

How do I prepare a visual presentation?

Information on ripping DVDs, copying clips and downloading from YouTube and Vimeo

It is not convenient to work with DVDs during a seminar presentation, no matter if it is a paper or a presentation of several short films or clips. In order to save time and to enable a professional presentation, you should prepare the material in advance.

Clips for presentations should **always** be loaded into a “playlist” in VLC Player or integrated into a PowerPoint (PC) or Keynote (Mac) presentation.

The following software is useful to prepare the material for a presentation:

Media Player:

- In general, it is advisable to work with the VLC Player, because whereas both Windows Media Player and QuickTime have certain formats that cannot be played,
- VLC can play all formats
 - VLC Player (freeware) is available for Mac and for PC:
<http://www.videolan.org/vlc/index.html>

Ripping DVDs:

- You can legally copy (or “rip”) your own DVDs to create a backup copy.
- Necessary software (freeware):
 - **“HandBrake: the open source video transcoder”** (available for Mac, PC and for Ubuntu) here: <http://handbrake.fr/downloads.php>
 - With HandBrake you create a copy, which you can then cut with another software.

Create clips:

- Instead of ripping an entire DVD, you can also use **HandBrake** to cut clips by selecting the clip before ripping. See the details in this text for more information: <http://chronicle.com/blogs/profhacker/how-to-rip-dvd-clips/26090>
- Mac: You can easily create clips with **Quicktime Player**
 - Here is a tutorial: <http://www.wikihow.com/Trim-Videos-in-Quicktime-in-Mac-Os-X-Lion>
 - Slightly outdated information can be found here (it does not apply to the current OS applicable): Butler, Jeremy, 2011. “Clip DVD Tutorial (Mac)”, *Television: Critical Methods & Applications*. Online at: <http://tvrcrit3.tvrcrit.com/content/view/68/116/>
- PC: You can create clips with VLC Player.

Saving files from YouTube or Vimeo:

- YouTube:
 - **“4K Video Downloader”** (PC & Mac)
<https://www.4kdownload.com/products/product-videodownloader>
 - **“MacX YouTube Downloader”** (Mac)
<http://www.macxdvd.com/free-youtube-video-downloader-mac/>

- Vimeo:
 - It is not always possible to save movies from Vimeo. It depends on whether the artist agrees to this and has accordingly released this function.
 - Instructions on how to save Vimeo movies can be found here:
<http://vimeo.com/help/faq/sharing-videos/downloading-videos#how-do-i-download-a-video-file-all-i-get-is-a-new-window-with-the-video-playing>