

VHS to Digital Files

WHAT

You have movies/video in VHS cassette format that you would like to preserve for many years and/or have them available in a format that is easy to store, view and share. Converting VHS movies/video into a digital file, allow you to keep an archive of your videos on your computer. You can edit these files using video editing software like Pinnacle Studio or iMovie and later burn to a DVD.

WHY

Unlike a VHS cassette tape which can be damaged easily over time, converting your movies into a digital file provides not only a more durable format but also gives you the flexibility of editing your movies before your burn them onto a DVD. For example, you can remove specific parts of a video, add music, transitions, and effects. Once edited, the movie can be burned to a DVD which you can play on computer drives and most DVD players (depending on the disc format type: DVD-R/RW, DVD-RAM, DVD+R/RW) which facilitate the sharing of your movies/video with others.

WHEN

- You have recorded student project presentations from previous semesters on VHS that you would like to share with future students as an example of various project options for the course.
- You would like to preserve in digital format various movies you have made related to your course that would help enhance your students' understanding of class material.

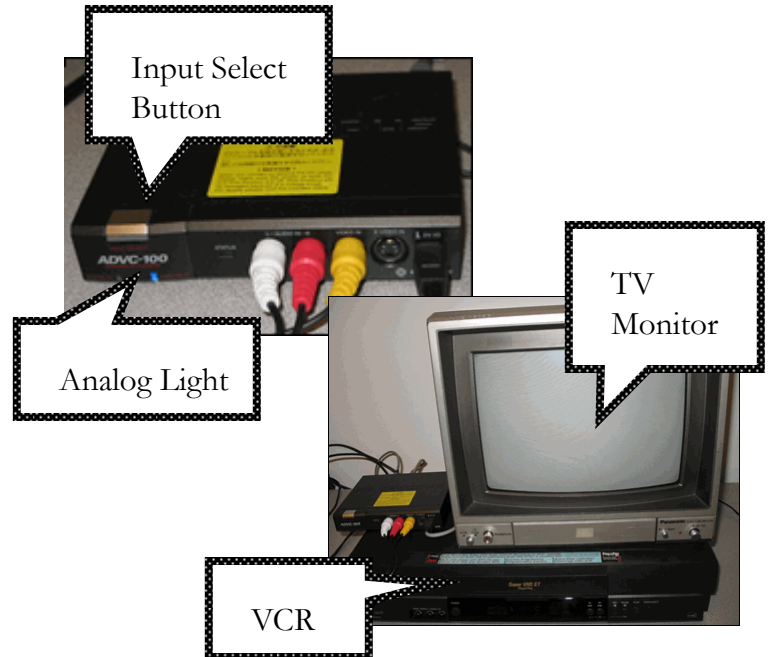
HOW

Follow the steps below to get you started on transferring VHS tapes to a computer using the Analog Converter and VHS player.

Transferring Video from VHS to Computer

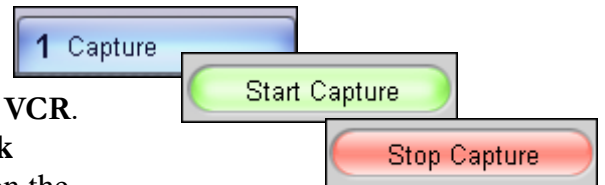
Available in Project Room 3012B:

- step 1.* **Power On** the Video Converter
- step 2.* Verify **Analog In Light** is on, if not, click the input select button above the light.
- step 3.* Turn On TV monitor.
- step 4.* Turn On VCR.
- step 5.* Insert VHS tape into VCR.
- step 6.* Verify that the video appears in the monitor. If not, click the Line Button until it Extends Out.
- step 7.* Using the VCR control buttons, locate the beginning of the video clip to be captured and then press Stop on the VCR.



Transferring Video to a PC

- step 1.* Open **Pinnacle Studio 10**.
- step 2.* Select **Capture Tab**.
- step 3.* Click **Start Capture Twice** and then press **Play** on **VCR**.
- step 4.* When finished transferring video, click **Stop**. Click **Stop Capture** in Pinnacle Studio and press **Stop** on the **VCR**.



Transferring Video to a Mac

- step 1.* Open **iMovie**
- step 2.* Select the camera switch.
- step 3.* Click the **Import** button and then press **Play** on **VCR**.
- step 4.* When capture is complete, click **Import** in **iMovie** and click **Stop** on the **VCR**



For a detailed explanation on editing video, see the handouts [Creating Movies with Pinnacle Studio and iMovie](#)

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