SlySoft Releases AnyDVD HD, Cracks HD DVD AACS Protection

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SlySoft, a software company based in Antigua, announced the first official release of AnyDVD HD which "supports HD DVD and AACS". It makes it possible to get around the previously uncrackable AACS copy protection of the new HD-DVD generation with a few simple clicks of the mouse. The company plans to add Blu-Ray support in the near future.

"The way AnyDVD HD addresses and solves the problem doesn't have much in common with the discoveries of individual members of the OpenSource community in reading AACS keys from the USB bus", says Peer van Heuen, one of SlySoft's lead developers. He adds, "As one can expect from SlySoft, our solution works fully automatic with all known titles while the so-called hacker tools require laborious reading out of

memory or the USB bus. This is not to say that their efforts are completely fruitless; it's just that ours need to be user-friendly. It's just that simple."

All the same, AnyDVD contains several rather interesting features:

* watch movies over a digital display connection without HDCP-compliant
graphics card and HDCP-compliant display.
* playback those discs on the PC with PowerDVD Ultra which otherwise would not play or would cause a software crash
* Removes user prohibitions. You can select language and subtitle tracks without going through the disc's menu.
* Removes parental restrictions.
* Allows you to remove or skip Studio Logos and warning messages.
* With "magic file replacement (tm)" you can remaster any commercial movie disc using simple XML scripts.
* Includes a UDF 2.5 file ripper; no need to install 3rd party
UDF 2.5 filesystem under Windows XP.

To add icing on the cake, Peer van Heuen takes particular joy in stating that SlySoft was ready with AnyDVD HD in an incredibly short period of time. He adds, "We could only begin our development some weeks ago and we are immensely proud to get this product out to the users so quickly. This speaks to the commitment to our users: get
good and easy-to-use products out on the market fast!"

Tom Xiang, Marketing Director: "When we considered Blu-Ray, our strategy was simply to initially support HD-DVD and await further developments in the marketplace. Already during the beta phase we got many inquiries about Blu-Ray so we decided to go ahead and also provide support for this as soon as possible. Blu-Ray employs the same AACS process as HD-DVD. An implementation was really just a matter

of form. A beta version is planned for availability this quarter."

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