

Welcome to the ScandiOne MediaShow.

Like many of us, especially us who have kids, you have probably made copies of your expensive DVD's and burned a copy on a media for the daily use.

When the copy is damaged or simply worn out, you can always make a new copy once or twice a year. Or, for us with kids, once or twice a week.

Well, some day the thought occurs: Why have the bother to burn a new DVD all the time? The movie is already on a hard drive, so why not just leave it there, and watch the movie directly?

All it needs is a computer connected to the TV-set, and you get internet on the TV in the living room too. And backup is a simple task: Connect a backup-drive and let the computer deal with it overnight.

One argument is: What do I do when the hard drive is full? Well, you connect one more and continue. But when I have done this a couple of times, how do I know where to find a particular movie? I'll have to go through all the drives searching.

Not any more!

The ScandiOne MediaShow is an application that will give you the possibility to see all your DVD-movies on your computer, once they are copied to one or more hard drives.

Even if they are split over several hard drives, you will be presented to one list of all your movies. ScandiOne MediaShow knows which drive they are on, so all you need to do is finding the movie you want to see in the list, double-click on it, and the movie starts showing.

Please read this manual carefully, and try out the examples.

If you encounter any problems, please see the FAQ at our website.

If this does not help you, please feel free to write your question to us at: support@scandione.com

We will try to help you as soon as possible.

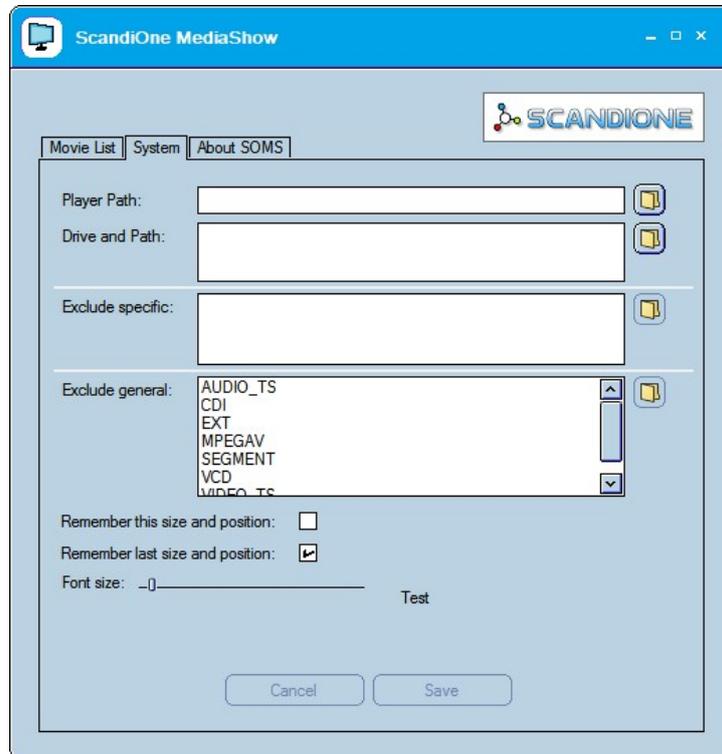
We hope you will enjoy using ScandiOne MediaShow.

Sincerely/Best regards

ScandiOne

Getting started

When you start the application for the first time, you will probably see something like this:



There is not selected any drives where your movies are located, and you have not selected a movie player yet.

So, the first thing we have to do is to tell the application where our player is, and where our movies are hiding.

But before we do that, we have to take a little walk around the structure of the movies on your harddisk.

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The structure of the movies

When copying your DVD's to a harddisk, I believe you are putting them in different folders (possibly with the name of the movie) to keep a minimum of order in them.

This could be i.e. "Alien", "Cars", "Frequency", "Scent of a woman", "The nutty professor", etc.

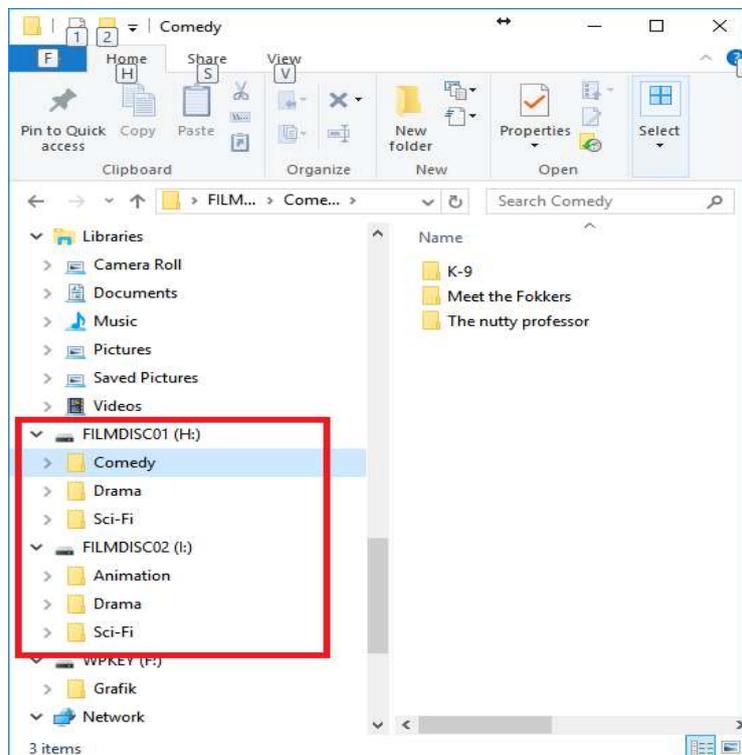
The use of this application requires a hierarchy with one main movie type. Like this:

A folder called i.e. 'Drama', and in that folder you'll have all folders containing your drama-movies: A beautiful mind, Butterfly Effect, Scent of a woman, etc.

Another folder could be called 'Animation', containing all animation-movies: Cars, Chicken Little, Frozen, etc.

And so on...

For the example I have made two small drives, with a short number of folders on them, "FILMDISC 01" and "FILMDISC 02":



Please note that the folders 'Drama' and 'Sci-Fi' are on both drives. This is one of the ideas with this application.

Once you have bought a 1.5 GB harddrive, and copied your entire movie collection on it, you have probably used most of the free space on that drive.

When you come home with the next movie, what do you do with that? You will have to copy it on to another drive. And later on, when all your movies are split up on five or more different drives, to which one do you go when you want to see a particular movie? On which drive is it?

Well, using this application this will no more be a problem. All movies will be collected under the same folder, no matter whether it lies under K: or L: - or whatever letter it could hide behind.

All movies from "Drama" on the K-drive and all movies from "Drama" on the L-drive will be collected under one in this application.

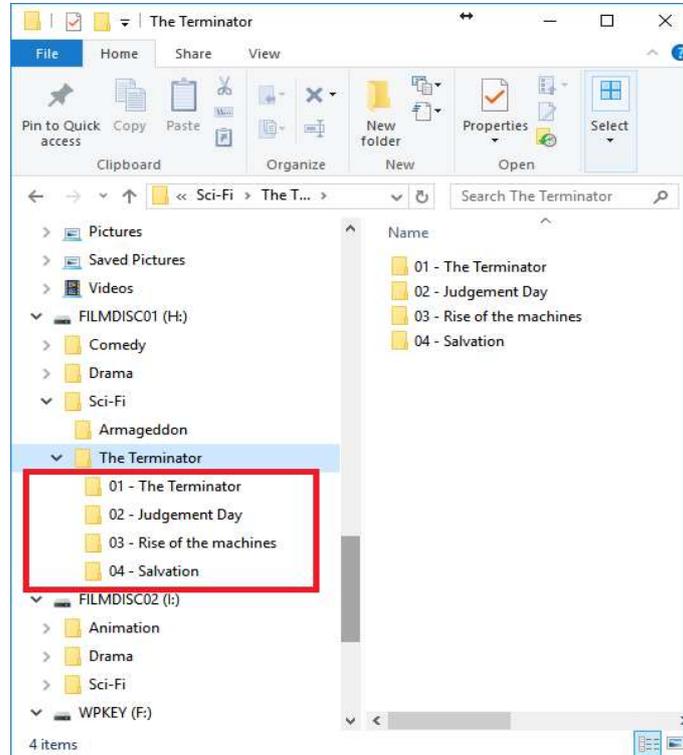
One more thing – but this is completely up to you – I prefer to keep movies that have sequels in a folder having the sequels main name.

As an example, I have made a folder called "The Terminator". In this folder, there are four folders named "01 – The Terminator", "02 – Judgement day", "03 – Rise of the machines" and "04 – Salvation".

This way I keep the list down a little, and make it more clear.

This is completely up to you! If you like to avoid subfolders and name the individual folders something like 'The Terminator', 'The Terminator, Judgement day', etc. it can be done too. It is just not sure they will show up in the order you prefer. That's where the numbers get in.

Now, let us take a look at this example:



Here is the complete structure of the drives containing the movies.

Please note, that the "Drama"-folder on the two drives contains different movies (This makes good sense. Why have the same movie on two different drives?).

However, if the same movie is found on two different drives under folders of the same name, ScandiOne MediaShow will not be able to show the second one. Don't worry. You will receive a warning telling you this.

Well, enough of this structure-thing.

Let's go to setup the conditions.

The System settings:

The first thing to do is to select a Player Path. This is where you have the application you want to use viewing your movies.

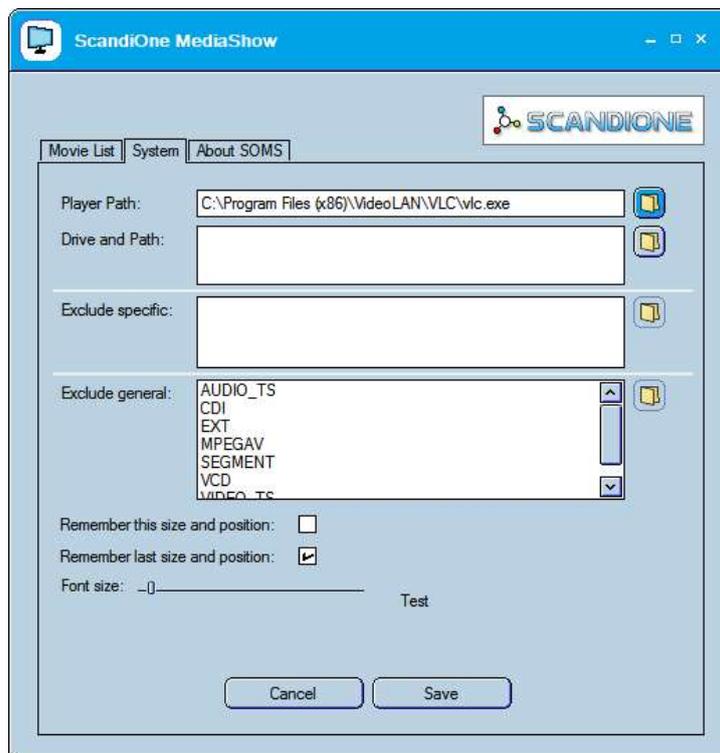
We recommend the VideoLAN VLC media player, it'll take almost everything. If you have not installed this, you can find the supplier in our "Links-collection" on our site, or go directly to their web-page: www.videolan.org

In the following I presume you are using the VideoLAN VLC, placed at the default location on your PC.

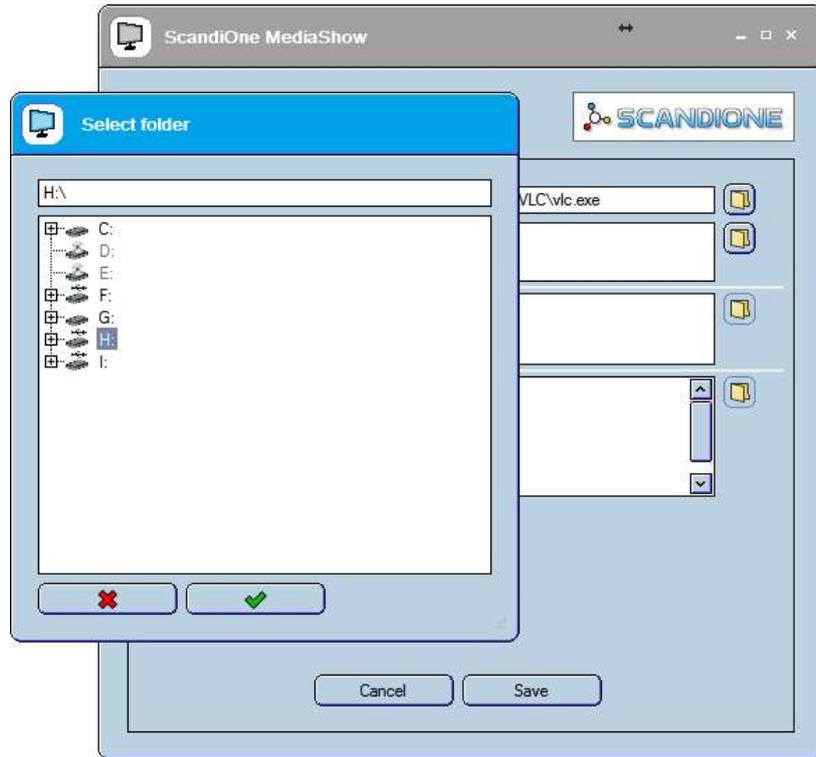
If you know the path of your player, just type it in the "Player Path"-field. Or if it's more convenient, use the button at the right to see the folders on your PC.

If you have already installed the VideoLAN VLC-player on your PC but don't know where it is, go find it in your "Programs"-list above the Start button, right-click on it and select "Properties". The path is the field "Location" at the "General"-tab.

Now, your MediaShow should look like this:

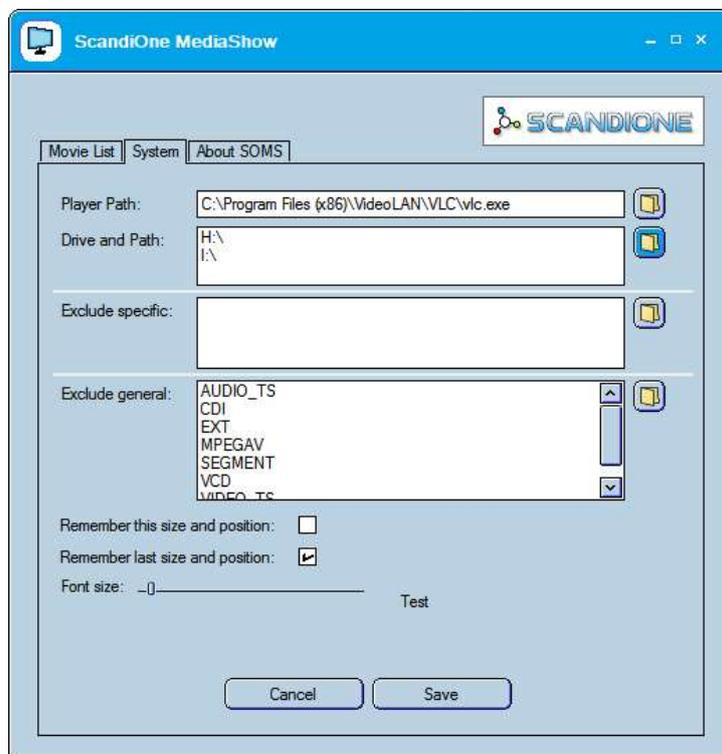


Now all we have is to select the Drives and paths for our movies. Press the button at the right of the "Drive and Path"-field:



Open the "Computer"-folder, and select the first drive (Here it is "FILMDISK01", the H:-drive).

Next, do the same for the 'I:'-drive and we are in great shape:



Don't forget to press the **Save** button, or the application will forget everything you've done so far!

Excluding certain folders

The "Exclude folder"-list is, as the name indicates, folders you do not want in the movie-list.

There are two kinds: Specific and general.

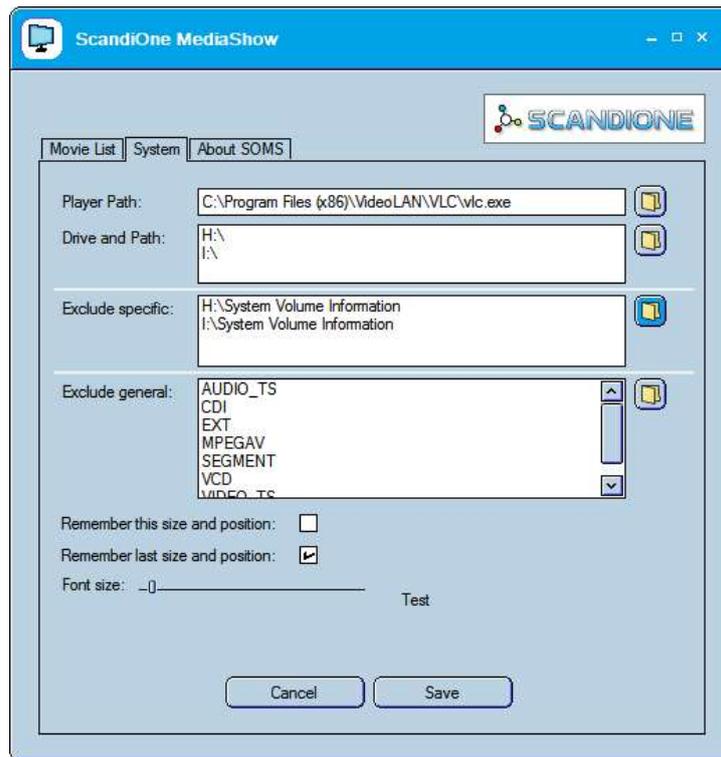
Specific relates to one certain folder located on one of your drives, that you somehow needs (or can't get rid off), but you don't want in your movie-list.

Some USB-drives has a tendency to make a folder in the root, called something like 'System Volume Information' or similar. This folder will show up in your list, and since this is annoying, this folder should be placed in the 'Exclude specific'-list:



And by the way, note that this folder is on both drives. You'll need to add them both, otherwise it will still show up.

Now your app should look like this:



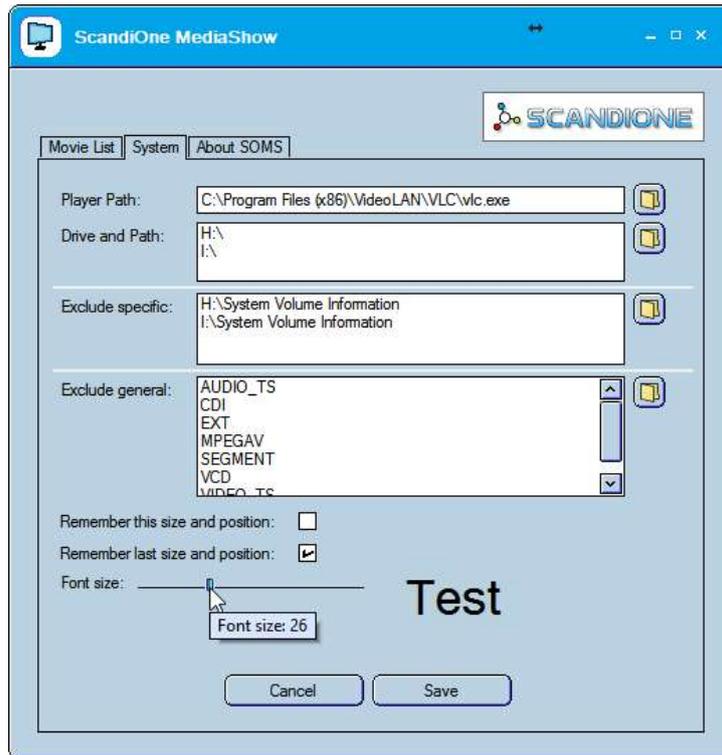
Exclude general is also for folders you can't avoid, but what is in here is ignored wherever it's found.

If you copy DVD's with folders AUDIO_TS and VIDEO_TS, these should not show up in the movie list. Also, there are other types of video-formats that will create different folders you don't need to see. All VLC need to know, is what folder the whole movie-setup is located in, so we have already added these folders by default.

Remember this size and position: This is when you want the app to remember where you put it now, and always to show up on that exact spot again at startup.

Remember last size and position: This is when you like to move the app around, and always want it to show up where you left it last time.

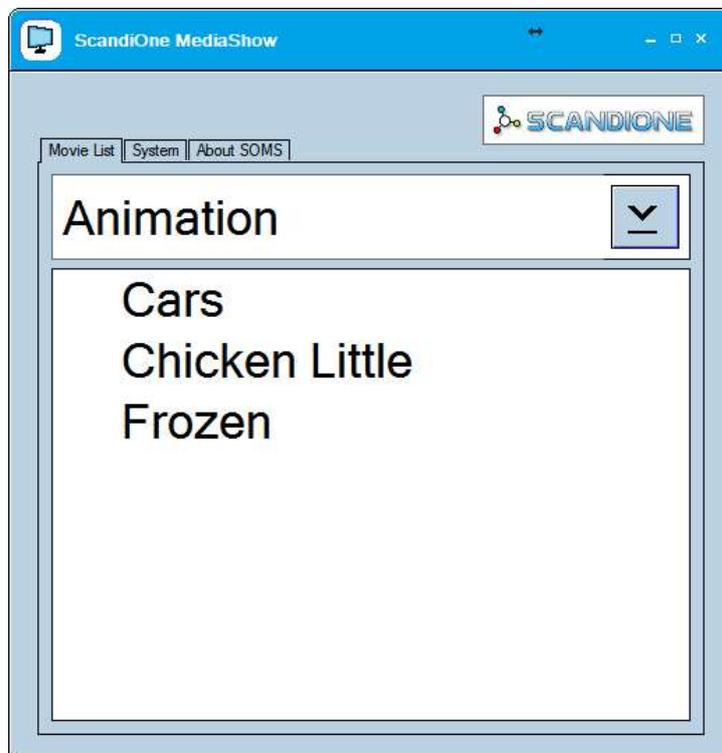
Font size will set the size of the text on the 'Movie List'-pane. Because you'll probably use this app on your TV-set, you'll be far away from your screen and can't read these small types. So choosing a bigger font will take care of that:



Again, don't forget to press the **Save** button when you have finished.

The button **Cancel** resets everything to what it was before.

If you go to the 'Media List'-pane, you'll see the result of our settings so far:



In the top box you will recognise the name of the first folder in the structure: 'Animation'.

Under this is listed the movies in this folder: "Cars", "Chicken Little" and 'Frozen'. Now press the arrow-down at the right:



This is all the film-categories you have.

Select "Drama" and we'll see all titles from the "Drama"-folders on the H- and the I-drives:



If you want to see, i.e. "Butterfly effect", you just double-click on this title.

VLC-Player starts up, showing this movie instantly.

When you are done watching the movie, just close the VLC-player again. Or, set up VLC-player to automatically shut down when the movie finishes.

Now try to select "SciFi" in the dropdown-list:



As you see, the movies 'Alien' and 'The Terminator' has a little arrow next to it.

Click on the arrow, and 'The Terminator' will unfold the four episodes:



Again, clicking one of the titles will show the movie instantly.

I made this system with the numbers to see which episode comes when. Otherwise they'd show up alphabetical, which would give you a list saying:

- Judgement Day
- Rise of the machines
- Salvation
- The Terminator

In this case you don't see the chronology.

This is up to you. If you don't like the idea of subfolders for movies that belong together, you can just put them in individually like all the other movies.

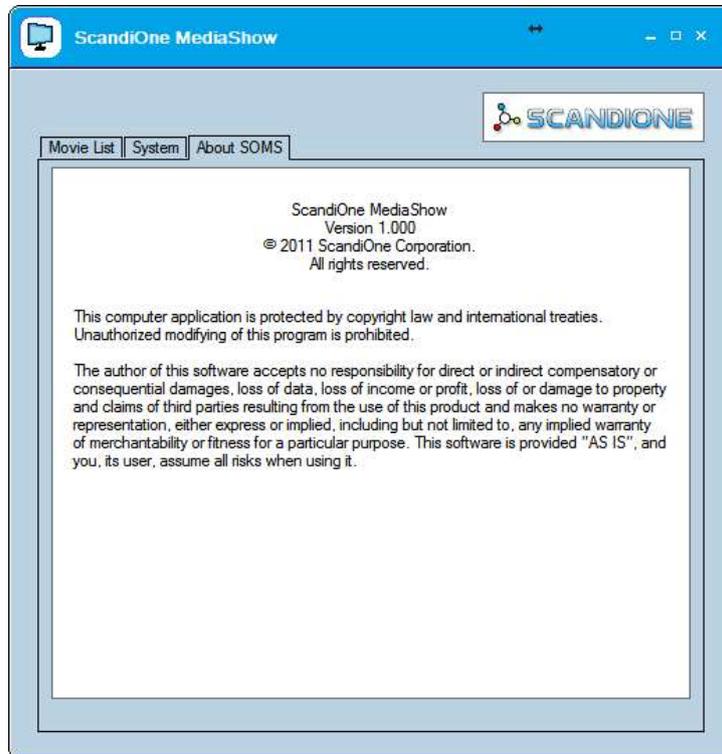
So, this is how it works.

The main folder on the drive goes as the "headline" on the MediaList tab page.

Under this, all other folders come with their subfolders.

About SOMS

This means: "About ScandiOne MediaShow", but this sentence was too darn long to put in the tab.



It is the normal promotion of our company, telling you not to change our product, and a disclaimer saying, that if you loose any money or anything else because of your use of our product it's not our fault.

Well this is about it!

Thank you for reading so far, and we hope you will enjoy using this product, and that you will have a great experience.

If you have any questions, please see the FAQ at our website, alternatively send us an email to support@scandione.com about your problem.

Comments and proposals are welcome too. Yes, let us know what you mean.

Sincerely / best regards

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