

Re: Capturing from VHS/DVD recorder player

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Since you have a combination VCR/DVD Recorder, I just thought I would mention the way I get my VHS video into my computer. I can put my VHS tape in the VCR side of the combination player, hit the Dubbing button and the VHS video is copied to and digitalized for the DVD disc. I then 'Finalize' the DVD. The resulting files on the DVD have a .vob extension. Then I put the DVD into my computer DVDRW and copy the .vob files to my computer hard drive. Then I convert the .vob files to .wmv files using Windows Media Encoder; the reason for that is that Windows Movie Maker does not handle .vob files. Then, of course, I import the .wmv files to Windows Movie Maker.

Just an alternative.

"LVTravel" <noone@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:eXikMB7WIHA.4896@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I can understand your confusion.

For analog capture from either my Cable TV box, DVD player or VCR, the ADS device that I recommended does all the analog video capture within the ADS device (it does a hardware conversion) and doesn't use processor power from the computer to do the capture. The USB connection to the computer is required to be USB 2.0 and this is plenty fast to take the captured material and send that "finished" datastream to the computer's hard drive. WMM doesn't do analog capture at all without an intermediate device of some form.

I use IEEE1394 (firewire) to get data from my digital video camera (miniDV) to the computer. With the digital capture, that WMM is good at doing from a miniDV device, there is an enormous amount of data being transmitted from the camera to the computer, therefore, the sustained speed of firewire is required and USB isn't appropriate for this transfer.

I use both methods for getting data from my supply device to the computer, depending on the device supplying my video, so that I can use either WMM or one of my other video editing programs (remember ULead's Video Studio is included with the device) to create my final product for either computer or DVD output.

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"Carver" <curtbradley@xxxxxxxxxxxx(nospam)> wrote in message
news:E32D75DE-8C24-4F7E-9D91-E985DF1DF2FB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

LVTravel,

You said, "Kenny, the reason I like the ADS device is that it is totally
USB..."

I keep reading that a FireWire connection produces much better results
than

a USB connection. Why do you prefer USB (or is it that Firewire cannot be
used with analog)?

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Carver

"LVTravel" wrote:

"Kenny" <me@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:eo0qMZmWIHA.4448@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

>I use a Matrox G450eTV card to capture from VCR or
analogue camcorder.

> Works very well with the supplied software and captures
direct to

> MPEG2.

> It's obsolete now but can still be found on Ebay.

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> -- > Kenny Cargill

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> "Carver" <curtbradley@xxxxxxxxxxxx(nospam)> wrote in
message

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news:CCF25018-BA0B-4DAF-A382-FF4E3EC5416F@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

>> John and LVT,

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>> Thanks to both of you for all of that good information and
all of

>> those

>> links. You were very helpful.

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>> The DVD Express DX2 sounds good to me. I had an
ADS USB Instant

>> VideoMPX

>> device that I used to capture video from an old Super8
analog

>> camcorder

>> and

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>> from a VHS/DVD combination player. That Video MPX
stopped working
>> and is
>> now
>> apparently a discontinued item. I could not find a
suggested
>> substitute
>> for
>> it on the ADS web site. So I am trying to learn what to do
now that
>> I do
>> not
>> have the have the Video MPX. DVD Express DX2
appears to be the answer
>> and
>> I
>> certainly appreciate that. Thank you.
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>> -- >> Carver
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>> "LVTravel" wrote:
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>>> While John has given good links to help capturing
directly into MM
>>> if
>>> you
>>> are going to have to purchase any item to do it I would
recommend
>>> finding
>>> one that I use extensively. It comes with a capture
program that
>>> works
>>> with
>>> it flawlessly and also comes with Ulead's Video Studio
9SE which is
>>> just
>>> as
>>> powerful as MM and will also burn DVDs. It comes
from ADS Tech and
>>> is
>>> called DVD Xpress DX2.
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http://www.adstech.com/products/USBAY-709-EF/intro/USBAY-709_intro.asp?pid=USBA
>>> Costs about \$70-80 and will capture anything that can
be played on
>>> your
>>> standalone DVD or VCR machine. It will connect to the
DVD part
>>> using
>>> Svideo

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>>> if available or through standard RCA cables from the device (VCR & DVD)

>>> to

>>> the player and USB from the device to the computer.

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>>> Newegg sells them www.newegg.com & search for DVD Xpress DX2 or

>>> click

>>> here:

>>>

<http://www.newegg.com/Product/Product.aspx?Item=N82E16815255011&Tpk=DVD%2bXp>

>>> and on my search they had the best combined price with shipping.

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>>> I purchased one of mine from Sam's Club and the other from Wal-Mart

>>> but

>>> haven't seen them there for some time.

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>>> I have no financial interest in ADS Tech or any company selling the

>>> product

>>> but I do own two of them which are fixed permanently to two of my

>>> DVD/VCR

>>> players that I plug in one of my laptops to do the capture or

>>> conversions.

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>>> Carver" <curtbradley@xxxxxxxxxxxx(nospam)> wrote in message

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news:3AB22A15-A4F4-4CDF-B82C-8CD85E022FDD@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

>>> >I have a combination VHS/DVD recorder/player. How can I capture

>>> >video

>>> >from

>>> > that combination player to Windows MovieMaker?

>>> > -- >>> > Carver

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Kenny, the reason that I like the ADS device is that it is totally USB

and

can be plugged into any system, including laptops. A TV card normally

is

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installed inside a box and can't be used on a laptop. I used to use the latest ATI All-In-Wonder video card to capture video but found it didn't do as good a job as the ADS device I recommended. I have also used the Dazzle USB device and it wasn't as good as the ADS device I recommended.
JMTCW!