

Training Course: 3 day Apple DVD Studio Pro

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Creating menus in DVD Studio Pro
Simulating discs
Working with storyboards
Creating buttons on menus
Creating slideshows
Encoding assets and bit budgeting

Day 1

Preparing Your First DVD Project

DVD Creation Process, the DVD-Video Specification, Exploring the Interface, Creating a Simple DVD in Basic View, Creating a Menu, Connecting Assets to the Menu, Simulating a Disc, and Building a Project and Burning a Disc

Exploring the Full Interface

Opening the Project, Exploring Window Configurations and Adjusting the Project

Setting Up a Simple DVD

Storyboarding a DVD, Creating a Storyboard Using the Graphical Tab, Previewing the Finished Project with DVD Player Application, Identifying Source Video Settings, Setting DVD Studio Pro Preferences, Setting Up Disc Properties, Importing Audio and Video, and Setting Chapter Markers

Creating Menus in DVD Studio Pro

The Menu Creation Process, Importing Assets, Adding a Background Graphic, Using the Title Safe and Action Safe Guides, Creating Buttons on a Still Menu, Connecting Buttons to Video, Adding Text to a Menu, Adding Sound to a Menu, Creating an Intro Menu, Targeting Navigation on your DVD and Using a Drop Zone to Create a Motion Menu

Creating a Chapter Index Menu

Customizing a Default Chapter Index Menu, Setting Up the Chapter Index Navigation Buttons, Adding a Drop Zone Shape and Automating the Chapter Index Menu Creation Process

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Creating a Slideshow

Using Slideshows, File Formats for Slideshows, Adding a Slideshow, Modifying Your Slideshow, Slideshow Transitions and Converting a Slideshow to a Track

Adding Subtitles

Creating Subtitles in DVD Studio Pro, Modifying the Font and Color of Subtitles, Importing Subtitles from a Text File, Previewing Subtitles, Creating Buttons over Video and Understanding Closed Captioning

Finishing Your DVD

Adding DVD-ROM Content to a DVD-Video Disc, Testing Your Project, Building and Formatting a DVD, Using the DVD Player Application, Burning a Disc Using the Burn Command, Choosing Recordable DVD Media and Distributing your Completed DVD

Encoding with Compressor

Understanding Compression, Importing a File into Compressor from Final Cut Pro, Applying Preset Settings, Creating Custom Settings, Setting Compression Markers in Compressor, Creating Chapter Markers, Submitting Files for Encoding, and Creating a Compressor Droplet

Designing Advanced Menus

Maintaining the Look of Menu Graphics, Creating Standard Menus, Adding a Simple Overlay, Creating Buttons for the Overlay, Choosing Highlights for Button States, Using Advanced Overlays with Grayscale Color Mapping, Customizing Button Colors, Saving Default Colors, Adding a Motion Background, Setting a Loop Point, Working with Motion Menus, Advantages of Layered Menus, Adding a Layered Menu, Creating Layered Menu Buttons and Linking your Assets

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Markers, Stories and Connections

Working with Chapter Markers, Creating Markers in Final Cut Pro, Adding Markers in Final Cut Pro, Setting Encoding Preferences, Using Stories as Playlists, Creating and Working with Stories, Establishing Connections and Finding the Unconnected Elements

Scripting

Building Menu Loop Scripts and Creating Return to Menu Scripts

Creating Transitions

Applying a Transition, Using a Video Transition, Using Alpha Transitions, Exploring the Asset Movie and Exploring the Background Matte Movie

Using Alternate Angles

Setting Up the Project, About Alternate Angles, Creating Multi-Angle Tracks, Creating Mixed-Angle Tracks, Targeting Alternate Angle Streams, Simulating Alternate Angle Errors and Exploring Final Cut Pro Markers

Converting SD To HD

HD to SD Downconversions, Encoding HD Assets and Converting SD Projects to HD Projects