

RE: VHS tapes and DVDs

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DVDs are NOT as permanent as you may think. Fact is Magnetic media will last longer than most DVDs. DVD-RWs will start to ROT in just 6 months. What does that mean? It means that the dye that is embedded between the reflective film and the plastic will start to decay and the media will become unreadable. Go to google and do some research on DVD media. It isn't as permanent as one would like. The best out there is Made in Japan, MIJ and is by a company called Yuden. Before investing a lot money and hopes in your new venture, do a little research first.

VideoredoPlus has a Great and inexpensive program out that will allow you to edit commercials, cut unwanted parts to a single frame and then join the cuts back together or save them separately. It is a great utility and works extremely well and easy.

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I Have forgotten so much of what I once knew.
"A Stranger is a Friend you haven't met yet."

"Chrono1st" wrote:

Wow, I am completely and totally overwhelmed by the amount of information here, it's scaring me. Even the mere act of putting this thread into the correct discussion group was beyond me, so I just opted to be safe and go with "general". Sorry....

What I'd like to do is:

My friend has many, many old VHS tapes, of recorded sports events and other things. I'd like copies of his tapes, and told him that since we're going to go and copy fourty odd tapes anyway, why not covert them to a better format? You know, tapes go bad over time, etc.

So, I'd like to copy these VHS tapes to DVDs. I'd also like to edit them, to perfectly cut out all the commercials, while leaving the events themselves intact. Also, if possible (I have NO idea if it is possible), I'd like to improve the quality of the videos. So, covert to DVD, cut out all unnecessary stuff like commercials, and if possible, make even better quality.

The problem is, I am almost totally computer illiterate. I tried looking

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around this forum for the same question, and I found it several times. Unfortunately, many people were responding to the questions with acronyms, which I didn't understand at all. Anytime someone uses an acronym, I am just like "huh?" and become confused. Again, sorry.

Can anyone explain this to me, part by part? Please explain as if you were talking to a small child, with overbearing amounts of details. I'm assuming I'm going to need to buy several different things to do this, but I don't know what, obviously. Some sort of hardware for turning the VHS into computer data I'd guess, but I don't have ANY idea what hardware that would be, which brands are best, etc. Money isn't so important, I'd rather buy something high-quality that records the VHS perfectly. Aside from that, I'm assuming I'll need some kind of program to actually edit the data once it's on my computer (for cutting out the commercials and such). Again, don't know which program is best. I've been hearing people mentioning something called Movie Maker, but I don't know what that is, or if that is what I want. Finally, after transferring the VHS to my computer and editing them, I need to burn them on to DVDs, right? Of course, again I don't know what hardware I need for that. Like before, I'd like to buy the highest quality hardware, so the DVDs turn out at the highest quality that they possibly can. Which brand would be ideal for this?

I guess you can divide my quest into three parts – VHS to computer, editing data, computer to DVD. Any help people can give is greatly appreciated. Stepping me through it slowly and thoroughly would leave me unspeakably happy. Thank you all for your time. Also, sorry I wrote such an absurdly long post..... I guess I wanted to be thorough explaining everything.

Oh, a small thing – I keep hearing that VHS tapes take up crazy amount of space. Some of these sporting events, even with commercials out, will be hours long, I'd wager. Is it possible to put the entire event on a single DVD? Do any sort of "super-DVDs" exist that hold more data or something?

Thank you so much!
From,
Chrono1st