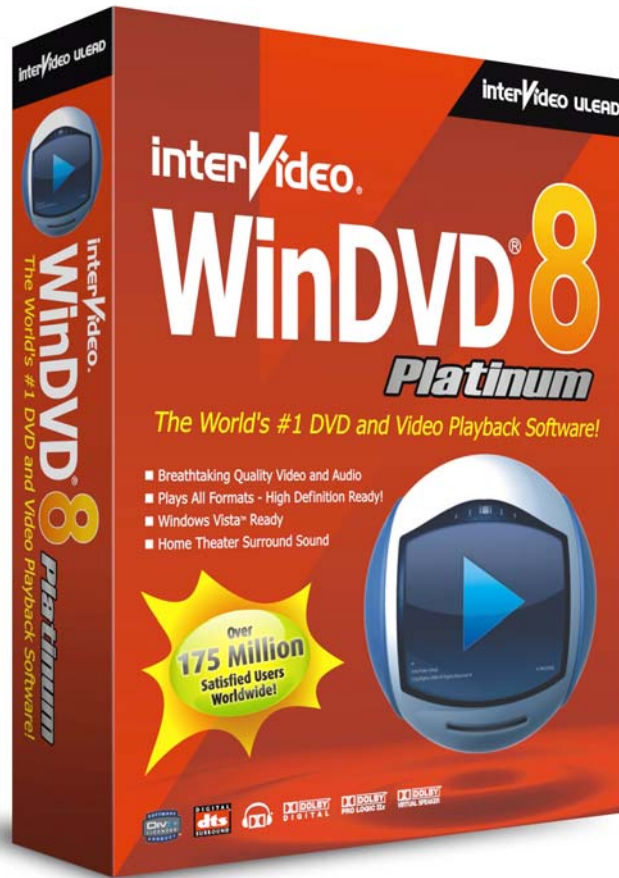


# InterVideo® **WinDVD® 8 Platinum**



## **Reviewer's Guide**

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# InterVideo WinDVD 8 Platinum Quick Facts

Product Name	<b>WinDVD 8 Platinum</b>
MSRP	Platinum \$59.95 Gold \$ 39.95
Availability	Corel website at <a href="http://www.corel.com">www.corel.com</a> and consumer retail stores such as Best Buy & CompUSA.
Language Support	English US, French, German, Japanese
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## System Requirements

	Minimum System Requirements	Recommended System Requirements
<b>Processor</b>	Intel Pentium 4 1.0 GHz, Intel Pentium M 1.0 GHz, or above	Intel Pentium dual core processor 2.8 or above
<b>Memory (RAM)</b>	256 MB	512 MB
<b>Operation System</b>	Microsoft Windows XP and Microsoft Windows Vista	
<b>Graphic Card</b>	AGP or PCI Express graphic accelerator with DirectDraw Overlay Support	AGP or PCI Express graphic accelerator with HWMC, DirectDraw Overlay Support (VRAM 64 MB and above)
<b>Sound Card</b>	PCI sound card or on-board audio chip	
<b>Optical Drive</b>	DVD-ROM, DVD-ROM/CD-RW combo, DVD-R/RW, DVD+RW or DVD-RAM drive with 1394, ATAPI, SCSI, USB 2.0 or Card Bus interface	
<b>Hard Disk Space</b>	200 MB	
<b>Note</b>	Recommended System Requirements: * High-Definition (720p and 1080i) file playback * WMV-HD, H.264 and VC1 file playback * <u>TrimensionDNM</u>	

# Comparison Chart

WinDVD 8 Gold version v. WinDVD8 Platinum version v. Competitors

	WinDVD8 Platinum	WinDVD8 Gold	PowerDVD7 Deluxe	PowerDVD7 Max
<b>Price</b>	<b>\$59.95</b>	<b>\$39.95</b>	<b>\$69.95</b>	<b>\$59.95</b>
<b>NVIDIA Purevideo</b>	V	V	Purevideo	Purevideo
<b>Intel ClearVideo</b>	V	V		
<b>Dolby Pro Logic IIx</b>	V		Pro Logic II	Pro Logic II
<b>UPnP Media Server</b>	V			
<b>Color Themes</b>	V	V		
<b>Boss Key</b>	V	V		
<b>High Definition File Playback (1080i, 720p)</b>				
<b>H.264 (single + multi thread)</b>	V			
<b>VC1 (single + multi thread)</b>	V			
<b>MPEG-2 HD</b>	V			
<b>UPnP Media Client</b>	V	V	V	V
MPEG4 AVC/H.264 file playback	V		V	V
3gpp/3gpp2 file playback	V		V	V
Digital TV TS file playback and navigation	V	V	V (limited)	V (limited)
IVI Headphone	V	V	V(CLHP)	V(CLHP)
IVI Hall Effect	V	V		
MPEG-4 AAC	V		V	V
<b>Video Features</b>				
DivX file playback	V	V	V	V
QuickTime	V	V		
Real Player	V	V		
Smooth Reverse Playback	V	V		
WMV-HD	V	V	V	V
TrimensionDNM Advanced	V			
Smart Stretch	V	V	V(A CLEV-2)	V(A CLEV-2)
Zoom and Pan	V	V	V	V
<b>Audio Features</b>				
Dolby Digital 2 channel	V	V	V	V
Dolby Digital 5.1	V	V	V	V
Dolby Digital EX	V		V	V
<b>Dolby Headphone</b>	V	V	V	V
<b>Dolby Virtual Speaker</b>	V	V	V	V
<b>DTS 2.0 ch</b>	V		V	V
Time-Stretch	V	V	V	V
Graphic Equalization	V	V		
96 KHz/24 bit Audio decoding	V		V	V
Virtual Surround Sound	DSP Effect	DSP Effect	CLVS	CLVS
Karaoke	V	V	V	V
<b>SRS TrueSurround VT</b>	V	V	TruSurroundXT	TruSurroundXT
<b>SRS TruSound Headphone</b>	V	V		

## Target Market

WinDVD 8 Platinum is the ultimate in DVD and video playback software. It will appeal to movie lovers, business travelers and technology enthusiasts.

WinDVD 8 Platinum is designed for those who want to enhance their home theater and multimedia experience through their PC. WinDVD 8 shines in the following environments:



### Home Theatre

These users are technically inclined, are early adopters, and have invested in state-of-the-art equipment to enjoy their home theater experience to the full. They have surround sound speaker systems, and perhaps even a Media Center PC in the living room, connected to a home network of UPnP devices. They demand the very best in playback quality, and they want to support the audio technology they have invested in.



### Desktop PC

Whether in the office or at home, watching downloaded movies and video clips is an increasingly popular pastime. These users first and foremost don't want to have to worry about formats – they just want their videos to play when they click on it. They usually have either a 2-speaker setup or headphones, so they want to have the best audio experience from those as well. They also like to be able to personalize their desktop, so WinDVD 8 lets the user match the color of the player with their desktop theme. And for a new fun twist, one can instantly pause and hide the movie with the Boss Key!



### Laptop

One of the most common scenarios for watching DVDs on a notebook computer is when traveling – on a plane, relaxing in a hotel room, in the car. InterVideo Mobile Technology extends battery life and playback time for Intel laptop CPUs. Dolby Headphone and SRS Tru Surround XT Headphone are two technologies that replicate rich surround sound on ordinary headphones, to optimize the movie experience from a laptop. Time Stretching speeds up a movie's playback so the viewer can see the movie to the end before landing.

## Market Background

### High Definition

The High Definition age is here – and InterVideo Ulead, as always, is leading the way. New, more efficient formats such as H.264 and DivX HD are gaining in popularity, and the new consumer HDV camcorders are selling well. Thus, consumers are seeing and generating more and more HD content in a variety of frame sizes, codecs and compression schemes, and they need the means to play it back smoothly.

### The Networked Media Center PC

Digital convergence is where the consumer electronics market is going, and part of that means the PC is becoming a hub for all kinds of rich content. However, users typically don't want to have a PC that is used for productivity tasks in the living room, and thus the Media Center PC was born. Add to that wired or wireless connectivity with the main PC, or other UpnP connected devices, and it is now possible to have a PC in the home office connected to a PC in the living room next to the TV, and to watch video or picture slideshows, or listen to music, streaming from one room to another.

### HD Discs

*Users who buy WinDVD 8 Gold or Platinum can get HD DVD/Blu-ray Disc Playback functionality by purchasing the HD Upgrade Pack, available separately from [www.intervideo.com](http://www.intervideo.com).*

Two competing formats of high-definition discs are entering the market. Commercial Blu-ray and HD DVD movie titles will offer superb video quality, additional rich content and enhanced menu navigation features. Also, these formats make use of advanced content protection schemes, which double-check the playback chain from disc to player to video card to display device.

WinDVD was selected as the player of choice for OEM customers like Sony and Toshiba, bundling the HD version with their first-to-market HD DVD and Blu-ray-capable PCs.

InterVideo is the technology leader for complying with all the requirements for playing back these advanced disc formats in their full, rich High-Definition quality, and with the possibility of combination players in the future, it is comforting to know that WinDVD supports both formats equally.



## WinDVD 8 Platinum

**InterVideo® WinDVD® 8** is the world's #1 DVD and video playback software, with over 175 million copies sold worldwide. Enjoy crystal-clear, smooth playback of your standard and High-Def video and audio. Whether you're a movie buff, frequent flyer, or just like to watch video clips, WinDVD 8 gives you the best digital entertainment experience.

## Key Features

### ***Breathtaking Quality Video***

WinDVD offers the great video quality that movie lovers have come to expect, and now supports graphics hardware acceleration technologies like Intel® ClearVideo™ and nVidia® PureVideo™

### ***Windows Vista™ Ready***

Stay with XP or leverage the enhanced multimedia features and capabilities of Windows Vista, including media center and UPnP networking.

### ***Plays All Formats – HD Ready***

Supports playback of the latest High-Definition file formats, such as MPEG2-HD, VC-1 and H.264, as well as all the standard-definition formats like MPEG-4, RealPlayer® and WMV.

### ***Home Theater Surround Sound***

Built for home theatre systems, WinDVD 8 supports 5.1, 6.1 and even 7.1 and virtual surround sound from Dolby® and DTS®.

## What's New

- **Top Video Technologies** – Intel® ClearVideo™ and nVidia® PureVideo™ graphics acceleration for the ultimate in High-Definition Playback.
- **High-Definition File Playback** – now also supports VC-1, H.264, and High Definition MPEG-2.
- **Intel® Core™ 2 Duo Support** – Multitask and still enjoy smooth video with the latest Intel® chips.
- **Superior Audio Center** – WinDVD 8 includes support for Dolby® Digital, Dolby® Headphone, Dolby® Virtual Speaker, DTS® Digital Surround Sound and SRS® TruSurround XT for a full, immersive listening experience.
- **Boss Key** – Now you see it, now you don't! One click pops the player out of the way.
- **Color Themes** – Personalize the look of your player to match your mood or your desktop.
- **UPnP Media Server and Client**– Now WinDVD 8 Platinum supports UPnP home networks as a Server or a Client. Set up content in folders, set permissions, and make content available through the network. Client plays back content from other UPnP-certified devices within a system

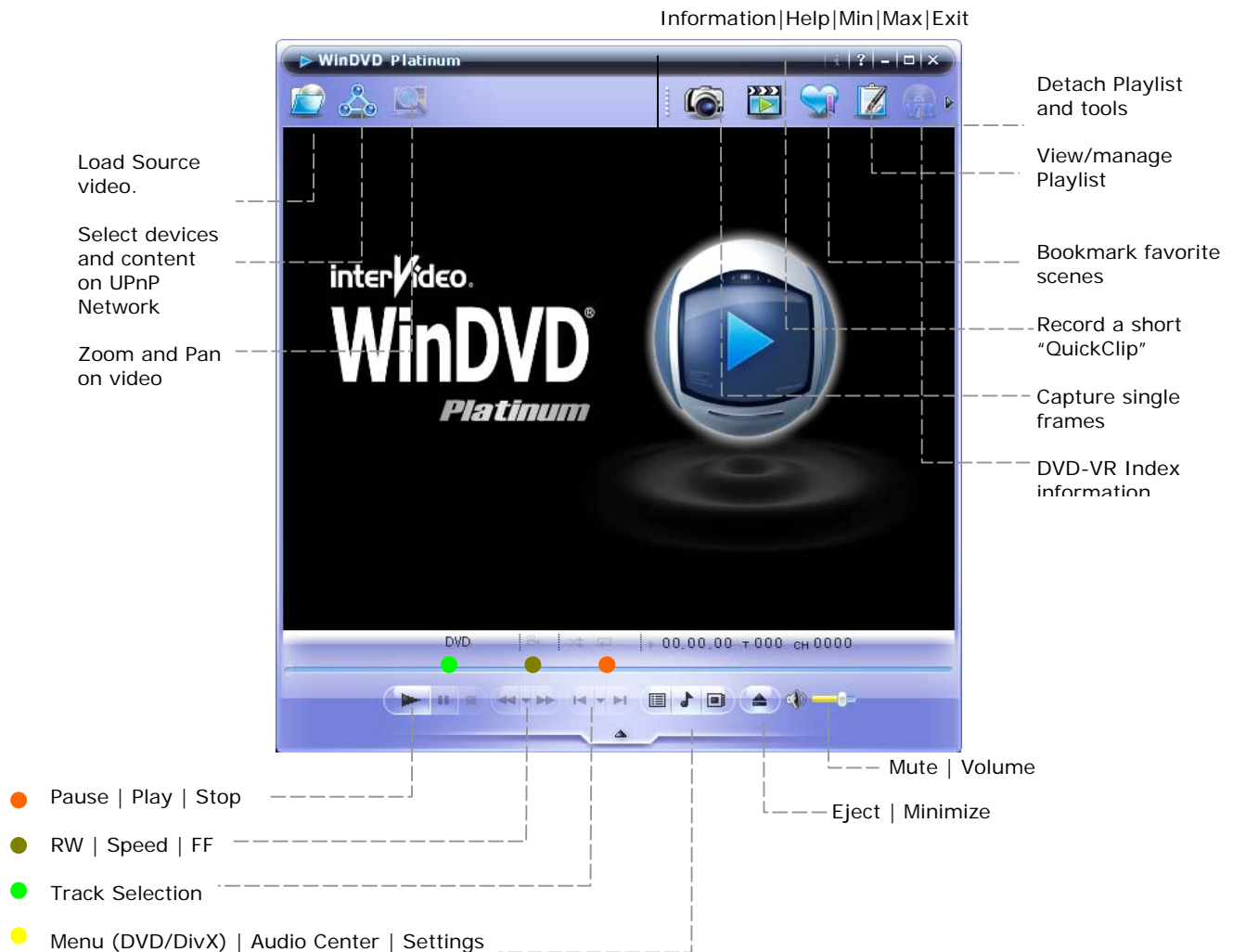




# WinDVD® 8 User Interface Tour

## WinDVD 8 Interactive Panel View

The main WinDVD 8 Platinum control panel allows access to all the basic DVD playback features with additional functionality available through the subpanels.



## Adaptable Interface

Rather than overwhelming the user with an interface swimming with buttons and sliders, InterVideo WinDVD 8 Platinum comes with a dynamic skin that changes to suit the selected media. Interface panels include video controls for movie-related features and audio controls to manipulate the sound playback.

Panels can dock to the main window, float on the desktop, or be hidden from view. In addition to audio and video control panels, there are bookmark, QuickClip, and playlist panels with the same functionality. This is the most versatile WinDVD panel to-date.



## Color Themes

WinDVD now also allows users to change the color of the interface, to match their mood or their desktop. Choose from a variety of cool colors.



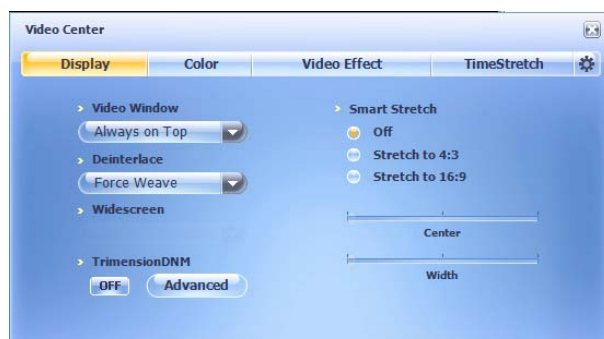
## DVD Subpanels

Subpanels offer advanced settings for various DVD playback features. Click on the small triangle icon to open the subpanel.



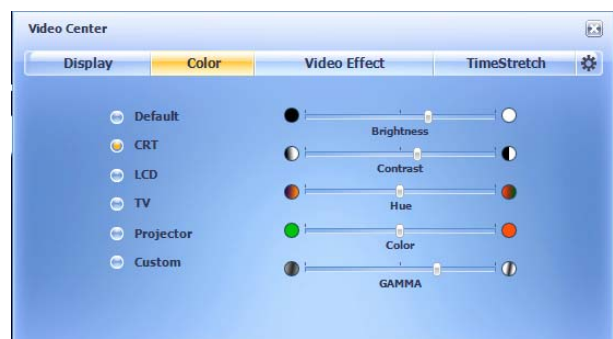
Access advanced navigation options in the drop-down subpanel

## Display



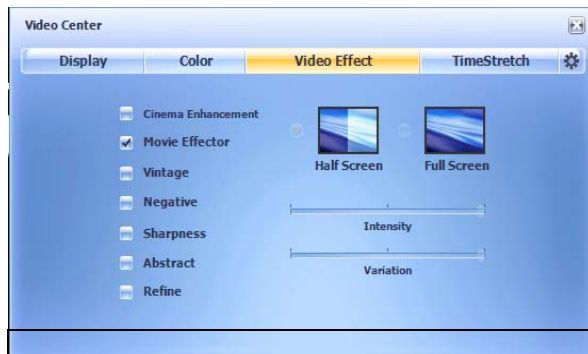
When playing a 4:3 home movie on a widescreen TV, SmartStretch will stretch only the sides, resulting in a more natural-looking picture.

## Color



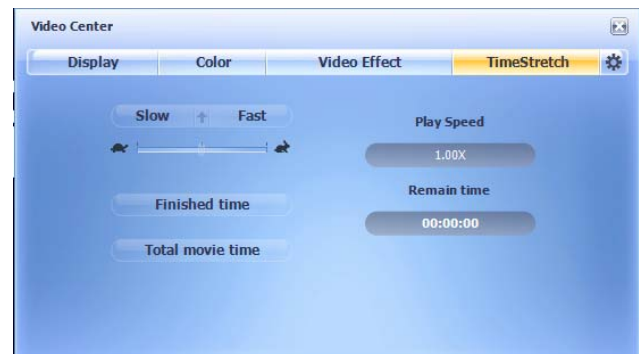
Adjust the display according to the output device and lighting conditions.

## Video Effect



Test out video effects to find the ones most suitable for viewing. Selecting half screen enables a comparison between original and new settings.

## Time Stretch

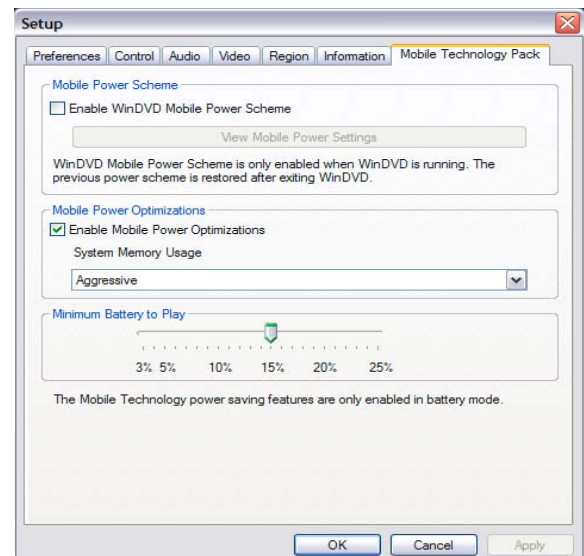


For those on the move, or short of time, movies can be played faster than normal. The audio pitch is automatically adjusted so speech remains natural. Make sure you don't miss the ending!

# Mobile Technology

InterVideo Mobile Technology works with WinDVD 8 Platinum for more efficient use of your laptop powered by an Intel® CPU. Designed specifically for Intel® Centrino™ Mobile Technology, this can extend battery life and movie playback significantly.

- **Mobile Power Scheme:** The WinDVD Mobile Power Scheme provides power settings presets to maximize battery life while running WinDVD on a laptop.
- **Extended Play / System Memory:** By controlling the amount of system memory used, you can further extend your battery life while playing your movie. Increasing the system memory setting from conservative, average to aggressive will increase the time available for movie playback.
- **Minimum Battery Life to Play:** Prevent your computer from unexpectedly shutting down during continued movie play. Once the battery life reaches a level you set, the movie will automatically close but you can still use your computer for other applications.

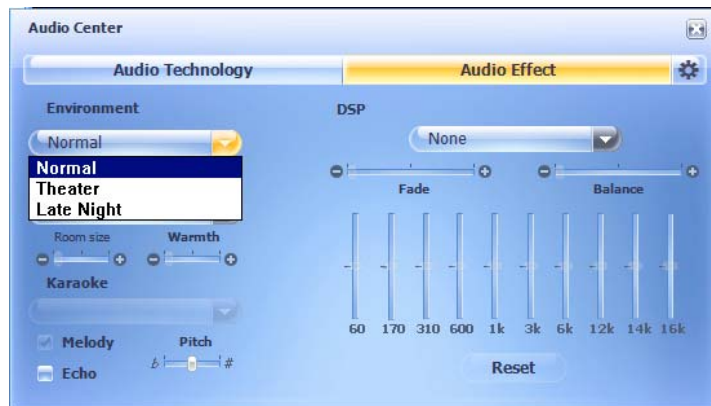


## Set up Mobile Technology options

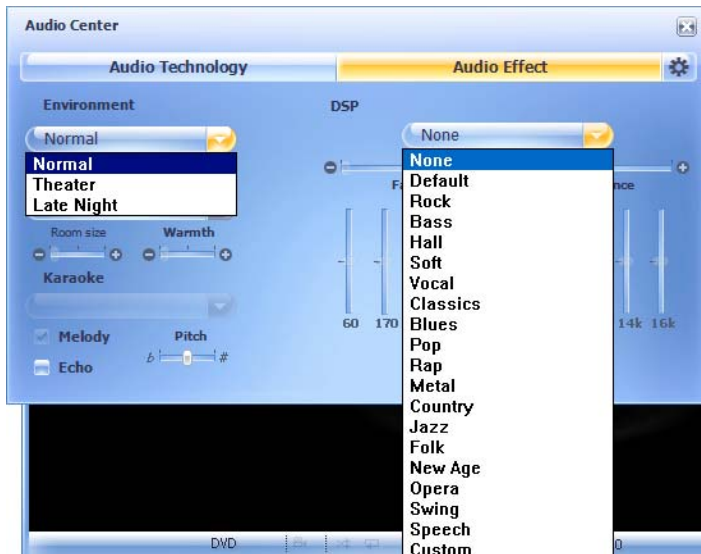
## Audio Center Controls



Select 2-Speaker Virtual Surround, or take advantage of 5.1 soundtracks by tweaking the placement and distance of your speaker setup.



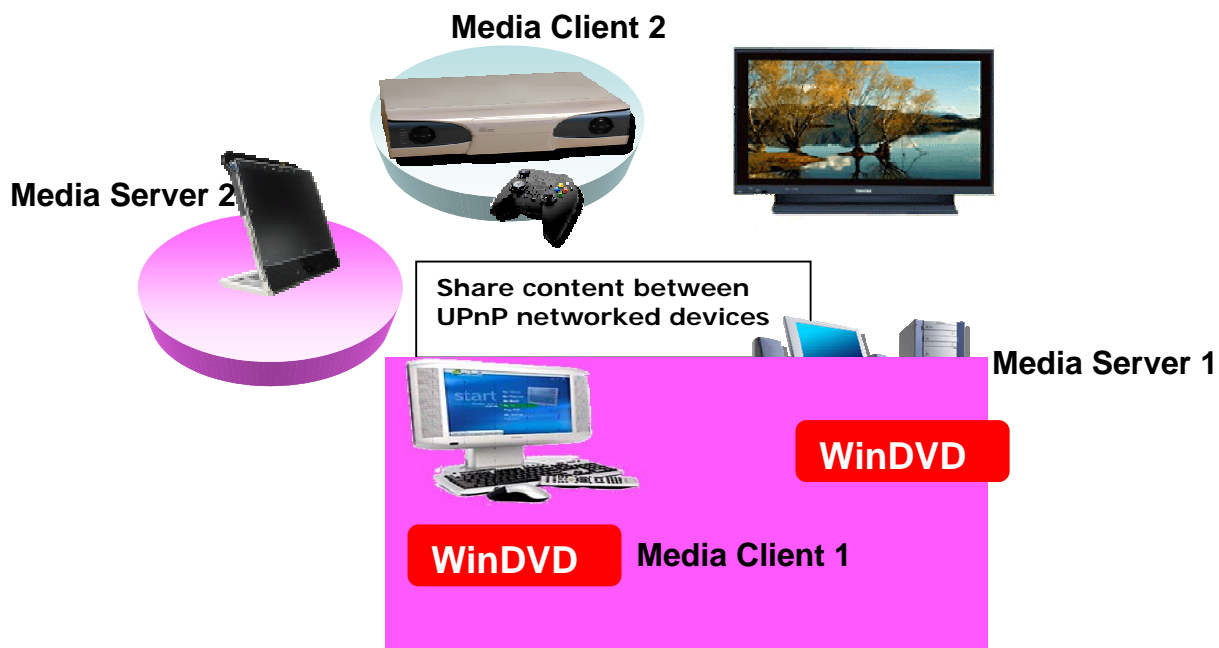
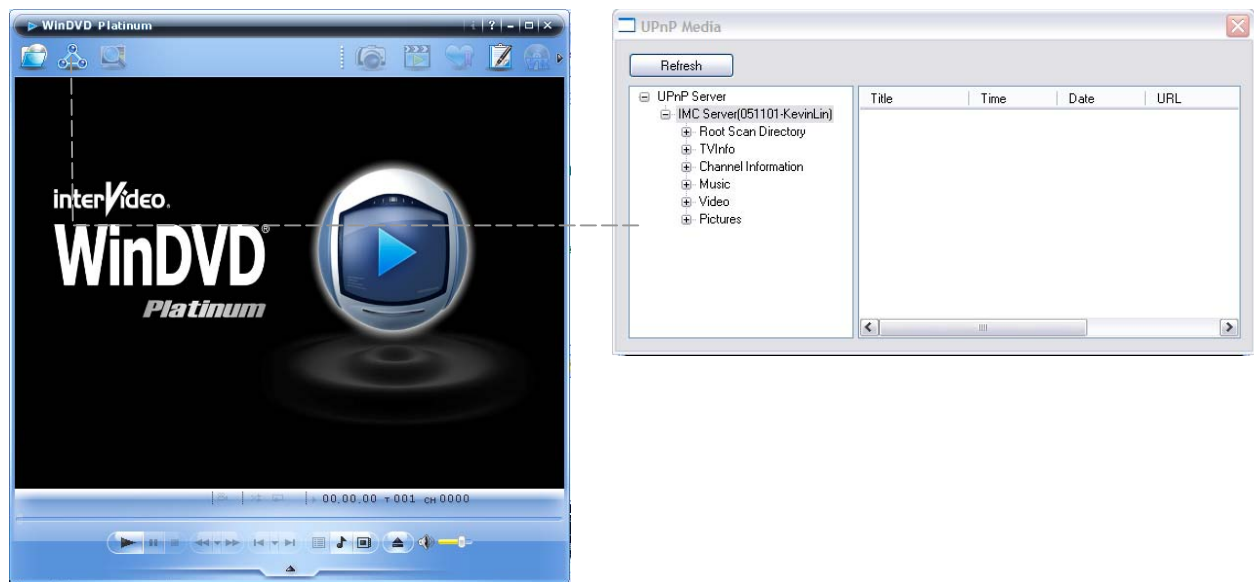
Select "Theater" for a more spacious feel, or choose "Late Night" mode so you don't bother the neighbors.



Tailor your audio experience to match the type of music you are listening to

## UPnP Server/Client

WinDVD 8 Platinum is a UPnP compatible DVD player, which means video or audio content can directly stream from the host device regardless of networked location. The software can work as both a server and client. In a server environment (usually in a home office, for example) it can be used to manage content, making available what the user wants to see on the network. On the client side, it will typically reside on a PC next to a TV, such as in the living room, and will stream the video and audio from the server, displaying it on the TV.

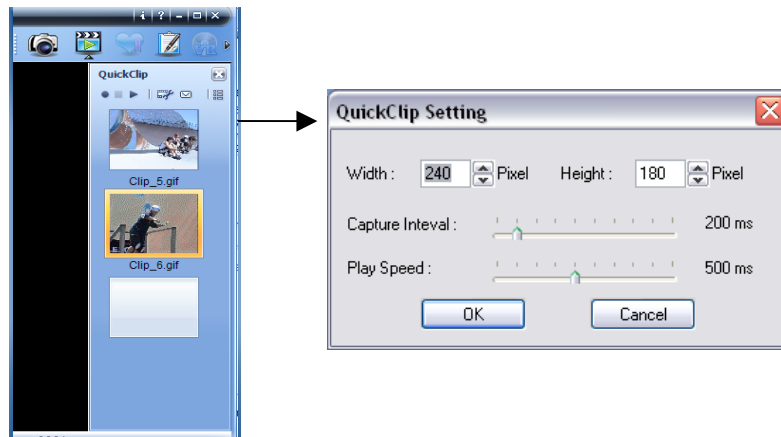


## QuickClip 2

Capture your favorite movie scene as animated image file and share with friends via email or mobile phone. QuickClip 2 allows the user to capture a small low resolution motion clip of a DVD in animated GIF format, suitable for transfer through emails or mobile phones.

This versatile feature can be found by clicking on the director's clipboard in the main panel; the QuickClip panel then displays.

The red record button starts creating an animated GIF. Recording can be stopped at anytime by pressing the stop button, with a maximum record time of 30 seconds.



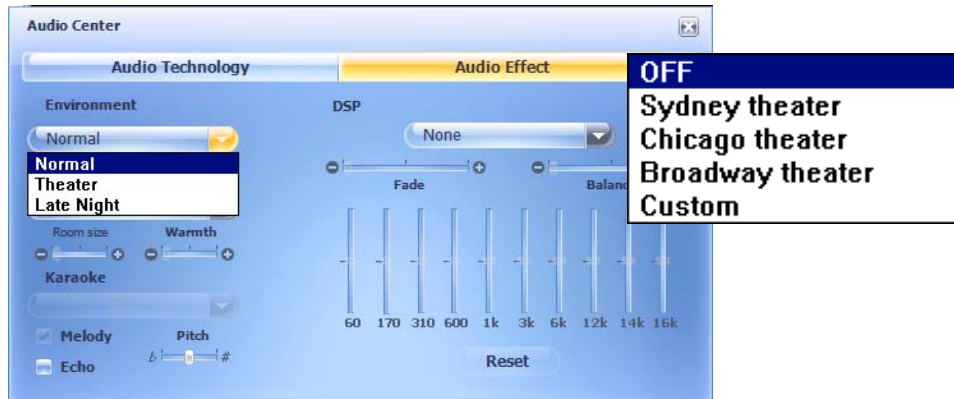
Click the settings button to change the screen size and/or the capture interval.

The resulting file can be displayed on your homepage, sent through emails, or added to mobile devices. Filmed something cool with your mobile phone? Turn it into an animated gif and share it with the world!

## The Boss Key

Designed to instantly pause your movie and remove it from your desktop, the Boss key is a new feature that will surely prove its worth. Taking a quick peek at a funny movie clip when you should be working? Boss looking over your shoulder? Just press F12 to instantly pause and hide the movie with the Boss Key. To resume, double-click on the small WinDVD8 icon in the system tray.

## InterVideo Hall Effect



Digital Signal Processing uses digital circuitry to manipulate audio to create a sense of space or different environments. This allows you to create the illusion of a concert hall in a living room! WinDVD 8 recreates the acoustics of famous theatres, including the Sydney Opera house, Chicago and Broadway theaters, and adds customizable settings based on desired room size and warmth.

## DivX<sup>®</sup> Subtitle Control

Users who download DivX or other format) movies from the Internet often find that the movie they download does not contain subtitles. Then they have to search for an external subtitle file (in a \*.txt file) for that movie.

WinDVD 8 Platinum is one of the few DVD players that fully supports DivX AVI playback with external subtitle files. Users only need to rename the subtitle file to the same file name as that of the movie file, and WinDVD 8 will automatically load the matching subtitle file. Users can also make sure their subtitles are legible against any background by adjusting the displayed color and font size.

## Conclusion

Thank you for reviewing InterVideo WinDVD 8. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amie Hoffner at [amie.hoffner@corel.com](mailto:amie.hoffner@corel.com), Tel: (952) 294-2350, Cell: (952) 217-9000.