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Graham (or anyone),

Actions tried last night.

1. Uninstalled portions of the Yahoo Toolbar and Windows Live to fix other problems. Fixed one of the two. Did not test Movie Maker these changes.
2. Registered or reregistered QDV.DLL. One of actions 1 or 2 made the camera problem worse. Windows stopped recognizing the USB video device when the camera was plugged in. The device manager no longer had a USB video device.
3. Checked the date on the last captured AVI against the trial system restore. The trial system restore was in fact older than this capture.
4. Uninstalled and reinstalled the Panasonic AVI stream driver. This restored the ability of windows to recognize the USB video device. The Movie Maker problem remained.
5. Checked the camera (Panasonic PV GS180) and computer (Dell Dimension) for firewire and found none. The camera uses USB2. There is a DV output. Is DV compatible with Firewire or 1394? Firewire could be added to the computer with a card and would probably be a low cost option. The camera manual barely mentions Firewire or IEEE 1394.
6. Reloaded DirectX from the Panasonic disk. This was suspiciously too fast and may have done nothing. The Movie Maker problem remained.

This is what I can think of to try next.

- a) Try Dell technical support.
- b) Remove all Windows Live components.
- c) Try unregister of QDV.DLL
- d) Retry reinstall of DirectX.

Questions.

What else can you think of try?

Can the camera DV port be used with a PC 1394 port?

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Can Movie Maker be reinstalled? If so How?

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John Zweighaft

"Graham Hughes" wrote:

Ok, movie maker is not designed to work with USB, it is designed to work with firewire.

Panasonic produce what is known as a USB2 video driver, which gives you the ability to capture dv.avi files from a mini dv camcorder using usb2. If the cam is a panasonic mini dv try re-installing the drivers from the supplied cd.

MM is still not designed to pick up on this driver, but luckily your son appears to have a system which has so it may again, or his luck may have run out and you never see it again.

Why isn't firewire an option?

What cam do you have?

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Graham Hughes  
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Graham,

I probably lost a longer post, but it may appear. My apologies if this is a repeat.

In short, USB can work. My son in-law has produced excellent quality DVDs using Movie Maker to capture and edit video from his camcorder. Neither the computer nor the camcorder have firewire.

I suspect some software change and will continue looking.

I have not tried reinstalling camera software or Movie Maker. I don't see how to reinstall Movie Maker either. Do you know how?

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I'm open to suggestions, but firewire is not a viable option on his system.

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John Zweighaft

"Graham Hughes" wrote:

Your problem is the USB connection.

You need to connect via firewire.

What cam do you have?

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Thanks. That's a good trouble shooting suggestion. I did notice the WMV option was available. I started capture in at least one other format, it might have been WMV, but aborted before completion. I should have completed a capture in any other format. I'll try a short WMV clip and reply with results.

It may be a day or two until I try. I'm helping my son in-law. He prefers the AVI format for creating good DVDs of my grandson. I really want to get AVI capture back. If I fail I might look for another video editing program for him.

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Note that the camera uses a USB connection. Movie Maker recognizes (at least partially) that the camera is connected, but would not let me set capture parameters and forced 320x240 and 15 frames per second.

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John Zweighaft

"John Z" wrote:

Windows Movie Maker has lost the ability to capture video from a DV camcorder in DV-AVI format. The DV-AVI selection is now grayed out and not available. It worked when last used about 1 month ago.

Rebooting windows does not help. Windows automatic update is on. Movie maker automatic codec download was off. I turned on automatic codec download and imported an AVI video file on the computer without fixing the problem although from the wait before starting the import I suspect a new codec was loaded.

The operating system version is Windows XP Home Edition Version 5.1 service pack 2. Movie Maker is

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version 2.1.

How do I restore the ability  
to capture camera video in  
DV-AVI format?

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