

Creating DVD's from VHS

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 DVD format will allow you to keep an archive of your videos in a format that provides better playback quality, less use of physical space and flexibility to share and view.

WHY

Unlike a VHS cassette tape which can be damaged easily over time, a DVD provides a more durable format in which to store your movies/video. In addition to durability, DVD's can be played 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.
- You have recorded TV programming that would help explain some concepts you are teaching in the course and would generate class discussion.

HOW

There are two basic methods of converting VHS to DVD format: 1.) by using computer and an analog converter to transfer video from a VHS to a DVD or 2.) by copying a VHS tape to a DVD using a DVD Recorder or a combination DVD/VCR recorder. In the FSRC you have the ability to use either method. Below are steps to get you started converting a VHS tape using a DVD recorder and VHS machine.

Using a DVD Recorder & VHS Machine

Available in Project Room 3012A:

- step 1.* **Connect** the Samsung DVD-VHS player to the Panasonic DVD Recorder using **RCA cables**.
- step 2.* **Turn on** TV monitor.
- step 3.* Insert your **VHS tape** into Samsung DVD/VHS player.
- step 4.* **Press pause** on the DVD/VHS machine.
- step 5.* Insert a **blank DVD disk** in the Panasonic DVD recorder (we recommend using DVD-R/RW discs since they are compatible with most DVD players).
- step 6.* From the remote control press **Rec Mode** and select recording time using arrows.
- step 7.* Press red **Rec** button
- step 8.* Press **Play** on Samsung DVD/VHS machine
- step 9.* **Finalize** after recording ends and before removing disk.

For a detailed explanation on video editing, see the handouts

[Creating Movies with Pinnacle Studio](#) and
[Creating Movies with iMovie](#)

<http://www.csus.edu/training/handouts/>

