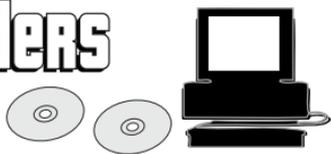


TECHNOLOGICAL WONDERS OF DVDS



DVD Questions Answered Now

(NAPSA)—Like books you can't judge by their covers, making DVDs may seem intimidating, but it's really not. These answers to your burning DVD questions can show you how easy it really is:

Q. I keep hearing about computer products that let you create DVDs you can play on home DVD players. How does this work and how much does it cost?

A. Burning your own movies onto DVDs or CDs can be fast and easy with simple-to-use software. You can use videos already on your computer or a DVD authoring product that lets you capture video directly from a camcorder.

Then, with the help of products such as Ulead DVD MovieFactory, you can use ready-to-go templates to create exciting interactive scene menus (like the menus on DVD movies you rent or buy). You can add your own background music, an intro video or attractive backgrounds. Preview your DVD in real time and then burn your movies onto a DVD or CD disc. These software products generally sell for under \$50 at local computer and electronics stores.

Q. I only have a CD burner. Do I need to get a DVD burner to use these?

A. You don't need a separate DVD burner to create projects that will play back in home DVD players. Using a CD burner, you can create a VCD, short for Video CD, or SVCD, short for Super Video CD. These formats present home movies with menus similar to DVD menus at slightly reduced quality. VCDs have the same quality as VHS tapes and SVCDs have almost DVD quality.



New computer software may mean making your own DVD movies and slideshows is less work and more fun than you imagine.

Q. Will these discs work in my DVD player?

A. Most DVD players purchased within the past year or so will play VCDs and SVCDs, but it's best to check your player for compatibility.

Q. I've heard of watching slideshows on TV using a DVD player. How can I do this?

A. If you use a product such as the Ulead DVD PictureShow Imaging Suite, you can use digital photos to create slideshows. Customize the photo order with the help of a step-by-step work flow guide and add titles and music. Then burn the DVD or CD. The software can keep up to 99 slide-shows on one disc.

Q. Some DVDs I rent have certain geographical restrictions. Can the DVDs I create be played around the world?

A. Yes they can. For copyright protection, movie studios often place certain geographical restrictions on DVDs. The ones you create don't have these restrictions.

You can learn more about DVD burning and other ways to share videos with friends and family at www.ulead.com.