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This tutorial is used for creating DVDs straight from Adobe Premiere Pro 2.

To choose a DVD menu template

Note: If the sequence does not contain any DVD markers, the first time you select a DVD menu template, Adobe Premiere Pro asks you if you want to add DVD scene markers automatically.

1. Choose Window > DVD Layout, and then choose the sequence name you want to burn to DVD.
2. In the DVD Layout panel, click Change Template.
3. Select Apply A Template For A DVD With Menus.
4. From the Theme menu, choose a theme that contains menu designs you like.
5. Scroll through the templates until you find the template that best matches the project.
6. Select the desired template, and Click OK. Adobe Premiere Pro links the buttons to the DVD markers in the sequence and inserts the DVD marker names for the button text.

7. If the sequence contains no DVD markers, you see a dialog box asking if you want to add scene markers automatically. (See To automatically add scene markers to a sequence.)
 8. Click the small version of the menu in the bottom of the DVD Layout panel to view a menu. If necessary, use the scroll bar to scroll to the menu you want to view, or resize the window to view more side-by-side.
 9. After you choose a template in the DVD Layout panel, you can customize the menu, preview the DVD, or burn the DVD.
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To change a DVD menu template

If you decide you do not like your choice of DVD menu, you can easily change to a different template. While you will lose any changes you made to the menu titles, changes you made to buttons that connect to DVD markers are not lost.

1. In the DVD Layout panel, click Change Template.
 2. Choose a theme from the Theme menu.
 3. Select the desired template, and click OK.
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To view overlapping buttons

You can make sure that buttons on a DVD menu don't overlap if the button text is too long.

1. Choose Show Overlapping Menu Buttons from the DVD Layout panel menu.
 2. Overlapping buttons are outlined in red.
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To edit menu text and buttons

After you select the DVD template, you can change menu text or the appearance of any of the main menu or scene buttons. You can also delete any button. Because the buttons are tied directly to the DVD markers, deleting a button deletes the marker that generated it.

1. At the bottom of the DVD Layout panel, click the small version of the menu you want to change.
2. In the DVD Layout panel, double-click the text or button you want to change.
3. To edit text or buttons not connected to markers, double-click the menu title or button and edit the text in the Change Text dialog box. To use multiple lines, press Enter for each new line. Click OK.
4. To edit buttons connected to DVD markers, do any of the following in the DVD Marker dialog box, and then click OK:
5. To rename the marker (and the button in the menu), type a new name and click OK. To use multiple lines, press Enter for each new line. Keep

the name short so that it fits in the menu and doesn't overlap another button.

6. To select the image you want displayed in the button thumbnail in the menu, drag the Thumbnail Offset timecode as necessary, and click OK. (This thumbnail is for the menu display only; the video linked to the button starts at the marker location.)
 7. To delete a button, click Delete. Adobe Premiere Pro deletes the marker from the Timeline panel and deletes the button from the DVD menu. Alternatively, you can select the button's marker in the Timeline panel, and press the Delete key.
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To move and resize menu items

1. At the bottom of the DVD Layout panel, click the small version of the menu you want to change. A larger version of the menu appears in the panel.
 2. Do any of the following:
 - To resize a menu item, select it in the DVD Layout panel. A rectangular bounding box with eight selection points appears around the item. Drag any selection point on the bounding box to resize the item.
 - To move a menu item, select the item and drag it.
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To specify text settings

You can change text properties for menu titles and buttons, including font, size, style, and color.

1. At the bottom of the DVD Layout panel, click the small version of the menu you want to change. A larger version of the menu appears in the panel.
 2. Click to select a menu title or button text.
 3. Do any of the following in the Effect Controls panel:
 - To change the font, choose one from the Font menu. (You may have to select the triangle next to Text to see the text attribute options.)
 - To set a text style, choose an option from the Font Style menu, or click the Bold, Italic, or Underline icons. You can click more than one icon.
 - To change the text size, choose an option from the Text Size menu.
 - To change the text color, click the Text Color button and choose a color from the Color Picker.
 4. To apply the text settings to similar text items in all menus, click Apply To All Scene Buttons, Apply To All Text Buttons, or Apply To All Marker Buttons. The button available depends on the type of text item you are changing.
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To animate buttons

You can add video to Main Menu and Scene buttons if the template contains buttons that display a thumbnail.

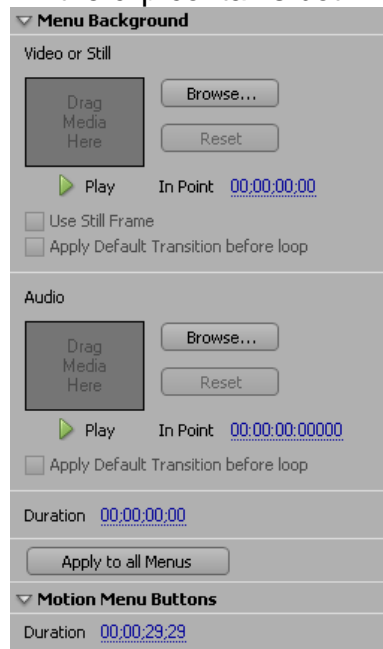
1. At the bottom of the DVD Layout panel, click the small version of the menu you want to change. A larger version of the menu appears in the panel.
2. Select a button in the DVD Layout panel.
3. In the Effect Controls panel, select Motion Menu Button.
4. Set the In point where you want the clip to start playing when the menu is displayed. You can either use the Play/Stop button to view the clip in the thumbnail, or edit the In Point timecode field.
5. To set the duration for the clip to play, click the background of the menu, and then, in the Effect Controls panel under Motion Menu Buttons, edit the Duration timecode field.

Note: The duration you set for a motion menu button applies to all motion menu buttons on the DVD. The maximum duration is 30 seconds.

To customize menu backgrounds

You can personalize the menu background with either a video clip, a video clip with audio, an audio clip, or a still image.

1. At the bottom of the DVD Layout panel, click the small version of the menu you want to change. A larger version of the menu appears in the panel.
2. Drag the clip (video or audio) or still image from the Project panel to the drop zone in the Effect Controls panel. Alternatively, you can click Browse to locate a clip on your hard drive, or select a clip in the Timeline panel. If the clip contains both video and audio, you can drag it to either drop zone.



Menu background options

A. Video drop zone B. Audio drop zone

Note: When both video and audio are set and you replace one of the clips, the other clip remains set.

3. Specify settings in the Effect Controls panel:

Reset Sets the background to the original template background.

Play Plays media in the thumbnail. The icon changes from the Play button to the Pause button . Click the Pause button to stop the playback and set the In point (start) of the background.

In Point Sets the In point of the video or audio clip. Drag the timecode to the desired frame.

Use Still Image Sets the current frame in the video clip as a still background image. Drag the timecode to set the frame.

Apply Default Transition Before Loop Adds the transition you've set as the default each time the video starts from the beginning. (See Default transitions.)

Duration Sets the duration of background video or audio from the In points. The maximum duration is 30 seconds.

Apply To All Menus Applies the background to all DVD menus.

Duration (Motion Menu Buttons) Sets the duration of video played in motion menu buttons for the entire DVD. This option appears only when the menu buttons also have video. (See To animate buttons.)

To create an auto-play DVD

An auto-play DVD contains no menus. Instead, it plays automatically when you insert the disc into a DVD player. Although it has no menus, you can set DVD markers so that the Next and Previous buttons on the DVD player's remote control jump to specific points in the movie. An auto-play DVD does not distinguish between main menu markers and scene markers, so you can add either for use by the Next and Previous buttons. Auto-play DVDs ignore stop markers.

1. Choose Window > DVD Layout, and then choose the sequence name you want to burn to a DVD.
 2. In the DVD Layout panel, click Change Template.
 3. Select Auto-play DVD With No Menus, and click OK.
 4. To preview the DVD and test the markers, click Preview DVD in the DVD Layout panel. Use the Play button, Previous Scene, and Next Scene buttons to simulate a DVD player's remote control. (See To preview a menu-based DVD.)
 5. Click Burn DVD. (See To burn a DVD disc, or save to a DVD folder or ISO image.)
- You can switch between auto-play and menu-based DVDs by clicking Change Template in the DVD Layout panel and choosing the appropriate option.