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I downloaded DVDSanta and same issues...dvd's would play in dvd-rom, but not on stand-alone player.

So, that led me to believe that this was a 'burning' issue, not a 'software' issue. I did some more digging and went to dell support online. Turns out there is a firmware release for my dvd drive (Philips DVD8631 DVD+-R/RW drive). After downloading and installing that fix, I re-burned the video it plays successfully on my stand-alone players. Yeah! I can breathe easier now....

Thanks for the help and suggestions to point me in the right direction.

"KDE" wrote:

try DVD Santa <http://www.dvdsant.com>

I've never used it, but the download is only 2mb and it has a trial version

"Karla V" <[KarlaV@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:KarlaV@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:3DAC0605-A981-44BF-8E7E-284DD199FDA3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:3DAC0605-A981-44BF-8E7E-284DD199FDA3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

| I installed the DVD burner myself last year – it was ordered through Dell,  
| but after I already had the computer. Could that be causing the problem?

I

| did a similar project last year and had a few problems, but nothing like  
| this.

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| How do I diagnose what is actually going on? I may try to download Nero,  
| but my measley dial-up wasn't too thrilled when I started the process  
| earlier. :( Do I need to reinstall Sonic?

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| Any other thoughts or advice would be much appreciated!

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| "KDE" wrote:

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|> honestly, I'm not sure what to tell you. It sounds like they are  
|> "authoring" ok if they play in Dell Media Experience. My suggestions  
would  
|> be try a different style of disk +R vs -R (which you have already tried)  
and  
|> try a different player (which you have already tried.)  
|>  
|> the only other thoughts I have:  
|> \*I hate Maxell disk. I've never had good luck getting them to burn  
|> (although once burned they play fine)  
|> \*make sure you are using -R and not RW disk. DVD players are notorious  
for  
|> hating RW disks.  
|> \*you said it only encoded for 15 minute? is it a really short movie? I  
have  
|> a player that will not play DVD's if they are too short. Encoding times  
|> vary based on your PC, but 15 minutes to encode and author a DVD is  
pretty  
|> fast. if your DVD is longer than about 5 minutes and it is encoding in  
15  
|> minutes something is wrong with MyDVD (which also sux - IMHO).  
|>  
|> If all else fails. download a trial of Nero Vision Express, (  
|> <http://www.nero.com/nero7/enu/nero7-demo.php> ) and try burning your DVD  
with  
|> that.  
|>  
|> - good luck.  
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|> "Karla V" <KarlaV@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
|> [news:C82359BC-248E-4BA9-873E-107C23B7118E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:C82359BC-248E-4BA9-873E-107C23B7118E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
|> | When I put the DVD in my DVD drive, it opens Dell Media Experience. I  
|> | inserted the DVD 3 or 4 times...sometimes it goes to the main screen  
where  
|> I  
|> | can select the chapter, etc. and start from there. Other times it  
just  
|> | starts playing. The first time I inserted the DVD, it started playing  
in  
|> the  
|> | middle of the movie. Once I stopped and restarted it was fine. So, it  
|> seems  
|> | as though it is working, but not exactly as it's supposed to.  
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|> | "KDE" wrote:  
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|> |> If you insert the DVD in the computer, does it play like a DVD?

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that

|> will

|> |> tell you if you have a "burning" problem or a "compatibility issue"

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|> |> "Karla V" <KarlaV@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

|> |> news:5A50022C-F817-465C-A780-18795C2CE581@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

|> |> | I was previously recording at 8x, this time I tried 2.4x, but it

still

|> |> | doesn't work. Any suggestions on what I should try next?

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|> |> | "PapaJohn" wrote:

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|> |> |> try it with a low burning speed rather than high or auto...

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|> |> |> website references are to [www.papajohn.org](http://www.papajohn.org)

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|> |> |> PapaJohn

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|> |> |> "Karla V" <KarlaV@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

|> |> |> news:B6155C7B-B582-4794-9699-DF5FA9534148@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

|> |> |>> Hoping someone can shed some light here....

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|> |> |>> I am creating a 'movie' using still photos with background

music

|> and

|> |> need

|> |> |>> to

|> |> |>> burn to DVD. I've read much of what's out here for tips, but

am

|> still

|> |> |>> having

|> |> |>> problems getting the DVD to play.

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|> |> |>> I am using Win XP, MM2, Sonic My DVD

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|> |> |>> Here are my steps:

|> |> |>> 1. My Movie Maker 2 file (.mswmm) is complete, I choose 'Save

to

|> My

|> |> |>> Computer' in the Task Pane.

|> |> |>> 2. I choose DV-AVI (NTSC) as the movie setting. Click Ok,

the

|> |> computer

|> |> |>> does its thing.

|> |> |>> 3. Go to Sonic MyDVD, click get movies. Import the .avi file

|> just

|> |> |>> created

|> |> |>> by Movie Maker.

|> |> |>> 4. When I preview the movie in Sonic, it's fine. Then I

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click

|> burn,

|> |> it

|> |> |>> goes through the encoding process and after about 15 minutes

it

|> spits

|> |> the

|> |> |>> DVD

|> |> |>> out and says 'complete.'

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|> |> |>> However, when I place this DVD in my DVD player (hooked to my TV),

|> it

|> |> just

|> |> |>> shows a disk with a question mark next to it. I also tried it

in

|> a

|> |> DVD

|> |> |>> player at work and it says 'bad disk.'

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|> |> |>> Thinking the actual disk was bad, I tried again, but it still

|> didn't

|> |> work.

|> |> |>> I have also tried burning both DVD-R and DVD+R and both have

the

|> same

|> |> |>> results. I'm using Maxell brand.

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|> |> |>> Can anybody please help? As far as I can tell, I'm following

the

|> |> steps

|> |> |>> properly, but it just doesn't work! This is for an

anniversary

|> party

|> |> this

|> |> |>> weekend and I'm stuck!

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|> |> |>> Thank you!

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