

Video Editing - 3. Saving Video for PC or Web Use

This help-sheet covers saving your video on the PC, including the following areas:

- 1. Introduction
- 2. Saving video for a web site/page
- 3. Saving video for PC/DVD use
- 4. Saving your Movie & What to do next...

You'll need to have Edited your video first in order to save or **render** it. Please see help-sheet **2**. **Editing Video**.

1. Introduction

There are several different ways to save your movie and many different formats to save it in, but for saving your movie just for PC viewing, adding to a DVD or saving in a format to display on the web we'll just work through the options associated with those.

- First, select the "Make Movie" tab at the top of the screen. A new window will appear in place of the Album window.
- 2. On the left-hand side of this window select "MPEG"



This format (MPEG - Motion Pictures Experts Group) is the standard for compression and storage of video, for example, videos available though the Web and on DVD. MPEG comes in many 'flavours', each with customizable settings, but this help-sheet will guide you through just two.

- 1. Next, click on the dialogue box button labeled: "Settings".
- 2. Select the tab: "Make MPEG File".
- **3.** You now have a choice:
 - a. To make a basic video file for Web use, go to section **2. Web** below.
 - b. To make a basic video file for PC/DVD use, go to section 3.
 PC Full-screen & DVD



- To make a basic video file for Web use:
 - 1. From the drop-down menu "**Presets**" choose "**Multimedia**" this will give you a video file suitable (ie. small & fast enough) for display over the internet.
 - 2. Unless you want to alter the presets click the "OK" button.
 - **3.** Next, skip section 3 and go to section **4**.

3. PC Full-screen & DVD

- To make a basic video file useful for PC "Full-screen" use, DVD compatibility & saving for later re-use.
 - 1. From the drop-down menu "Presets" choose "DVD Compatible"
 - 2. This will save the video in the best possible quality & size. It will also be several times the file size of the "Multimedia" setting, so be aware of this if you intend to move the file by USB Flash Drive as it may not fit on any but the largest capacity.
 - **3.** Click OK.
 - 4. Next, go to section 4.

4. Saving your file

Time to finally save your movie. It is probably another good time to save your movie project.

Please be aware that Pinnacle Studio renders (saves) movies in approximately real-time. For example, a 5 minute video will around 5 minutes to save to disk. So allocate enough time to be able to do this.

- 1. Next, click on the green "Create MPEG file..." button and select a location such as the Desktop or Documents folder, on your local PC drive where you wish to save this to (and will be able to find it!)
- Once you've save to the local PC drive you can then drag and drop your file onto a USB Flash drive or burn to CD/DVD (see help-sheet 6. Moving files to another PC)
- 3. Click "OK" and Pinnacle Studio will begin to render the movie.

Now that you've saved your video, it is available for import and reusing in a project. By browsing in the "**2 Edit**" tab. Bear in mind though that the quality may be below that of your original footage.

If you also wish to save your movie back to the camcorder, please use help-sheet **4. Saving Video to a Camcorder.**