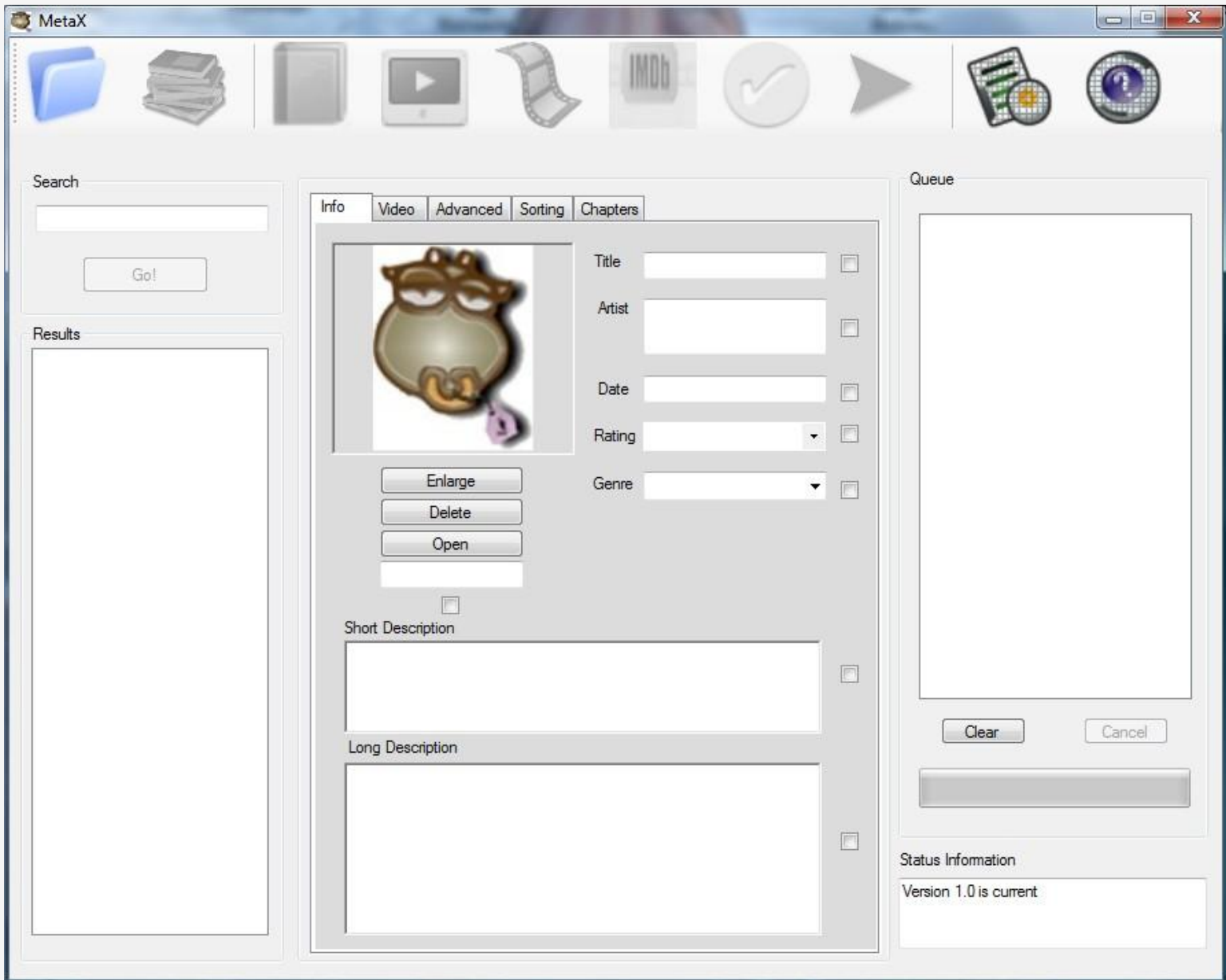


MetaX - Searching and Tagging

Use MetaX to easily create a high quality, professional looking video collection. Adding all of the proper metadata will make your library look amazing in both Apple's Front Row and the Apple TV. Here's how:

Open MetaX

After opening MetaX you will be presented with the main window.



Add Files

From here, just drag the file or files that you wish to tag to the queue area, or use the open dialog via the open file option on the toolbar.

There are multiple types of files that MetaX supports: Movies, TV Shows, Music Videos and Short Films. tagChimp will do a better job of searching if it knows what type the file is (tagChimp doesn't support a file type of Short Film). So there is a preference in MetaX to set a default file type if there isn't a file type tag in the file. The default is to prompt the user, but this can be set to any of the three file types and any file that is opened that does not have a tag for type will be set to that type.

After the file opens, MetaX will attempt to search for metadata automatically. If a title already exists in your file, MetaX will use that, otherwise it will attempt to derive a relevant search term from the filename.

Search

The screenshot displays the MetaX application window. At the top, there is a toolbar with various icons including folders, a play button, a film strip, IMDb, a checkmark, a red triangle, a document with a gear, and a question mark. The main interface is divided into three sections:

- Search:** A search bar containing the text "88 Minutes" and a "Go!" button below it.
- Results:** A list of search results for "88 Minutes". The first result is highlighted and includes a file icon, the text "88 Minutes", and a small icon. Below the list is a "File Name" field containing "88 Minutes.m4v".
- Info:** A detailed view of the selected result. It features a poster for the movie "88 Minutes" with the text "IL PACINO" and "88". To the right of the poster are fields for "Title" (88 Minutes), "Artist" (Al Pacino, Alicia Witt, Leelee Sobieski, Amy), "Date" (2008-04-18), "Rating" (a dropdown menu), and "Genre" (Thriller). Below these fields are "Enlarge" and "Delete" buttons, and a resolution indicator "406 x 600". Underneath is a "Description" section with two text boxes containing the same text: "Dr. Jack is a shrewd womanizing Forensic Psychologist and professor working with the FBI in Seattle. A tortured past makes him great at what he does. Jack's past is returning to pull him on another roller-coaster as a killer that he helped to put on death row approaches the last minutes of his life."
- Queue:** A section on the right with a list containing "88 Minutes.m4v" and "Clear" and "Cancel" buttons at the bottom.

When the search is complete, the results will be displayed on the left side of the window. The first result in the list is the original data from your file. Results from tagChimp.com and from Amazon.com are presented. The icons show you where the data came from.

Apply Search Results

When you select a search result, the data will be displayed in the main window. Click the check box beside the tags you wish to write to your file. After a check box is checked, that field will no longer be updated by new data from different search entries. This way you can mix information from different search entries to get the results you want. The check toggle button on the toolbar will select or deselect all items on the first two tabs and the chapter tab for you.

Since Amazon entries don't have chapter information, and many tagChimp entries have generic chapter titles (Chapter 1, ...) there is another way to supply this information without having to type it all in. You can select data from any source where there is one line per chapter, where each line has a chapter number, followed by a period followed by the chapter title, optionally followed by the chapter duration in square brackets. One good source of this information is the Barnes and Noble website. So there is a B&N button on the chapters tab that will take you to their website with a search on the movie title.

Write

Now that you have the data, give it a check to make sure that it is what you desire to write to your movie file. Ensure that the check box is selected by each tag that you want to apply. MetaX will only write the tags that have their check boxes selected. When you are satisfied with the data, click the write tags menu item on the tool bar. If you wish to rename the output file, either double click on the selected item in the queue, or right click on it and chose rename on the context menu. The name will be highlighted and you will be able to edit it.

You can also set preferences to update iTunes after writing the information into the file, and also to share that data with tagChimp.

MetaX will display progress for the currently writing file in the status sheet. Queue progress is indicated in the dock icon.

Share

If you have chosen to share your data with tagChimp.com, the data will be uploaded after writing. No personal data is sent during this process. To share data with tagChimp you must have chapter information with actual chapter titles, and there can't already be an existing item with that title.

Writing Complete

After the queue processing has completed, MetaX will display the results, either successful or not. If any item was not successfully written, it will keep its queued status so that you can attempt to write the data again. Successfully written files will have their status marked as complete and will not be written out again.

Enjoy Your Beautiful Video Library

Your file is now ready for display in iTunes, Front Row, or Apple TV. You can verify the tags if you wish by opening the file again in MetaX.

Now you can sit back and enjoy your video collection in style. Enjoy!