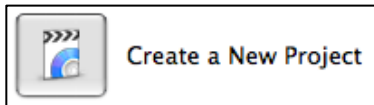


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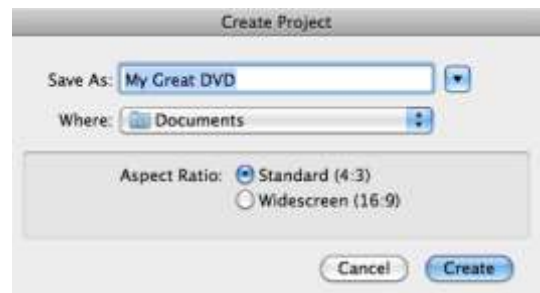
## Creating Your iDVD Project

After exporting your iMovie '11 project to the Media Browser (for more information on how to do this, consult the documentation on iMovie '11), launch iDVD by clicking the **application icon** in the Dock.



The application will launch with its opening screen; choose **Create a New Project** to begin making your DVD. The Create Project window will open, allowing you to name your project and choose where to save it. It is important that you save your iDVD project to the local hard drive. —*Do NOT save to the network.*

Once you have named your project and chosen a saving location, click **Create** to open the main iDVD window.



## Selecting and Customizing DVD Menus

Once the main iDVD window opens, select one of the available themes from the Themes Sidebar. The preview window will adjust to display your chosen theme. Double-click on the **Title** to edit its text, font, and size.

Be sure to respect copyright laws when adding music, photos, and other media to your project.

Most themes have Drop Zones, allowing you to customize the DVD menu by adding movies or still images. The number of Drop Zones available will depend on the particular theme you choose.



To fill a Drop Zone, click the **Media** button to display the Media Sidebar along the right side of the iDVD window.

Then select either the **Photos** or the **Movies** tab in the upper right corner of the screen. This will allow you to drag pictures from iPhoto or movies from iMovie into the gray spaces marked Drop Zone in your project.



To see all Drop Zones available within your theme at once, click the **Drop Zone Editor** button. The Drop Zones will be displayed next to the DVD Menu under the Preview

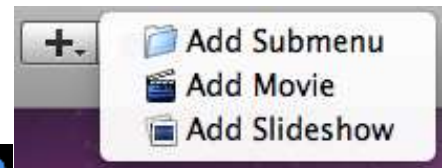
window.



You can also add music to the menu by selecting the **Audio** tab in the Media Browser. This will allow you to add music from your iTunes library to your menu by dragging selected music onto the menu screen.

## Adding Movies and Slideshows

You can choose to add videos or slideshows to your project as DVD content. To do this, click the **Add** button in the lower left corner of the iDVD window and choose the appropriate content. A link on the DVD menu will appear in which you can drop the content.



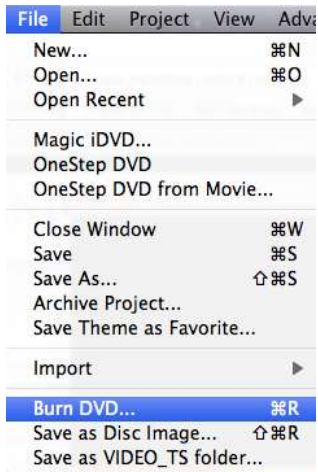
Once you have added the appropriate movie or photos to the button, you can edit the button in various ways. To rename a button, double-click the **button title** and edit. Once you have created a button, you can change its shape by selecting it and clicking **Buttons** to open the Buttons Sidebar and choose from various customization options. You can also drag the button around the menu wherever you like.

## Burning Your DVD

Before burning your project to a DVD, you should preview the finished product by clicking the **Play** button, located to the right of the volume slider along the bottom bar of the main window.



Your project will launch and the iDVD remote will appear. After previewing your project, click the **Exit** button on the remote to return to the main screen. If you are satisfied with the preview, you can begin burning your project to DVD.



To burn your DVD, open the **File** menu and select **Burn DVD** or click the **Burn** button, located next to the Play button at the bottom of the window. After a moment, the application will prompt you to insert a blank DVD.



After inserting the disc, iDVD will begin to burn your DVD. *This may take a while, please be patient.*

When your DVD has finished burning it will eject from the machine. You will then have the option to insert another disc to burn or to quit the application.