

Make OS X run custom actions upon DVD insert

I'm currently ripping my complete DVD collection off to MKV (Matroska) format, so I can stream them across my home network.

So I sought a way to have my OS X give me the choice to either start DVD Player or [MakeMKV](#) upon inserting a DVD.

First I wrote a little AppleScript which gives me the choice. If I'm not taking any action, it will play the DVD automatically after 5 seconds, so it's very similar to the default behaviour of OS X.

So just run Apple Script-Editor and store this code to a convenient location you like (usually it's ~/Library/Scripts).

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if not appIsRunning("DVD Player") and not appIsRunning("MakeMKV") then
with timeout of 3600 seconds
display dialog "Bitte wählen Sie gewünschte Aktion:" with title "Aktion für DVD" buttons {"Cancel", "DVD abspielen", "DVD rippen"} cancel button "Cancel" giving up after (5)
end timeout
if button returned of result is "DVD rippen" then
display dialog "Starte MakeMKV" buttons {"OK"} giving up after 2
tell application "MakeMKV" to activate
else if button returned of result is "Cancel" then
quit
else
display dialog "Starte DVD-Player" buttons {"OK"} giving up after 2
tell application "DVD Player" to activate
end if
end if

on appIsRunning(appName)
tell application "System Events" to (name of processes) contains appName
end appIsRunning
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Then go to system properties and select CDs & DVDs properties. Beneath "When you a insert a Video-DVD" choose "Run Script" and locate the script file you created before.



From now on, you'll be presented with a selection prompt. Doing nothing will automatically start the DVD Player, or the DVD Ripper, if you choose to do so.

Quiet cool, isn't it? ;-)



