

How to import DVD clips into Windows Movie Maker

If you are fond of a clip from a DVD movie and want to add it to the slideshow you are making with your Windows Movie Maker, you may get into the trouble that the DVD format is incompatible with Windows Movie Maker. The following tutorial may help you out of the headache.

Before getting started, let's know something about Windows Movie Maker:

Windows Movie Maker is a totally free program that comes with Windows XP Home Edition, Windows XP Media Center Edition, Windows XP Professional, and Windows Vista (also called Windows DVD Maker). Below are the media formats accepted by Windows Movie Maker:

Video files: .asf, .avi, .wmv

Movie files: MPEG1, .mpeg, .mpg, .mlv, .mp2

Audio files: .wav, .snd, .au, .aif, .aifc, .aiff

Windows media files: .asf, .wm, .wma, .wmv

MP3 format audio: .mp3

To import a DVD clip to Windows Movie Maker, you need to extract the clip from the DVD movie, and then add it to the Windows Movie Maker project. I'd recommend using Clone2Go DVD Ripper to perform the DVD ripping process. Just download this program from <http://www.clone2go.com/products/dvdtoripper.php> and install and run it.

1. Add DVD movies

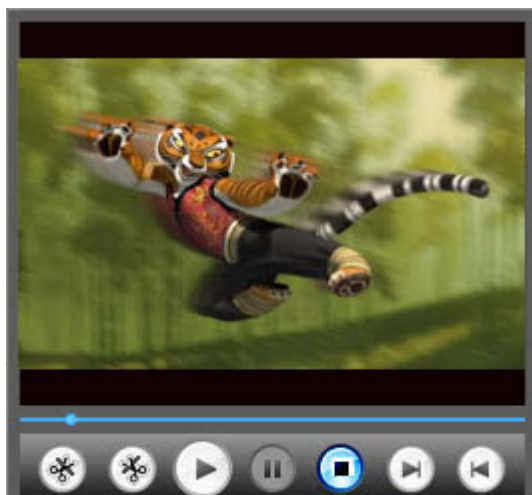
On the main interface, click "File -> Open DVD..." to import the DVD disc. Or you can click the "Open DVD" button to add the DVD.

If the DVD movie is saved as a folder on your computer, you need to click the "Add Video" button to locate that folder, which is composed of two separate folders: VIDEO_TS and AUDIO_TS. From the VIDEO_TS folder, select the .vob file to import and then click "OK".



2. Trim the video

After the DVD movie is imported, you can preview it with the player at the top right panel of the program. Generally, you would not put the whole DVD movie into the Windows Movie Maker project. So you can drag the "Start to trim" and "Stop to trim" button to get the certain segment of the DVD movie.



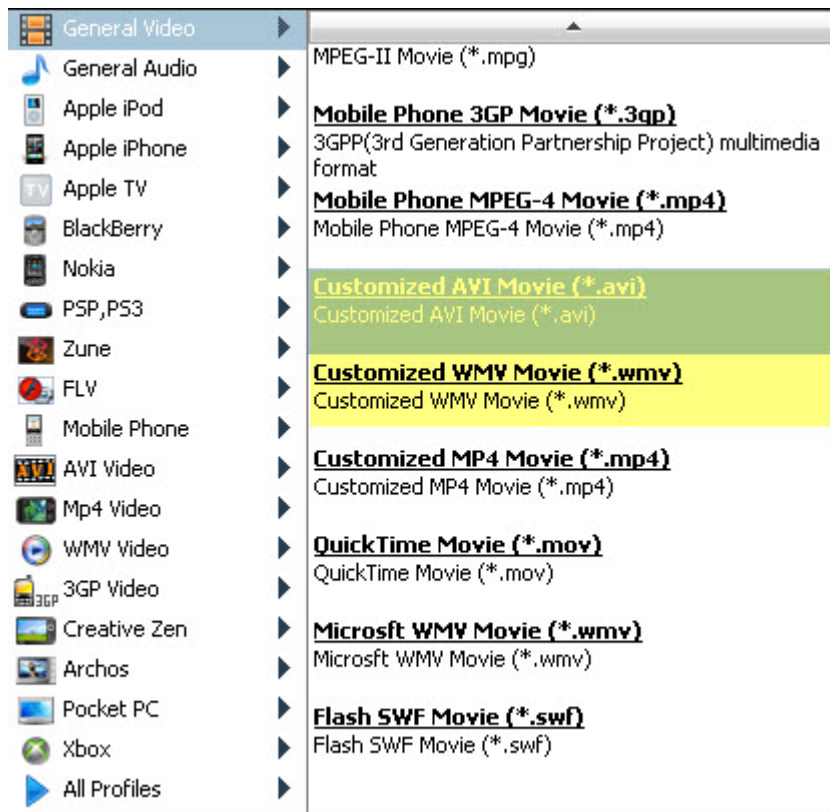
You can also specify the "Start Time" and "Stop time" at the bottom right panel of the interface (under "Profile").

Output Duration	
All clip duration	00:42:53
Start Time	00:15:32
Stop Time	00:20:25

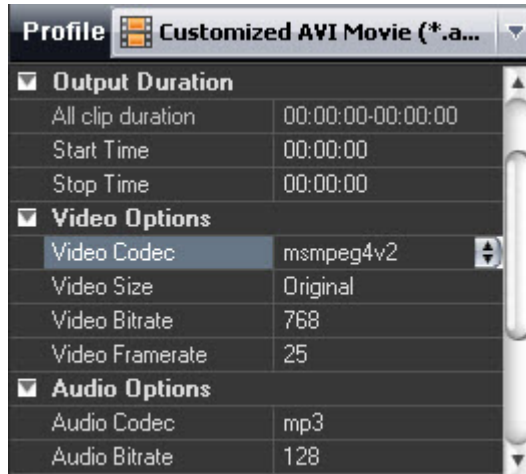
3. Specify the output format

In the beginning, we've learnt that Windows Movie Maker supports video files in asf, .avi, .wmv formats. And Clone2Go DVD ripper supports ripping DVD movies to WMV AVI video formats.

From the drop-down list of "Profile", select "General Video" category. From the category, select "Customized AVI Movie" or "Customized AVI Movie"



To import the output video to Windows Movie Maker, you need to make the settings as shown below:



4. Start to encode

Now you can click the "Start Encode" button to starting ripping the DVD clip to Windows Movie Maker AVI or WMV format.

Tip: The output video files are easily available by clicking the "Folder" button on the main menu after the ripping/converting process is done.

5. Import the DVD clip to Windows Movie Maker

After you get the output video clip ripped from the DVD movie, now you can begin to import it into your Windows Movie Maker.

Click on "File". Then click on "Import". A window will appear. In the window, navigate to the video clip you extracted from the DVD movie just now. Then double click on the file. You'll see the icon for the file in your Windows Movie Maker "Collections".

