

## Document Objective

**To provide a quick tutorial on converting a video on VHS to DVD using iMovie, iDVD, and a JVC mini-DV/VHS tape deck.**

## Procedures

*This tipsheet is for video programs under 90 minutes. iDVD usually allows for 60 minutes of content, however, it has an additional compression setting (of lesser visual quality) to hold up to 90 minutes of footage.*

1. Press the power button on the JVC videodeck to power up the deck.
2. Insert your VHS tape into the cassette carriage slot.
3. On the front console, on the left hand side of the deck, press the S-VHS button. This button is to the left of the record button.
4. Next select the S-VHS mode button. This button is on the right side of the display face just below the cassette carriage slot.
5. Cue your VHS tape to the correct location.
6. Launch iMovie from the computer's dock.
7. A dialogue window will appear, select "Create New Project" and save the new project with your first and last name in the Movies folder on the computer.
8. Set the Importing/Editing Switch (Icons of a camera and a pair of scissors) to Import (the camera icon).
9. Press the Import button on iMovie and then press play on the JVC videodeck. iMovie begins to capture the clips to the shelf.
10. When the video ends, press the import button, once more, to disconnect iMovie from the JVC deck.
11. Set the Importing/Editing Switch (Icons of a camera and a pair of scissors) to Edit (the scissors icon).
12. Click inside the Shelf. Press the Apple Key + the "a" keys on your keyboard to select all of the clips in the shelf and then click and drag the clips as one unit to the timeline and release the mouse. The clips reorder on the timeline.
13. Navigate to the file menu and select "Save."
14. (Optional) Now by clicking on the iDVD pane tab, you can set chapter markers that will go into iDVD. Slide the playhead to the desired location in the timeline and press the "+" button in the iDVD pane. The first marker must be at the beginning of the video.
15. In the iDVD pane, press "Create iDVD Project", this launches iDVD. Once iDVD opens you can quit out of iMovie.
16. Save the DVD project in the Movies folder, again use your first and last name and add "\_DVD" to identify the different projects.
17. In the iDVD project, select "Customize." Notice that the default MovieHouse template has text buttons. If you were to select preview, a remote control is displayed and the preview window acts as a DVD player.
18. You can use the pre-existing templates if you like.

You can preview the themes. You may also set the background to a graphic file that you generate, as well as, added your choice of audio. You can reposition and rename the buttons to your specifications.

19. Once you have the DVD configured the way you like it, insert a blank **DVD-R** and press burn on iD-VD's display interface.

20. **Test your media! Not all DVD players like all DVD media.** If you are playing to use this DVD for a presentation, if possible, test the newly burned disc to verify that the DVD player will read your disc. If not you may want to try another type of disc. We have found that the brands most likely to read are **Imation** and **Verbatim**.