

Introduction.

Region X allows you to see and change the region defined for your region-free DVD drive.

Region X is freeware. You may use, copy, or distribute it freely.

Foreword.

Region X will be useful only if you have at least one RPC-1 (a.k.a. region-free, or zone-free) DVD drive.

This is a hardware limitation that cannot be worked around. RPC-2 (a.k.a. region-locked, or zone-locked) drives can only read DVD video disks explicitly authorized for the drive's region. Worse yet, RPC-2 drives region can only be changed 5 times, and then the drive is locked. This is controlled by some software inside the DVD drive (the firmware) that cannot be bypassed.

Again, without a RPC-1 drive, **Region X** is *absolutely useless*.

If you have both RPC-1 and RPC-2 drives, only (and all) your RPC-1 drives will be affected, leaving your RPC-2 drives unaffected.

Instructions.

You should first quit the DVD Player application, then launch **Region X**, it will display the current settings of all your RPC-1 DVD drives:



You now may change the region settings to match your need and select the application to run on exit. When you're done, press OK or Cancel (obviously, if you cancel, the settings are not changed).

You may now launch the DVD Player application again, it will use the new settings you just choose.

Keyboard shortcuts.

You may use the following shortcuts with **Region X**:

- Press number 1 to 8 to select the corresponding region,
- Press the space bar to select four changes left,
- Press Escape to cancel,
- Press Return to save.

Note that all of the above key shortcuts must be used **without** holding the Command key (⌘) down.

Version History.

2.1 (30 Jan. 2011)

RPC-1 drive presence verification corrected.

2.0 (27 Jan. 2011)

Region X now checks whether a RPC-1 drive is present or not.

1.9 (20 Oct. 2009)

Corrected an issue that may arise after a Finder copy of Region X.

1.8 (9 Oct. 2009)

On OS X 10.6, allow running from a readonly drive.

1.7 (12 Sep. 2009)

On OS X 10.6, administrator password isn't requested each time.

1.6 (3 Oct. 2008)

Corrected: Changes left could be modified when launched. For OS X 10.3 and up.

Added a PowerPC only version for older OS X versions (up to 10.2.8).

1.5 (7 Jul. 2008)

Quit and optionnally launch DVD Player and Front Row. For OS X 10.4 and up only.

1.4 (4 Jul. 2008)

Doesn't ignore "DVD Player" preferences files anymore but save them correctly. For OS X 10.4 and up only.

1.3 (2 Jul. 2008)

Now ignores "DVD Player" preferences files. For OS X 10.4 and up only.

1.2 (10 Nov. 2007)

Using default settings when no settings are found. Universal binary (PowerPC and Intel).

1.1.2 (12 Jan. 2005)

Corrected a case where settings were not properly stored.

1.1.1 (9 May 2004)

Added RPC-1 drive warning.

"Region not set" and "5 changes left" logic tuned.

1.1.0 (25 Apr. 2004)

Japanese localization added, by Satoshi Ash.

Chinese localization added, by 季娇.

1.0.9 (21 Mar. 2004)

Changes to the settings read/write system.

New icon.

1.0.8 (7 Feb. 2004)

Spanish localization added, by 宗次郎.

1.0.7 (25 Jan. 2004)

Greek localization added, by Alexandros Tr.
Drag and drop installation.

1.0.6 (29 Dec. 2003)

Enhanced current settings reading, now compatible with OS X on UFS partition.
Window position is now remembered across launches.

1.0.5 (16 Oct. 2002)

Added "Region not set" case handling.

1.0.4 (Jun 25, 2002)

For Mac OS X 10.1.5.

1.0.3 (Feb 27, 2002)

Added German localization (translation by Ralph and David).

Added safety check for privileged attribute.

1.0.2 (Nov 26, 2001)

Changed handling of five changes left logic to be more user friendly.

Added Dutch localization (translation by iRob).

Added Italian localization (translation by Michele).

For DVD Player 3.0.1.

1.0.1 (Nov 11, 2001)

Improved region settings validity check.

Enhanced documentation now in Help menu.

1.0.0 (Oct 18, 2001)

First release for OS X, english only. Full native Cocoa application!

Region X was written by xvi.