

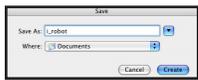
MAKING A SIMPLE MOVIE WITH iDVD

This Document will explain how to make a VERY simple DVD assuming one has a finished quicktime movie. In the example, we will use a movie trailer for "I, Robot".

Locate the iDVD application in the /Applications folder. The icon should look like the image at right.



When iDVD is started, you will see the splash screen (left). You will then be asked for the name of the project you want to open, or to create a new project. For this example, let's specify the name 'i_robot' in the 'Documents' folder.



The main iDVD window opens, with the default theme selected. The theme is the way the menu system appears on-screen when you first insert your finished DVD into the player. Click the button on the bottom left, 'customize'; a drawer will open allowing you to make changes to your project. Since the source material in our example is wide-screen format, let's choose a theme that will display the entire frame, say, the "Moving Bars" theme.



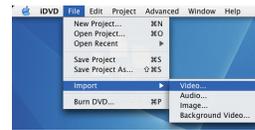
At the top of the 'Customize' window, there are several icons. The "Settings" icon allows you to make changes to the default appearance of the theme you have selected. You can click on the default title of the theme (in this case, "Moving Bars") and type whatever title you wish. Let's use "I, Robot Trailer". Now, drag an image or movie into the background area. For our example, let's use the same quicktime movie that is the content to make the background.



If your theme thumbnail has an icon of a man in the lower right corner, it is a motion theme, which means the menu has motion effects in it. You can see these effects in your background by clicking the motion button on the lower right corner of the iDVD window. This must be turned on when you actually burn your DVD for the motion videos to appear on the finished disc.

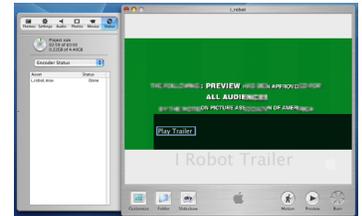


For our example, we will have only one choice in the menu screen, which will be a link to the quicktime movie we want to view. To make this link, navigate to the File Menu in iDVD. Select 'Import' and then choose the 'Video' option.



In the File Selection dialog, navigate to the location of the Quicktime movie that you want to put on the DVD.

For the example, the choice is the file, 'i_robot.mov'. The name of the file will appear in the select area of the theme you have chosen. You can then change the name to something more meaningful, such as "Play Trailer".



If you select the 'Status' button at the top of the 'Customize window, you will see the file and a bar showing the progress as the movie is imported into the iDVD documents. When the movie is done importing, you can click the 'Preview' button on the lower right of the main iDVD window. This will show you an interactive preview of your DVD, which you can navigate by mouse, or by the remote control dialog.



When you have confirmed that your DVD is working the way you want it to, click the 'Burn' button on the lower right corner of the main iDVD window.



You will be asked to insert a DVD-R disc. After you have done so, you will see a dialog showing the progress of your DVD being written to the disc.



When the burn process is finished, a message box will appear telling you that your DVD is done.

