

1 First Start








After installing (see INSTALL.txt to find out, how to perform it), you can point your browser to <http://localhost/moviedb> to start using Movie Database v2.5. There you can see a top menu and some links. Because your database is empty at the moment, you have to add your first movie

2 Add Movie

Login with your Administrator Credentials as written in *config_inc.php*, click on 'Add', then

- Insert a Movie Title and press 'submit'
- Now, a search request is made to IMDB. This request returns:
 - A list of possible films you can choose from or
 - A 'not found' message or
 - If your search query returns only one result, the next page is called directly
- Next Page is a Form, where you can change Movie informations like:
 - Is it a Movie or a Series Season
 - Aka Titles, Plot...
 - Be sure not to change the IMDB id unless you exactly know what you do... if you choose an invalid id, back links doesn't work and no images are displayed. If you want to insert a movie not listed at IMDB, you have to write 'NONE' into the IMDB id field!
- After clicking 'submit' you are redirected to the start page and the movie is inserted to your database - with all information like cast or episodes (if you chosen 'Series' and episodes are listed at IMDB, of course)
- On the start page, you now see a table with the movie in. there you always will see the five newest movies in your list.

3 Movie Options

- If you look at a movie and you are not logged in as Administrator, you can:
 - Show Movie Detail Informations
 - Set a Movie to your personal "Remember-List" by clicking 
 - Export your Search or your "Remember-List" as CSV by clicking 
 - Send your "Remember-List" to the MovieDB-Owner by choosing 
- As Administrator, you can also
 - Lend a movie to a person by using 
 - Refresh movie information from IMDB 
 - Edit Information 
 - Delete a Movie from Database (Related Entries like "Episodes" will be deleted too) 

4 Search and List Options

These options are, in my opinion, self-explanting:

- Show:
 - Movies: list all movies in database
 - Series: list all series in database
 - All: list all entries in database
- News: list the latest entries in database
- Toplist:
 - list only movies rated in IMDB top #250
 - Cast/Director/Writer/Producer: See, how many times a person is listed and navigate through the movies by clicking the links.
 - Genre List: See, what percentage of your movies are out of what genre.
- Random: show a random entry
- Search:
 - Find a movie by title and aka title
 - Find a name (actors, writers, directors, producers...) in database
 - All searches are not case sensitive
 - Keywords are interpreted as substrings – no wildcard is needed (search for 'day' finds also 'the *day* after' and 'living *daylight*')
 - You can limit the results by checking the 'exact matches only'-checkbox

5 Update

As admin, you are able to update all database entries (updated more than 30 days ago) one by one automatically by choose the 'update'-button. A new javascript window will open and call the update function. You can follow the process as you can see the updated informations called after every update in the parent window. Don't overuse this function, cause IMDB will abuse you for excessive data leeching...

Of Course, you can update also only one movie, by clicking the refresh button on bottom of every 'Movie Detail'-Page.

6 Lending

If you give a Movie to a friend, you can mark a movie as 'lent' by clicking the arrow in a movie list or detail page. There you can choose an existing user or create a user directly. If you create a user with an e-mail-adress, this user receives (if newsletter script configured) a weekly update newsletter with your newest movies. You can also add an e-mail-adress later or de-activate the mail-flag by choose the 'users' button. There you can also add and edit additional users.

7 Movie Posters

If a poster is available, Movie Database downloads it from IMDB. Otherwise, a dummy poster (no poster available) is displayed. You can add your own movie poster by taking a jpg, rename it to *movieid.jpg* and store it under *posters/additional*. If done so, your poster will be displayed for this movie instead the dummy picture.

→ The *movieid* you can see in the url, i.E.:

http://localhost/moviedb/index.php?action=showmovie&s_id=62

→ In this case, your posters must be stored as `$DOCROOT/moviedb/posters/additional/62.jpg`

8 News Letter

In the Distibuted package, there is a script called 'sendmail.php'. you can call this script by cron to send a weekly newsletter to your friends, so they can see, what new movies you get. For this, you just have to put a filee, i.E. called 'movieletter' to */etc/cron.d/*

The File could look like this:

→ # Run moviedb-mail Script

→ 53 23 * * 1 root /data/www/html/moviedb/sendmail.php >/var/log/moviedbmail.log 2>&1