

Ulead® DVD Workshop™ Express

Advanced DVD Authoring Made Easy



Ulead® DVD Workshop™ Express is intuitive DVD authoring software for corporate and personal use. Create dynamic DVDs with two subtitle and audio tracks, and advanced menu navigation. Based on **Ulead® DVD Workshop™ 2**, winner of 7 Editor's Choice Awards, the straightforward workflow and design-centric interface guarantees maximum efficiency and creativity, with a minimal investment and learning curve.

WHAT'S NEW

ENHANCED CREATIVITY

- **Audio Tracks** – Add up to two audio tracks with different languages, commentaries, programming for the partially sighted, or different levels of instruction. Includes control over fade-in and fade-out, and overall audio levels.
- **Subtitles** – Create discs with up to two selectable subtitle tracks. These can feature different languages, subtitles for the hearing-impaired, training guides, and more.
- **Language Coding** – Assign a language code to different subtitle or audio tracks. Selected tracks will become the default setting according to a DVD player's language setup.
- **Subtitle Editor** – Subtitles can be typed directly in the preview window, or typed on a track. Text can be edited in the application, with custom attributes, borders, backgrounds, and screen position.
- **Menu Compositing** – Give your creativity free rein with everything you need to create great multi-layer composited menus, with image masks, objects with gradient transparency, motion menus and motion buttons and text.
- **Creative Button Options** – Create unique buttons with a variety of irregular shaped masks. Rotate buttons with images or video content. Select from a variety of other button design tools to make polished productions.
- **Default Button** – Select a default button to be highlighted when a menu opens.
- **Button Highlight** – Buttons can be assigned to change when activated, by applying either a color or image layer. Create custom highlight images or select from the supplied library.
- **Invisible Buttons** – Make buttons invisible or program a highlight image to appear when navigated over. Create your own "easter eggs."
- **Auto-Activating Buttons** – Set button so that when the user navigates over it, it will display another window or menu item. All button behavior can be previewed in real-time.
- **Loop cues** – Set a motion menu to loop at a specific point so viewers don't have to watch the same opening transition over and over again.
- **Layout Guides** – Display colored borders around buttons, or a resizable grid over the entire menu, to help position elements more accurately and ensure they do not overlap.
- **Advanced Slideshows** – Import and arrange still images and photos and include on disc as a slideshow with subtitles and audio, as well as 50 transition effects to choose from. Automatically match slide show duration with audio length.
- **Real-time Preview** – Preview the exact behavior of the DVD in real-time, with the DVD simulator. Ensure motion menus and buttons, videos and slide shows, and subtitles and audio tracks all behave and interact as they should, before committing them to disc.
- *** TV-out Preview** - With dual-display TV-out graphics cards, instantly see results as they will appear on a TV.
- **Playlist Control** – Assign multiple sequences of movies, menus and chapter points to buttons without duplicating assets. This saves disc space and allows for more creative navigation.
- **Video Tutorial** – Get productive in no time at all by following the interactive tutorial included on the disc. Learn the quickest steps to capture video, design menus, add subtitles and audio tracks, and burn a professional DVD.

Please Note: Features marked with * are included from DVD Workshop 2.2



CREATIVE INTELLIGENCE

ENHANCED INPUT OPTIONS

- **Dolby® Digital Support** – Import 2.0 and 5.1 Dolby® Digital AC-3 files. Convert LPCM or MPEG audio to 2.0 Dolby® Digital AC-3 to reduce file size without degrading the quality.
- **Extensive Import Options** – Import Photoshop® PSD or PhotoImpact® UFO files as an image or as layers. Link layered assets for quick navigation. Also import GIF animations and video clips for eye-catching buttons and backgrounds.
- **Import Video from Disc** – Copy and edit video from both DVD-VR (DVD-RAM or DVD-RW) and non-copy-protected DVD discs
- **Import Audio from Audio CDs** – Create soundtracks, or background music for menus and slideshows, by copying audio directly from audio CDs.
- **Full Video Format Support** – Capture and encode the popular DV/AVI, MPEG or analog formats.
- **Automatic Scene Detection** – Choose from a variety of options for setting scenes or chapters. Manually insert chapter points, let the software automatically scan video for scene breaks, or *set up fixed time intervals for chapter points to be automatically inserted; making it easier for viewers to navigate through long video projects.
- **Text File Import** – Speed up the authoring of multiple subtitle tracks by importing or exporting text files, together with timecode and attribute information, in TXT format.

ENHANCED OUTPUT OPTIONS

- **SmartRender™** – Assemble multiple video and audio formats within the same project without first having to convert to DVD-compliant files. Formats supported include MPEG-1, MPEG-2, 16:9 widescreen or standard 4:3. DVD Workshop 2 does the conversion for you.
- **Widescreen Support** – Import, preview and output 16:9 widescreen format files.
- **Archive Folder** – Maximize your final DVD project by adding additional data to the disc. Use this feature to include documentation, presentations, images or even the native assets from your project.
- **Instant Burning** – Save hard drive space by burning directly to DVD, or create an ISO disc image to use later.
- **Subtitles from Meta Data** – Choose to display metadata such as time/datestamp in DV, and EXIF information for still images, as subtitles. An invaluable feature for archiving production tapes or photographic collections
- **Surround Sound Emulation** – If the original audio track used more than 2 channels (e.g. Dolby® Digital 5.1) but was converted to a 2-channel audio track (e.g. Dolby® Digital Stereo), this option will simulate surround sound when playing back your video on a DVD player.
- * **Dual-layer DVD Drive Support** – Dual-layer burning technology offers twice the storage capacity (8.5GB) of single-layer DVD discs. Using dual-layer DVD burners, burn long-form video projects such as seminars, live events and independent films on a single disc.
- * **Two-pass MPEG-2 encoding** – The video stream is analyzed during the first pass to pre-determine the most appropriate compression for each frame. Then the encoder renders the video with optimized streams during the second pass. This video encoding method adjusts the bit rates more efficiently to create better, smoother visual quality.

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