

# Create a DVD in six easy steps

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Perhaps there are times when you don't mind dedicating a weekend, or even an entire week, to producing a polished DVD. However, there are other times when "just getting it out the door" is the desired goal. This tutorial shows you the six fundamental steps for creating a DVD in Adobe® Encore® DVD.

The files used in this tutorial are on Disc 2 of the Total Training Video Workshop (included with Encore or Adobe Production Studio). Depending on the television standard for your region, copy either the NTSC or PAL folder from the Encore DVD 2.0 folder to your desktop. Alternatively, you can follow along using your own files. You'll need a video file with chapter points to complete the tutorial.

## 1. Create a new project


Choose File > New > Project. When prompted, select the video standard for your region (generally NTSC for North America and Japan, PAL for Europe), and click OK. Enter a name for the project and click Save.

## 2. Import assets

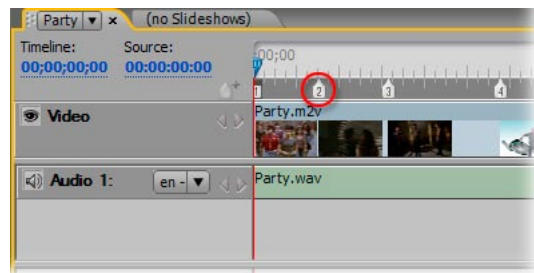
- 1 Choose File > Import As > Asset.
- 2 Locate and select the Party.m2v and Party.wav files (hold down the Ctrl key to select multiple files), and click Open.

## 3. Create a timeline

Placing an asset into a timeline allows Encore to attach chapter points and other events to various points in time.

 To import video and audio assets automatically as a timeline, choose File > Import As > Timeline.



- 1 Select the video and audio clips in the Project panel.
- 2 Choose File > New > Timeline. Encore places the video and audio clips in a timeline. Numbered chapter points, created in Adobe Premiere® Pro, appear along the top of the timeline. Chapter points can also be created and edited in Encore.



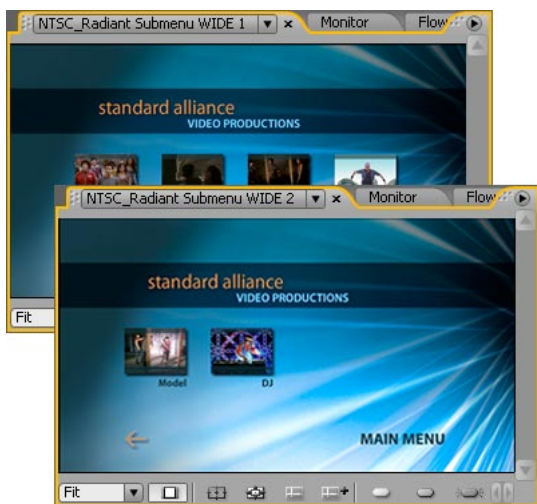
Video and audio tracks with chapter points in the timeline

## 4. Create a menu

With the chapter points in place, create a menu from the Library and link the buttons to the chapter points in the timeline.

- 1 Locate the Library panel, and select the General set.
- 2 Click the Toggle Display Of Menus button  at the center of the Library panel.
- 3 Locate and select the menu named Radiant Sub-menu WIDE.psd. Click the New Menu button  at the bottom of the Library panel.
- 4 Drag the first chapter point in the timeline onto the Scene 1 button in the menu.

5 Click the Menu Viewer, and choose Menu > Create Chapter Index. Encore links the remaining buttons in the menu to the chapter points in the timeline. Because there are more chapters than buttons, a second menu is created. Double-click Radiant Submenu Wide 2 in the Project panel to open it in the Menu Viewer.




Encore creates two menus to accommodate all six chapters.

6 Right-click Radiant Submenu Wide 1 in the Project panel and choose Set As First Play. Because the timeline was created first, it is set to play first by default. This step ensures that the menu plays first rather than the timeline.

## 5. Preview the project

With the connections between buttons and chapter points set, it's time to preview the results and verify that everything works correctly.

1 To preview the entire DVD, click the Preview icon  in the toolbar. The project opens in the Project Preview panel.

2 Use the arrow keys in the Project Preview panel to test the project. The center button activates a selected button and jumps to that chapter point.



Arrow keys of the Project Preview panel

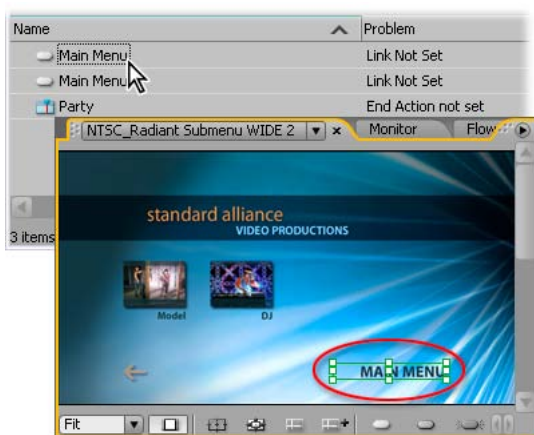
3 When you've finished previewing the DVD, simply close the Project Preview panel.

## 6. Burn the DVD

After you've successfully previewed the project, it's time to burn it to a DVD.

- 1 Place a blank DVD into your DVD writer. (Refer to the documentation that came with the writer to verify the type of media it supports.)
- 2 Click the Disc panel.
- 3 Specify a name for your disc, and choose the media size you're working with. A single-layer DVD holds 4.7 GB; a dual-layer disc holds 8.54 GB.
- 4 Click Check Project, and then click Start to verify your project. Encore identifies three problems, which appear in the bottom portion of the Check Project panel. (Main Menu appears twice, because the Main Menu button is problematic on each of the two menus in the project.)

5 Double-click the first occurrence of Main Menu to open it in the Menu Viewer panel. Encore identified the main menu button as a problem because no link is set for it. Because there is no main menu, just the two scenes menus, you can simply delete the button. Delete the button on the other menu as well.



Double-click an item in the Check Project panel to open it.

6 Double-click Party in the Check Project panel. Timelines require an End Action that specifies what happens when the timeline is finished playing. In the Properties panel, select Return To Last Menu from the End Action menu. Close the Check Project panel.

7 Click Build DVD to open the Build DVD panel, and click Build. (You may need to drag the Disc panel's right edge out to see the Build button.)

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