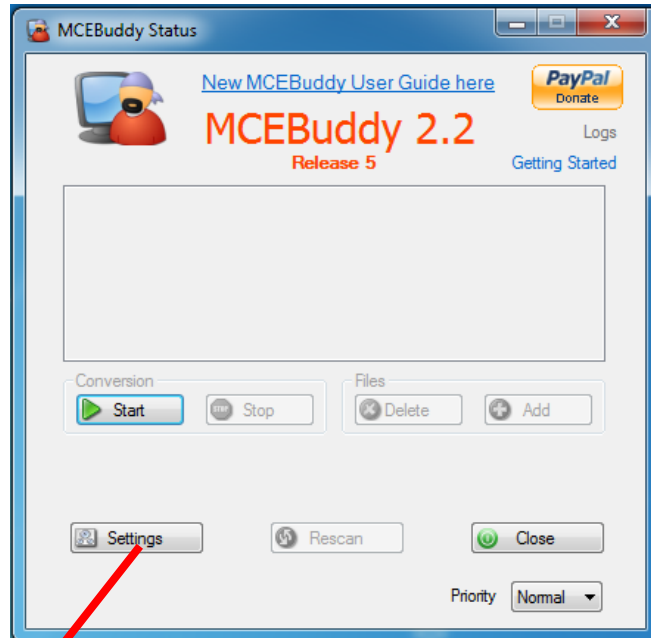


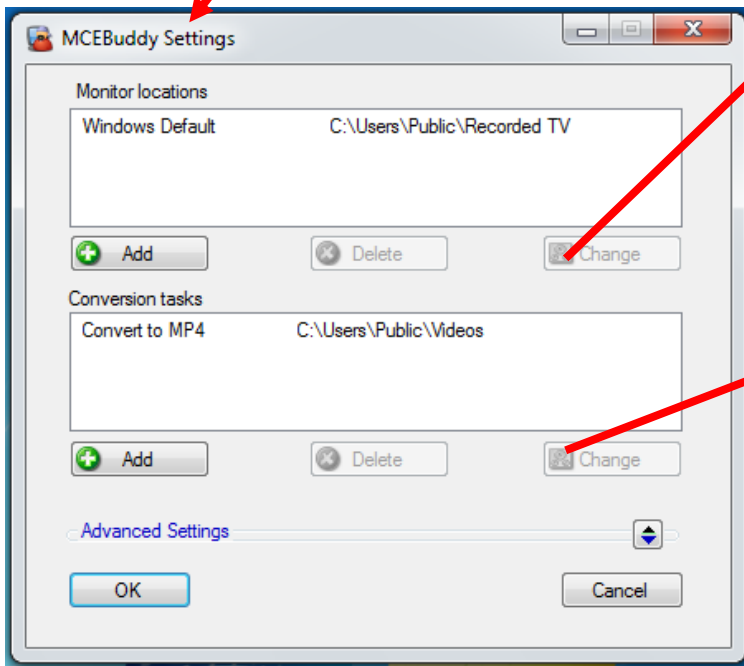
# 1 Quick Start Guide

## 1.1 The Four Main Screens in MCEBuddy 2.x

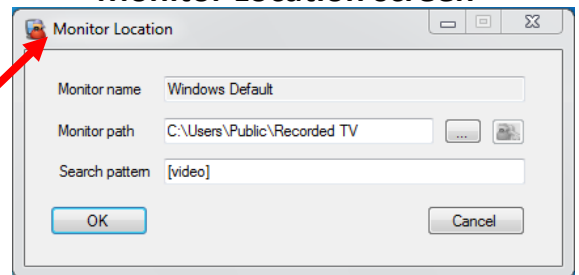
### Status screen



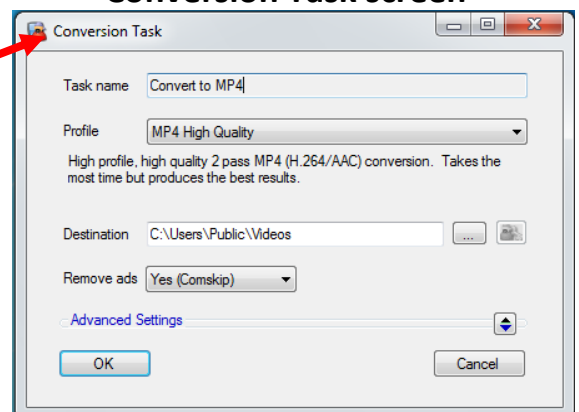
### Settings screen



### Monitor Location screen



### Conversion Task screen

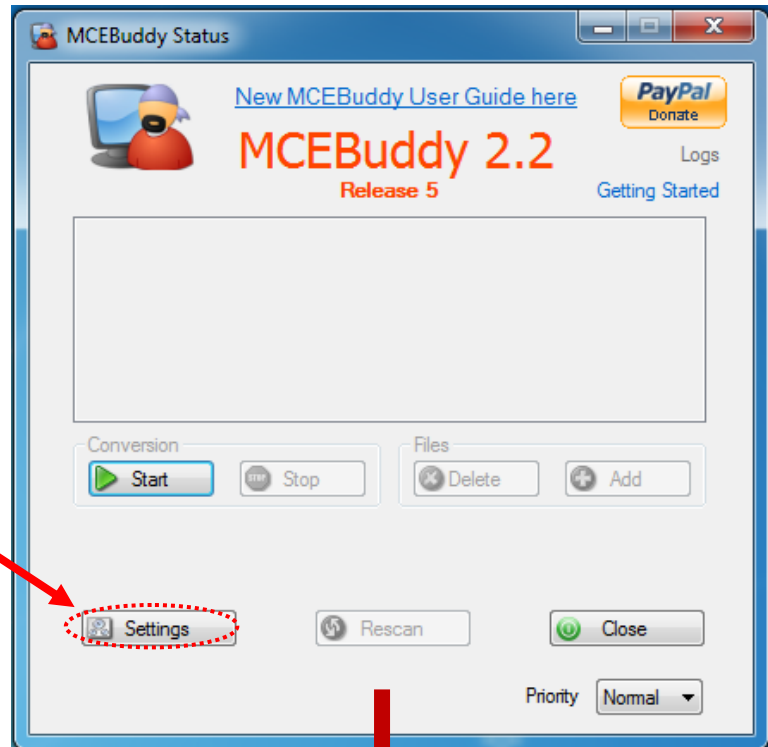


## 1.2 Configuring MCEBuddy

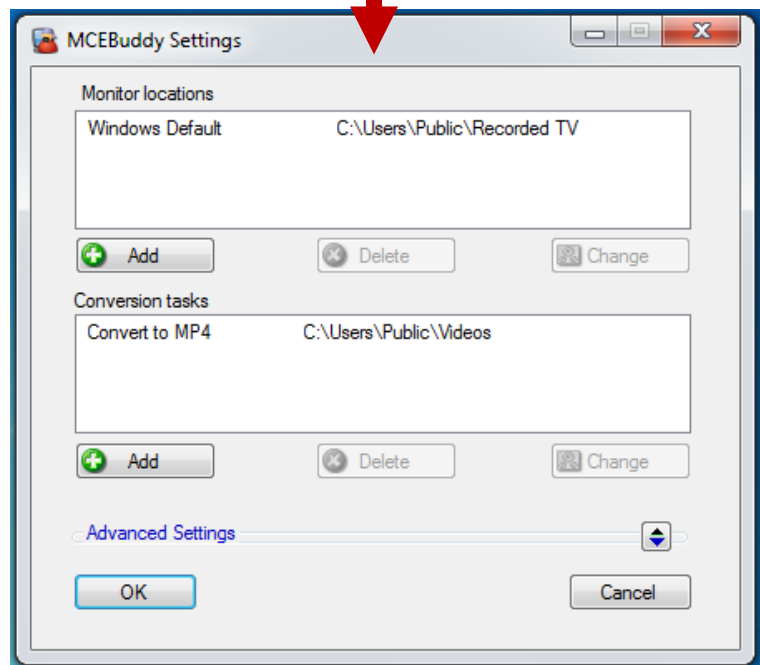
Start *MCEBuddy* from the Window Start Menu

This will open a new window (*MCEBuddy Status*)

Click on the "Settings" button



This will open a new window (*MCEBuddy Settings*)

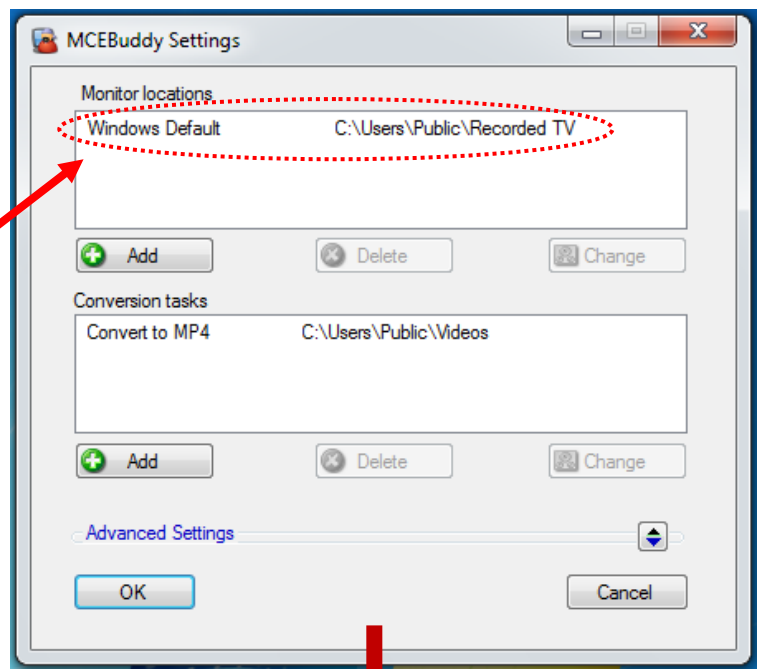


## 1.3 Automatic Conversions

Now we need to tell MCEBuddy the location of the video files to convert.

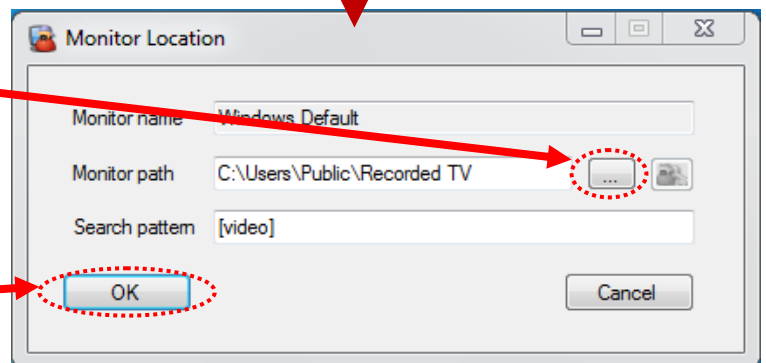
MCEBuddy will keep monitoring this location for new video files every few minutes and will convert it automatically whenever it finds one.

1. **Double click on "Windows Default"**



This will open a new window (*Monitor Location*)

2. **Click on "..."** and select the directory where MCEBuddy will look for new videos

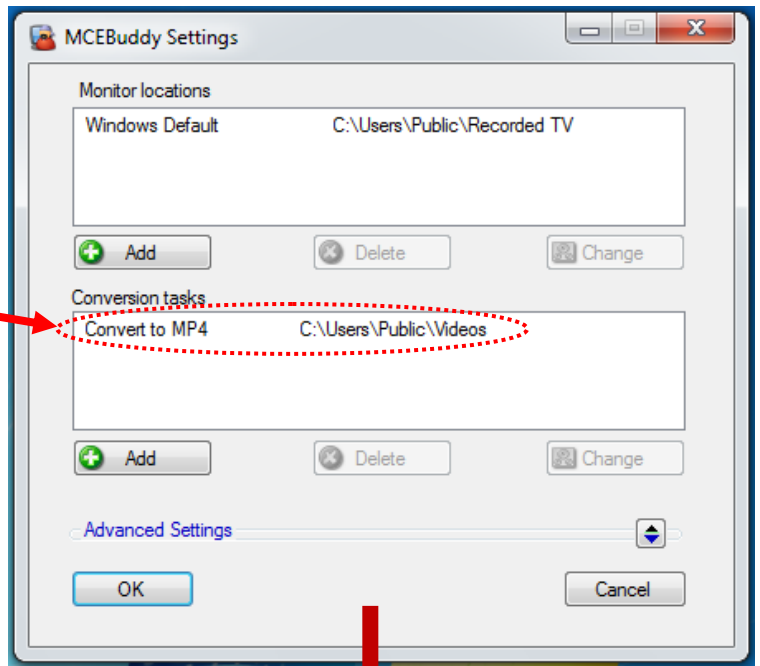


3. **Click on the "OK" button**

## 1.4 Removing Commercials and Specifying Destination Directory

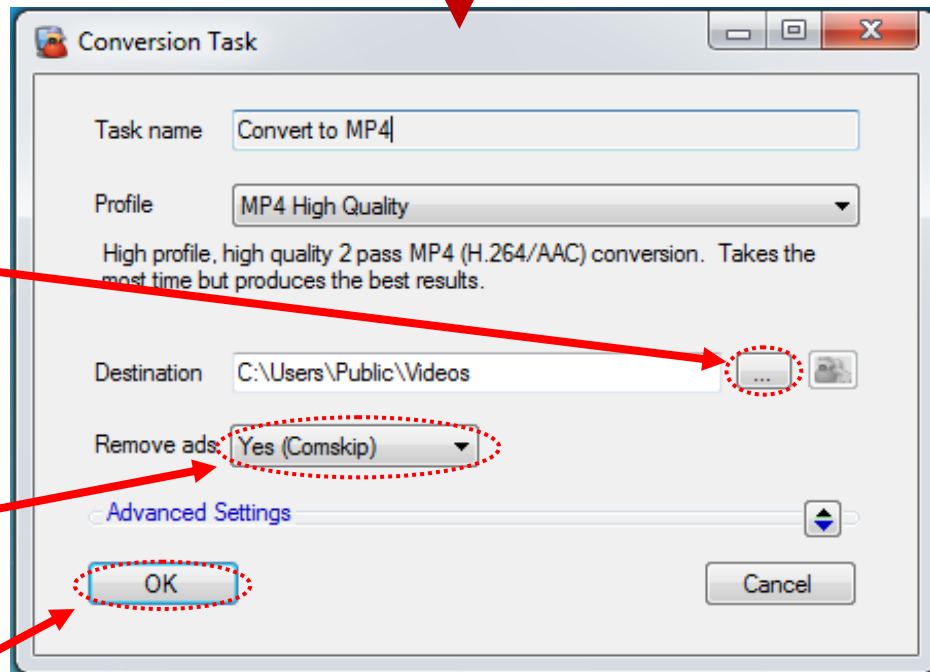
Now we need to tell MCEBuddy the location where to put the converted files and whether it should remove commercials while converting the video.

1. Double click on "Convert to MP4"



This will open a new window (Conversion Task)

1. Click on the "..." button and select the directory the destination directory where the converted files will be placed
2. Select "Yes (Comskip)" if you want MCEBuddy to remove commercials/advertisements while converting the videos. Select "No" if you want to keep the commercials in the converted videos.



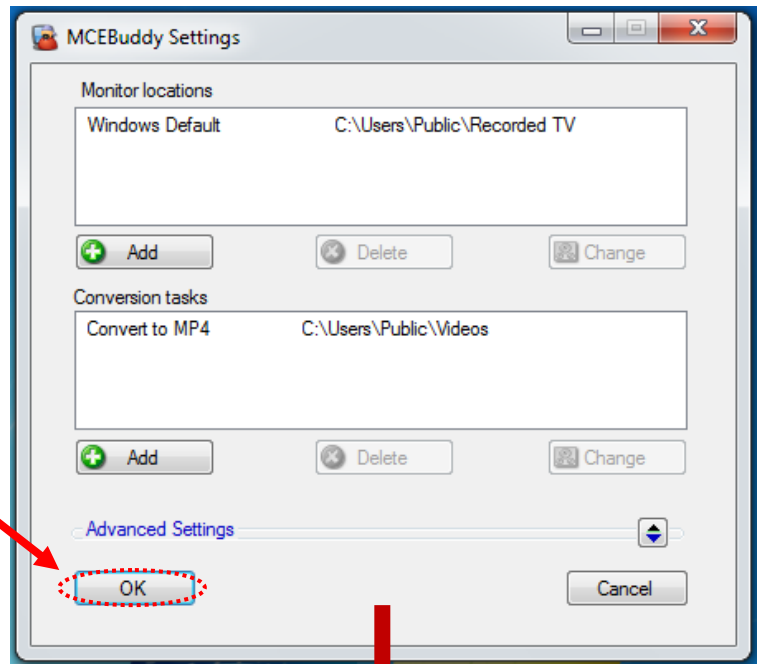
3. Click on the "OK" button

## 1.5 Running MCEBuddy

You're back to the "MCEBuddy Settings" page.

All done.

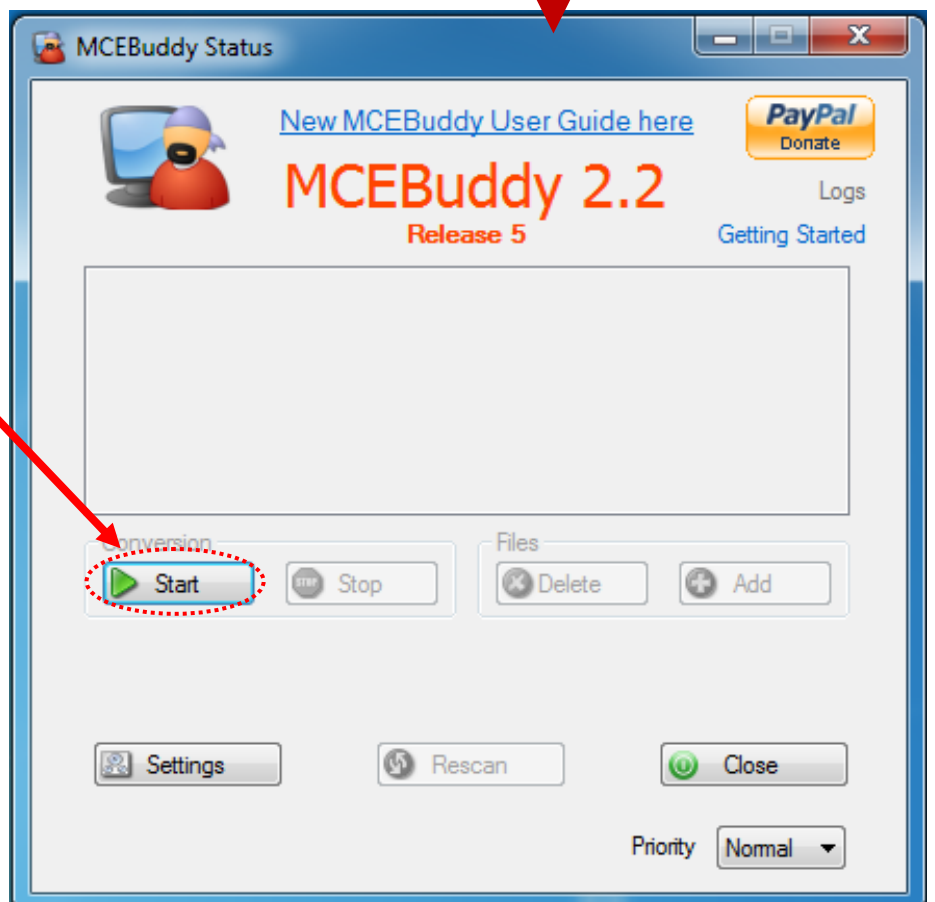
1. Click on the "OK" button



Now you are back at the "MCEBuddy Status" screen.

- Click on the "Start" button

If you would like to convert a file right away, simply drag it into the middle of the window.



## You're Finished!

If you have any files in the "Monitor Locations" folder, they should start converting automatically

This box shows a list of all the files in queue to be converted

You can pause MCEBuddy by clicking the "Stop" button and resume again by clicking the "Start" button

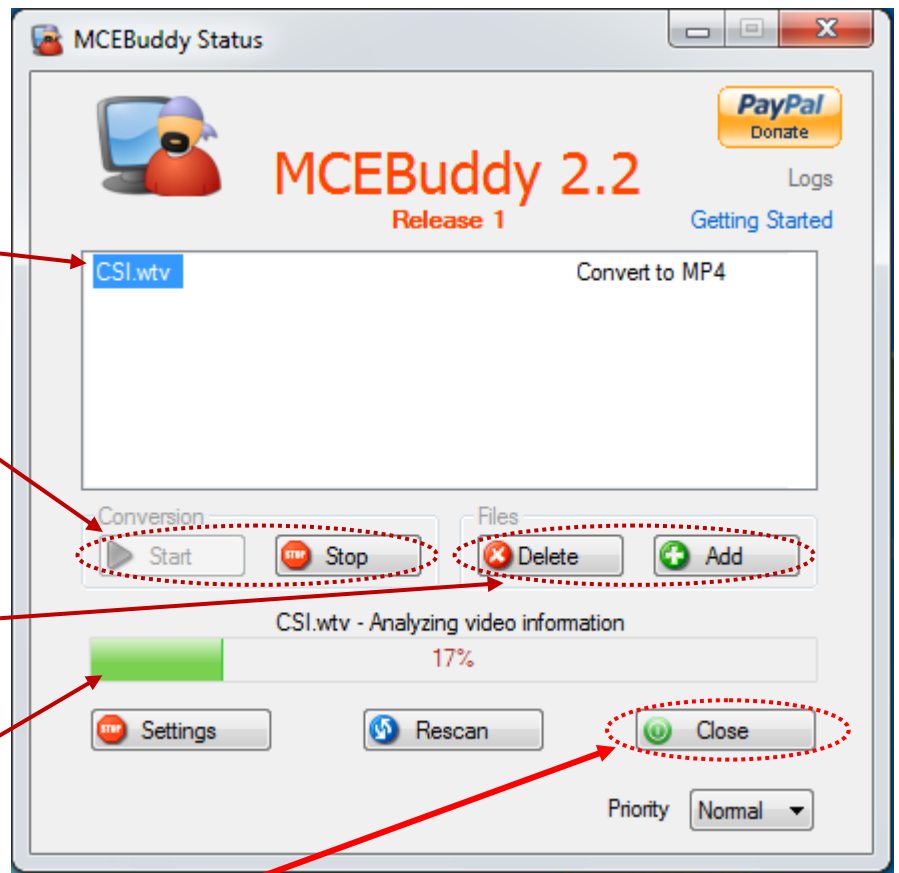
You can add/delete files to be converted manually using these buttons

This bar shows the current progress/activity of the file being converted

**Click on the "Close" button to close this window**

MCEBuddy will continue its conversions in the background even after the window is closed.

You can always click on *MCEBuddy* from the Windows Start Menu to return to the "MCEBuddy Status" window en to check on the status of the conversions.



## 2 Advanced Settings

**REMEMBER:** You can ALWAYS rest your mouse over ANY Text, Button or CheckBox to get INSTANT POP-UP help on the item.

Refer to the Wiki ([https://sourceforge.net/p/mcebuddy2x/wiki/browse\\_pages/](https://sourceforge.net/p/mcebuddy2x/wiki/browse_pages/)) for more details.

Click on the "Add" button under "Monitor locations" to add more locations of video files for MCEBuddy to monitor for automatic conversions.

Right click on a task to enable or disable a task.

Click on the "Add" button under "Conversion tasks" to add additional conversion tasks. For each conversion task MCEBuddy will process the video file in the queue.  
e.g. – If there are 2 conversions tasks, MCEBuddy will create 2 converted files for each file in the queue.

Click to open the "Advanced Settings" section

Delete the original video after a successful conversion

Move the original video to the MCEBuddyArchive folder after a successful conversion

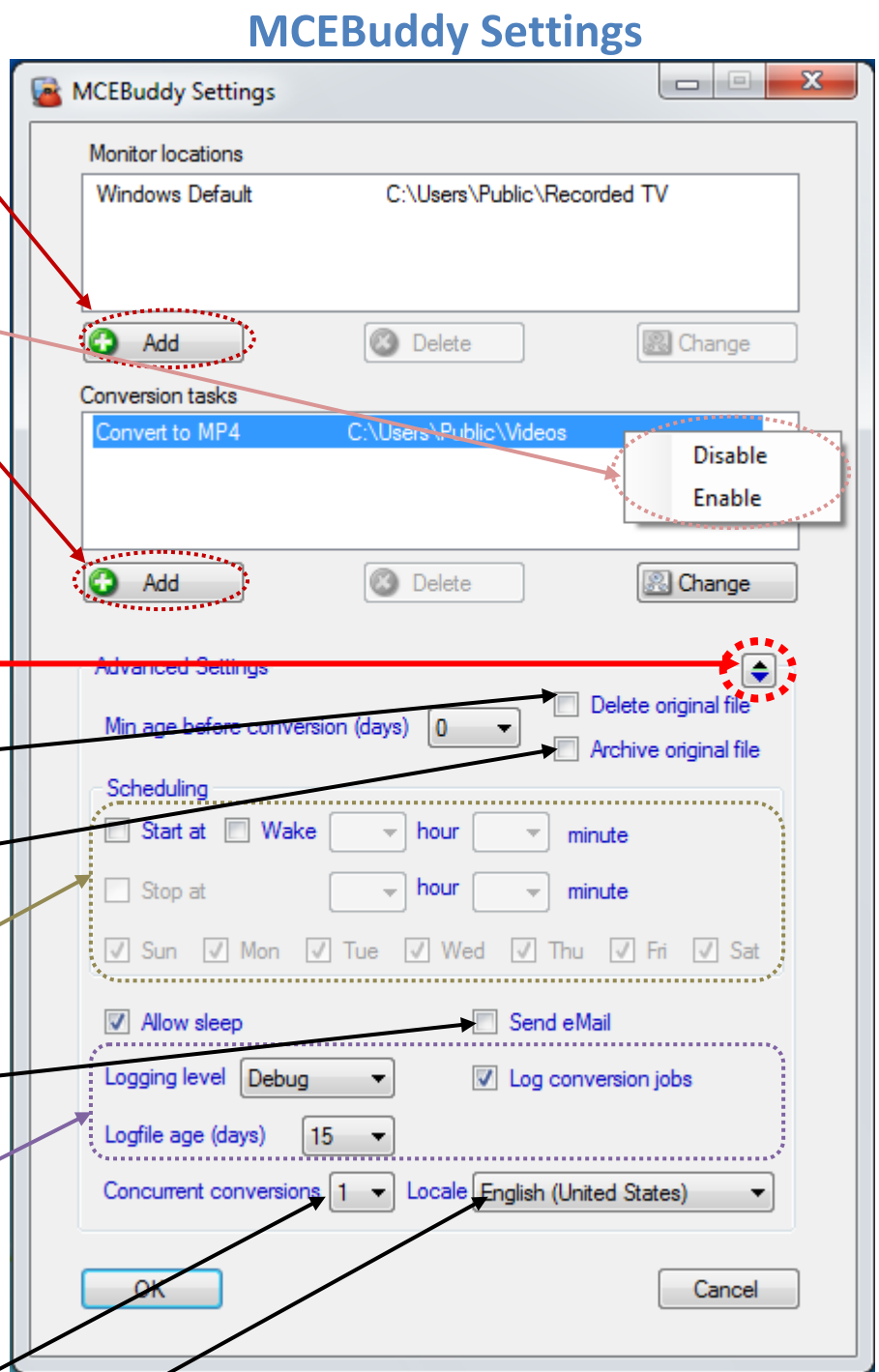
You can use these to schedule conversions

Send an eMail after a successful/unsuccessful conversion

Logs can help to isolate problems with conversions. The logs folder can be opened by clicking on the "Logs" text on the top right corner of the "MCEBuddy Status" window

MCEBuddy can do more than one conversion at a time

Change the language for MCEBuddy



# Conversion Tasks

Enter a unique name here to identify the task

Select the base profile used to convert the videos. You can create/customize these profiles (refer to the [Wiki](#))

Description of the profile

Use this button to enter the username/password if the output is a network drive

Click to open the "Advanced Settings" section

Converted file renaming options. Use this to create custom file names (refer to the [Wiki](#))

Maximum width of converted video

Increase or decrease Quality of the converted video

Increase or decrease the audio volume of the converted video

Allow converted video to have multi-channel (5.1) audio. Default is stereo

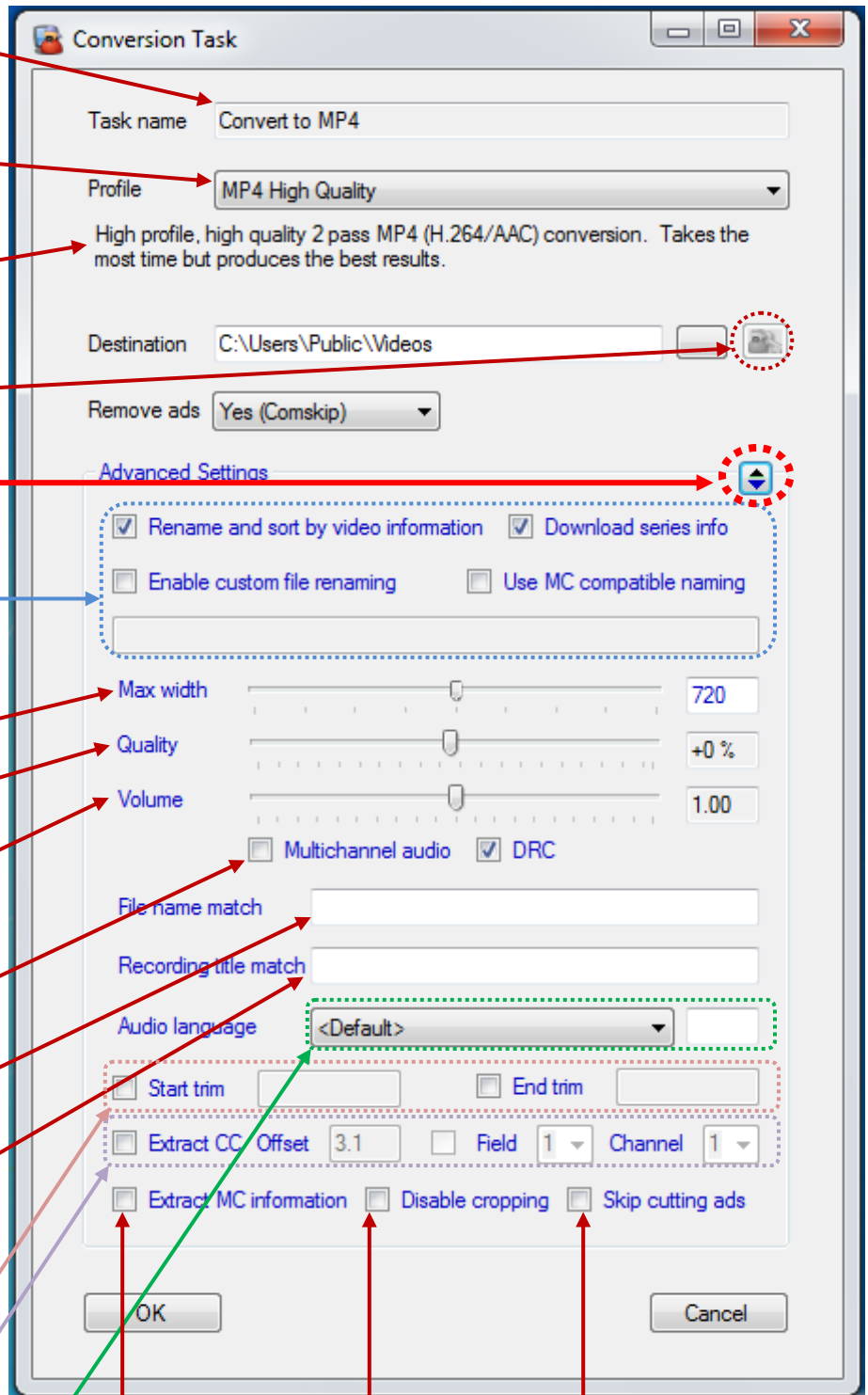
Convert only those videos who's filenames matches this pattern

Convert only those videos who's Showname/Title matches this pattern (this only works for WTV and DVRMS files)

Trim the start and end of the video before the ads are removed.

Extract the Closed Captions (North America) into a SRT file

If a video has multiple audio tracks select the audio track language or enter the 3 digit language code. Right click on the file in the queue on the "MCEBuddy Status" page to get the audio language details and codes (Refer to Getting Video Properties below)



Extract info about video into a XBMC XML format

Don't automatically cut the black bars on the sides of the video

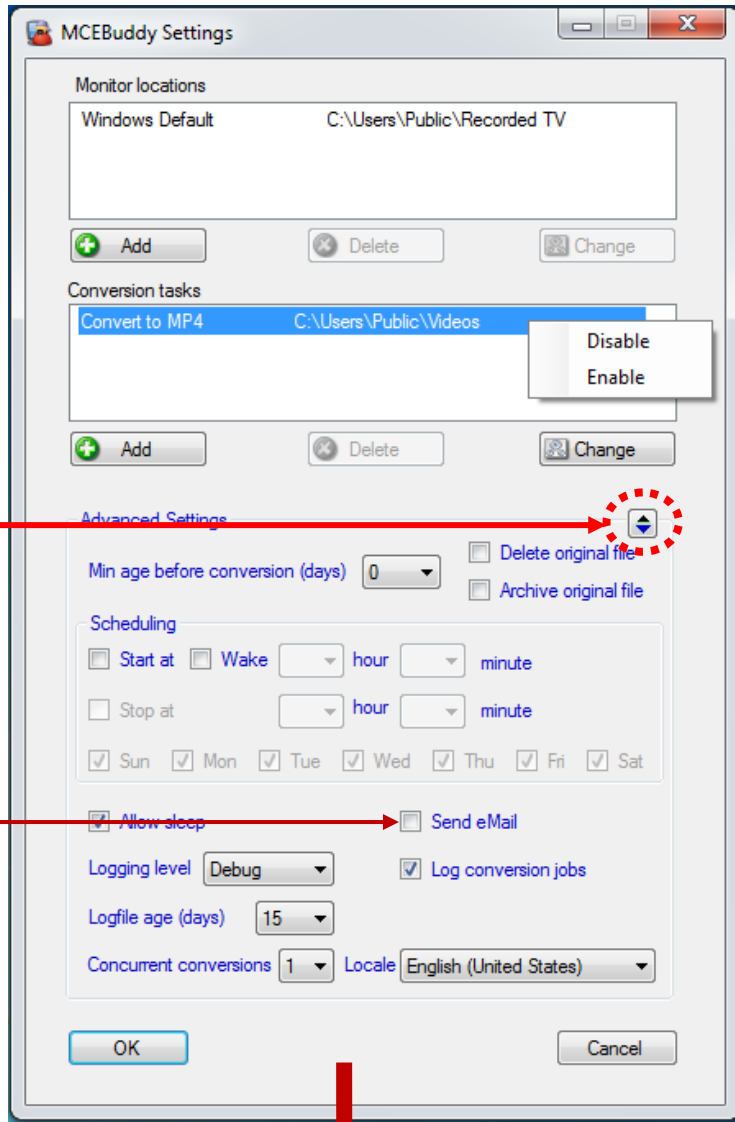
Only detect the commercials, don't actually cut them. Instead put the commercial location information into an EDL file.



# Configuring eMail Notifications

You configure MCEBuddy to send eMails at different stages of the conversions (start, failed, successful, cancelled etc)

Click to open the "Advanced Settings" section



Click "Send eMail" to bring up eMail settings

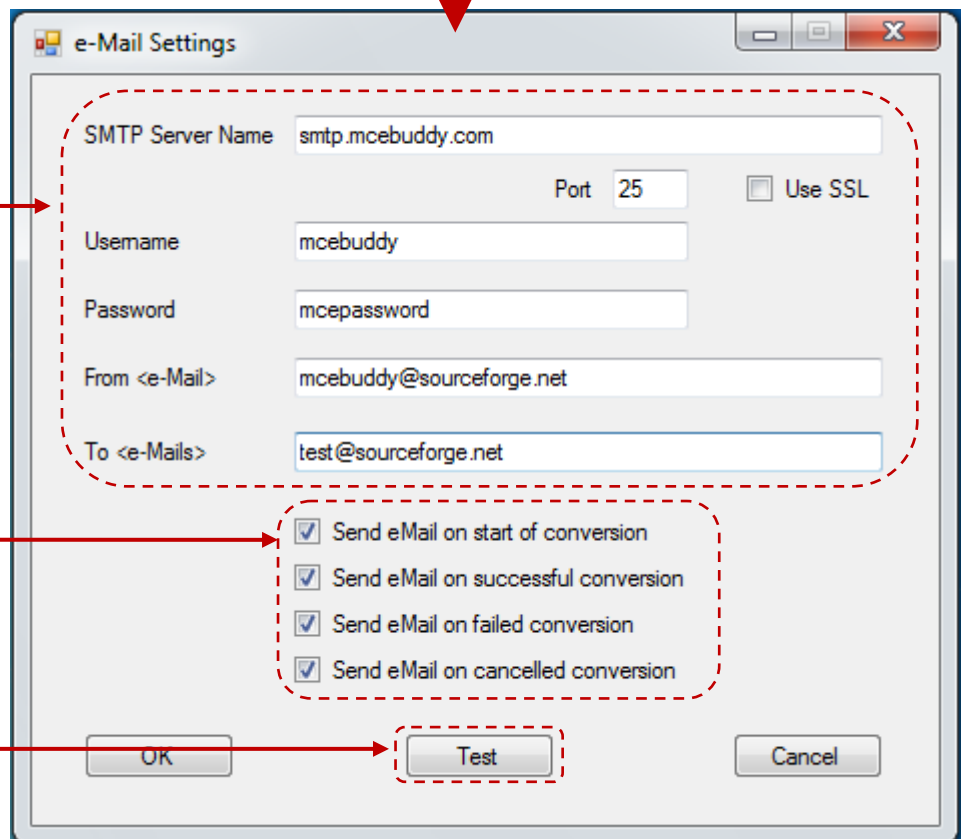
This will bring up the eMail settings (SMTP) window.

Enter the server name, port, SSL, username, password, from and to eMail addresses.

You can enter multiple To eMail addresses each separated by a ;

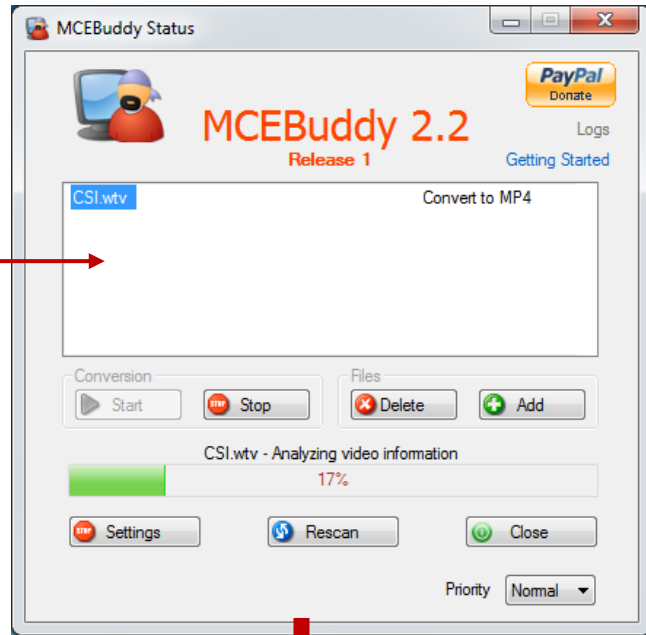
Select the events on which you want MCEBuddy to send an eMail

Click the "Test" button to test the settings



# Getting Video Properties

Right click on the file in queue on the "MCEBuddy Status" window to get video properties



This will pop up a window that shows the Audio/Video Information for that file. Each file will have a Video and may have multiple Audio languages

Video Properties

Audio Language

This used while selecting the Audio Language in the "Conversion tasks" window

Language code (3 digit)

This used while selecting the Audio Language in the "Conversion tasks" window

