



Tips for footage on other media or different types of camera

If you have footage on other media or from different types of camera see below.

Footage on DVD:

- If your footage is on a DVD you will need to extract it using a DVD ripper such as Mpeg Streamclip (www.squared5.com)
- For further editing in iMovie, Movie Maker or other editing software create a .mov (Apple) or .avi (PC) file with best quality DV-PAL compression
- Or alternatively follow these guidelines:
 - Make a .mov or .wmv for uploading. A video that is 320x240 (4:3) or 428x240 (16:9) should satisfy The Place's requirements. However, you might find that you can make a bigger video of 640x480 or 856x480 to fit 20MB. Using a standard compression (e.g. H264 for QuickTime) will ensure compatibility and quality.
- Note on Sound: If you have options to change the audio rate have it at 44.1 kHz.

Other Camera/File Formats:

- If you use another format to record video in, please ensure that it records at the uppermost level of quality your camera can record at.
- You will then need to import your footage into the computer according to your device's connectivity with your computer.
- You may need to convert it in order to edit it. Create a .mov (Apple) or .avi (PC) file with best quality DV-PAL compression for further editing in iMovie, Movie Maker or other editing software.
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Pre-existing Digital Video File:

If you already have a video clip that satisfies most of our requirements, but is too large to upload, or you cannot produce one of the accepted formats, it is recommended you use free or commercial software or online services to convert your file. You can find this type of software or service by [searching the web](#).

Consider though that each time you convert or "transcode" a video from one type of compression to another, there may be some loss in quality, similar to making a photocopy of a photocopy. The bigger your original file, the better your new, smaller version should be.

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Still Image

Please also provide a 'high quality' screen grab from your original video. Locate a frame from your video that you like, and think represents your entry as much as possible.

This will need to have a minimum resolution of something like 720x576 or 1024x576 from a PAL video.

Output as a .jpeg or .tif; 'deinterlace' if possible.

This can be done in your edit software or in free software such as Mpeg Streamclip.

Mpeg Streamclip

1. Open your high quality video
2. Drag the slider or use the arrow keys to locate the frame you like
3. File> Export Frame... then select the frame size appropriate to your footage, Deinterlace Video, jpeg, and slide the Quality all the way along.