

# Re: Can't burn recorded tv to DVD!

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"Justin" <[Justin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Justin@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
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Yes I do have the Video dvd option. I am trying to burn a  
Video  
DVD which

you

can put into a dvd player and watch on your tv.

Does anybody know why Media Centre won't let me burn  
recorded TV  
onto a dvd-rw??

"Eric Baines" wrote:

Are you trying to burn to back the file up  
(data DVD) or so you  
can

watch it

on a standalong DVD Player (video DVD)?  
If the latter, do you  
have the

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Video

DVD option?

(<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/mediacenter/using/DVD/burntvto>

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vd.mspx)

If you haven't got the Video DVD option,  
you need to google for  
Sonicencoders.MSI and install it.

Persnoally, I'd download the trial of Nero 7  
and use that, and  
if you

find

it helps you do what you want to do, I'd buy  
it.

"Justin" wrote:

Hi,  
When I try to burn a  
recorded tv program onto  
dvd, Windows  
media

centre has

a message saying the the file  
type is not supported. Does  
this mean

that I

can not burn recorded tv  
onto DVD?

I have a dvd burner which  
supports dvd+-RW and I  
was using a

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dvd-rw.

Thanks,  
Justin

A DVD-RW has to be formatted just as you would a floppy or hard drive. The process is called UDF formatting and there are several different types. For instance Nero uses a program called InCD to UDF format a RW disk and to view that disk on another computer it has to have InCD installed. If you take that disk and try to view it on a system that has Roxio Adaptec UDF software on it or no UDF packet writing software at all, the disk will appear blank. Read Write DVD's are a storage media you can use much like a hard drive, with it you can erase, drag and drop, overwrite existing files, re-format etc. For media playback you should use + or - R DVD's not + or - RW DVD's.

No, that's only true if you're trying to use a DVD+RW like a (very large) floppy or another hard drive, e.g., for drag and drop file copying (or other Windows Explorer type file copying operations) on the fly.

For making "regular" DVDs, either data or videos, i.e., for burning, you just put them into the drive and burn them exactly like a DVD+R.

There is one exception: if the RW disc has been used before. Then it has to be erased before being burned as a DVD.

I burn DVD RWs as above occasionally without any problems, so I know it should work.

Which means I have no idea what's causing the OP's problem.

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Gene E. Bloch (Gino) ... letters617blochg3251  
(replace the numbers by "at" and "dotcom")

Then how do you erase it without it being UDF formatted in the first place?  
Then how do you play it on any other system or standalone DVD player that won't read that particular type of UDF formatting.  
Not to mention you can purchase 100 Verbatim DVD-R Disks on sale for around thirty dollars and Verbatim DVD-RW disks are over a dollar each. I've been using DVD-R and -RW disk many years and I've never figured out how to get any system to recognize the media when inserted without it being UDF formatted first. Yeah I could put a TV show on my laptop and watch it, but why would I want to when I've a 250 lb. Sony wide screen TV with surround

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sound. You say your using +RW's perhaps they're different, I wouldn't know as I've never used them. The original poster will always get an error stating unrecognizable media present when using DVD-RW media until he formats it. After he formats it every device he intends to play that media in has to have that UDF software installed and running in the background. If you've figured out how to use DVD-RW in the manner you state, I'd love to hear it. There is no industry standard UDF software and every one that sells burning software has different specs. I've been using ATI allinwonder MMCTV, Unlead video editor, Nero, InCD and nearly every burning and ripping program to ever hit the web and have not figured it out. I recently purchased a Windows Media Center Edition Laptop and I haven't gotten to know it's in's and out's yet, but I'd bet it does not come with any UDF packet writing software. From what I've seen so far Windows MCE is the same clusterfusk Windows ME was when it was released in 2000. The only reason I purchased it was you can't get any brand name laptop with a DVD RW drive that doesn't have this crap on it. I'd rather have XP Home on it than this junk.

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