

A&H Learning & Teaching Support Unit

Video Editing - 4. Saving Video to a Camcorder

This help-sheet covers getting your movie from the PC back into the camcorder. It assumes that you are familiar with certain terms;

- that you have been using Pinnacle Studio 8;
- and may have used help-sheets 1 & 2.

You should already be familiar with terms in the "**Master Guide & Help-Sheet** ". A point to bear in mind; recording your movie back to the camcorder happens in real-time. So half an hour of video will take half an hour to transfer. If you already have the Camcorder connected to the PC and Pinnacle Studio 8 up & running skip the next section and go straight to section **2**.

1. Connecting the camera to the PC



- Open up the LCD screen for the video camera. Connect the FireWire cable from the PC to the "i.Link" or "DV" port of the camera.
- Turn the camera activate switch to "Play"
- Remember to rewind the tape to an appropriate point or a insert a new tape!
- The camera is now ready & "Pinnacle Studio 8" should launch automatically.



• If this does not happen double-click on the "**Pinnacle Studio 8**" icon on the desktop shown opposite.

2. Recording back to the Camcorder

If you haven't saved your project recently, now is probably an appropriate time to do it.

- To start recording back to the camcorder:
 - 1. Ensure that the **Camcorder** is switched **on**.

- 2. "Pinnacle Studio" should be open.
- **3.** Select the "**Make Movie**" tab at the top of the screen. A new window will appear in place of the Album window.
- 4. On the left-hand side of this window select "Tape"
- 5. Select the "Settings" button & a new dialogue box will open
- 6. From "Video" drop-down menu, select "DV camcorder"
- Check the "Output Options" section and ensure the box "Automatically start and stop recording" is ticked
- 8. Click the "**OK**" button to close the dialogue box.
- 9. Then click on the green "Create" button

All the transitions, titles & effects will now be **rendered** ready to record back to the camcorder in real-time. This could take some time to do.

When rendering is finished, you will be asked to "Click the Play button..." in the "Display" window.

This will start recording back to the Camcorder in real-time. So a half-hour video will now take half an hour to record back to the camcorder. It should automatically stop, if you selected the preferences in the Output Options dialogue box.

Your video is now being recorded back to the camera.

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When complete you can connect the camcorder directly to a VCR to display and/or record your movie on to VHS tape.

At this stage you can save your project and **Exit** from Pinnacle Studio and Logout/Close down the PC.