

VHS Cassette to DVD



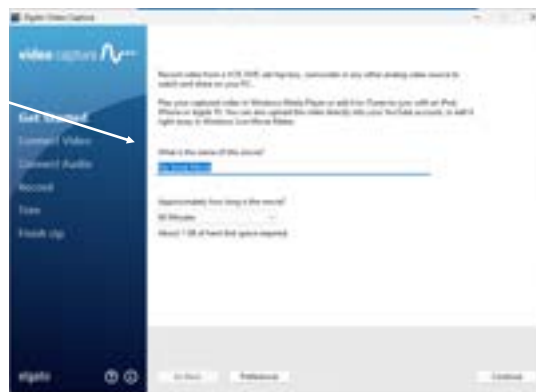
#1 Prepare Your Tools

1. On the computer desktop, open the folder called “Video Digitization” and click the **Elgato Video Capture** icon to launch the software. This is the software you will use to convert your VHS tape to a digital file.



2. In the resulting window, give your movie a name, and *approximately* how long the movie is. This need not be exact. Then click **Continue**.

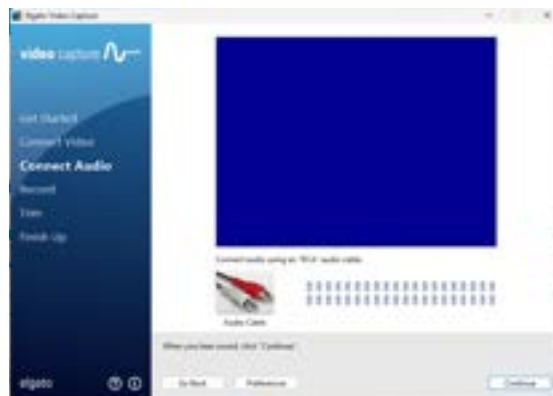
NAME YOUR MOVIE



3. In the next window, the “Video Input” option has already been made for you. No need to change anything. Next choose your aspect ratio. This is most likely 4:3. The 16:9 ratio is for wide screen TVs and will distort your video. Click **Continue**.



- In the next window, the Audio connection has already been done for you. No need to connect or change anything. Click **Continue**.



#2

Capture and Convert Your Video

Note: Recording takes place in real time. A 60-minute tape will take 60 minutes to record.

- The next window is where you will actually begin the conversion process.
- Insert your VHS cassette into the Sanyo VCR.



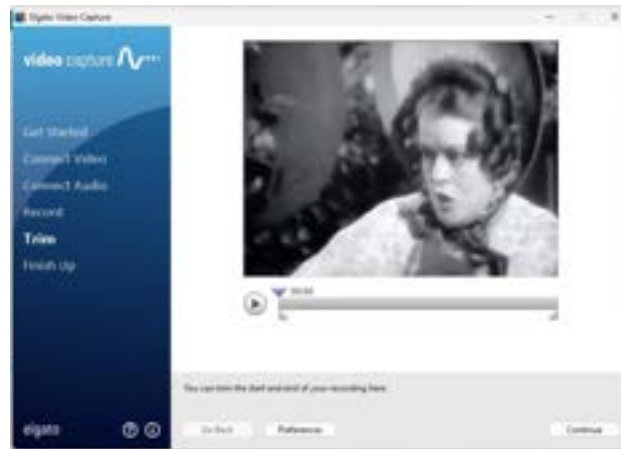
*You can watch your video on the monitor. Use the **FAST FORWARD** or **REWIND** buttons on the VCR to find the point on your tape you would like to begin transferring.*

- When you are ready, click the red **START RECORDING** button [●] in Elgato Video Capture then manually press **PLAY** on the VCR. The video will begin to record.
- To stop recording, click the red **STOP RECORDING** button [●] in Elgato Video Capture then manually press **STOP** on the VCR.

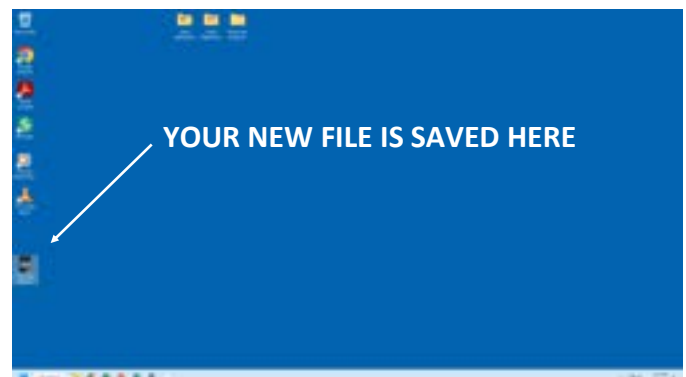


START RECORDING / STOP RECORDING

5. Once you have stopped recording the video, a window will pop-up giving you the opportunity to trim the beginning or end of your video if you wish. This is not necessary, but the video can be trimmed by adjusting the sliders on the screen. When finished, click **CONTINUE**.



6. Clicking **CONTINUE** in the previous step will save your newly converted file to the computer's desktop by default. Now you are finished and can click **QUIT** to close the program.



7. If you would like to save your video file to a USB drive, simply insert it into any USB port on the computer and drag your new file to your USB Drive, and you are finished.

If you would like to burn your movie to a DVD that can be played in most DVD and Blu-ray players, continue to the next steps.

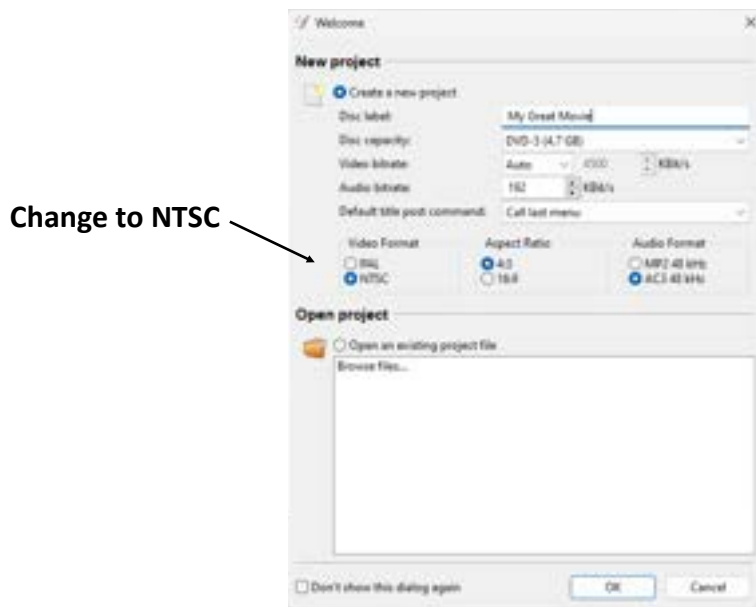
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Burn Your Video File to DVD

1. On the computer desktop, open the folder called “**Video Digitization**” and click the **DVD STYLER** icon to launch the software. DVD Styler is the software you will use to process your video file and burn it to a DVD.
(This software opens slowly. It may take a minute or more.)



2. When DVD Styler opens, you will see a welcome screen. Give the **Disc Label** a new name. Here, we’ve named it “My Great Movie” but it can be anything. Also, change the **Video Format** from PAL, to **NTSC**. This allows the resulting DVD to be played in North America. You can also change the aspect ratio if you wish. This is most likely **4:3**. *(The 16:9 ratio is for wide screens and will distort your video.)* Next, click **OK**.



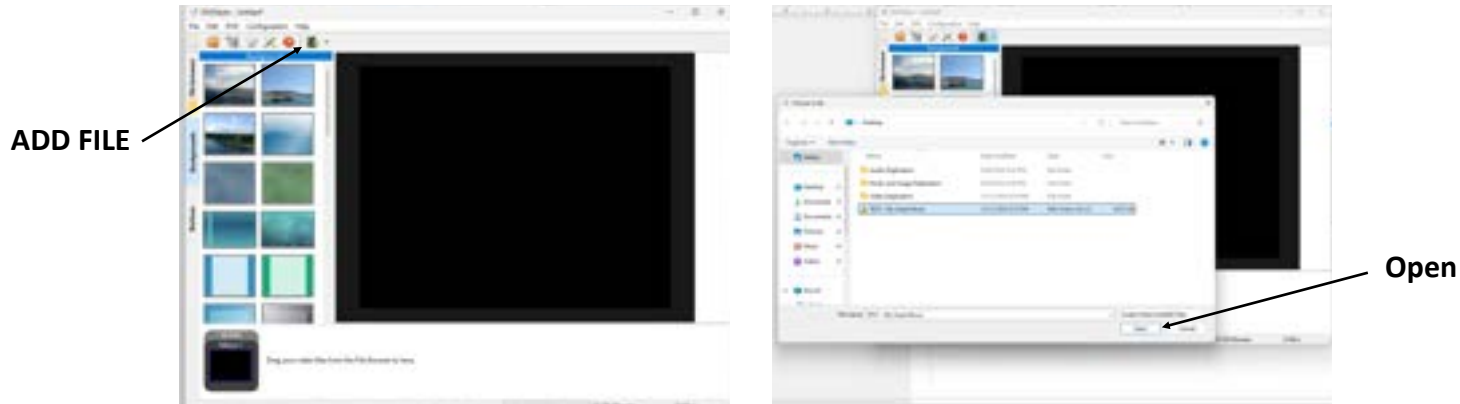
3. In the resulting window, change the **CAPTION**. This is your disc title. Here we used “My Great Movie” but it can be anything you choose.

Also, for simplicity’s sake, select **NO TEMPLATE**. Then click **OK**. *(If you would like to get more in-depth with the optional templates, a good tutorial can be found at www.dvdstyler.org/en/documents?id=70.)*

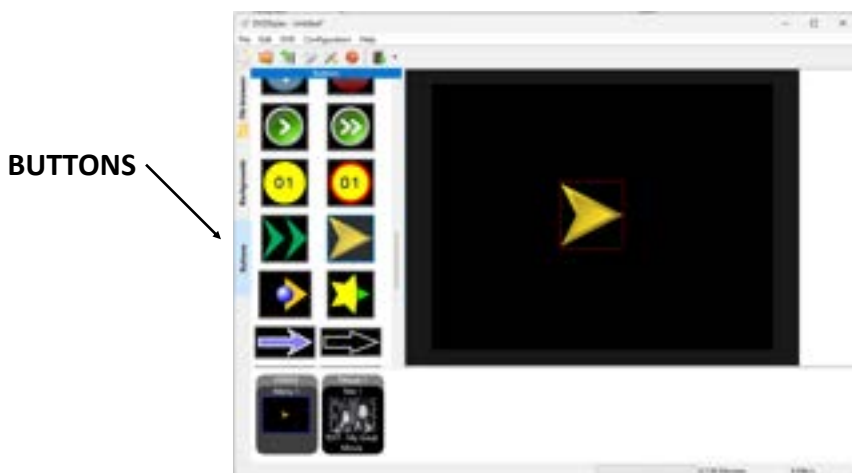


5. Now you will be taken back to the main screen. Next, we will add your video to the project. Click the **ADD FILE** icon on top (*it has a green "plus" symbol.*)

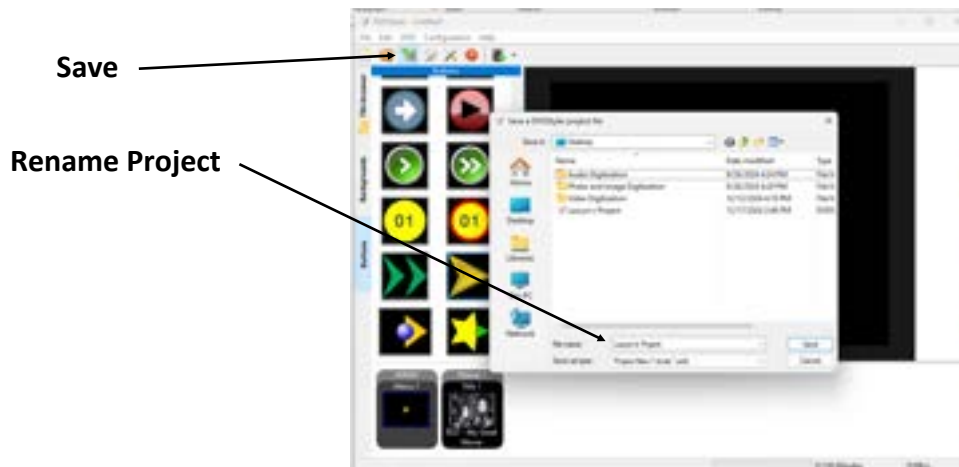
In the window that opens, navigate to your video file. Select it, and click **OPEN**.



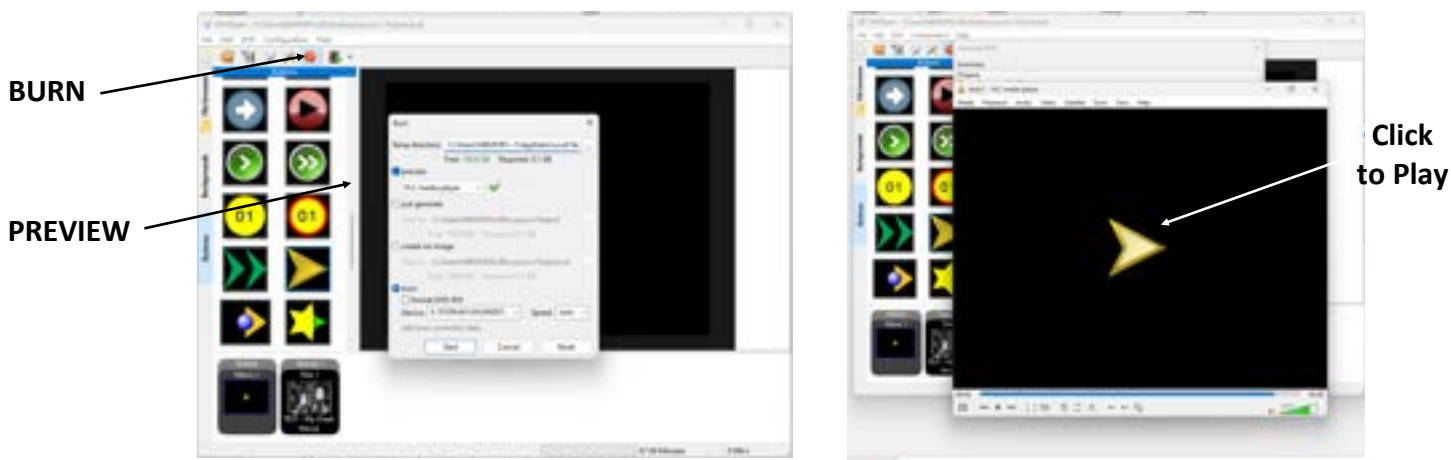
6. Now that your video file is loaded into the program, click the **BUTTONS** tab on the left. A button (*any button*) is required for the movie to play in a DVD player. It will act as a "start" or "play" button. Choose any one you'd like. Click and drag the button icon you chose into the black space. You can place it anywhere and resize as you wish. (*In this example, we chose a yellow arrow, made it a little bigger, and placed it in the center.*)



7. Next, click the green **SAVE** icon on top. You will be asked to name your project. This can be anything. In this example we named it "Lauryn's Project." Save it to the computer desktop.



8. Now you are ready to burn your movie to a DVD. Click the red **BURN** icon on top. In the window that opens, check the **PREVIEW** box. (This will allow you to see the video you made before you burn it to disc.) Then click **START**. In a few seconds, a new window will popup showing your movie. You'll see the button you added earlier. Click that button, and your movie will start playing. This is exactly what you will see on the completed DVD.



9. If the preview looks good, close that window and you will be asked if you want to *burn to DVD*. Click **YES**. Next you will be asked to insert a DVD. Insert a blank DVD-R disc into the computer. You can use your own, or purchase one from the library for \$1. Then click **OK**.



10. The computer will begin converting and burning your video to the DVD. The DVD should be playable on nearly all home DVD players and computers. Sit back and relax, depending on the length of the video, this could take some time. Once the burning is complete, remove your DVD, and voila, you're finished!