

SiggySoft DVD Ripper User Manual

SiggySoft DVD Ripper copies home DVDs to files on the PC: discs from camcorders and DVD recorders, 8 cm camcorder discs, DVD-RAM and DVD-RW recorder discs, disc images and VIDEO_TS folders. It keeps the picture and sound exactly as they are on the disc, reads damaged discs carefully and says which minutes were lost, and checks every copy with a SHA-256 checksum. It declines discs with copy protection.

How to read this. Part A says what the program does, what it needs and where everything is in its window. Part B is a copy from start to end: opening a disc (Chapter 4), which discs it copies (Chapter 5), choosing titles and what to make (Chapters 6 and 7), damaged discs (Chapter 8), recorder discs and discs that were not finalised (Chapter 9), and the queue, the catalogue and the checksums (Chapter 10). Part C is reference: settings, feedback, troubleshooting, and the appendices. Help > Manual opens this page in the browser.

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PART A

Getting started

What SiggysSoft DVD Ripper does, what it needs, and where everything is in its window.

What SiggySoft DVD Ripper does

Home discs to files, without losing anything on the way

What it copies

- **Finalised camcorder and recorder discs** (DVD-R, DVD-RW and DVD+RW in their DVD-Video form), and any other DVD-Video disc without copy protection.
- **DVD recorder discs in the recording format:** DVD-RAM, and DVD-RW recorded in VR mode. These hold a `DVD_RTAV` folder instead of `VIDEO_TS`, and most programs cannot open them. Each recording becomes a file of its own.
- **8 cm camcorder discs**, in a drive with a tray.
- **Disc images** (`.iso`) and **folders** copied from discs earlier (`VIDEO_TS` or `DVD_RTAV`).
- **Discs that were never finalised:** the program says so, explains how to finalise them, and can still find the recordings by reading the video directly (Chapter 9).

What it makes

An **MKV** of each title with the MPEG-2 video and every sound track exactly as they are on the disc, the subtitles with their colours, the chapters and the languages; an **MP4** to watch and share, with interlaced video turned into one picture per field; an **ISO image** of the whole disc; or the disc's own **VIDEO_TS folder**. Each copy comes with a SHA-256 checksum file and a report, and goes into the catalogue.

What it does not do

- It does not copy discs with copy protection, such as films bought on DVD (Chapter 5).
- It never writes to a disc.
- It does not edit video; SiggySoft Video Editor does that, and SiggySoft AI Enhancer restores it (Chapter 7).

Before the first copy

Installing, the setup check, the tools it downloads, and updates

Installing

Download `SiggySoftDvdRipper-win-Setup.exe` from www.middlesiggy.com and run it. It asks nothing: it installs the program for the Windows user signed in, in `%LocalAppData%\SiggySoftDvdRipper`, without administrator rights, puts SiggySoft DVD Ripper on the desktop and in the Start menu, and first installs Microsoft's .NET 10 Desktop Runtime when the PC has none. Windows Update keeps that runtime patched. Settings > Apps > Installed apps removes the program again; your copies, the catalogue and the settings stay.

What the PC needs

- Windows 10 or 11, 64-bit, and the .NET 10 Desktop Runtime (Setup installs it).
- A DVD drive to read discs. A USB drive works. Choose one with a tray: an 8 cm camcorder disc can jam a slot-loading drive. Disc images and folders need no drive.
- The FFmpeg libraries (77 MB, downloaded once by the setup check).
- Room for the copies: up to 4.7 GB for each single-layer disc kept as MKV or ISO, and as much again while a disc is being read.

The setup check

At the first start a page lists what the program needs and whether .NET and Windows are up to date. Each line says READY, NEEDED, WORKS WITHOUT IT, OUT OF DATE or INFO, one sentence on why, and has a button where the program can fix it. The page is always at Tools > Setup check. At every later start a quick check runs in the background; a problem shows as a notice under the menu, with a cross that hides that notice until something new turns up.

LINE	KIND	WHAT IT IS FOR
FFmpeg libraries	Needed	Every MKV copy and the chapter pictures. Install downloads an LGPL build of FFmpeg 9.0.2 for Windows from a public FFmpeg build project (76,972,461 bytes), checks it against its published SHA-256, and keeps it in <code>%LOCALAPPDATA%\SiggySoft\ffmpeg-lgpl</code> .
Folder for copies	Needed	Where copies go; it must take a short test write and have 10 GB free.
ffmpeg	Optional	The MP4 copies and the measurement of each title's field order. Install downloads the current FFmpeg release build for Windows into <code>%LOCALAPPDATA%\SiggySoft\ffmpeg</code> .
QTGMC	Optional	The cleanest deinterlacing for the MP4 copies. Install makes a Python environment in <code>%LOCALAPPDATA%\SiggySoft\QTGMC</code> ; it needs Python 3.12 or newer.
The graphics card's video encoder	Optional	Makes the MP4 copies several times faster than the processor.

SiggySoft AI Enhancer	Optional	Restores a finished copy (Chapter 7).
DVD drives	Information	The drives found, or how to copy without one.

Why the libraries are checked so closely. The program loads the FFmpeg libraries into itself, so they must be an LGPL build: a GPL build would put the whole program under the GPL. It also refuses any FFmpeg build that carries the DVD reading libraries, because some builds pair those with a decryption library for protected discs. The check reads the build's own configuration text before anything is loaded, and applies to ffmpeg.exe too.

Updates

A copy installed with Setup looks for a new version at every start (Settings > Updates turns this off) and when you choose Help > Check for updates. A new version downloads in the background and goes in when the program closes, never while a copy is running. A copy run from another folder does not update itself, and its update line says so.

The window

Three columns: the source and what to make, the titles, the queue

- **Source** (left, top): the list holds the DVD drives and the images and folders opened before. Open reads what is chosen; Disc image and Folder open new ones; Drives looks for drives and discs again (F5). Below: what is on the source, the copy-protection line (green when none was found, red when the disc is declined) and notes, such as an unfinalised disc or an 8 cm disc.
- **What to make** (left, below): MKV, MP4 (with its format and deinterlacing), ISO image, VIDEO_TS folder, Send to SiggysSoft AI Enhancer, the folder for copies, and Read every sector twice. Rip copies the ticked titles now; Add to the queue keeps them for later.
- **Titles and recordings** (middle): one card each, with its length, chapters, picture, sound tracks and subtitles. The main title (the longest) is marked and ticked. Below, the first picture of each chapter of the title selected; for a recording, four pictures across it.
- **Queue** (right): every copy waiting, running or finished, with its progress and what it is doing.

The View menu makes everything in the window larger or smaller, from 60 to 150 percent (Ctrl+plus, Ctrl+minus, Ctrl+0, or Ctrl and the mouse wheel). The size is remembered. Dropping a disc image or a folder on the window opens it.

PART B

Copying a disc

From opening a disc to checking the copy.

Opening a disc, an image or a folder

What the program reads, and what it says about it

- 1 Put the disc in the drive and wait until the drive stops spinning up.
- 2 Choose the drive in the Source list and press Open, or File > Open the disc in the drive. For an image or a folder, use Disc image or Folder, or drop it on the window.
- 3 The program reads the disc's file system and its index, checks for copy protection, and lists the titles. A real disc's VIDEO_TS folder opened in 0.9 seconds in the program's tests; a disc in a drive takes longer while the drive spins up. On a recorder's disc in the recording format the program also reads one sector every 2 MB across the recordings to find where each one starts, so a full disc takes longer to open.

The line under the list says what was found: the disc's name, its type (DVD-R, DVD-RW, DVD-RAM, DVD+RW, and 8 cm when it is a camcorder disc), DVD-Video or recorder format, the number of titles or recordings, and the picture (720x480 NTSC or 720x576 PAL, 4:3 or 16:9).

A folder opened from a disc copy. Choose the VIDEO_TS or DVD_RTAV folder itself, or the folder that holds it. A folder that holds only the small .IFO files, without the .VOB video files, lists its titles but has nothing to copy.

Which discs it copies

Home discs yes, copy-protected discs no, and how the program tells them apart

SiggySoft DVD Ripper copies home DVDs: discs from camcorders and DVD recorders, discs you made yourself, and any other disc without copy protection. Films bought on DVD are almost always copy-protected, and the program declines them with this message:

This disc is copy-protected. SiggySoft DVD Ripper copies home DVDs and discs without copy protection.

Before it copies anything it checks three things, and none of them decrypts anything or reads any key:

- **What the drive reports.** A DVD carries a note in its first tracks saying whether a copy protection system is used. Pressed discs with the film protection say so; blank recordable discs carry the recordable-media protection data, so on those the program looks at each recording instead.
- **The marks in the video itself.** Every packet of protected video carries two scrambling bits. The program reads a few sectors at eight places in every title or recording and looks at those bits. This also catches a disc image or VIDEO_TS folder made from a protected disc without its protection removed.
- **Whether the drive refuses to read.** A drive refuses the video of a protected disc until a player has unlocked it; on a disc that reports the film protection, a refused read counts as protection.

On a DVD recorder's disc each recording is checked on its own. A TV programme recorded under a copy-once rule is protected; the program leaves that recording out, says so, and copies the family's own recordings on the same disc.

Titles, chapters and recordings

Choosing what to copy

A DVD-Video disc is divided into titles, and each title into chapters. A camcorder disc usually has one title per recording session or one long title with a chapter per recording; a recorder's DVD-Video disc has a title per recording. The longest title is marked *main title* and is ticked when the disc opens. Tick every title to copy; each becomes a file of its own.

Each card shows:

- the length, the number of chapters, and the number of angles when a title has more than one (the first angle is copied);
- the picture: size, NTSC or PAL, and 4:3 or 16:9 as the disc's index says;
- the sound tracks with their languages and kinds (AC-3, LPCM, MPEG), and the subtitle tracks.

Selecting a title shows the first picture of each of its chapters below the list, so the right title is easy to find on a disc with many.

On a recorder's disc in the recording format the cards are recordings, in the order they are stored on the disc, each ticked. Their pictures are taken at the start, a quarter, half and three quarters of the way through.

What to make

MKV, MP4, ISO image and VIDEO_TS folder, and the hand-over to SiggysSoft AI Enhancer

MKV: the title as it is on the disc

The MKV keeps the disc's MPEG-2 video and every sound track without re-encoding, so nothing is lost and the copy is the same size as the title on the disc: a recorder's 2-hour mode fills a 4.7 GB disc in 2 hours, so its MKV takes about 2.35 GB an hour. It also keeps:

- the chapters, at the times the disc's index gives;
- the sound tracks' languages and names; DVD LPCM sound is stored as plain PCM, the same samples in the order every player reads;
- the subtitles, as pictures with the disc's own colours;
- the picture's shape from the disc's index (4:3 or 16:9), so it is never shown squeezed;
- the field order of interlaced video, measured from the picture rather than taken from the file's flags, and standard-definition colour tags.

MP4: a copy to watch and share

The MP4 is smaller and plays on phones and televisions. Choose H.264 (plays everywhere) or HEVC (smaller files). Video from camcorders and recorders is interlaced; the MP4 turns it into one picture per field, 59.94 a second for NTSC and 50 for PAL, so movement stays smooth:

- **Auto** measures each title and uses QTGMC when it is installed, else ffmpeg's bwdif.
- **QTGMC** gives the cleanest result and is slower. **bwdif** is quicker. **Off** keeps the fields as they are.

With *Use the graphics card's encoder* ticked, a graphics card with a video encoder makes the MP4 several times faster. The MP4 needs ffmpeg (setup check). An MP4 cannot hold picture subtitles, so they are left out of it; the MKV keeps them.

ISO image and VIDEO_TS folder

The ISO image is the whole disc, sector for sector, in one file that other programs open as a disc. The VIDEO_TS folder is the disc's own files. Both are made from a disc or an image; a folder cannot become an ISO image.

Where the copies go

Each disc gets a folder of its own inside the folder for copies (Videos\DVD copies unless you choose another), named after the disc. Inside: `Disc Name - Title 01.mkv` and so on, or `Disc Name - Recording 01.mkv` for a recorder's disc; `Disc Name.sha256` with the checksum of every file; `Disc Name - report.txt`; and, for a disc read from a drive, `Disc Name - rescue map.txt`. While a file is being written its name ends in *(being made)*; it gets its own name when it is finished and checked.

Send to SiggySoft AI Enhancer

With *Send the copy to SiggySoft AI Enhancer when it is done* ticked, or with Tools > Send the last copy to SiggySoft AI Enhancer, the finished MKV or MP4 is handed to SiggySoft AI Enhancer when it is installed, to deinterlace, sharpen and enlarge it.

Damaged discs

How a disc is read carefully, and what the report says about lost minutes

A disc in a drive is first copied into a file on the hard disk, and the copies are made from that file. The copy goes in passes:

- 1 Everything that reads, 32 sectors at a time; a block that fails is skipped for now.
- 2 The skipped blocks, one sector at a time.
- 3 Up to three more tries for each sector still unreadable, with the drive asked to read slowly (1x), for at most 20 minutes in all.
- 4 With *Read every sector of a disc twice and compare* ticked (the default), every sector is read again and the two reads compared. Some drives return wrong data from a bad sector without saying so; where the reads differ, a third read decides, and a sector that reads differently every time is marked unstable.

The second read makes a copy take about twice as long. In the program's own test, a disc image with two sectors made to return different data on every read gave a copy that looked perfect without the second read, and a report naming both sectors with it.

The report beside the copies says how many sectors were read cleanly, which could not be read, and where they fall: for example, *Title 1: 0:15 to 0:16 (11 sectors, unreadable)*. Unreadable sectors are blank in the copy; the video shows a short disturbance there and plays on.

The rescue map records the state of every sector. When a copy is stopped or fails, the next copy of the same disc carries on from it and reads only what is missing.

Before giving up on a disc. Clean it with a soft cloth from the centre outwards, try another drive, and copy it again: each drive reads a scratched disc differently, and the rescue map keeps what was read before.

Recorder discs and discs that were not finalised

DVD-RAM, DVD-RW in VR mode, and camcorder discs a PC cannot open

Recorder discs in the recording format

DVD recorders and some camcorders record DVD-RAM and DVD-RW discs in a recording format of their own, with a `DVD_RTAV` folder holding all the recordings in one file. The program finds each recording in that file from the video itself, because the clock inside the video starts again where a new recording starts, and copies each to a file of its own with its own picture shape (a disc can mix 4:3 and 16:9 recordings).

In this version. Recordings are listed in the order they are stored on the disc, numbered, without their recording dates; parts deleted in the recorder may still be there and appear. The dates and the recorder's edits are in the disc's own index file, which a later version will read once real recorder discs have been studied.

Discs that were not finalised

A camcorder or recorder writes a disc's file system only when the disc is finalised. Until then a PC sees a disc it cannot open. The program says:

This disc was not finalised: it holds recordings but no finished file system, so players and Windows cannot open it. The best fix is to finalise it in the camcorder or recorder that made it (look for Finalize or Close disc in its menu), then insert it again.

It can still copy the recordings: it reads the video directly and finds where each recording starts, as for recorder discs. Finalising first is better, because it gives the titles and chapters the camcorder made.

8 cm camcorder discs

Use a drive with a tray and put the disc in the small round dip in the middle of the tray. An 8 cm disc in a slot-loading drive can jam it. The source line says "(8 cm)" when the drive reports the smaller disc.

The queue, the catalogue and the checksums

Many discs in one sitting, and proof that each copy is whole

The queue

Rip adds the ticked titles to the queue and starts it; Add to the queue keeps them until you press Start. The queue copies one disc at a time and shows each copy's progress and step. Stop ends the copy running; its unfinished file keeps (*being made*) in its name, and the rescue map keeps what was read. The Del key takes the selected items off the list; it never deletes a file. Clear finished takes finished items off the list and leaves their files where they are.

Disc after disc (Queue menu): when a disc is finished the tray opens; put the next disc in and the program opens it and copies its main title, or every recording, with the same choices. It waits up to 30 minutes for each disc.

The catalogue

Tools > Catalogue lists every disc copied: when, the disc's name and kind, the titles or recordings, the files, how long it took and how many seconds were affected by damage. Open the folder, Open the report and Check the copies work on the entry selected. Del takes an entry off the list and leaves its files; Shift+Del sends its files to the Recycle Bin after asking.

Checksums

When a copy is finished, every file is read back from the hard disk and its SHA-256 written to `Disc Name.sha256`. Tools > Check a copy against its checksum file, or Check the copies in the catalogue, reads every file again later and names any that changed or went missing, for example after copying them to a backup drive.

PART C

Reference

Settings, feedback, troubleshooting, and the appendices.

Settings

Tools > Settings

SETTING	WHAT IT DOES
Read every sector twice and compare	On by default. Chapter 8 explains it. Turning it off halves the reading time of a disc.
Tries for each unreadable sector	3 by default, 0 to 20.
The FFmpeg libraries	Empty: the ones the setup check installs. Another folder must hold an LGPL build of FFmpeg 9.0 without the DVD reading libraries.
ffmpeg for the MP4 copies	Empty: the setup check's install, then the PATH. A build that carries the DVD reading libraries is refused.
Updates	Look for a new version at every start; check online once a day for .NET fixes (reads Microsoft's list of .NET releases, 7 KB; nothing about the PC is sent); where new versions come from.

The choices in the window (what to make, the MP4 format and deinterlacing, the folder for copies, Disc after disc) are remembered as you change them.

Feedback

Reporting a problem, suggesting a feature, asking a question or saying thanks, from the Feedback menu

Sending a report

The Feedback menu, last on the menu bar, opens the same window four ways: Report a problem, Suggest a feature, Ask a question and Say thanks. The kind can still be changed in the window.

- **Title and description.** The title says in a few words what the report is about. For a problem, the description says what happened, what you expected and the steps that lead to it.
- **Email address.** Optional. Give one for an answer by email, and tick *SiggySoft may email me about this report*. Replies also appear in My feedback without it.
- **System details.** Ticked at first: the Windows and .NET versions, the processor, the memory, the graphics card and the screen size.
- **This program's log.** Not ticked at first: the last 200 lines of SiggySoft DVD Ripper's log. Your user folder in it is written as %USERPROFILE%.
- **Pictures and files.** Up to 3, 5 MB together: pictures of SiggySoft DVD Ripper's windows (*Add pictures of this program's windows*), or PNG, JPEG and text files (*Add a file*).

Show exactly what will be sent displays the whole report before anything leaves the PC. *Send* sends it and shows its ticket number, such as FB-2026-000123, with a link to its page on www.siggysoft.org. *Save to send later* keeps it on the PC instead.

My feedback

Feedback, My feedback lists the reports sent from this PC by every SiggySoft program, newest first, with their status (New, Seen, Planned, In progress, Fixed in a version, Won't fix, Duplicate or Closed) and SiggySoft's replies. Refresh asks the site again.

When the site cannot be reached

A report that cannot be sent waits on the PC in %LOCALAPPDATA%\SiggySoft\Fedback\outbox. It goes the next time any SiggySoft program starts, or when you press *Send them now* in My feedback, and is deleted from the PC once the site has given it a ticket number.

What is sent, and who sees it

SiggySoft DVD Ripper sends nothing in the background: no usage counts and no crash reports. A report leaves the PC when you press Send, or when a saved report goes from the outbox. It travels over HTTPS, signed with a key this PC gets from the site with its first report. The key is kept in %APPDATA%\SiggySoft\Fedback\client.json, readable only by your Windows account. A report's page shows its title, status and replies, never your email address, the system details, the log or the pictures. Feedback, What is sent and why lists every part of a report.

When something does not work

What the program says, and what to do

WHAT YOU SEE	WHAT IT MEANS AND WHAT TO DO
This disc is copy-protected.	The disc uses copy protection (Chapter 5). The program does not copy it.
This disc was not finalised	Finalise it in the camcorder or recorder that made it, then insert it again; or copy the recordings the program found (Chapter 9).
Nothing on this disc can be read as video	The disc is blank, or damaged where its file system should be. Try another drive.
no DVD video on it	A data disc (photos, programs): copy its files with File Explorer.
There is no disc in drive D:, or the drive is still reading it	Wait until the drive stops spinning up, then press Drives and Open again.
Windows did not allow reading drive D: directly	Some drives let only an administrator read them sector by sector. Start the program once with Run as administrator to find out; tell SiggySoft through Feedback, Report a problem.
The FFmpeg libraries are not installed	Tools > Setup check, Install the FFmpeg libraries.
the copy made no progress for 3 minutes and was stopped	The drive stopped answering on a damaged part. Clean the disc, try another drive; the next copy carries on from the rescue map.
A file named ... (being made)	A copy that was stopped or failed. Delete it, or copy the disc again.
The MP4 has no subtitles	MP4 has no place for picture subtitles; the MKV keeps them.

The log (Tools > Open the log folder) records every step of every copy, one file a day.

Keys

Every key the window answers

KEY	DOES
<code>Ctrl</code> + <code>R</code>	Rip the ticked titles
<code>Ctrl</code> + <code>Q</code>	Add the ticked titles to the queue
<code>F5</code>	Look for drives and discs again
<code>F1</code>	This manual
<code>Del</code>	Take the selected queue items, or catalogue entries, off the list (no file is deleted)
<code>Shift</code> + <code>Del</code>	In the catalogue: send the entry's files to the Recycle Bin, after asking
<code>Ctrl</code> + <code>plus</code> , <code>Ctrl</code> + <code>minus</code> , <code>Ctrl</code> + <code>0</code>	Everything in the window larger, smaller, normal size (also Ctrl and the mouse wheel)

Files and folders

Where the program keeps its things

PATH	WHAT IT HOLDS
%APPDATA%\SiggySoft\DVD Ripper\settings.json	The settings and the window's choices
%APPDATA%\SiggySoft\DVD Ripper\catalogue.json	The catalogue
%LOCALAPPDATA%\SiggySoft\DVD Ripper\logs	The log, dvdripper-yyyyMMdd.log
%LOCALAPPDATA%\SiggySoft\DVD Ripper\rescue	A disc's rescue copy and map while it is being copied; removed when the copy succeeds
%LOCALAPPDATA%\SiggySoft\DVD Ripper\pictures	The chapter pictures shown in the window
%LOCALAPPDATA%\SiggySoft\ffmpeg-lgpl, ffmpeg, QTGMC	The tools the setup check installs, shared with the other SiggySoft programs
%LOCALAPPDATA%\SiggySoft\dotnet releases-index.json	Microsoft's list of .NET releases, read at most once a day
%APPDATA%\SiggySoft\Feedback, %LOCALAPPDATA%\SiggySoft\Feedback	This PC's feedback key; reports waiting to be sent

Remote commands and switches

For tests and scripts

The program listens on a named pipe, `SiggySoft.DvdRipper.Control`, that only the signed-in Windows user can open: one command per line, one line of JSON per reply. `help` lists them: `open PATH`, `wait`, `titles`, `select N,N`, `thumbs`, `set NAME VALUE`, `rip`, `queueadd`, `queue`, `queuestart`, `queuestop`, `queueremove N`, `waitqueue`, `catalogue`, `verify FILE`, `menu NAME`, `menushot NAME FILE.png`, `setup [quick]`, `install libs|ffmpeg|qtgmc`, `zoom [PERCENT]`, `updates`, `checkupdates`, `feedback [KIND]`, `feedbackstatus`, `feedbacksend KIND TITLE`, `quit` and more.

Switches: `--settings=FILE`, `--snapshot=FILE.png`, `--no-control`, and a drive, image or folder to open.

Environment: `SIGGYSOFT_DVDRIPPER_PIPE`, `SIGGYSOFT_DVDRIPPER_SETTINGS`, `SIGGYSOFT_DVDRIPPER_CATALOGUE`, `SIGGYSOFT_SIMULATE_DAMAGE`, `SIGGYSOFT_FFMPEG_LIBS`, `SIGGYSOFT_NO_FFMPEG_LIBS`, `SIGGYSOFT_NO_FFMPEG`, `SIGGYSOFT_NO_QTGMC`, `SIGGYSOFT_NO_DRIVES`, `SIGGYSOFT_AIENHANCER_DIR`, `SIGGYSOFT_TOOLS_ROOT`, `SIGGYSOFT_DOTNET_INDEX`, `SIGGYSOFT_UPDATE_FEED`, `SIGGYSOFT_FEEDBACK_URL`, `SIGGYSOFT_FEEDBACK_DATA`.

The command-line tool, `siggysoft-dvdripper-cli.exe`, runs the same engine without the window: `info`, `files`, `title`, `protection`, `scan`, `thumbs`, `rip`, `verify`, `catalogue`, `libs`, `drives`. Exit code 3 means the source was declined as copy-protected.

Licences

SiggySoft's terms, and the components from others

SiggySoft DVD Ripper is free to use for anyone who received it from SiggySoft LLC or a source SiggySoft authorizes (Help > About shows the whole license). It loads the FFmpeg libraries (LGPL version 3 or later), which the setup check downloads and which can be replaced by another build of the same version; ffmpeg.exe (GPL) and QTGMC run as separate programs. THIRD-PARTY-NOTICES.txt beside the program lists every component with its license. The program's readers for the disc's index files and file systems were written by SiggySoft from public documentation; no DVD software's code is in it.

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