what the kids were watching.
- "Changers" - Lists all the movies by Changer and Slot position.

Control System Features:

- New discrete commands for DVD player control.
- Aspect ratio provided to controllers.
- Lookup progress sent to controllers.

v1.1.14: Changes since v1.1.11 (February 2005)

Enhancements

- Show additional details on Internet movie search results
- Support filtering by rating on Internet search
- Support Karaoke genre
- DVD Lookup will not run when a movie is playing
- Perform software update check at start up
- Performance Enhancements
- Creston/AMX quick search now functions correctly
- "Problematic chapters" in the DVDs now lookup/display
- The VideoReQuest unit will wait for the movie to start playing before switching over to the DVD output

v1.1.11: Changes since v1.1.10 (December 2004)

Fixes:

- Fixed Automatic Software Updates. The update currently needs to be performed manually in the menu.
- User edits will no longer be reverted with a manual DVD Lookup.
- A couple of isolated issues that can cause system lock ups were fixed.
- DVD Lookup will not run when a movie is playing.
- If the Sony changer is powered down when a movie is requested, it will properly turn on and play the movie.

v1.1.10: Changes since v1.1.8 (November 2004)

Fixes:

- Automated lookup of unknown DVDs working.
- Proper lookup of bundled DVDs (e.g., Tom Cruise set, Clint Eastwood set, etc)
- UP and DOWN protocol commands scroll the details window of a movie.

v1.1.8: Changes since v1.1.7 (July 2004)

Enhancements

- Allow more time and re-tries to locate attached DVD changers on a "cold" boot. Sometimes the DVD changer powered up fast enough for the VideoReQuest to detect it and sometimes it didn't. If a DVD changer is not detected, all of the movies associated with it are removed from the list, which means the user will have to go through the discovery process again once the player is detected.
- Reserved the special DVD title "Unknown". VideoReQuest rejects this name if it is entered as a user edit.

v1.1.7: Changes since v1.1.3 (June 2004)

Enhancements

- New Edit feature allows you to perform a manual Internet search for your DVD and the ability to change the Title, Year, Genre, and MPAA rating.
- DVD player power mode. Under the DVD Options menu, there is a new entry, DVD Player Power Settings. The VideoReQuest can be configured to power off all DVD players when it is powered off (both soft power and hard power) or to leave the DVD players powered on (the default).
- Support for the Sima VS-712-EX, which provides simultaneous component and composite video switching for distributed video output (for SIMA ports 1-3).
- New discrete commands for changing the video mode:
 - Alt-0 (selects VGA only)
 - Alt-1 (selects Composite/S-video)
 - Alt-2 (selects Composite/Component)
 - Alt-6 (selects 720p Component)
- Network Configuration can be changed without rebooting.
- Re-detecting DVD players can be performed without rebooting.
- Video Switch can be changed without rebooting.
- The status light flashes green when a DVD lookup is in progress.
- A number of minor bugs fixed.

v1.1.3: Changes since v1.1.2 (May 2004)

Enhancements

- Added manual cover art lookup (DVD Image Manager). This feature may require a reboot to initially activate it. Point a browser to the VideoReQuest's IP address and follow the instructions that show up in the browser to manually search and upload cover art.
- Correction for ownership of serial ports.
- Adjustment for an updated DVD player BIOS on some of the shipping SONY CX-777ES players.
- Improved video switch detection. In most cases, a reboot is no longer required when setting the type of video switch.
- Correction for discrete play and discrete pause (binary command protocol).
- "Next arrow" display bug fixed - the next arrow did not always show up when backing out of menus.
- Changing control system communication speed (baud rate) now prompts for reboot.
- Added idle-time garbage collection, which should help the system response over the long haul.
- Alert added if you request a DVD lookup while one is already in progress.
- Protocol enhancement - requests are resent to SONY player if the player rejected the command the first time.

v1.1.2: Changes since v1.1.1 (April 2004)

Enhancements

- Corrected soft power-off mode so that all commands are ignored until power-on is received.
- Minor corrections to Crestron and AMX binary protocol. (Genre and rating navigation, and discrete pause).
- Fixed a bug in manual DVD lookups, where the VideoReQuest was re-scanning one too many DVDs.
- Additional progress reporting during DVD lookups - progress bar near top of screen.
- Send chapter information to client.

v1.1.1: Changes since v1.1.0 (April 2004)

Enhancements

- Keep middle initial with first name in actor database entries
- Updates to the application shutdown process
- Added Configuration / Advanced / Reset System Database
- Bug fixes for Crestron control
- EcbFlash update (checks jumper settings)
- Fix for Chapter feedback from the currently playing DVD chapter feedback
- 16:9 720p mode added to configuration choices
- Added configuration / Control Port (serial control baud rate)
- DVD Lookups now show progress bar (select Configuration / DVD Options / DVD Lookup / Progress – only available during lookup)
- Bug fix for bug with less than 6 chapters
- No Video Switch set as default
- Always put the Switcher on the VRQ channel when application starts
- Improved SONY player handling
- DVD chapter data retrieval added
- Schema change which requires re-discovering your current DVDs