



Getting Video For Presentations

Video is a powerful means of communication and when used properly, it can greatly enhance any presentation. Of course the best video is that which you produce yourself, but it is possible to use video from movies, television or the internet.

COPYRIGHT WARNING

First, you need to understand that anything you did not create is the property of someone else, and there are laws regulating what you can and cannot use---especially when it comes to professionally produced materials. Essentially, you are not to use more than 10% of a piece of work (song, movie, etc.) and it cannot be used to gain profit in any way. It must also be used exclusively within an educational setting, and most importantly, you must give proper credit.

VHS to DV

This is really old school, but it works and there is the least amount of issues regarding protection or complicated software. Connect the video camera to a VCR and play the tape on the VCR while recording on the camera. You then have DV video that can be captured and edited in Final Cut or iMovie like any other footage. When done you can export for PowerPoint presentations or just show your edited video.



DVD to MPG4

This sounds like it should be simple---wrong!!! DVD's are protected so you need special software to convert the segment to a usable format. Handbrake is a program on the Macs that will allow you to convert video from DVD to another format so it can be used in Final Cut or iMovie.

INTERNET TO FLV then other FORMAT

It is possible to get video from many websites and bring that in to edit segments from and/or insert into presentations. The process is a bit complex though. Here are the basic steps needed---be sure to look at the directions on the download and conversion sites to be sure you are doing everything right.

1. Find the video on a site like youtube, teachertube or schooltube
2. Copy the address to the video

3. Go to either www.keepvid.com or www.videodownloadx.com or www.vixy.net (this one converts too) and download the video to your computer by pasting the address into the download box
4. Save the video to your computer, being sure to name it with the .flv extension
5. You can now watch the video on your computer if you have an FLV PLAYER---if you don't you can download a free one from <http://www.applian.com/flvplayer/>
6. To use the video with other applications you will need to convert the file type. There are several flv converters but <http://www.videoconvertx.com/> or <http://media-convert.com/> seem to work best.
7. Choose the filetype you want to convert to (AVI for PowerPoint; MOV for iMovie) are the best options and convert the file
8. Save on a USB drive and bring to school

If you want more detailed instructions on this process, here is a link to [instructions with illustrated steps](#)

PLACING INTO A PRESENTATION

It might seem as easy as clipart, but there are a few possible complications so be sure to test things out. The most important thing with video is that the file is only embedded into your presentation from another location. Therefore, you need to save the video file onto the server of computer that you are giving the presentation from and then insert it onto your slide from that location. Also, sometime video formats are more advanced than the programs on the computers that are needed to play them, so you want to make sure that it will play on the computer you will be presenting from.