

Cryptimage

user guide

1. Introduction

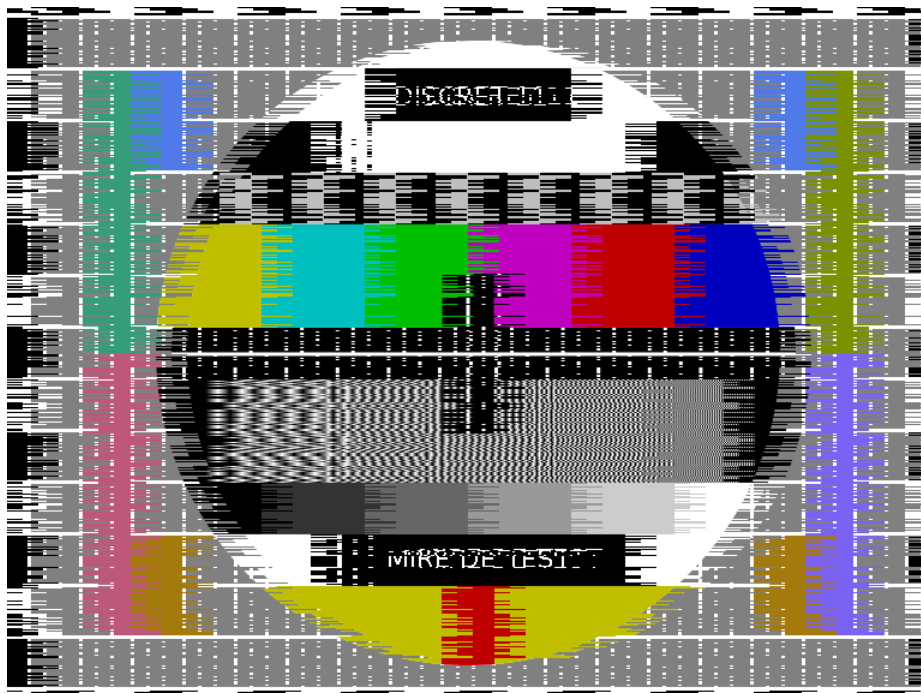
Cryptimage is an open source software under the license GNU GPL v3 which purpose is to reproduce old analog TV encryption systems like « discret 11 » (used between 1984 and 1995 by french TV network « canal plus »), « nagra vision syster » (used between 1995 and 2010), and « videocrypt » used by Sky TV and by several other broadcasters on astra satellites.

This software allows to encrypt a video file (image and sound) , and allows also a decryption of an encrypted file, by meeting the standard of discret11, nagra vision syster and videocrypt.

Besides the ability to reproduce in a digital way these three encryption systems, its second use is to allow the re-use of hardware descramblers by injecting to them an encrypted video file produced by cryptimage.

2. Definition of discret 11

The discret11 process is to encrypt the image by delaying each line by three values to choose from (0, 902 and 1804 milliseconds), delays are selected through an algorithm based on a pseudo-random sequence, the sound is rendered unintelligible by subjecting it to a spectrum inversion around the frequency 12800 Hz.



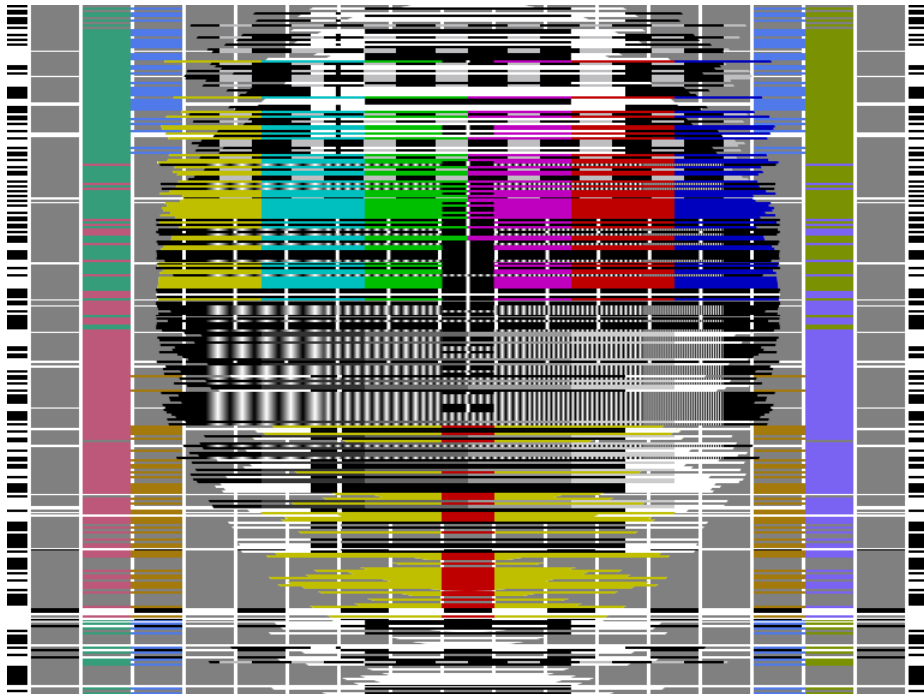
Discret11 encryption example, on a philips PM5544 tv card.

3. Definition of nagravision syster

Nagravision syster (SYStème TERrestre) scrambles the image by permuting lines, a TV frame has 2 interlaced fields, each field has 288 lines and these lines are permuted (except line 288 which is not permuted), then the first 32 lines of each encrypted field are shifted to the previous encrypted field, which give this pattern for an encrypted field :

- the first 255 lines are permuted
- the next 32 lines (256 to 287) are permuted but belong to the next field
- the last line (288) is not permuted and belongs to the current field

in order to decrypt a TV frame we must reorder the lines in a specific way , by taking 32 lines of a field (lines 256 to 287), then the next 255 lines of the next field, and we regroup these lines (287) in a new field, the new order of these lines will be given by the use of an algorithm, which consists to select an offset and an increment, and to use a « primary table » which contains 256 values (0 to 31), this table is read 255 times in a circular way, the start adress is given by the offset (values : 0 to 255) which an addition is made (increment, odd values between 1 and 127).

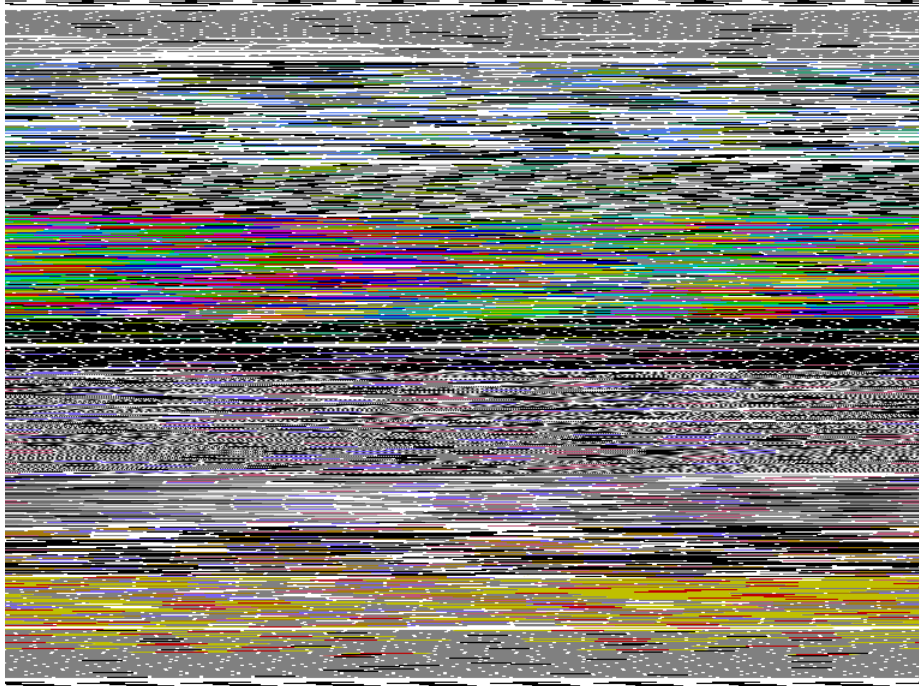


Nagravision syster encryption example on a philips PM5544 test card.

4. Definition of videocrypt

Videocrypt scrambles the image by using « cut and rotate » method. At each line a cut point (256 possibilities) is chosen, right part of the image goes to the left, left part goes to the right.

Sound is not encrypted, although at one time it was considered doing.



Videocrypt encryption example on a philips PM5544 test card

5. Software installation

a. Windows

For windows OS the easiest way is to use the setup.exe file, available in cryptimage website, under the download section :

<http://ibsoftware.free.fr/cryptimage.php>



Setup.exe will install cryptimage with an embedded java virtual machine, create a shortlink in desktop for cryptimage, install the documentation files and a link to uninstall the software.

b. Linux, MacOSX

If you use linux or MacOSX then you will have to download the jar file for your OS, corresponding to your type of installed java virtual machine (32 or 64 bits).

A java virtual machine must be installed on your PC (at least version 7, version 8 recommended) :

<https://www.java.com/>

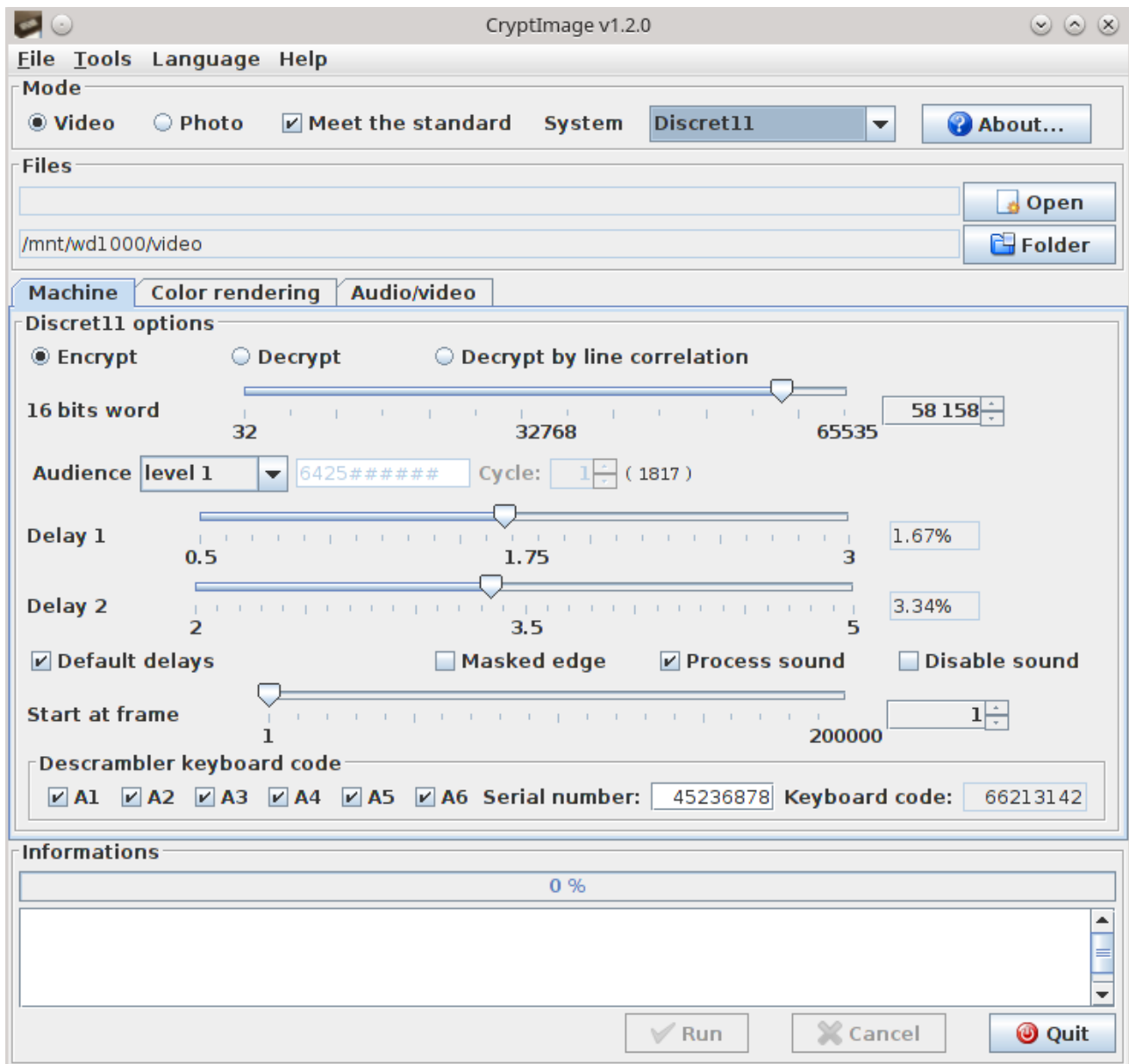
When all these things are installed the launch of cryptimage can be made by double clicking on the jar file, which will launch the java virtual machine (if it's not the case you will have to associate « jar file extension » to java.exe process in your OS),

another way for running cryptimage is to type this in a console :

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java -jar cryptimage.jar
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6. Using cryptimage

At startup you will see the main interface :

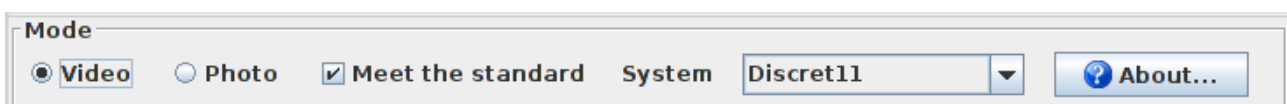


Cryptimage interface, the look and feel will be different depending your operating system.

The interface has 6 sections : « mode », « files », « Discret11/nagravision syster/videocrypt options » (Machine tab), « Descrambler keyboard code », « audio/video options » and « informations » .

There is a menu bar with a « language » menu, 6 languages are available : german, english, spanish, french, italian and polish.

a. Mode



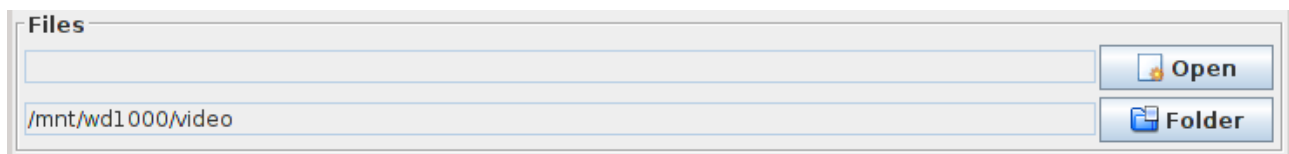
Here you can select 2 modes : « video » if you want to encrypt/decrypt a video file, « photo » if you want to encrypt/decrypt an image file.

A checkbox « meet the standard » allows you a total respect of discreet11 standard, if checked then the image will be automatically resized to 4/3 ratio and 720x576 or 768x576 pixels size, TV lines 310 and 622 will be managed and colorized to white or black, if this checkbox is not checked then a simplified mode will be used for discreet11 encryption (image will keep its original size, and no colorization for TV lines 310 and 622).

For nagravision syster and videocrypt this checkbox will be checked by default and there is no way to uncheck it, because nagravision syster and videocrypt can only work on a 4/3 ratio and 720~768x576 pixels.

Finally a combobox « system » allows to choose between « discreet11 », « nagravision syster » and videocrypt systems.

b. Files

The image shows a graphical user interface for the 'Files' section. It consists of a light gray rectangular box. At the top left, the word 'Files' is written in a small, bold, black font. Below this, there are two horizontal input fields. The top field is empty. The bottom field contains the text '/mnt/wd1000/video'. To the right of these fields are two buttons. The top button is labeled 'Open' and features a small icon of a document with a magnifying glass. The bottom button is labeled 'Folder' and features a small icon of a folder. Both buttons have a blue gradient and a thin border.

This section allows you to open the video/image to be encrypted/decrypted (button « open »), and to setup the working folder, a folder where the encrypted/decrypted files will be written (button « folder »).

c. Discret11 options

Discret11 options

☒ Encrypt ☐ Decrypt ☐ Decrypt by line correlation

16 bits word 32 32768 65535 58158

Audience level 1 6425##### Cycle: 1 (1817)

Delay 1 0.5 1.75 3 1.67%

Delay 2 2 3.5 5 3.34%

☒ Default delays ☐ Masked edge ☒ Process sound ☐ Disable sound

Start at frame 1 200000 1

Descrambler keyboard code

☒ A1 ☒ A2 ☒ A3 ☒ A4 ☒ A5 ☒ A6 Serial number: 45236878 Keyboard code: 66213142

This panel allows several encrypt/decrypt settings for discret11 system (this panel will be displayed if « discret11 » is selected on the combobox « system »).

- Encrypt, Decrypt, Decrypt by line correlation

☒ Encrypt ☐ Decrypt ☐ Decrypt by line correlation

These buttons allows to choose between the encrypt and decrypt mode, and a special mode « decrypt by line correlation » allows to decrypt the file automatically, without parameters like 16 bits value (this special mode is only available when checkbox « meet the standard » is checked).

- 16 bits word

16 bits word 32 32768 65535 18270

It's a value between 32 and 65535, which will be used by cryptimage for setting others parameters like 11 bits word, level audience and keyboard code. Every discret11 descramblers are configured with a 16 bits word (this value is deducted from the keyboard typed eight-digit code on the front, we'll see that later in the documentation).

- Audience

a. Levels : 1 to 7

Audience level 1

You can choose 7 audience levels from the combobox and a special level called "multicode", the first 7 levels of audience allow to automatically generate a 11 bits word (values 1-2047), with this 11 bits value a pseudo-random generator will be initialized, which allows then the selection of one of 3 type of delay value for the encrypt/decrypt process .

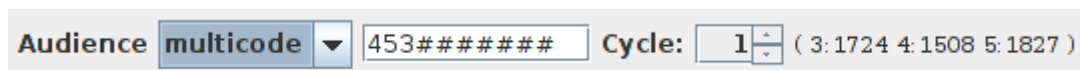
Cryptimage also indicates in parenthesis the 11 bit word used depending on the selected audience

level.

Audience level « 7 » corresponds to that used at the time by canal plus the last weekend of the month , it's an "universal code", which enable official descramblers to operate even in the absence of a valid keyboard code.

If checkbox « meet the standard » is checked then cryptimage will be able to decrypt the video without having to set the audience level in the interface, because the blink rate of TV lines 310 and 622 will allow to retrieve the correct audience level.

b. Multicode

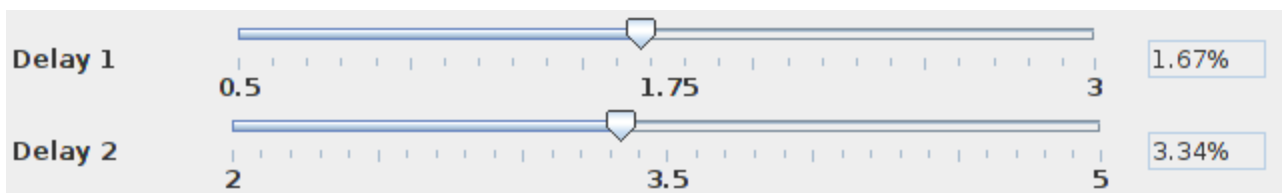


Audience **multicode** 453##### Cycle: 1 (3:1724 4:1508 5:1827)

You can also select « multicode », a special audience level, the multicode gives you the ability to specify up to 10 audience levels, these audience levels will be used in a cyclically way, (« cycle » paramater is the time in seconds for the duration of each audience level), in parenthesis cryptimage will display the corresponding 11 bits word for each audience level entered.

The "multicode" was used by canal plus in 1987 in order to disable illegal descramblers, but this method failed (hackers quickly found a solution for their illegal descramblers), and « multicode » was quickly removed, after that only one level audience was used .

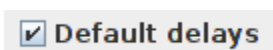
- Delays 1 and 2



Delay 1 0.5 1.75 3 1.67%

Delay 2 2 3.5 5 3.34%

These 2 sliders allow to set 2 of the 3 types of delays in pixel shift percentage, (the other delay, « delay 0 » means no delay). Generally you will not have to change these two delays, default settings (1.67% and 3.34%) are correct for a good simulation of discret11, however some unofficial hardware descramblers may need different values, if their circuits were poorly calibrated.



☒ Default delays

A check box "default delays" allows at any time to bring back the sliders delays to the default settings.

- Masked edge

☐ Masked edge

This option will hide the black segments of the left vertical edge of the image with color pixels taken further in the current line of encryption, to prevent some pirate descramblers operate (including "radio Plans" descrambler that uses the black detection edge as a method for decryption).

This anti-piracy measure was used by Canal Plus in 1985.

Note that if this box is checked while the "decrypt" mode is selected then it will effectively ensure that the vertical border will be left entirely black (useful if the video had been encrypted with "masked edge » option checked, otherwise it is not necessary to check this box).

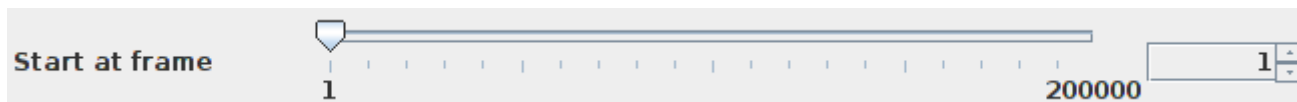
- Process sound, Disable sound

☒ Process sound ☐ Disable sound

Checkbox « Process sound » means that the sound will be encrypted/decrypted by cryptimage if this checkbox is checked. If unchecked then the sound will keep his original signal.

Checkbox « Disable sound » : if checked then sound will be muted, the resulting encrypted/decrypted file will not have a sound track.

- Start at frame



A video is composed of frames, with cryptimage you have the opportunity to tell the encoder / decoder from which field it should start its work, simply drag the cursor on the frame number from which the encryption / decryption must to start.

- Descrambler keyboard code

Descrambler keyboard code

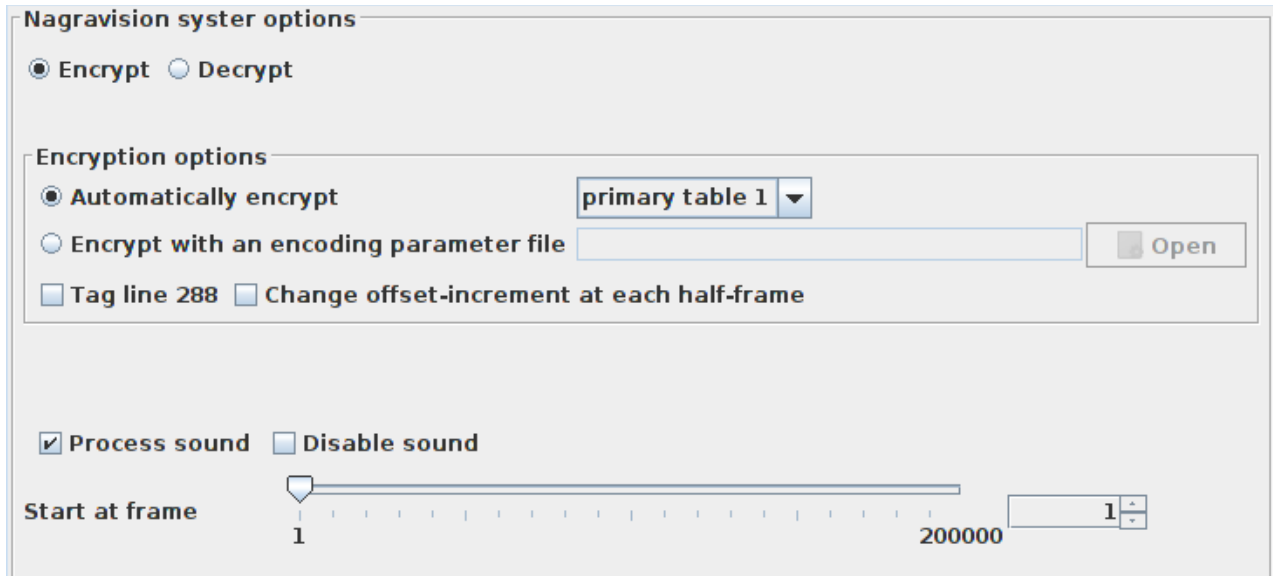
☒ A1 ☒ A2 ☒ A3 ☒ A4 ☒ A5 ☒ A6 Serial number: Keyboard code:

This section of the interface is useful for those who have an official discret11 descrambler, it allows you to find the keyboard code.

This keyboard code is calculated based on your descrambler serial number (number that you can enter in the "Serial Number" field), then according to audience level permissions (check boxes A1 to A6) and finally 16-bit word, the keyboard code will be displayed on « keyboard code » field in the interface.

d. Nagravision syster options

a. Encryption options



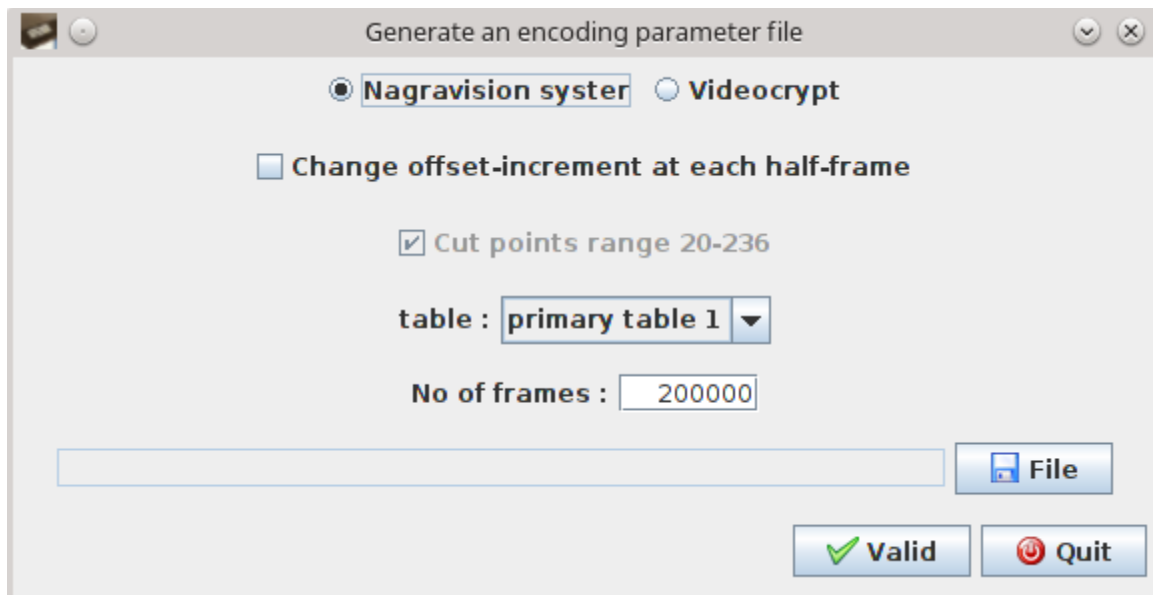
The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Nagravision syster options". At the top, there are two radio buttons: "Encrypt" (selected) and "Decrypt". Below this is a section titled "Encryption options" containing three options: "Automatically encrypt" (selected), "Encrypt with an encoding parameter file" (unselected), and "Tag line 288" (unselected). The "Automatically encrypt" option has a dropdown menu showing "primary table 1". The "Encrypt with an encoding parameter file" option has a text input field and an "Open" button. Below the "Encryption options" section, there are two checkboxes: "Process sound" (checked) and "Disable sound" (unchecked). At the bottom, there is a "Start at frame" label, a slider bar with a diamond handle, and a numeric input field showing "1". The slider bar has tick marks from 1 to 200000.

This panel is displayed when « nagravision syster » is selected (« system » combobox), and when the button « encrypt » is selected.

These encryption options allow you to create « nagravision syster » encrypted video/photo files.

There are 2 ways for encrypting in nagravision syster :

- « **Automatically encrypt** » : using a primary table (you can select « primary table 1 » or « primary table 2 »), the program will randomly generate an offset and increment for each half-frame of the video file (or the photo file).
- « **Encrypt with an encoding parameter file** » : it's a text file (with the extension "enc") that describes for each progressive frame 2 values (offset and increment), this file also indicates what type of primary table to use, such a file can be generated via the menu "tools, generate an encoding parameter file" :



to be valid this file must have at least a number of rows equal or greater than the number of frames of the video.

There are 2 types of selectable primary table:

- Primary Table 1: used by several satellite/cable channels in europe, as well as canal plus until september 1997.
- Primary Table 2: used only by canal plus from september 1997 until the extinction of analogue terrestrial broadcasting TV in France in late 2010.

In addition to these two encryption options you can "tattoo" line 288 by checking the box « **tag line 288** », values like « type of primary table », « offset », « increment » will be coded in line 288 with white and black pixels, the type table used will be coded on 2 bits, the offset and the increment will be coded each on 8 bits, each bit utilizes 8 pixels in the image, the tattoo is placed at the bottom left of the image, on both last lines of the image (line numbers 575 and 576 of a progressive frame 768x576 lines).

Finally a checkbox « **change offset-increment at each half-frame** » allows to change offset-increment at each half-frame, if unchecked offset-increment will be changed every 2 half-frames.

b. Decryption options

Nagravision syster options

☐ Encrypt ☒ Decrypt

Decryption options

☒ Decrypt with a decoding parameter file

☐ Decrypt with the tag of line 288

☐ Decrypt by line correlation

☒ Process sound ☐ Disable sound

Start at frame

This panel is displayed when « nagravion syster » is selected (« system » combobox), and when the button « Decrypt » is selected.

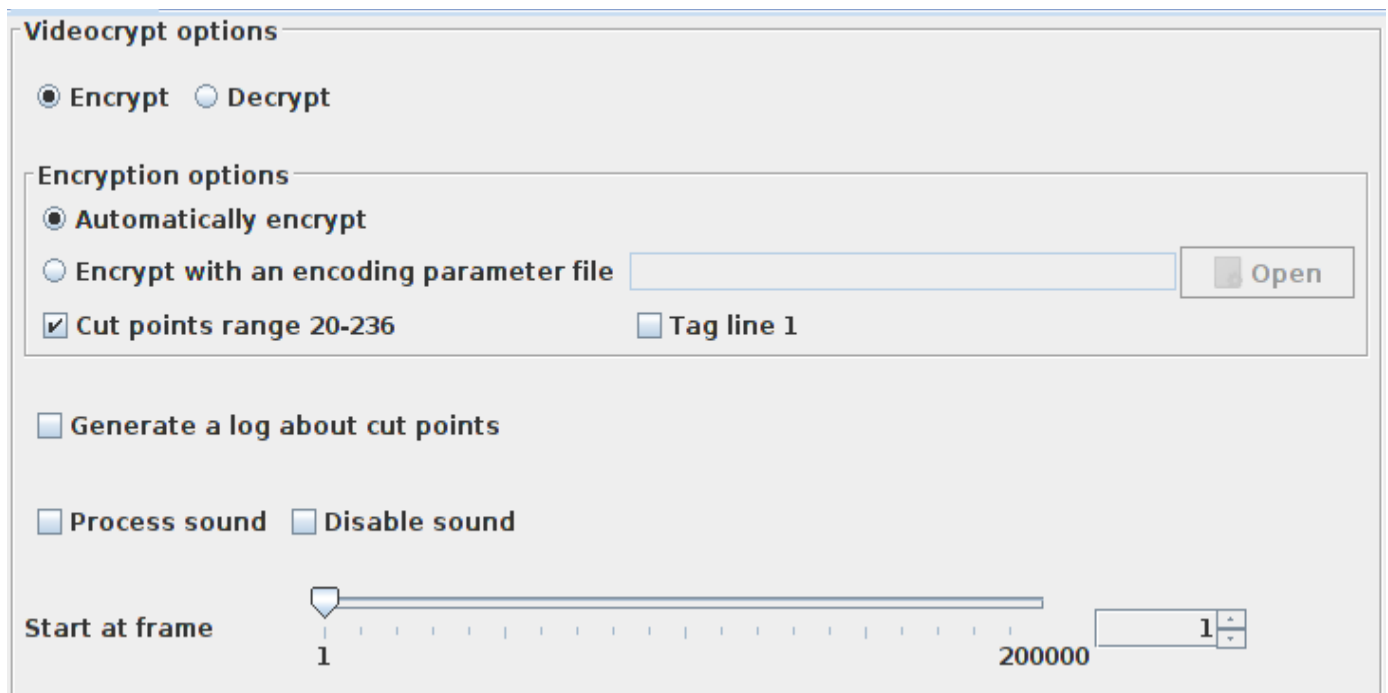
There are 3 ways for decrypting in nagravision syster :

- « **Decrypt with a decoding parameter file** » : it's a text file (with the extension "dec") that describes what primary table and what offset/increment values to use for each half-image when we want a decryption, this file **is automatically generated** by cryptimage when a video/image is encrypted in nagravision syster mode.
- « **Decrypt with the tag of line 288** » : Decryption will be done automatically if a tag is present on line 288, if you have checked « tag line 288 » option during the encrypting step then you can use this decrypting option.
- « **Decrypt by line correlation** » : Decryption will be done by testing the 32768 possibilities of decryption and the correct offset/increment values will be found, if you choose this option then you have to select one of the two primary tables in the combobox, this method of decryption by line of correlation is quite slow but gives quite good results.

Note that as for the discret11 panel you have the same sound options (« Process sound », « Disable sound ») and you have also the option « start at frame ».

e. Videocrypt options

a. Encryption options



The screenshot shows a window titled "Videocrypt options". At the top, there are two radio buttons: "Encrypt" (selected) and "Decrypt". Below this is a section titled "Encryption options" containing three radio buttons: "Automatically encrypt" (selected), "Encrypt with an encoding parameter file" (with an adjacent text box and an "Open" button), and "Cut points range 20-236" (checked). To the right of the checked checkbox is another checkbox labeled "Tag line 1". Below the "Encryption options" section are two more checkboxes: "Generate a log about cut points" and "Process sound" (checked), with "Disable sound" (unchecked) to its right. At the bottom, there is a slider labeled "Start at frame" with a value of 1, a scale from 1 to 200000, and a numeric input field showing 1.

This panel is displayed when « videocrypt » is selected (« system » combobox), and when the button « encrypt » is selected.

There are 2 ways for encrypting in videocrypt :

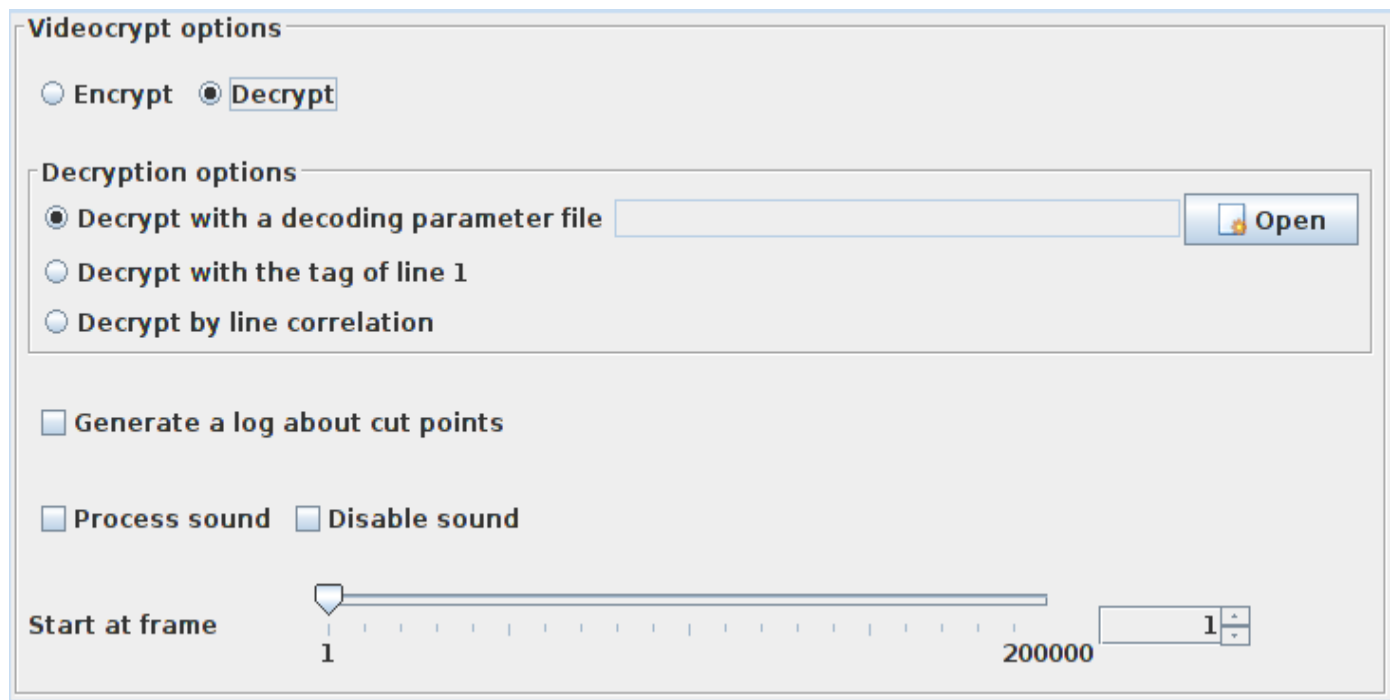
- « **Automatically encrypt** » : the software will chose randomly the cut points.
- « **Encrypt with an encoding parameter file** » : a « vid » file which contains seed values for the random number generator, this file can be generated via the menu "tools, generate an encoding parameter file" .

A checkbox « Cut points range 20-236 » allows to set the range of cut points to « 20-236 », in order to have the same visual rendering as the TV channels which have used videocrypt , if unchecked the range will be « 1-255 ».

A checkbox « Tag line 1 » allows to put in line 1 a tattoo which represents the range of cut points and the seed value for the random number generator, in order to have an automatic decrypting by reading this tattoo.

You can also generate a report (CSV format) about these cut points by checking the checkbox « generate a log about cut points ». This CSV file will be splitted every 113 frames (65088 lines) in order to allow old spreadsheet programs to load them.

b. Decryption options



The screenshot shows a window titled "Videocrypt options". At the top, there are two radio buttons: "Encrypt" and "Decrypt", with "Decrypt" being selected. Below this is a section titled "Decryption options" containing three radio buttons: "Decrypt with a decoding parameter file" (selected), "Decrypt with the tag of line 1", and "Decrypt by line correlation". To the right of the first option is a text input field and an "Open" button. Below the "Decryption options" section are two checkboxes: "Generate a log about cut points" and "Process sound" (checked), with "Disable sound" also present. At the bottom, there is a "Start at frame" label, a slider ranging from 1 to 200000, and a numeric input field set to 1.

This panel is displayed when « videocrypt » is selected (« system » combobox), and when the button « decrypt » is selected.

There are 3 ways for encrypting in videocrypt :

- « **Decrypt with a decoding parameter file** » : it's a text file (with the extension "vid") that describes how to feed the random number generator in order to select the cut points for each line.
- « **Decrypt with the tag of line 1** » : the decryption will be done automatically by reading the tattoo on line 1, if the option « Tag line 1 » has been selected during the encryption step.
- « **Decrypt by line correlation** » : the decryption will be done automatically by following a special algorithm, this method is very slow (3 seconds by frame) .

Note that as for the discret11 panel you have the same sound options (« Process sound », « Disable sound ») and you have also the option « start at frame ».

f. Colors rendering



The screenshot shows a section for "Colors rendering". It includes a "Colors" label followed by a dropdown menu set to "RGB", a checked "Delay line" checkbox, a "YUV" label followed by a dropdown menu set to "bt.601", and another dropdown menu.

The tab « Colors rendering » allows to choose how the colors will be rendered for the files created by cryptimage. **These settings are available only for nagravision system and videocrypt**, discret11 files will be always generated in RGB mode.

- **RGB** : colors will not be modified, they will be the same as the input file.

- **Pal** : colors will be changed, by following the Pal standard (phase rotations), U and V chroma will be averaged by group of 2 lines if the checkbox « Delay line » is checked.

- **Secam** : colors will be changed, U and V chroma of each line will be computed depending on the previous line, in case of interruption of alternation “V-U” (red, blue) then lines will go into black and white or will be set to red, blue or purple depending on the context.

A combobox « YUV » allows to set the matrix color for the conversion RGB to YUV, « bt.601 » for SD videos (single definition), « bt.709 » for HD videos (high definition), « special » if these 2 options don't give good results.

This tab « colors rendering » is useful if you want the same visual rendering of a Pal/Secam TV set, when nagravision and videocrypt systems are used, a rendering that is very different from RGB mode.

g. Audio/video options

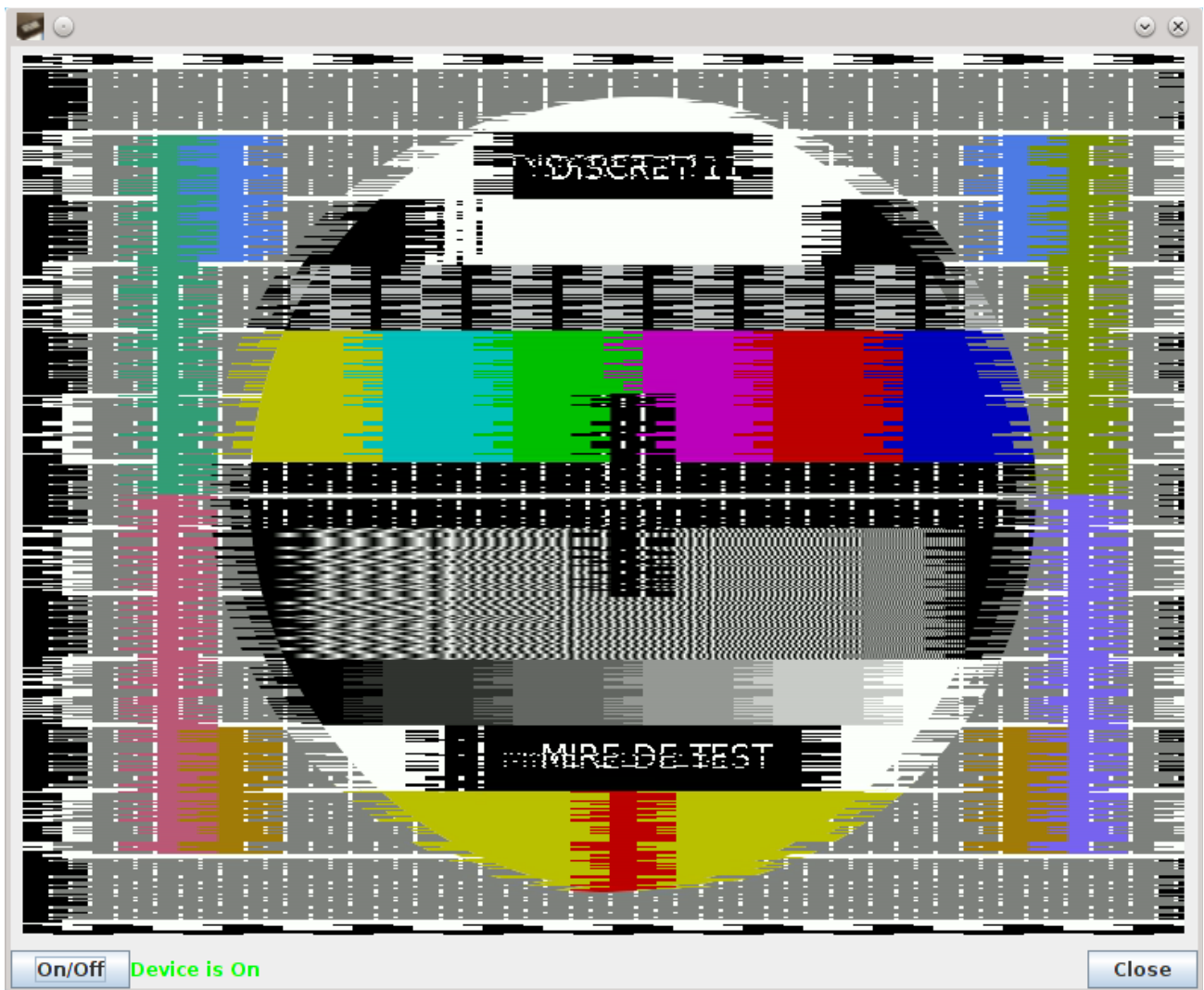
The screenshot shows a software interface titled "Audio/video options". It contains several controls for configuring a video file:

- Resolution:** Two radio buttons for "720x576" and "768x576". "768x576" is selected.
- Audio:** A dropdown menu showing "mp3 320 kbs" and another dropdown showing "48000 Hz".
- Preview mode:** An unchecked checkbox.
- Timestamp:** A checked checkbox.
- Codec:** A dropdown menu showing "h264".
- Bitrate:** A slider ranging from 1 to 20000, with a value of 2659 displayed.
- Extension:** A dropdown menu showing "mkv".
- No. of frames:** A slider ranging from 1 to 200000, with a value of 200000 (02:13:20) displayed.

These are options for the generated video file, you can select the resolution of the file (only if you have checked «Meet the standard »), the compression video codec, the file container (extension), audio codec and its bitrate, sample rate (44100 or 48000 Hz) video compression rate (bitrate), the number of frames for this file (the duration of the file will be displayed in parenthesis).

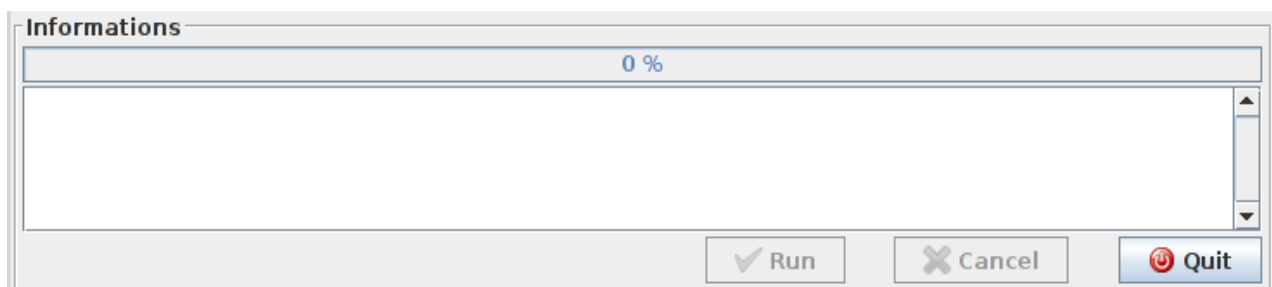
Also you have the option to timestamp the video file name, date, time, the discret11 options, keyboard code will be automatically added to the name of the video file created.

A check box "preview mode" allows you to disable the creation of the video file on disk, it will open a new window which will act as a « preview mode » , there is no sound in this preview mode, an "on/off" button in this preview mode window allows to enable/disable the encryption/decryption process.



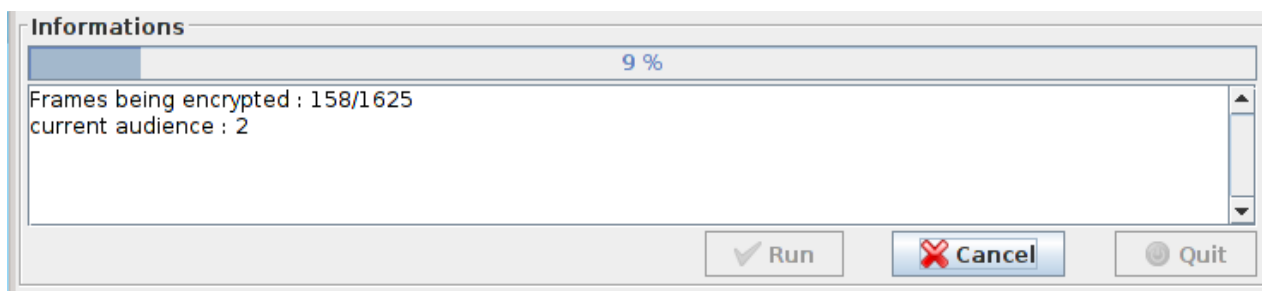
Window of the preview mode.

h. Informations



This part of the interface allows you to track the progress of processing the video file, via a progress bar with a percentage, a text box to display the information messages and any error messages.

The "run" button will start the processing of the video file, the "cancel" button to cancel the operation, the button "quit" to close cryptimage.



Progress information messages when a video file is encrypted.

At the end of the generation of the video/image file a text report will be generated in the working directory, it will contain different discret11 parameters used to generate this file.

Finally most of the interface options are saved in a configuration file (cryptimage.conf) stored in the user directory ("documents and settings" under windows, folder "home" on linux) in a subdirectory " cryptimage ", in order to automatically reload these choices at the next launch cryptimage.

7. Using cryptimage with a discret11 descrambler

Cryptimage can therefore be used to generate video files, in order to test an official discret11 descrambler, such as the one provided at the time by canal plus.

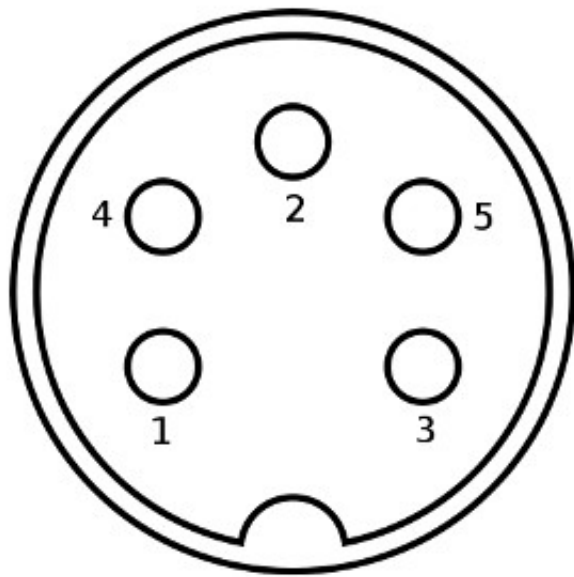


Official discret11 descrambler.

a. Setting a serial number in rom memory

The first step is to set a custom serial number in the rom chip, so that you can later generate a valid keyboard code with cryptimage.

For this we will use the socket type "Din 5 pin" located in the back of the descrambler, the operation is to connect pin 1 to shield mass :



pin assignment:

1 : serial number programming

2 : audio ground

3 : video output

4 : audio output

5 : audio ground

DIN socket, front view at the back of the descrambler.

Once pin 1 connected to the ground shield we can then use the keypad on the front descrambler to enter a serial number in the rom memory :

- Tap 4 times on the key "ENT"
- Enter the first 4 digits of the serial number
- Tap once the key "MEMO"
- Tap 2 times on the key "ENT"
- Enter the last 4 digits of the serial number
- Tap once the key "MEMO"

The 8-digit number will be stored in the rom chip (example: 4669 2567), then you can remove the bridge you made between pin 1 and shield ground to complete the operation.

In cryptimage enter the serial number in order to find the keyboard code :

| Descrambler keyboard code | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A1 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A2 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A6 | Serial number: | <input type="text" value="46692567"/> | Keyboard code: | <input type="text" value="23866790"/> |

Here we see that the keyboard code for serial number "46692567" is "23866790", the 16-bit word entered in the interface is 18270, the audience level is 1, with all permission boxes checked (A1 to A6).

To enter the keyboard code in the descrambler :

- Press the ENTER key, the yellow light will flash
- Tap the 8 digit keyboard code
- Press the MEMO button to confirm, the yellow light should go off, the green light will then switch to decrypt all encrypted video signal.

b. Inject a video file to your descrambler

Now that we have properly configured our official descrambler (serial number and keyboard code) we can test our descrambler by sending encrypted files with cryptimage.

We have to put an encrypted video file in a USB drive, and then use a DVB-T device which has a USB port (PVR function) and a composite video output and audio output (RCA or SCART connection), then we connect this DVB-T device to the composite video input of the descrambler and the audio input (via an RCA composite video input → SCART adapter) :



DVB-T device with a USB port (PVR function), 30 euros on average



Scart cable, with inputs and outputs in RCA format

Reading the files will be done via the DVB-T device, which will read the USB key containing our encrypted files, the discret11 descrambler will receive this file via the composite video and audio outputs of our DVB-T device, and finally we will connect the descrambler to our TV via the scart cable (composite video output and analog audio output).

An alternative method is to use an RF modulator connected to the composite video output (as well as the audio output) of your DVB-T device, then connect the RF modulator to the antenna input of your TV, and finally connect the descrambler via the SCART cable to the TV, this method has the advantage of reconstituting the original installation as it had been planned for the official descrambler (video signal taken by the descrambler from the TV via SCART).



RF modulator, with RCA and scart inputs (45 euros)

It is advisable to add a transcoder « PAL to SECAM » before injecting the video signal to the descrambler or the TV, because analog delay lines of discret11 descrambler were not optimized for a Pal video signal (bad colors if Pal video is used on discret11 descramblers instead of Secam).

A summary of the assembly for injecting our encrypted video file to a discret11 descrambler :

- Cryptimage → USB key → DVB-T device → discret11 descrambler → TV

or

- Cryptimage → USB key → DVB-T device → RF modulator → TV → discret11 descrambler

8. Advice

In order to get a good picture quality while decrypting a video file (with cryptimage or with an official descrambler) it is advisable to use a compression ratio less destructive as possible during the encrypting step,

because of the pixel shifting during the encrypting step some compression artifacts, color defects can occur if the compression rate was too strong, using a video bitrate equal or greater than 10000 will allow to limit quality losses.

The solution to avoid these quality problems is also to use a lossless video codec, like huffyuv or FFV1, this type of codec provides the best possible quality, the decrypted image will be exactly the same as the original image, the only drawback of huffyuv codecs and FFV1 is the large size of the generated file (although it is possible to "zip" the file in order to reduce the file size and to store it permanently on a DVD-R media for example).

Another alternative is to select the codec "h264 v2" which has the particularity to code colors on a color space « 4:4:4 YUV » instead of the traditional « 4:2:0 YUV » (best color accuracy), the losses will be lower, the disadvantage is that DVB-T devices can not play files encoded in a color space « 4:4:4 YUV », if you want to use a DVB-T device then you have to use codec "h264", "mpeg2" or "divx" from the list of codecs for playback compatibility.

"Ts" and "m2t" video files made from a recording of DVB-T device will trigger problems in cryptimage , these files don't have a video index, you must first modify these files with software like handbrake (free, open source software) in order to have a real indexed video file in a "avi", "mp4" or "mkv" container.

Regarding the choice of audio codec : you will have the best possible quality by choosing "wav" from the list of audio codecs, as a good compromise you can also choose "mp3 192 kbps" or "mp3 320 kbps", for the sampling frequency 48000 Hz obviously gives the best quality, in all cases you should never go below 160 kbps if you use mp3 codec for encrypting files, because the quality of the audio decrypting will be especially bad if for example a rate of 96 kbps was used for the mp3 codec during the encrypting step.

Finally if you want to decrypt VHS tapes containing discret11 or Nagravision system signals then you must digitize with care those VHS tapes, with a tuner card or video capture device in order to obtain a perfect image geometry (no overscan, no vertical offset lines), you must digitize by keeping the odd and even fields (don't make deinterlace), the image must be 720x576 or 768x576 pixel size, and you must use a lossless video codec or a less destructive codec with a good bitrate, in this manner the decryption method by line correlation will be done with good results.

9. Bugs

If cryptimage is not working properly then delete the configuration file "cryptimage.conf" located in the user directory ("documents and settings" under windows, folder "home" on linux) in a subdirectory "cryptimage", cryptimage then will start with the default settings.