VLC Randomizer Quick Start Guide

Overview

The VLC randomizer can be used to create playlists of shows/movies based on user-defined preferences called schemes. Using this tool, users can:

1. Generate a playlist and load into VLC Media Player
2. Define different schemes which outline the frequency for each show/movie to appear
3. Define which episode of a show is next on their list for a given show

Selecting the TV/Movie Directory

The TV/Movie directory controls the remaining elements in the user interface, as it holds the TV shows/movies, scheme files, and episode marker files. This folder should be a top level folder that contains one of the following:

1. Movies or TV Shows
2. Folders of TV Shows or Movies
3. Folders of TV Shows arranged into seasons

Once you have selected your TV Path using the **Browse** button, select **Confirm** to continue.
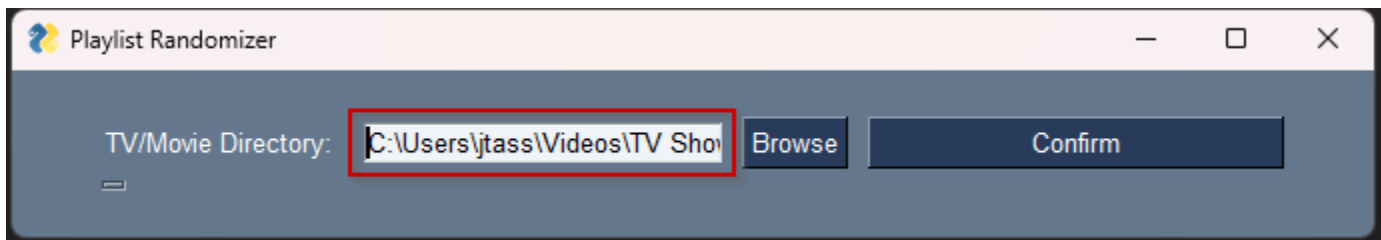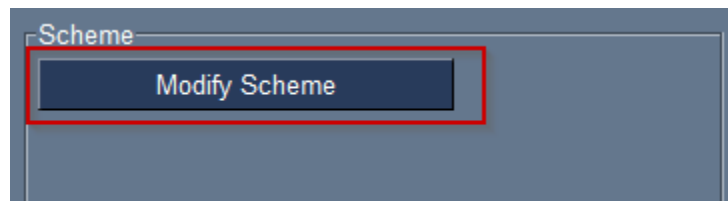

The remaining screens will now cascade, and you are ready to continue building your scheme.
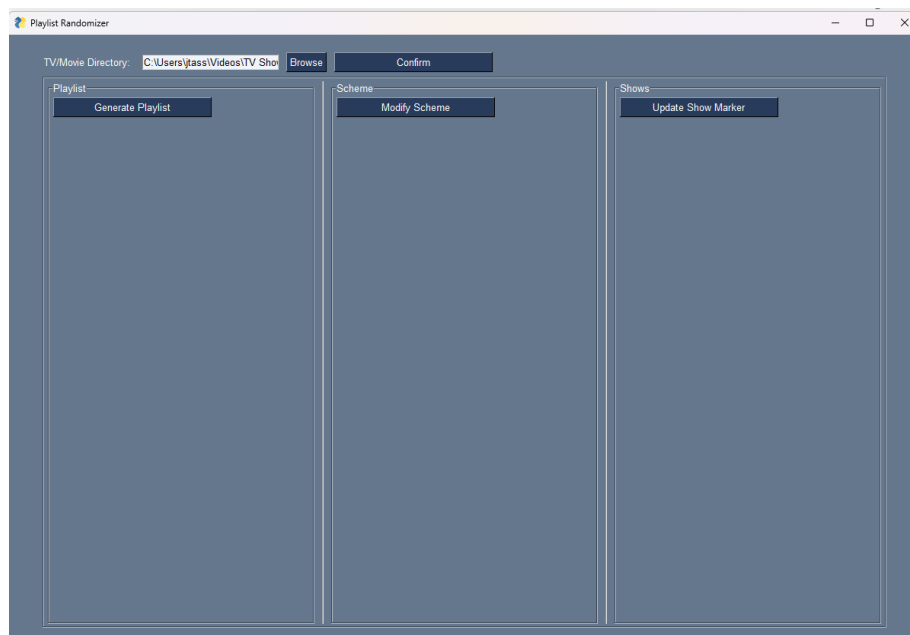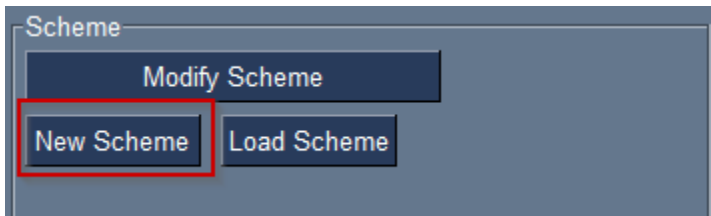
Creating a Scheme

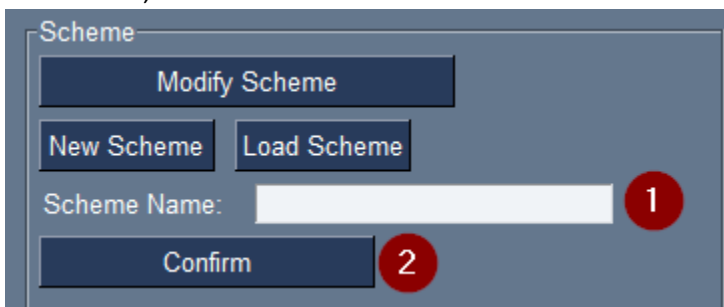You can create a new scheme in the "Scheme" column.

This will allow you to create a new scheme, or modify an existing scheme as follows:

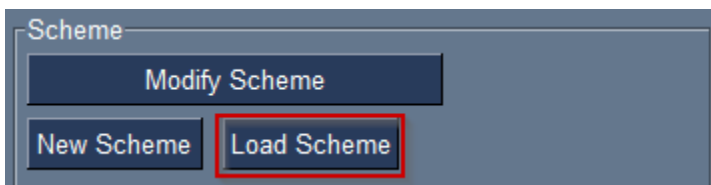1. Creating a new scheme
    a. Click the **New Scheme** button

    b. In the text box, add the desired name of your scheme, such as "Action" or "Romance"
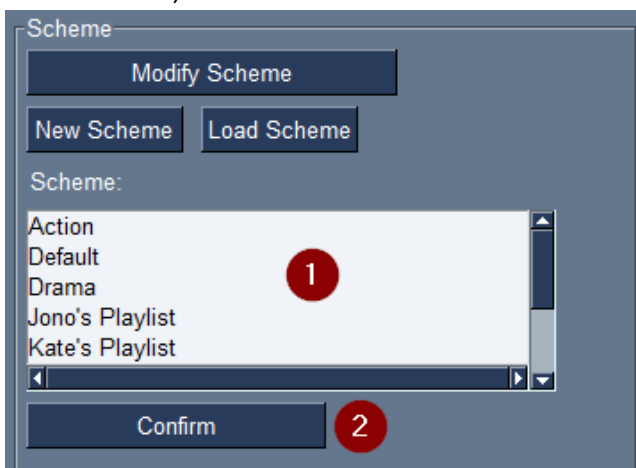   c. To continue, click C**onfirm**
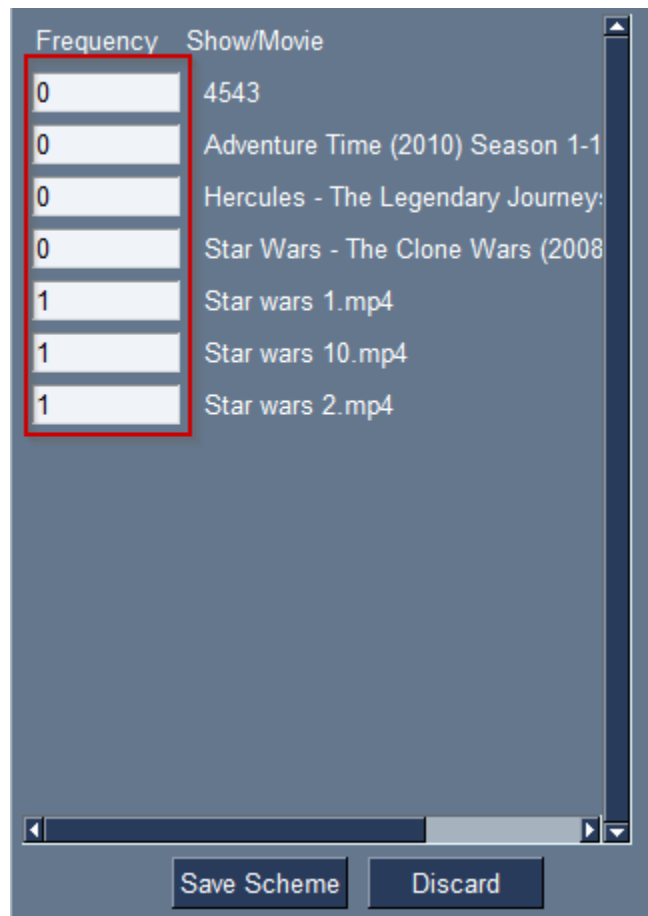

2. Modify an existing scheme
    a. Click the **Load Scheme** button

    b. A selection box will appear where you can select your desired scheme.
    c. Once selected, click **Confirm**

When a new scheme is created, **it will read the contents of your TV/Movie directory and list those as the shows/movies**. You can modify the frequency that the shows appear in the text box beside each show/movie. A frequency of 0 means the show/movie will never appear in a playlist.

When you are ready, click **Save Scheme**. If you'd like to backout your changes, click **Discard**.

NOTE: If you need to delete a scheme that you have created, you can go to your TV/movie directory and open the .scheme folder. It will contain your schemes which you can delete.
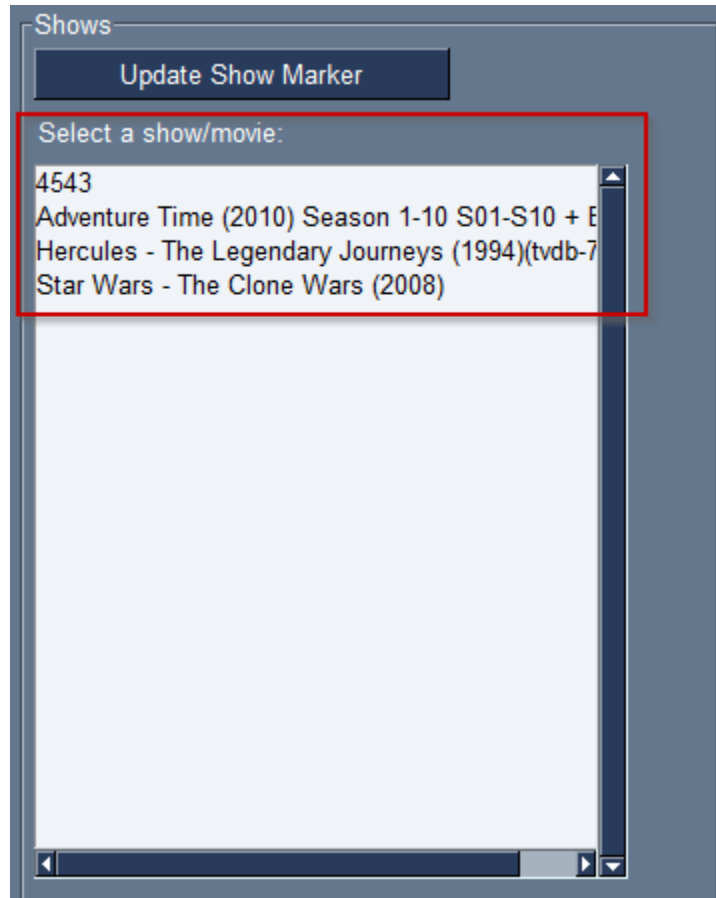
Updating Episode Markers

To update where you left off in a TV show, you can use the update episode marker section.
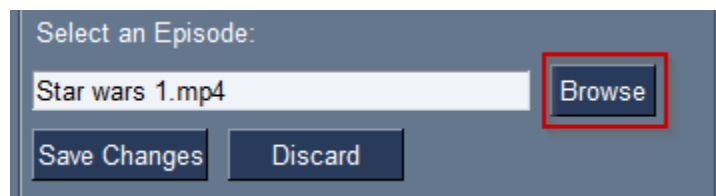
Select a program from the selection list.

It will default with the first episode of the show based on the search algorithm if it has not been set before. You can **Browse** for a new episode, then when you've finished, click **Save**. If you'd like to discard changes, click **Discard**.

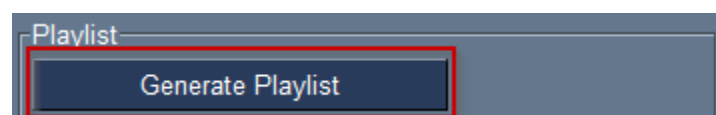**NOTE:** If you ever need to refresh all shows back to their starting episodes, you can do so using the **Clear All Markers** button
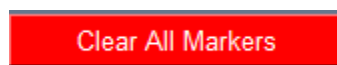

Generating a Playlist

Once a scheme has been made and a show has been selected, you can run the playlist generator.

In the expanded section, you will need to do three things:

1. Set the path to your VLC Media Player. This should be done automatically, but if your VLC executable is not located in the default directory, you can search for it manually.
2. Set a maximum duration of the playlist
3. Select the scheme to generate the videos
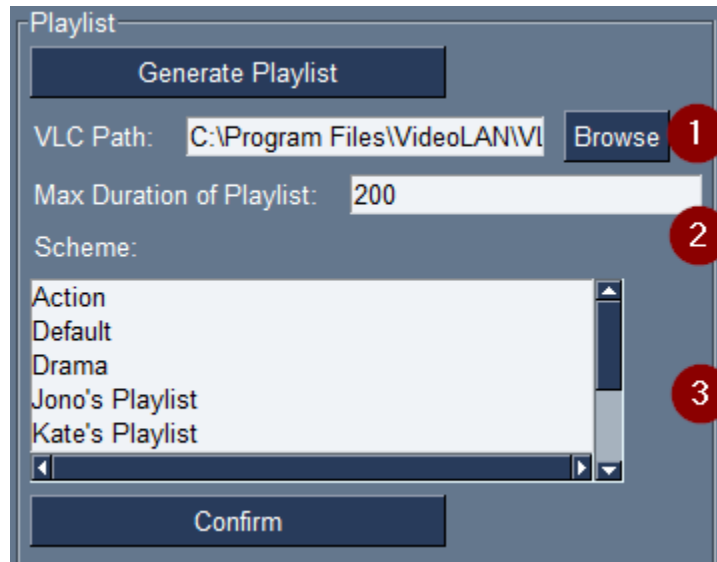
Once set, you can click **Confirm** to continue. This will generate a new playlist for you. It will be saved off for future use as well if you are not ready to load it into VLC.

NOTE: If you select a new scheme, the previous playlist will be **overwritten**
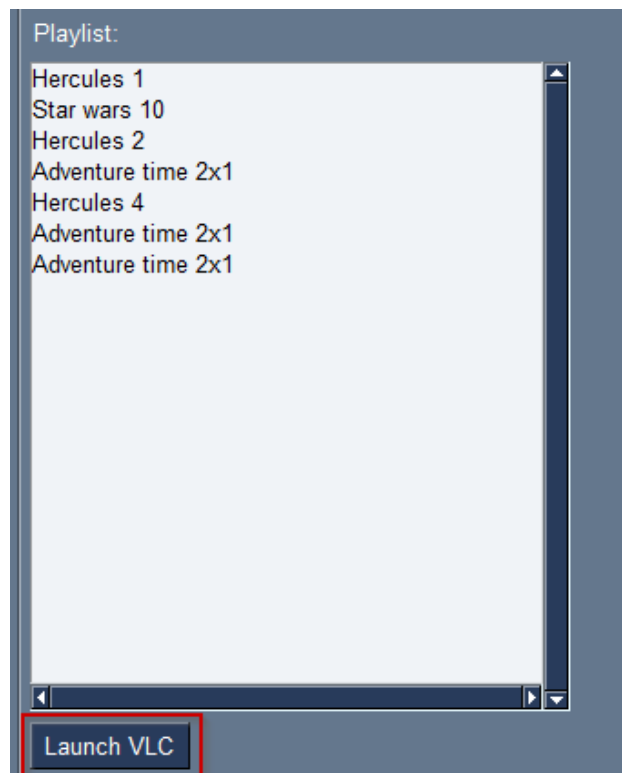
When you have confirmed the playlist, click **Launch VLC** to close the window and launch VLC Media Player.

IMPORTANT: At this point, the episode markers will be updated to their next episodes!