

Video Editing - 5. Creating an interactive DVD

This help-sheet covers creating a DVD from the edited video on a PC, including the following areas:

1. Creating DVD menus
2. Editing menus/Chapters
3. Saving to DVD

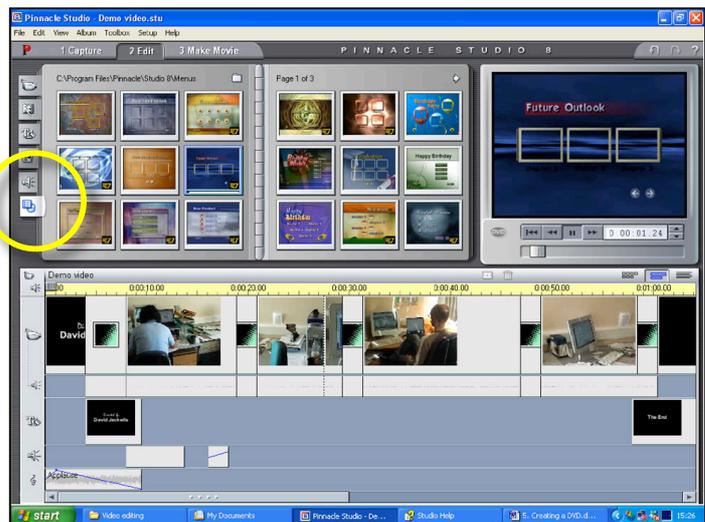
It is assumed that you have already imported video from a camcorder and possibly edited your movie. If not, please refer to help-sheets 1. **Capturing Video** and 2. **Editing Video**.

1. Creating DVD menus

By creating a menu you provide access to the significant parts of your DVD. Before you start if you haven't already, now is a good time to save your DVD project.

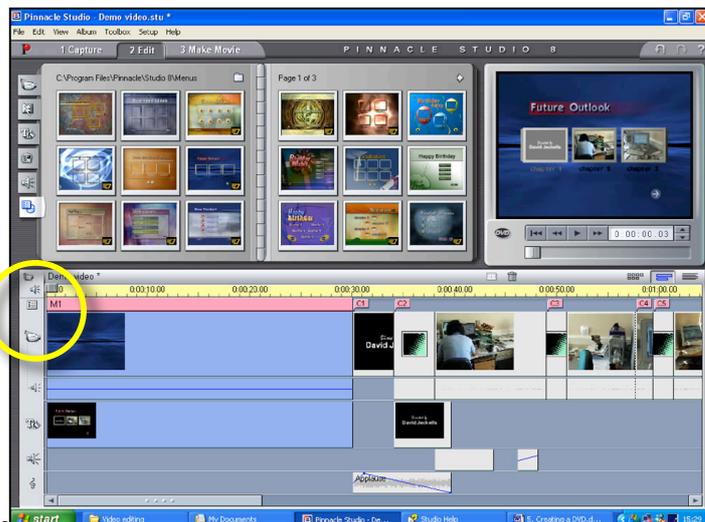
In this section, you'll convert all your separate video sections in menu items (called Chapter) on a DVD. This is done automatically, but can then be edited and amended.

1. Select the **2. Edit Tab**.
2. Select the **DVD icon** on the bottom left of the Album
3. The 3 pages of Menu thumbnails in the Album, all are editable and are a starting point to customize your DVD.
4. Select a thumbnail to preview each menu style in the Movie window.
5. Some show video effects; others do not. A little black & yellow icon in the bottom right corner of each menu thumbnail denotes these.



When you have selected a thumbnail:

1. Drag and drop it onto the start of Movie Window timeline.
2. A dialogue box will appear and will give you a choice of automatically creating a menu system for the scenes (including title) that you have created already.
3. Choose **"Yes"**.



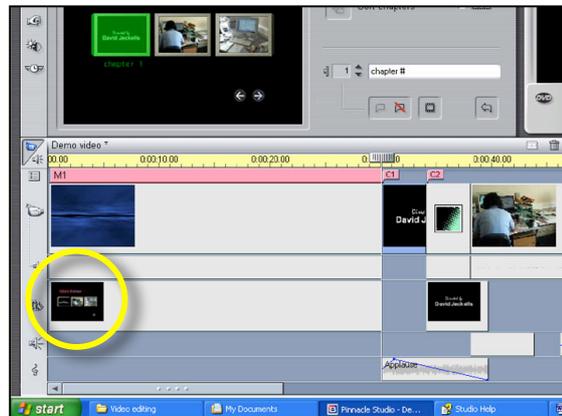
The Display window now changes to a DVD playback window. This is interactive, just as in a real DVD remote control. It can access menus and jump to sections automatically to preview the DVD.

2. Editing menus & chapters

Now that you have created a basic DVD project, you can start editing the chapter titles (DVD menu items) and links.

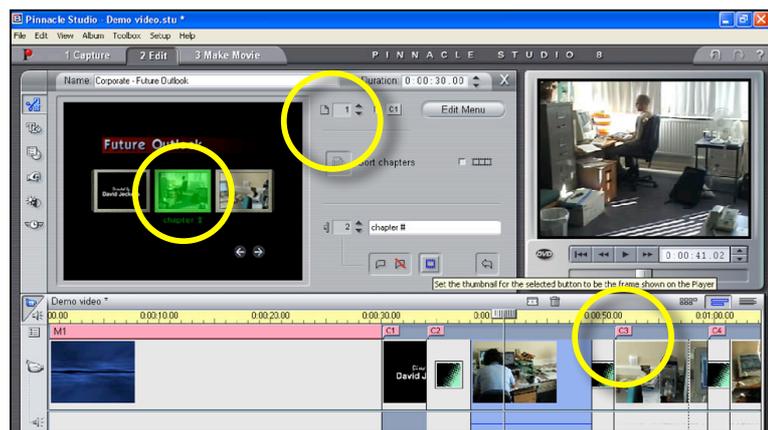
1. Double-click on the menu thumbnail in the movie timeline it will open the Menu editor.

Shown below you have a preview of the DVD with options allowing you to fully edit the Chapters (links) from the thumbnails to the movie scenes.



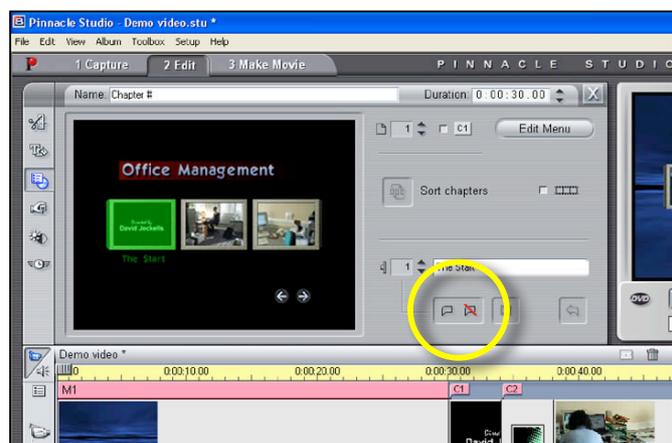
- **Changing the destination for each chapter.**

1. Select the page required.
2. Select or highlight the Thumbnails in the Menu editor.
3. Then move the corresponding "Chapter Link" pink markers in the Movie Window to select the location where each menu thumbnail will jump to.



- **Adding and delete "Chapter Link" markers**

1. Use the two buttons in the bottom of the Menu Editing window. New markers will be added wherever the play-head is at that time within the Movie window.
2. You can also easily adjust the play-head for accurate Chapter starting points.



- **Changing the menu thumbnail**

The thumbnail can also be changed to perhaps show a more representative frame of the movie.

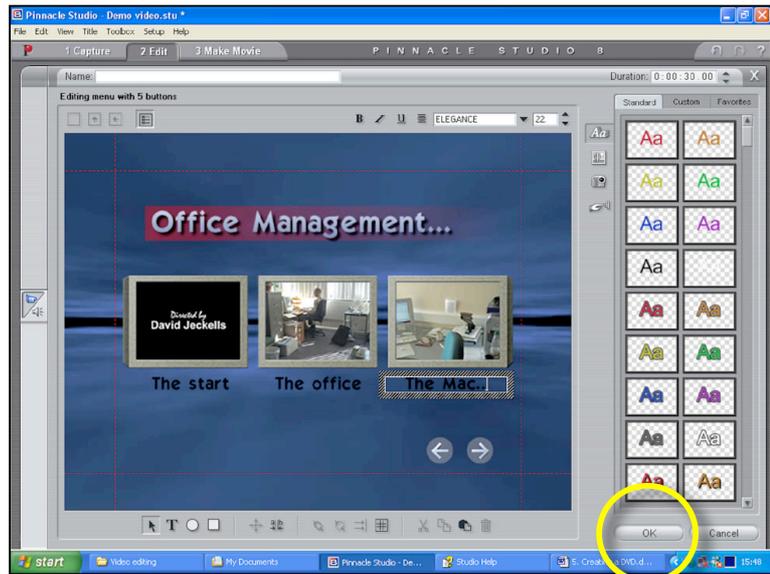
1. Move the play-head to your desired image
2. Select the blue third button from the left on the bottom of the menu editing window.

- Adjust the player view to create a thumbnail for the menu.

- Editing the Menu Titles**

Just like editing titles previously, you can freely edit the menu titles, styles & layout.

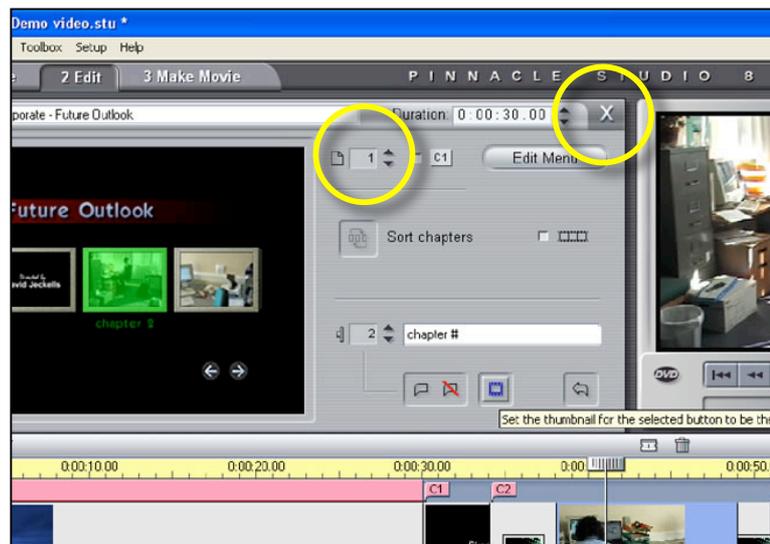
- Click on the **“Edit Menu”** button at the top left of Menu Editor
- A new Screen will appear, similar to standard title creation & editing.
- Here you can edit the text for each menu as well as the style, size & layout.
- Click the **“OK”**, at the bottom right when you’re done with the first menu page.



- To edit each menu page you have:**

- With the Menu Editor showing select the required page using the up and down arrows.

When you are finished you can close the window using the grey “X” icon in the top right-hand corner of the Menu Editor.



Repeat the above sections until you’re satisfied with the finished state of your DVD project. Remember to save periodically. You can then move onto the next section:

3. Saving to DVD.

In order to save to DVD you need to purchase a recordable DVD. There are several types of DVD available:

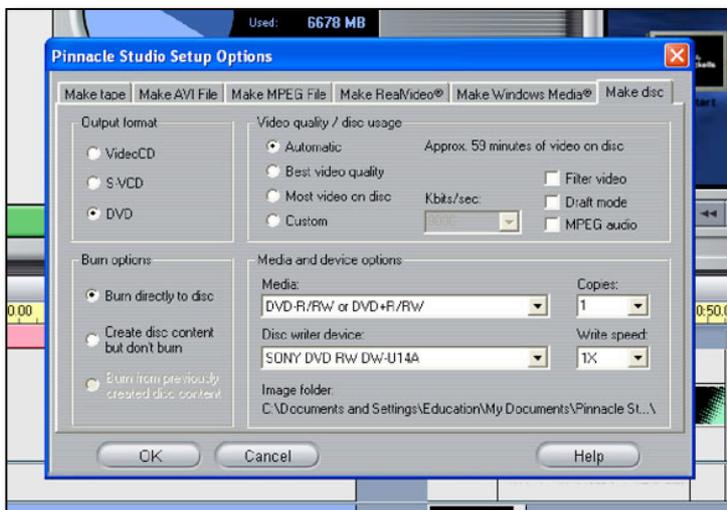
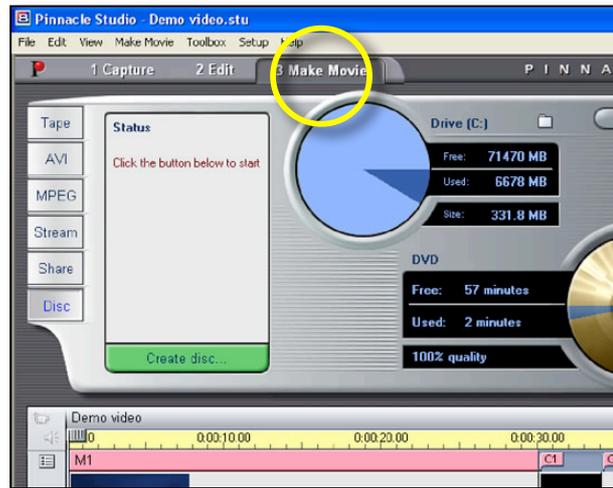
- DVD-R/DVD-RW - Compatible with about 95% of all DVD players
- DVD+R/DVD+RW - Compatible with about 85% of all DVD players

(R = non-rewriteable format, ie. you can’t re-record over the same disc, RW = re-writeable format)

If in doubt use a DVD-R format, as this has the most compatible players available.

1. Select the “**3. Make Movie**” tab at the top of the screen
2. A new dialogue box will appear.
3. The default settings should be selected as shown and in the screen-shot below:

- Output format: DVD
- Video quality/disc usage: Automatic
- Burn options: Burn directly to disc
- Media and devices options should set themselves automatically



4. Click the “**OK**” button to close the dialogue box.
5. Then click on the green “**Create disc**” button shown below.

Rendering & Compiling will start. This may take several times the actual length of your video depending on the effects & transitions.

When compiling is finished, the DVD-RW drawer will open and you will be asked to insert a blank disc:

1. Insert a disc and close the drawer.

Pinnacle will begin burning your interactive DVD to disc.

The disc will be ejected upon completion.

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

