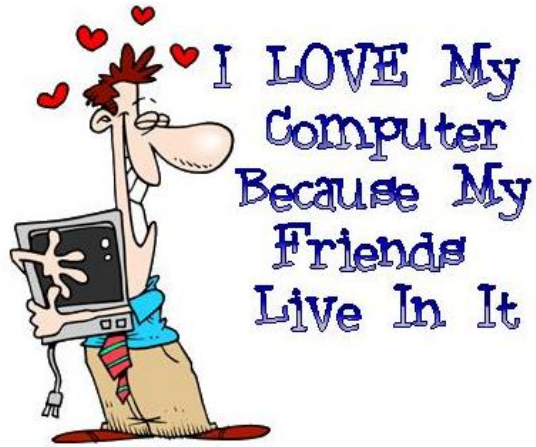

LESSON 8 HAVING FUN



Objective

- Fun with Photographs
- Fun with Music
- Create a picture slideshow
- Create a DVD

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WINDOWS MEDIA PLAYER

Microsoft Media Player was first incorporated on Windows XP. Windows 7 was released with version 12. It allows us to listen to music from a CD, tune radio stations, play a video, etc. It also lets us burn record songs from a CD to our hard drive so that we can set up a playlist to listen to the songs.



PLAY A CD OR DVD

With Windows Media Player, you can play standard music CD's, MP3 and Microsoft own WMA files.


These are the commands to handle the player




The large round button is used to play as well as to pause. This means that this button is used to start and pause a song.




This button is used to stop the song or video being played. The following buttons are used to move ahead or skip back.

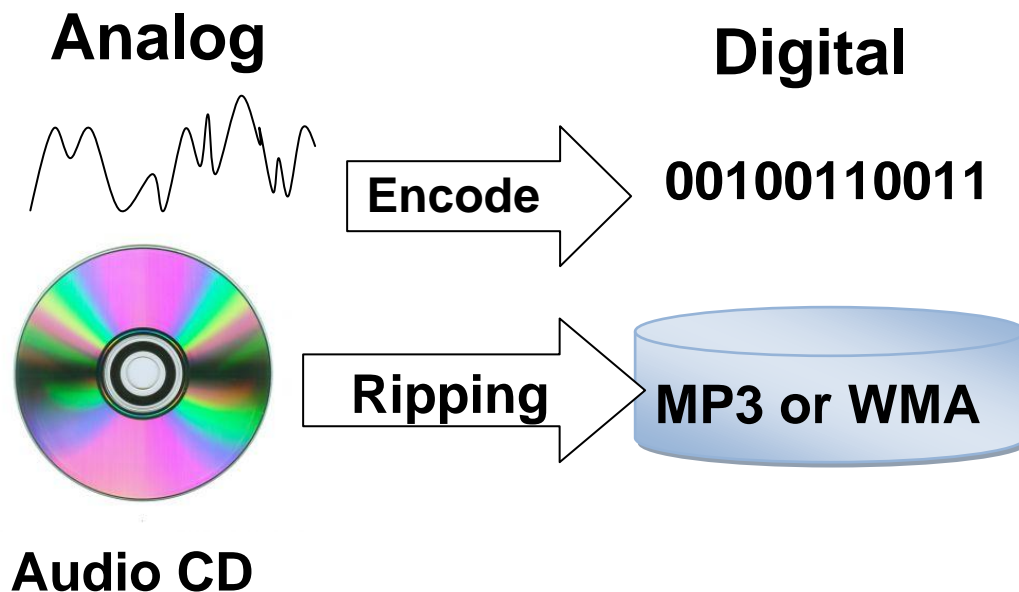
The  button skips back to the previous song on the list. For example from song 7 to song 6.

The  button is used to skip to the next song or video on our playlist. To move forward or move backward in a song you can also use the bar that indicates the progress of the song we are listening to.

 Click with the left mouse button on the bar and drag it to the right to move forward or to the left to move back. We can also

control the Volume by dragging the volume bar .

RIPPING A CD



You can transfer your CD music library to your PC's hard drive in WMA or MP3 file format. This is called "Ripping". Once your music library is transferred you can download to your mobile devices such as iPod or create copies of your own personalized playlist.

Many people who rip a CD archive the music files in a personal library on the hard disk. Over time, the music library grows. Keeping your music in an archive provides flexibility for more listening options. Software jukeboxes, or software designed to play music, can play your current favorite tunes while you work or play on the computer.

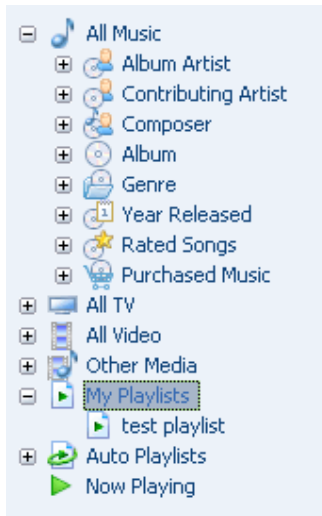
BURN A CD

Another great reason to rip a CD is to make a new CD using only the songs you like. This is called burning a CD. In the ripping process, you can choose to only copy certain songs, or you can rip a CD in full, then leave off the tunes you don't want when you burn the

new CD. Compile CDs that only feature the best songs in the order you want them.
Combine artists and genres – it's all up to you.

HOW TO CREATE PLAY LIST

To create a playlist we need to select Library tab.
Click on Playlists and then on New Playlist.... In the dialog box that will appear put the name of the list you want to create and click OK.
Then check in My playlists to see that your new playlist appears.



To add a file to a playlist select Library tab since it should be in the list of files that the library has in order to add it.

From the list select the files you want and right click to select Add to playlist... option.

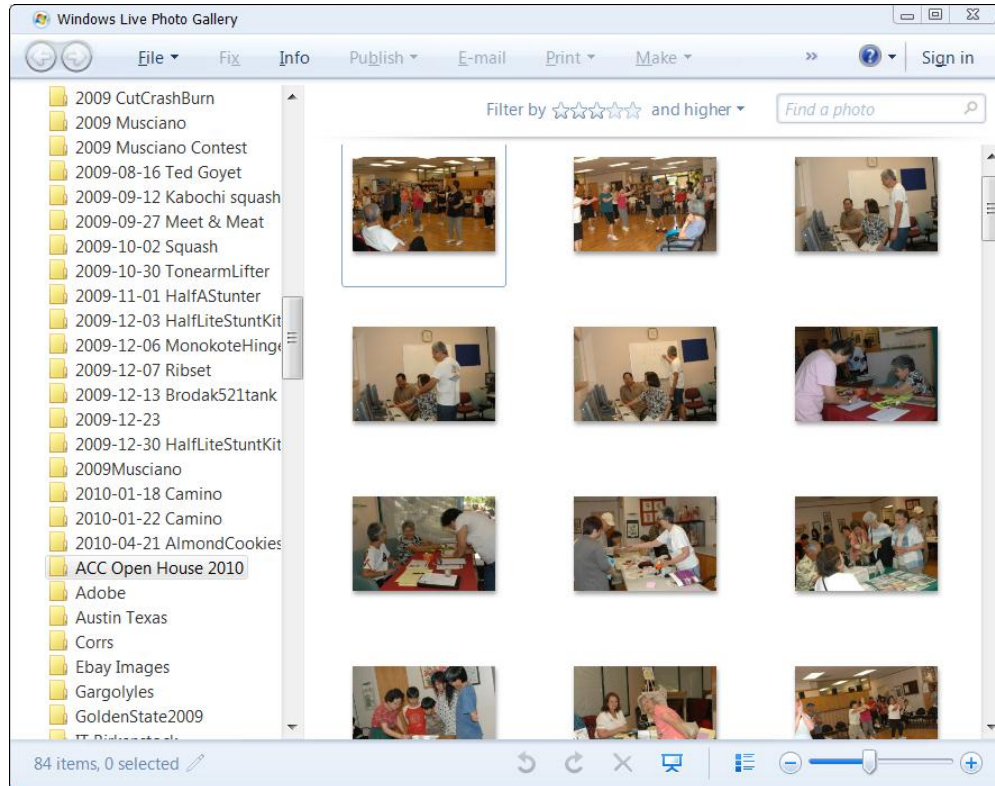
This will show you a dialog box with the playlists; select the playlist you want to add the song or songs to and click Ok.

In the same way we can add a file to a playlist, we can also delete it; to do this select the playlist and, from within that playlist, select the file you want to delete. Right click on it and select Delete from playlist. You can also delete it from the library by selecting Delete from library

WINDOWS LIVE PHOTO GALLERY (VISTA/7)

View Photos

1. Open Windows Live Photo Gallery



Open Windows Photo Gallery

Use Windows Photo Gallery to organize, view, and edit your digital pictures and video clips. You can email your photos, create screen saver, or print as many copies as you like.

Open Windows Photo Gallery.

Click Start>Windows Photo Gallery. \

Note

If you can not find Windows Photo Gallery in your Start Menu, here's another way to open Windows Photo Gallery: Click the Start button . In the Search box, type Windows Photo Gallery, and then, in the list of results, double-click Windows Photo Gallery.

Photo Editing

- Adjust the brightness and contrast in a picture
- Crop a picture
- Adjust the colors in a picture
- Remove red eye from a picture

- Rotate a picture



Click to select the photo you wish to edit. Select **Fix** to show the editing menu.

Auto Adjust – automatically balance the exposure

Adjust Exposure – manually adjust the exposure

Adjust Color- change color tint and saturation.

Crop Picture – crop to improve the composition of the scene.

Fix Red Eye – remove red eye caused by flash bouncing off the retina.

Remove Red Eye

Select Fix Red Eye from the Edit menu, then drag the mouse pointer to draw a box around the red eye.

Adjust Exposer



Adjust Color



Crop Picture



Drag the cropping tool over the area from diagonal corner. Click **Apply**



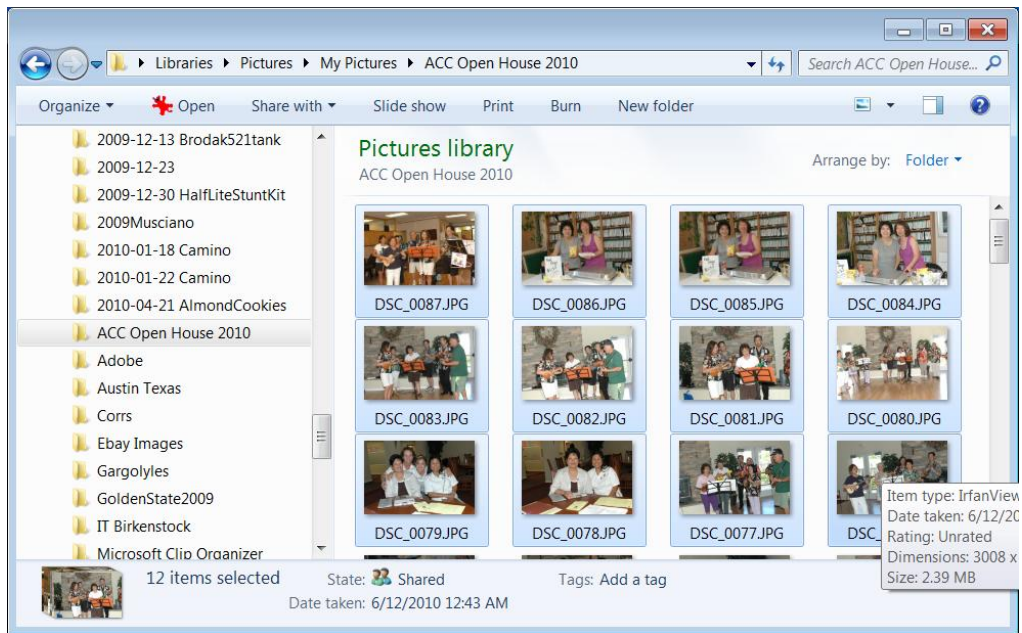
Proportion

Resize the photo to its proper print proportion. 8 x 10, 5 X 7, 6 X 4, etc.

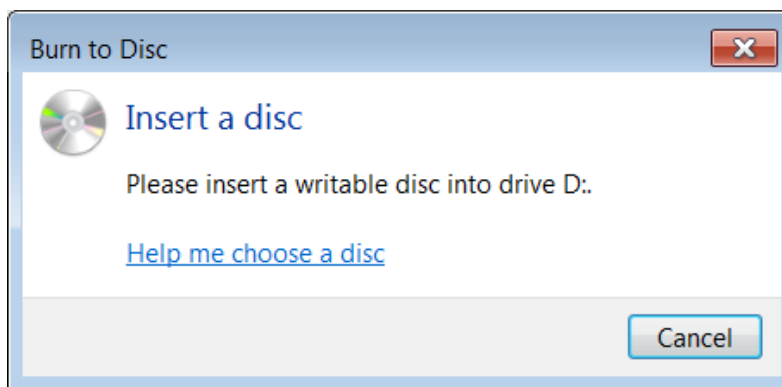
BURN DVD

Select the You can use the Shift for contiguous selection or Ctrl or non-contiguous selection or CTRL-A for all.

From the tool bar, click on the **Burn** button.



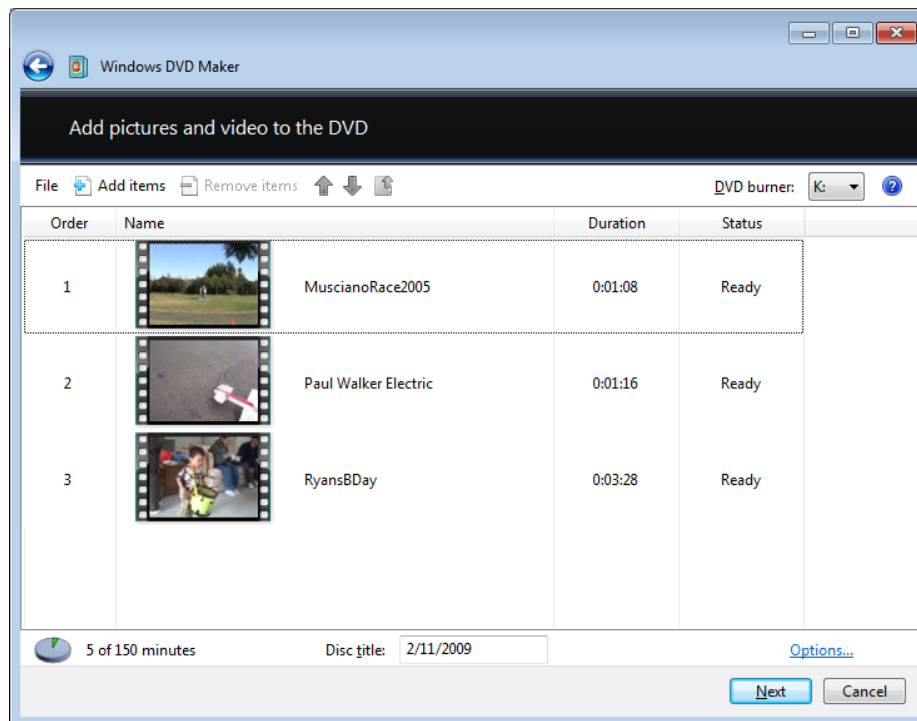
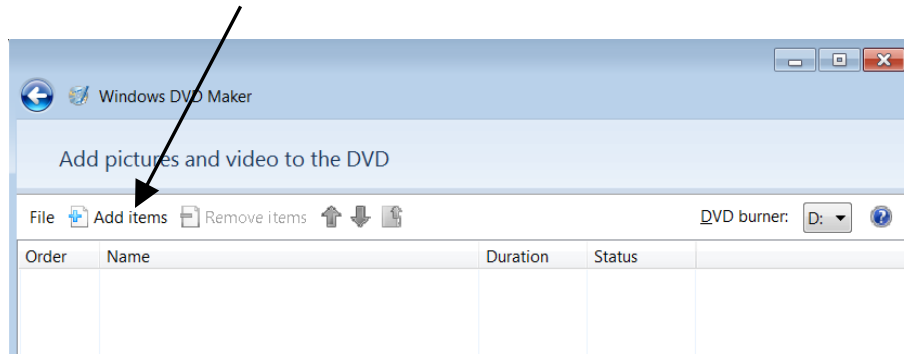
After selecting the items, this confirmation dialog box appears. Insert a blank CD or DVD disc into the burner.



Windows DVD Maker

Windows DVD Maker is available in Windows Vista/7 Home Premium and Ultimate version. It is a great tool for creating professional-looking video DVDs that can be viewed your home DVD player.

Click Add items to browse through your folders. Select file using standard Windows selection method.



Now you're ready to burn your DVD! You could simply press Start Burn, but if you want to really personalize the disc, Windows DVD Maker gives you plenty of options! Click the **Next** button to design your DVD menu.

Preview Your Disc Before Burning

One of the best ways to get an idea of what the final DVD will look like, and to get ideas for things to customize, is to see a preview. You can do this by pressing the Preview button.

A dialog will pop up to let you know how the preview generation is progressing.

DVD Aspect Ratio

The DVD Aspect ratio represents the width vs. the height of a screen. Widescreen televisions typically have 16 points in width for every 9 points of height. You should consider what you would like the output to look like when considering 4:3 or 16:9 aspect ratios.

If you are targeting a widescreen television for playback, choose 16:9. Standard televisions are 4:3.

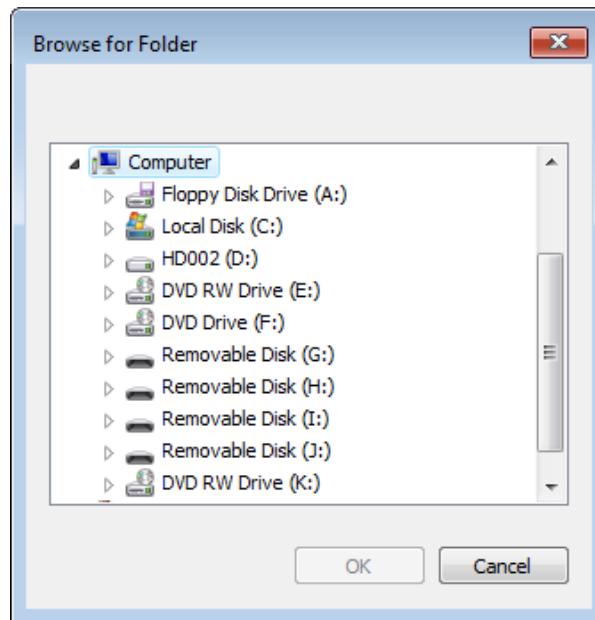
Note that this setting is used for determining the aspect ratio of both the video and menus.

Video Format

Most of the time you will not need to change this setting. However, if you intend to share your DVD with a friend or family member who lives in a different country/region, you might need to change the video format to one that matches theirs. The video format that is currently selected, NTSC or PAL, is based on the Regional and Language Option settings in Control Panel. Those in the United States should have NTSC selected.

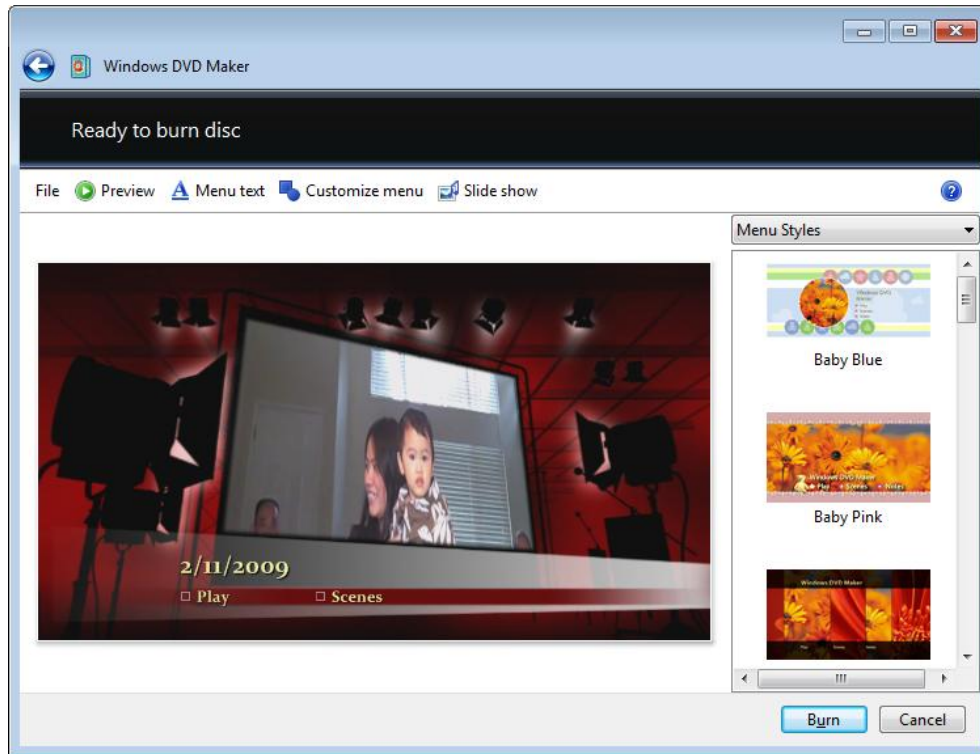
Temporary file location

This option allows you to change the location for temporary files to a drive with more space than the default. The best results are on a fast drive or partition with at least 5GB of free space. If you are unsure, leave this blank.



In this example, there is a 2nd Hard Drive (D:). You can increase performance of video on a 2nd drive that has more space.

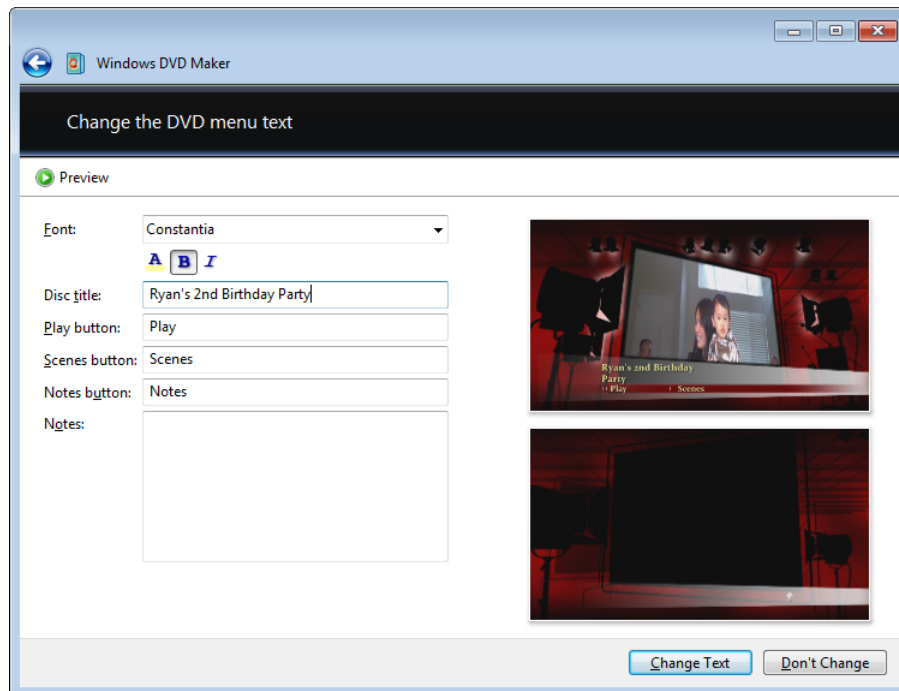
Choose DVD Menu



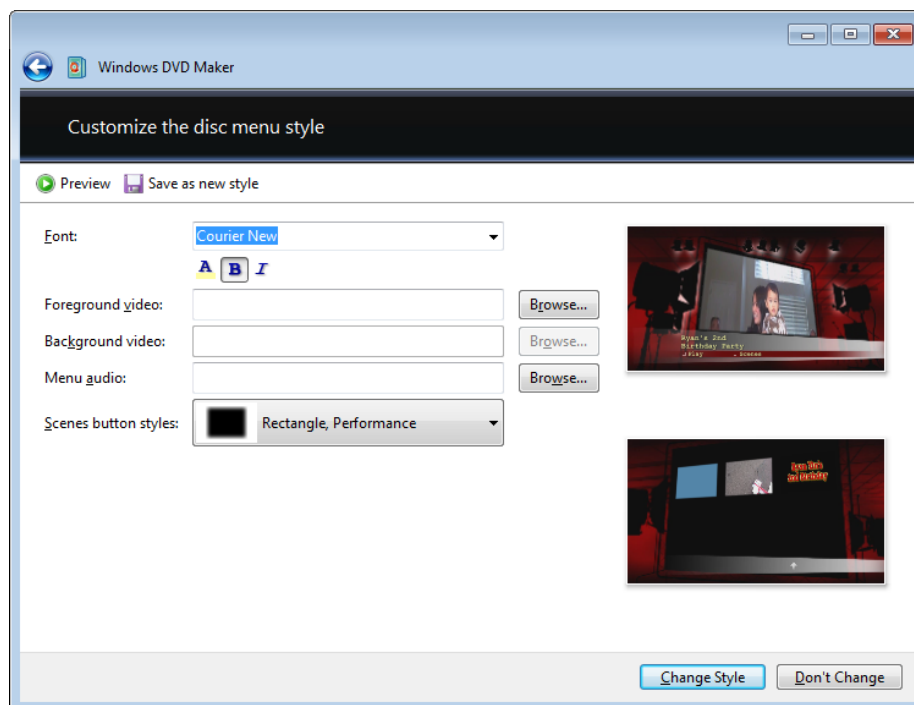
Select one of the DVD menu design from the right list box.

Change Menu Title

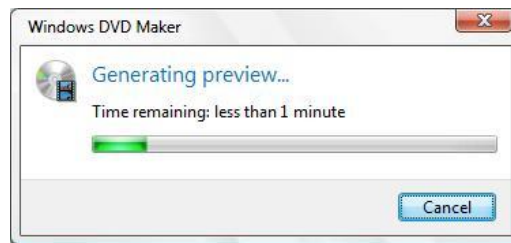
You can customize the menu by adding your own Disc Title. In this example, we added “Ryan’s 2nd Birthday Party” to the title field. You can also change the name of the Play and Scene button. The Font selection arrow, allow you do change the text style of the menu.



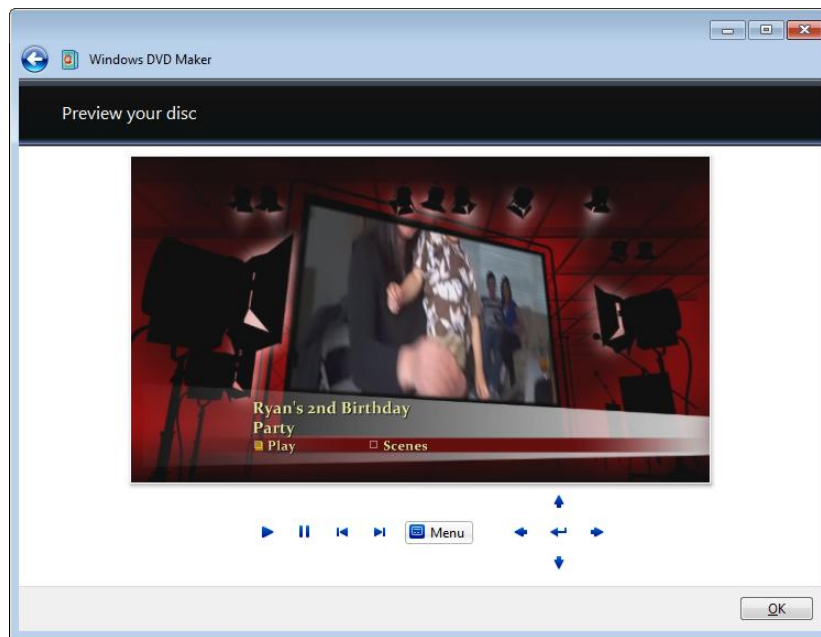
You can addition notes or comment to the menu. This could be information about your video, location, trip, etc.



You can select a foreground video that will display on the windows of the menu. Or you can select a background video. You can add music or voice file you your menu.

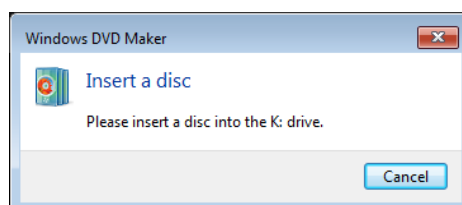


Once the preview has been generated, you will be shown a window that "mimics" the functionality of a DVD player or DVD player software.



You will notice that moving your mouse over menu options will select them, much like using the arrows on a remote control can select menu items. To make things even more realistic, a set of remote control buttons including Play, Pause, Previous Chapter, and Next Chapter buttons, as well as DVD Menu, movement, and enter buttons are available. Browse through the "DVD" and make sure you like how things look. Keep track of things that you would like to change.

When you have finished testing the DVD preview out, press OK. Save your DVD project before you burn. You will be returned to the Burn Disc screen where you can improve your DVD (and test again) before burning the final disc. When you are done editing, save your DVD project before you burn. Select File>Save As. Enter a filename for your project. Now you are ready to click the Burn button. Insert a black DVD disc into your DVD burner.



3rd Party DVD Software

Why do you need additional software? Windows Vista burning software is very limited. It only has a few basic function for create CD or DVDs. If you want to do more creative CD/DVD, like multimedia (data and music or video), copy disc image, video CD's and DVD's, etc.; look into one of these software:

- Nero 8.0 (9.0 just released)
- Sonic/Roxio Creator 2009
- Cyberlink DVD Suite 6
- CDBurnerXP ver.4.2.2 (Free)

DVD Authoring

- Nero Vision
- Roxio – My DVD
- Corel – WinDVD
- Sonic/Roxio MyDVD

Other Project

1. Music Library use MediaPlayer

- Digitize your music library to Windows MediaPlayer
- Burn music CD.
- Create your favorite playlist
- Upload music to your favorite music device (iPod)
- Transfer and restore old LP record to digital format.

2. Digital Photography

- Import photos from your digital camera
- Edit and restore old family photographs.
- Create personalize gifts, such as calendar and collogues.
- Make a photos slide show with your favorite background music.

3. Create and Edit Video with Movie Maker 6

- Edit your home videos
- Video special effects and transitions
- Add background music
- Record a voice narration
- Create a DVD of your movie video
- Create a slideshow CD or DVD.

4. Make a Slideshow

- Take photos from a digital camera and turn them into a "video slideshow"
- Add transition and tiles
- Create a slideshow CD or DVD.

5. Explore the Web with Internet Explorer

- Search for information
- Buy and Sell on eBay
- Download programs or music files
- Get directions
- Find missing people
- Work with Email
- Create a Youtube video

6. Microsoft Office

- Work with Word 2007 word processing
- Excel spreadsheet
- PowerPoint presentation
- Access database

- Publisher desktop publishing
 - Outlook email and business contacts
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7. Games

- Online computer games
 - Software computer game
 - Flight simulator
 - Puzzle and board games
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8. Others

- Research Genealogy Database
- Find lost family members or love ones
- Research vacation destination and book tickets
- Computer Graphic
- Learn to type
- Create a recipe book
- Scrapebooking
- Manage a small business
- eBay – buy and sell on the internet
- Write a book (Journal, Life Story, Biography, Novel)

