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Download Video to Your Computer with Windows Movie Maker 2

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Using Movie Maker 2 with Windows XP, it's easy to capture video and audio to your computer. You need a video capture device such as a digital video (DV) camera, analog video camera, VCR, or Webcam. You can capture video from tape or live action. This article explains how.

Capture Video from a Tape in a DV Camera

Connect your DV camera to your computer, in most cases this requires an IEEE 1394 adapter on your PC and an IEEE 1394 cable to connect your camera. On the camera, set the camera mode to play the recorded video. (This is often labeled VTR or VCR on a DV camera.)

1. Start Movie Maker. To start Movie Maker, click **Start**, point to **All Programs**, point to **Accessories**, and then click **Windows Movie Maker**.
2. On the **File** menu, click **Capture Video**. Alternatively, in the Movie Tasks pane, under **Capture Video**, click **Capture from video device**.
3. On the **Video Capture Device** page, in **Available devices**, click the DV camera.
4. In the **Enter a file name for your captured video** box, enter a name for your captured video file. Then, in the **Choose a place to save your captured video** box, select the location where you want your video to be saved, or click **Browse** to select a location.

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5. On the **Video Setting** page, choose the video setting you want to use for capturing video and audio.
6. On the **Capture Method** page, click **Capture the entire tape automatically**. The tape in the DV camera will rewind. Capture will begin automatically and ends when the video tape ends.
7. Select any of the following commands:
 - To separate the video into smaller clips, select the **Create clips when wizard finishes** check box.
 - To stop capturing before the end of the video tape, click **Stop Capture**, and then click **Yes** in the resulting dialog box to save the video that has been captured.
8. To close the Video Capture Wizard, click **Finish**.

The captured content will be imported into a new collection with the same name as the specified video file.

Capture Parts of a Video from a Tape in a DV Camera

If you want to capture parts of a video from a tape on your DV camera, rather than the entire video, perform the first five steps in the procedure above, and then the following steps:

1. On the **Capture Method** page, click **Capture parts of the tape manually**.
2. To separate the video into smaller clips, select the **Create clips when wizard finishes** check box.
3. To prevent audio from playing while capturing video, select the **Mute speakers** check box.
4. Locate the video and audio you want to capture from your tape by using either the controls on your DV camera or VCR or the **DV camera controls** in the wizard.
5. To begin capturing video, click **Start Capture**. The tape will play automatically and capture will begin.
6. When the tape reaches the point at which you want to stop capturing, click **Stop Capture**. Repeat these steps for each part of the video tape that you want to capture.
7. When you have finished capturing, click **Finish** to close the Video Capture Wizard.

The captured content will be imported into a new collection with the same name as the specified video file.

Capture Video from Tape in an Analog Camera or VCR

Analog video capture is useful when you have older video content, such as VHS tape, and want to convert it to digital. Or you may have an older camcorder that only provides analog outputs, such as composite or S-Video. Performing analog capture requires a hardware device that can take video input from a composite or S-

Video signal and convert it to digital data.

To capture video from an analog source, connect your analog camera or VCR to your computer's capture device, and then set the camera mode to play recorded video (often labeled VTR or VCR on an analog camera). Start Movie Maker and start the video capture as described in the procedures above.

1. On the **Video Capture Device** page:
 - In **Available devices**, click the analog device you want to use to capture video. In the **Video input source** list, click the input line you want to use.
 - If you want to adjust and configure the video capture device settings, click **Configure**.
 - In the **Audio device** list, click the audio capture device you want to use, and then, in **Audio input source**, click the input line you want to use.
 - To adjust the volume of your captured audio, move the **Input level** slider.
2. Where prompted, enter a file name for your captured video, and choose a place to save your video. Then select the video setting you want to use for capturing video and audio.
3. To separate the video into smaller clips, select the **Create clips when wizard finishes** check box.
4. To prevent audio from playing over your speakers while capturing video, select the **Mute speakers** check box.
5. Using the controls on your analog camera or VCR, locate the video and audio you want to capture from your tape. In Movie Maker, click **Start Capture**, and then press the Play button on your analog camera or VCR.
6. When the tape reaches the point at which you want to stop capturing, click **Stop Capture**, and then press the Stop button on your analog camera or VCR. Repeat these steps for each part of the video tape you want to capture.
7. When you have finished capturing, click **Finish** to close the Video Capture Wizard.

The captured content will be imported into a new collection with the same name as the specified video file.

Capture Live Video

When your camera is connected to your computer, you can use Movie Maker to capture video directly to your hard drive without saving the video to tape first. Start by connecting your camera to your computer as described above. Set the mode on your camera to capture live video and audio. (This is often labeled Camera mode.) Start Movie Maker on your computer and begin the video capture as described above. Choose your device and configure device settings

as explained above. Enter a file name for your video and choose a place to save your video.

1. On the **Video Setting** page, select the video setting you want to use for capturing video and audio.
2. To separate the video into smaller clips after the wizard completes and the video is captured, select the **Create clips when wizard finishes** check box.
3. To prevent audio from playing over your speakers while capturing video, select the **Mute speakers** check box.
4. To begin capturing, click **Start Capture**. To stop capturing, click **Stop Capture**.
5. Repeat these steps to capture another segment of live video.
6. Click **Finish** to close the Video Capture Wizard.

The captured content will be imported into a new collection.

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