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Working with medi@mirror : part 2

A common problem encountered when distributing your work to friends, family or customers is the number of existing video playback systems and the differences between them.

By using medi@mirror and the Video CD standard, you can create a media disc that is compatible with most Windows platforms and standalone DVD players. All you have to do is configure and include medi@mirror in your disc.

Requirements

medi@mirror – Media player/distribution tool by Anetac Software.

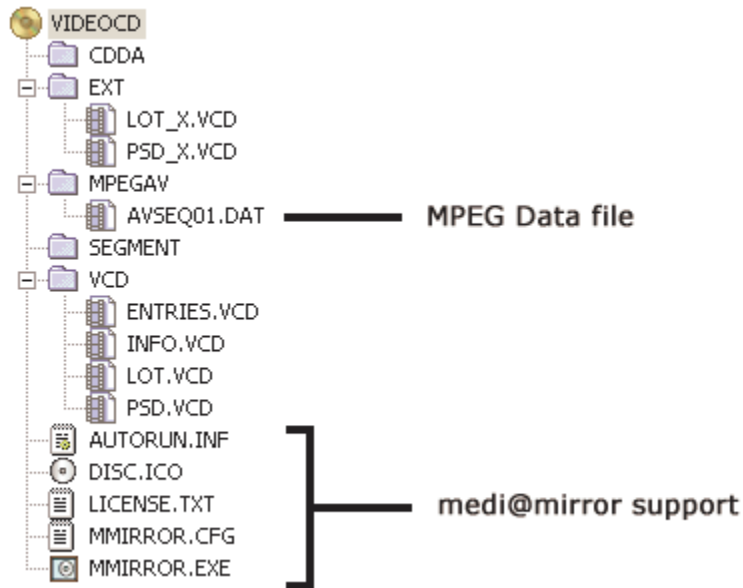
Video CD software – Software that supports the creation of Video CDs.

Encoding to MPEG

Your video file may have to be encoded to a Video CD compliant MPEG file before your disc burning software can accept it. You can use medi@maze to do this. Some disc burning software packages may do the encoding for you. In either case, be prepared to wait.

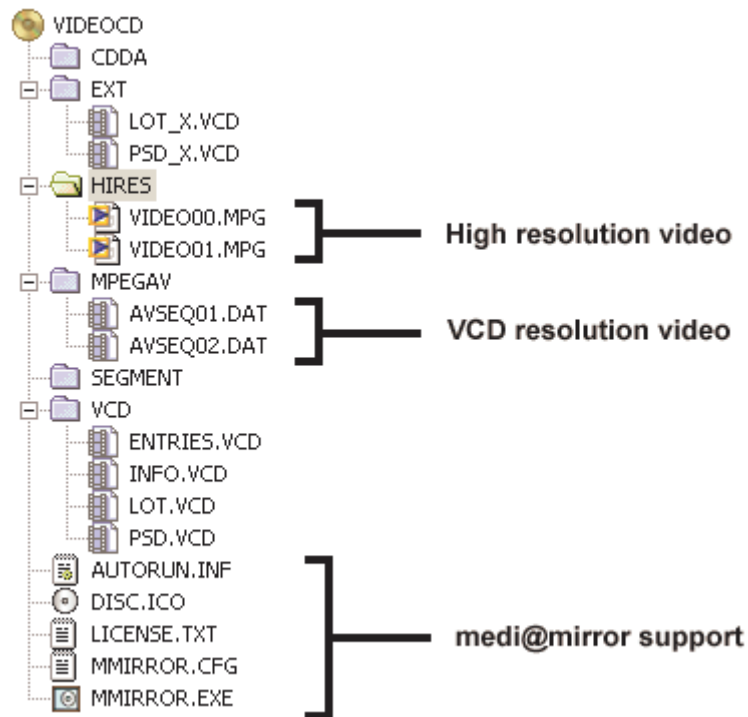
The Video CD directory tree

The following screen shot shows the Video CD directory tree with medi@mirror and it's associated configuration files. The file system structure may vary depending on the software you use to create your Video CD.



The software you use to create your Video CD must allow you to add random files to your target Video CD file system. In this case, the files mmorph.exe, mmorph.cfg, disc.ico license.txt and autorun.inf have been added to the Video CD root directory.

If you want to get fancy, you could add a separate folder that contains high-resolution versions of your video files to be played exclusively by medi@mirror on the target computer platform. The following file system structure illustrates this concept, which gives you the best of both systems.



Please see the medi@mirror user guide (section 9) for information on how these files are used. An example configuration file for Video CDs “videocd.cfg” is included with the medi@mirror distribution.

Burning a Video CD with the file structure illustrated above produces a disc that loads and plays your file automatically on most Windows platforms and also on standalone DVD players that support the Video CD standard.

This is the end working with medi@mirror, part 2. Here we explained how medi@mirror could be used to enhance a cross-platform video disc. We hope this introduction will help you make the most out of our tools and your imagination.

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