

WHY Roxio DVD Builder? You want to make a movie out of your stills (jpg pics) or clips from your camcorder that will play on a DVD player. If you don't have a DVD Writer you can choose to create a VCD. Otherwise, you will create a DVD.

NOTE: A DVD made on a DVD +/- disc or a VCD made on a CD disc will play on your family room DVD player or your PC using DVD player software!

A STEP BY STEP GUIDEOVERVIEW

When you first open **DVD BUILDER** you are asked what type of *Project* do you want to build. Make your choice based on the above information. Your *Project* is the keeper for the movie clips, image stills, music, titles and transitions. In essence everything you have used to make up your movie production. You will be designing and re-shaping your movie within the project until it's complete and you finally Burn your disc. As you work in your *Project*, DVD Builder refers to the movie you are creating as *The Production*. So think of yourself as a movie director.

The DVD Builder main screen has 3 parts.; *Edit Task Pane* (Left side of the screen) , *the Menu Editor* (to the right Upper Center) , and *the Production Editor* (below the Menu Editor) .

EDIT TASK PANE- has 3 sub menus; Add Content, DVD Menu Settings and On Disc Options. Each has its own drop-down list of tools when you click them.

In the ADD CONTENT drop down list is Media Selector. By choosing to Open Media Selection, you are able to access your entire desktop. Use the Media Selector screen like you would use windows explorer. Find the My Documents folder. Now open anyone of the media folders, such as Video Folder, Music Folder, or Picture folder to add your files to your production.

DVD Menu Editor

The Menu Editor provides the tools you need to customize the appearance of the menus in your project. Change the appearance of text, including the heading and button titles, and arrange the buttons on the menu.

In DVD Builder, a menu is a list of titles (buttons that allow you to play video clips, photos, and so on) from which you can select. The menus work the same way as the menus you see when you play a DVD-video disc that you rent or buy from your local video store. These menus typically let you choose to play the movie, select audio settings, view bonus material, and so on.

Production Editor - working with StoryBoard and Timeline

The Production Editor is where you assemble and edit your (StoryBoard_) Production.

The Production Editor has two views: the Storyline and Timeline views. Each of these views lets you edit the same production in different ways

In the Production Editor you can add, remove, and sort video clips, photos, color panels, and transitions in your productions. You can also adjust the duration of photos and color panels, and trim video clips, rotate photos, and add audio. In the Production Editor, you can choose to show all of the titles in the project, or you can view only the title you currently have selected in the Menu Editor. You can also open StoryBoard for more advanced editing features.



icon that Opens the StoryBoard Editor.

Now Let's Get Started

STEP 1 Create a new project:

1. Open DVD Builder or, if DVD Builder is already open, choose **File > New**.

The Project Type dialog box opens.

2. In the **Project Type** dialog box, select the type of project you want to create.

For information about the types of projects you can create, or to determine which project type to select, click the **Help** button.

3. Click **OK**.

DVD Builder opens with a blank new project. The project uses the standard theme.

In the Project Settings you can choose to change the defaults that affect the size and quality of the DVD Builder project.

Step 2 – The MENU

Follow this procedure to add titles to menus. Titles are represented by buttons on the menu. After you add the titles, you can arrange and resize the buttons.

To add video clips and photos to the selected title:

1. In the **Menu Editor**, select the title to which you want to add video clips or photos.
2. In the **Edit Task Pane**, click **Add to Selected Title**.
3. Locate and select the video clips and photos that you want to add.

To add more than one video clip or photo at a time, press and hold the **Control** key while you select the files.

4. Click **Add**
The video clips and photos are added to the title and appear in the Production Editor.

The button that appears on the menu to represent the production.

You can add several titles / thumbnails (more Productions) to each menu, and then arrange those title/thumbnail buttons on the menu.

The titles you added appear in the Production Editor.

Step 3 : EDIT YOUR PRODUCTION. The Production Editor lets you add, remove, and sort video clips, photos, color panels, and transitions in your productions. You can also adjust the duration of photos and color panels, and trim video clips. Mark chapters in the production, rotate photos, and add audio. In the Production Editor, you can choose to show all of the titles in the project, or you can view only the title you currently have selected in the Menu Editor. You can also open StoryBoard for more advanced editing features.

About editing in the Storyline view

The Storyline view of the Production Editor lets you see photos, video clips, and color panels in their exact sequential order. It is very much like an empty comic strip, and is the ideal way to build a slideshow-based production

Click ON THE DIRECTOR icon to Open the



Storyboard Editor

Adding and removing video photos

clips and

Use any of the following ways to add and remove video clips and photos to the productions in your titles.

To add video clips and photos to the selected title:

1. In the **Menu Editor**, select the title to which you want to add video clips or photos.
2. In the **Edit Task Pane**, click **Add to Selected Title**.
3. Locate and select the video clips and photos that you want to add.

To add more than one video clip or photo at a time, press and hold the **Control** key while you select the files.

4. Click **Add**

The video clips and photos are added to the title and appear in the Production Editor.

To use the Media Selector:

1. On the **Edit Task Pane**, under **Add Content**, click **Open Media Selector**.
2. Locate and select the video clips and photos that you want to add.

You can browse your collections for media files, or browse your computer's folders.

To add more than one video clip or photo at a time, press and hold the **Control** key while you select the files.

3. Drag and drop the media files from **Media Selector** to the **Production Editor**.

The video clips and photos are added to the title.

To drag and drop from Windows Explorer:

1. Open Windows Explorer, and position Windows Explorer and DVD Builder so you can see both windows.
2. In Windows Explorer, locate and select the media files you want to add to the title.

To add more than one file at a time, press and hold the Control key while you select the media files.

ADD AUDIO

This audio is known as background audio, and will overlap with any native audio built into the photo itself. If you have audio from a clip you will want to use step 3.

To add audio files:

1. In the Media Selector, browse the folders on your computer, or collections, for audio files.
2. When you find an audio file you want to add to your production, drag it to the area of the Production Editor that does not have any panels.
3. **OR YOU CAN** add audio files to individual photos by dragging to the item in the production. IN this way you will not drown out your native audio or audio from your camcorder clip

NOW ADD SOME TEXT

1. Make sure you're in the StoryBoard Editor
2. Click on the icon for text **ABC**
3. Scroll down and find the text you want to use.
4. Drag it to your selected panel, image, or movie clip.
5. Now you're in the Text Editor! There are 5 Window tabs.
6. In the TEXT window type your text phrase and choose text style.
7. Select the PATH window to control the behavior of your text. For example, have it use credit scroll . Be sure to select a style for both the Starting Path And the Ending Path.

Changing where a text effect starts and ends

You can control where a text effect starts and ends within a photo, video clip, color panel, or production. For example, a text effect can start two seconds after a video clip starts, and end two seconds before the video clip ends.

To adjust the start or end position of a text effect:

1. **Make sure you are viewing the Text Editor** for text attached to an individual item or an entire production.
2. To change where the effect begins or ends, drag either the Effect Start marker or Effect End marker left or right to the position.

You can also use either of these methods:

- From the drop-down list, choose **Effect Start** or **Effect End** (whichever you want to change). Then drag the Effect Position Jog Wheel left or right to change the position.
 - From the drop-down list, choose either **Effect Start** or **Effect End** (whichever you want to change). Drag the Playback Head left or right. When you are satisfied with the position of the new effect start or effect end, click **Mark**.
3. To save your changes and close the editor, click **Done** (or continue making other changes).

ADD TRANSITIONS- This step describes how to add transitions. A transition is the change you see between one photo and the next photo in a slideshow. Follow this procedure to add or change one transition in a title at a time. After you add the transition, you can apply it to all of the transition panels in the title.

To add or change one transition at a time:

1. In the **Edit Task Pane**, under **Add Content**, click **Add Transitions**.

or

Right-click the transition panel where you want to add the transition, and select **Add/Change Transition**

The Media Selector appears with the menu of available transitions showing.

2. Optional. From the drop-down list in the top left corner of the Media Selector, select the type of transitions you want to choose from.

Select **All** to see all of the available transitions.

3. To preview a transition in Media Selector, click the transition thumbnail once to select it, and then click it again to start the preview.

Click away from the transition thumbnail to stop previewing it.

4. Select the transition you want to use, and drag it from the Media Selector to the transition panel in the Production Editor, between the two items where you want it to play.

The transition is added to the transition panel.

5. To apply the transition between all of the clips or photos in the title, right-click the transition, and select **Apply Transition to All**.
6. To move a transition, drag and drop it to another transition panel.

Trimming Your Video clips

You can trim frames from video clips so that only the parts of the video that you want are added to your production.

For example, if you have a video clip that runs for 2 minutes, but you only want to use one minute of the clip, you can trim the unwanted frames from the beginning and/or the ending of the clip. **To trim a video clip:**

1. In the **Production Editor**, select the video clip that you want to trim, and then click the **Adjust Duration** button.

The Video Trimmer window appears. In the center of the window, you can see the untrimmed video clip, with playback controls. The left screen shows the start point of the clip, and the right screen shows the end point of the clip.

2. Choose one of the following ways to locate the frame that will be the start point of the clip:
 - o Rotate the jog wheel under the Start screen until the frame you want to set as the start point appears.
 - o Move the slider under the video clip image in the center of the window until you are at the frame that you want to set as START point appears in the Start screen.
 - o To return to the first frame in the clip, click the **Reset start point** button.
3. When the frame that you want to use as the start point for the video clip appears in the Start screen, click the **Set the start point at the current position** button.
4. Choose one of the following ways to locate the frame that will be the END point of the clip:
 - o Rotate the jog wheel under the End screen until the frame you want to set as the end point appears.
 - o Move the slider under the video clip image in the center of the window until you are at the frame that you want to set as end point appears in the End screen.
 - o To return to the last frame in the clip, click the **Reset end point** button.
5. When the frame that you want to use as the end point for the video clip appears in the Start screen, click the **Set the end point at the current position** button.
6. To preview the trimmed video clip, use the playback controls under the center screen.
7. When you are **DONE**, click **OK** to apply the changes to the video clip.

IMPORTANT NOTE Viewing the TV safe zone

In the Menu Editor, view the TV safe zone to see where you can place titles and text to ensure that they will be visible when you play the DVD on your set-top player. Most televisions, especially older ones, use overscan, which can cause the edges of the picture to be lost. If you put buttons or text in that area, you might not see them when you play the DVD on your set-top player.