Using your ThinkPad to play DVDs in the Digital Classroom

Testing has shown that projecting teaching materials from DVD show at a better quality through the ThinkPad DVD player. In addition, this player has helpful options not found on the console player controls. Project using the Presentation Director’s #4 selection (ThinkPad & Projector XGA 1024 X 768)

The player on the ThinkPad is WinDVD and is found in the Digital Media Tools folder under the START Menu. (The example on the right is from a T-60, the same folder appears closer to the bottom on the R-60 and T-60p).

Put the DVD in the tray the double click on the WinDVD icon to launch the program, then finish pushing in the tray with the DVD in it.

**Many DVD’s offer to install their own player, make sure you CAN-CEL these installs**

The controls are just like a standard player. Pausing is easiest by using the keyboard’s SPACE bar (once - pause again to resume) A left mouse click somewhere away from the control panel will hide it another click will make it reappear.

The special feature available when using this method is bookmarking parts of the DVD. This is even more precise than advancing Chapters because you can make any part of the DVD play at one click.

1. Here is the Bookmark button. Click it when your DVD is at the place you want it to play. Setting a bookmark will open the bookmark window (2) that shows your mark as a thumbnail. Click on the Thumbnail and the DVD will begin playing at that part. More than one bookmark can be made.

   Note: The bookmark window will hide like the control panel by clicking the X in the upper right of the window but does not come back when the control panel is recalled. To get to the bookmarks:

   3. RIGHT click on the Bookmark button
   4. select “bookmark browser” to get thumbnail window OR
   5. directly select from the list of Chapter/Time the next mark

Bookmarks can NOT be saved so this must be done in advance of class. Make note of the Chapter and time indicators and put them in some kind of documentation for future use.