





# Top Tips for Authoring DVD and Blu-ray Disc



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## Housekeeping notes

- Please put Cel phones and pagers on "stun" (silent running)
- Try to hold questions until close to the end
- We'll have time for Q 'n A at the end of the preso.







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- President, IDMA/DVDA (DVD Ass'n)



- Author, "DVD Studio Pro 4 Complete Guide"
- Webmaster, Recipe4DVD.com





- Moderator, 2-pop.com DVD forum
- Frequent presenter at Trade Shows.







## "Top Tips for DVD and BD"

- This session provides:
  - Some thoughts on DVD planning
  - Some thoughts on DVD encoding
  - Some thoughts on DVD design
  - Some thoughts on DVD workflow
  - Some thoughts on DVD Burning
  - Some basics on Blu-ray Disc authoring







## Making Better DVDs

- You want to be more creative?
- You want to make better looking DVDs?
- You want to work more efficiently?
- You want to make a Blu-ray Disc?
- You're not sure how to begin w/BD?
- well... stay tuned ;-)







## Some DVD planning tips

- ◆ Start here: "What does this disc do"?
- for example, a demo reel:
- Should display your work quickly
- Should have simple top-level menu nav
- A Contact info screen is a must
- Interactive? or Self-directing (Play All)?







## Simple Demo reel Menu

Demo Reel: John Q. Editor

**Play All Videos** 

Atlanta

Detroit

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## Some DVD design tips

- Think "Hollywood" in your DVD design
- Sizzle sells the steak no boring DVDs
- Beautiful DVD menus add impact
- Respect Action Safe area for live matter,
- Respect Title Safe area for buttons
- For contact info, use a still frame







#### Title safe area

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good design layout







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good basic design,

but pretty simple and boring







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better design, more appealing







Great menus = great DVDs



best design of the three







## Some DVD encoding tips

- Good encoding means beautiful video
- A short project = lots of encode rate
- Use Dolby Digital sound to save space
- Create a bit budget to be sure you're right
- Typical encode rates: < 60 minutes, 8 Mbps</li>
- 90 mins, ~6 Mbps; 120 mins, ~4.5 Mbps







## DVD encoding:

- Mac: Compressor 3 for FCP/FCS; Adobe Media Encoder for CS4, also BitVice, Squeeze 5, Main Concept, even Toast 10 has MPEG2 encoding built-in.
- PC: many: Main Concept Encoder in Adobe Prod'n Suite CS4, SONY built-in encoder in Vegas, DVD Architect; Sonic Solutions/ Roxio: Creator 2009, DVDit Pro HD, Canopus ProCoder...







## DVD encoding:

○ ○ ○ Encoding	0	
Project General Menu Track Alignment Text Colors Simulator Destinations Encoding		
MPEG-2 SD MPEG-2 HD		
Aspect Ratio: ① 4:3		
○ 16:9		
Start: 00:00:00:00		
Field Order: Auto ;	4	
Mode: One Pass VBR ;		
Bit Rate: 4.0 Mbps		
Max Bit Rate: 7.0 Mbps		
Motion Estimation: Better +		
Reset to Factory Defaults		
Method:   Background encoding		
◯ Encode on build		
Apply	ОК	

000	Inspector	
Name:	Selected Target	
Description:	Fits up to 90 minutesFF audio on a DVD-5	
	Encoder	
File Format:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Extension:	m2v Allow Job Segmenting	
Stream Usage: SD DVD ‡		
Video Forn	nat Quality GOP Extras	
Mode: Two pass VBR Best ‡		
Average Bit Rate: 6.2 Mbps		
	2.0 9.0	
Maximum Bit Rate: 7.7 Mbps		
	5.0 9.0	
Motion Est	imation: Best ‡	
Allows up to 80 minutes/layer of video on DVD-5		
Save As		









## **Apple Final Cut Workflow**

- FCP/FCS workflow has end-to-end workflow:
  - Video Editing (FCP)
  - Encoding/Compression (Compressor)
  - DVD Authoring/Burning (DVD Studio Pro)
  - DVD Playback (Apple DVD Player)
  - viewed another way, it looks like this:







## Apple Mac DVD Workflow

**EDIT** 

**ENCODE** 

**AUTHOR** 

**BURN** 

**PLAY** 

DVD



**FCP** 



Compressor



**DVDSP** 



**DVDSP** 

**DVD Player** 









## Apple Mac Blu-ray Workflow

**EDIT** 

**ENCODE** 

**AUTHOR** 

**BURN** 

**PLAY** 



**FCP** 



Compressor



**Encore CS3** 



Toast 10



BD Player no BD software player for Macintosh









#### **Adobe Premiere Workflow**

- Adobe Prodn Suite has end-to-end workflow:
  - Video Editing (Premiere Pro)
  - Encoding/Compression (Media Encoder)
  - DVD Authoring/Burning (Encore DVD)
  - DVD Playback (Apple DVD Player)
  - viewed another way, it looks like this:







## Adobe Mac/PC DVD Workflow

**EDIT** 

**ENCODE** 

**AUTHOR** 

**BURN** 

**PLAY** 











Premiere Pro Encore CS4

**Encore CS4** 

**Encore CS4 DVD Player** 









#### Adobe Mac/PC BD Workflow

**EDIT** 

**ENCODE** 

**AUTHOR** 

**BURN** 

PLAY











Premiere Pro Encore CS4

**Encore CS4** 

**Encore CS4 BD Player** 

> no BD software player for Macintosh







## Some DVD workflow tips

- Think like Henry Ford: how can you create a faster/easier project workflow?
- Additional computers speed up your work.
- One computer = you're locked in
- Several computers = freedom to multi-task
- Use several machines on a local network
- let's explore this a little further:







# Optical Disc Workgroup

Main System Edit / Author



2nd System Capture / Encode



3rd System Build Output



4th System Print/Dupe











## Beauty is only one part

- + How do you make your DVDs stand apart from others?
  - Great video, well-encoded
  - Solid, professional video editing (duh!)
  - Special features on the DVD
  - and.. thinking outside the box:







#### Some DVD enhancements

- ◆ Photo Album with music soundtrack...
- Mobile version of video for iPod,
- Mobile version of video for Cel phone,
- Still Pix show for iPod or Cel Phone?
- These things can be added to the ROM zone of an ordinary DVD or BD disc.

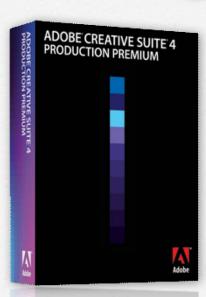


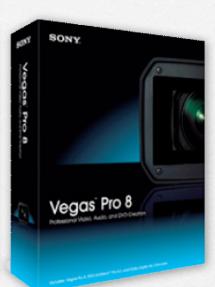


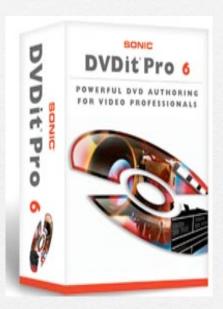


# **DVD** Authoring tools















## DVD/BD Authoring tools

- Mac: DVD Studio Pro, Encore DVD, Toast
- PC: Encore DVD, Sonic Scenarist, Roxio DVDItPro, Creator 2009, Sony DVD Architect, Ulead DVD Movie Factory





## **Authoring for DVD Burning**

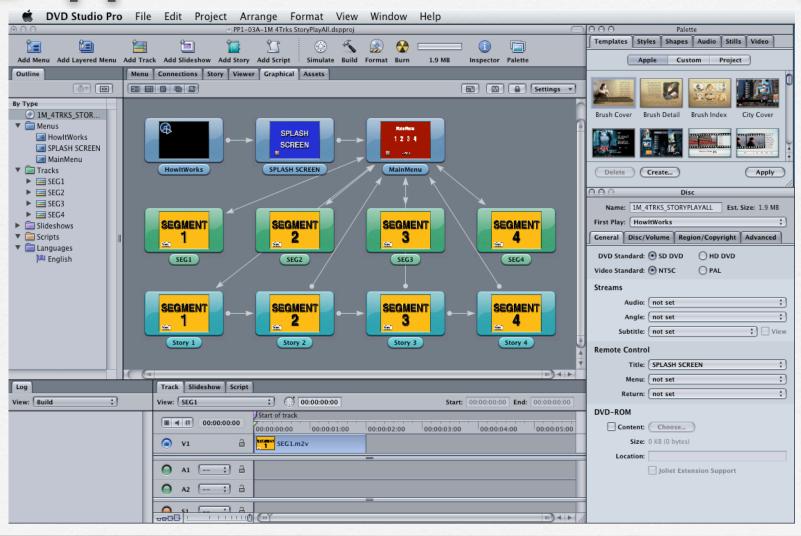
- DVD Studio Pro offers:
  - MPEG/AVC Encoding
  - Menu templates
  - Menu editor built-in
  - DVD/HD DVD authoring
  - DVD/HD DVD Disc Burning
  - Part of Final Cut Studio





## Apple DVD Studio Pro 4



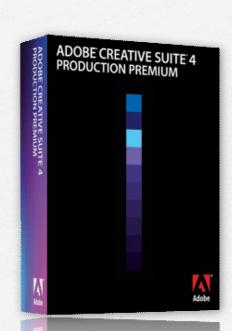






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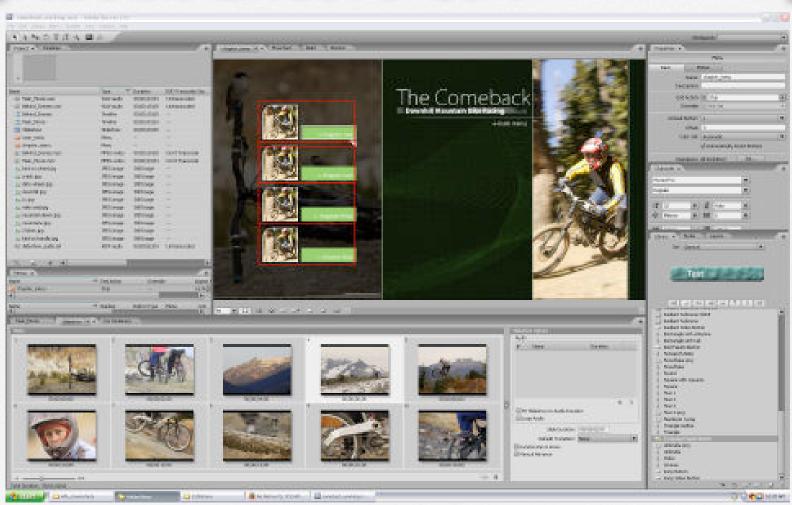
- Adobe Encore CS4 offers:
  - MPEG/AVC Encoding
  - Menu templates
  - Menu design (PS)
  - BDMV authoring
  - Blu-ray Disc Burning
  - Publish to the WEB w/Flash Video!





### Adobe Encore CS4









# **Authoring for BD Burning**

- ◆ Roxio Toast 9.02 offers:
  - MPEG 2/4 Encoding
  - SD, HD templates
  - Simple BD authoring
  - Blu-ray Disc Burning
  - BD on DVD-R Burning!
  - Can burn BDMV folder to BD, DVD

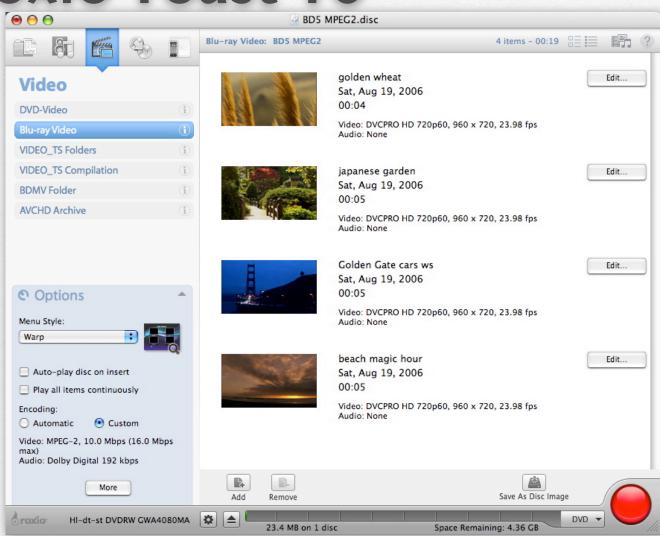






#### **Roxio Toast 10**



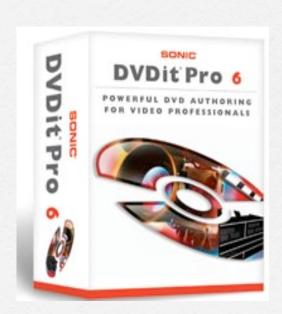






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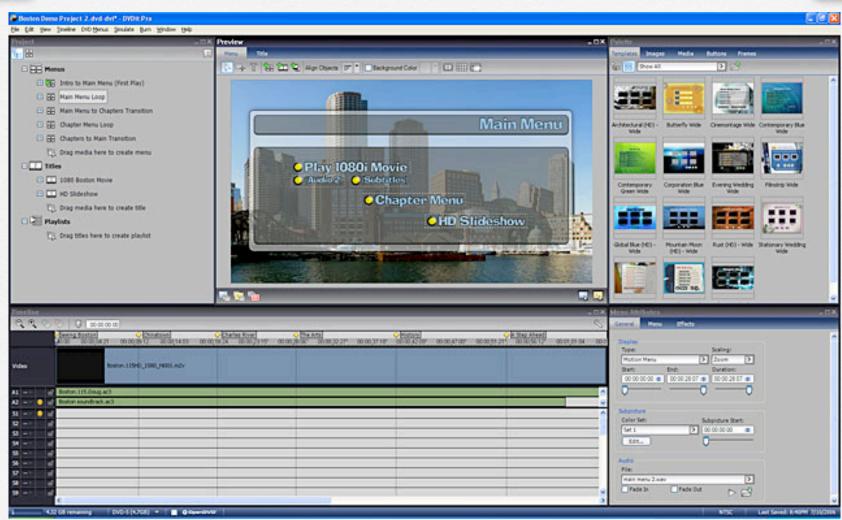
- Roxio DVD it Pro HD offers:
  - Encoding
  - Menu design
  - BDMV authoring
  - Blu-ray Disc Burning
  - BD CMF Mastering





## Roxio DVDIt Pro



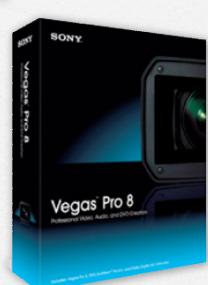






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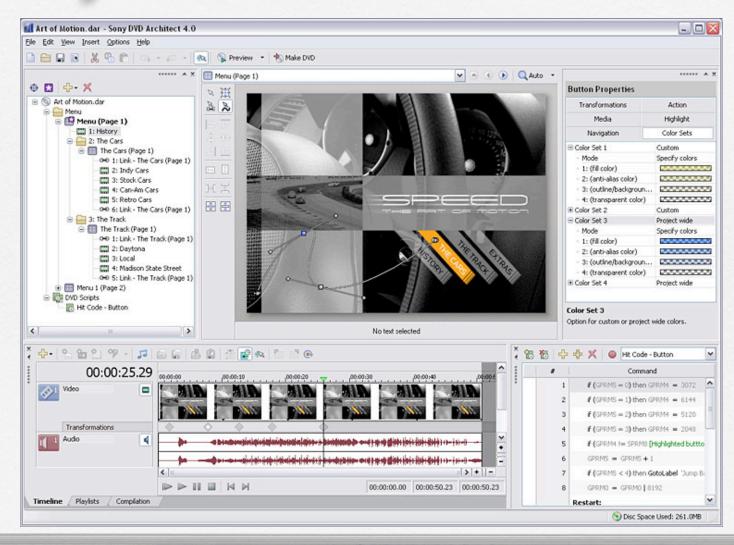
- SONY DVD Architect 5 offers:
  - Encoding
  - Menu design
  - BDMV authoring
  - Blu-ray Disc Burning





# Sony DVD Architect









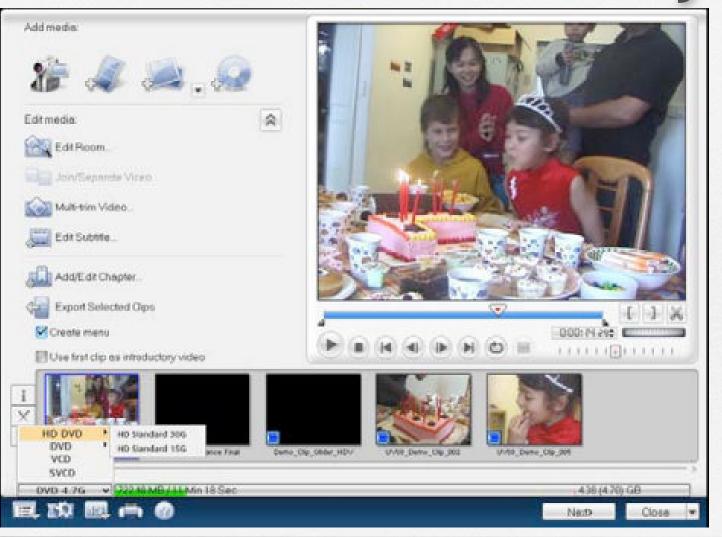
# **Authoring for BD Burning**

- ULEAD DVD Movie Factory 6 offers:
  - Encoding
  - Menu templates
  - Simple BD authoring
  - Blu-ray Disc Burning





# Ulead DVD Movie Factory 6







## **Small Production Publishing**

- Many disc printer/recorders support DVD AND Blu-ray disc
- Primera Bravo SE Blu -->
- CD/DVD/BD Publisher
- **\$2,995**
- 20 disc capacity
- 2X write speed
- 1 Recorder capacity
- ◆ 4800x1200 dpi printer
- Mac, Windows software
- Burn 20 DVD-R / BD-R/RE in batch
- Integral printer to make disc face art









# DVD top tips summary

- Graphic design is a key sizzle sells!
- Menu nav efficiency is very helpful
- Add-ons for extra value (iPod movies, pix)
- Simple. fast workflow makes your life easier
- Networked computers wrangle more data
- Centralized storage means less in/out
- Don't forget to archive!







#### and now...

Everyone's hot topic:









## Some general BD issues

- Confusion what IS this format, anyway?
- ◆ How do I make them on a Mac?
- + How do I make them on a PC?
- What software do I need?
- What hardware do I need?
- What else do I need to know?







# The Path to Blu-ray!









# Where to begin?

BD-R/RE \$



**BD-ROM** \$\$\$\$\$\$

choose a path...







# Path 1 - Blu-ray Recordable









## Path 2 - Blu-ray Replication



you may not need this...







# **Authoring for BD Burning**

- Simple to do
  - affordable for both Mac and PC
  - includes software encoding
  - no AACS needed to burn discs, so...
    - no license needed to burn discs
    - no license fees needed to burn discs







# **Authoring for BD Burning**

- What you need:
  - Authoring Software
  - Blu-ray Burner (or DVD burner)
  - BD-R/RE recordable media
     or
  - ◆ DVD-R recordable media









#### **General BD info:**

- Three player "profiles" so far:
  - Profile 1.0 basic player
  - ◆ Profile 1.1 adds Pic in Pic
  - Profile 2.0 adds network connectivity, "BD Live", other advanced interactivity functions using BD-J programming
- Authoring for lower profiles is easy







# Simple BD authoring:

- - Roxio Toast 10 w/ BD/HD plugin
- - Roxio Creator 2009
- Offers drag-and-drop authoring
- Background encoding in MPEG-2, AVC
- Simple themed menuing
- Very fast to burn a one-off disc
- Can create a Blu-ray disc on DVD-R!







#### Roxio Toast 10...

 Toast 10 works basically the same way as Toast 9, (but no longer has HD DVD).







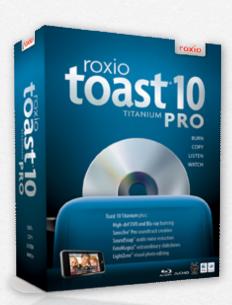




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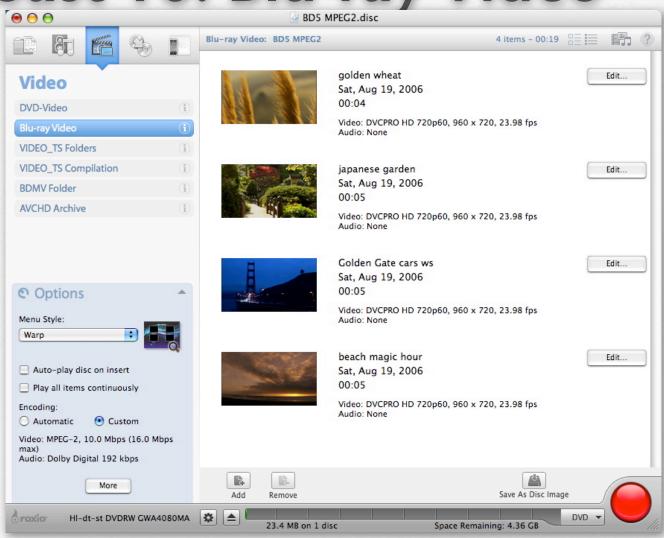






#### Toast 10: Blu-ray Video







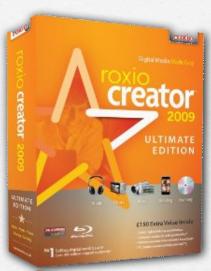




#### **Roxio Creator 2009**



- Roxio Creator 2009 offers:
  - Encoding
  - Menu design
  - BDMV authoring
  - Blu-ray Disc Burning
  - BD burning to DVD-R

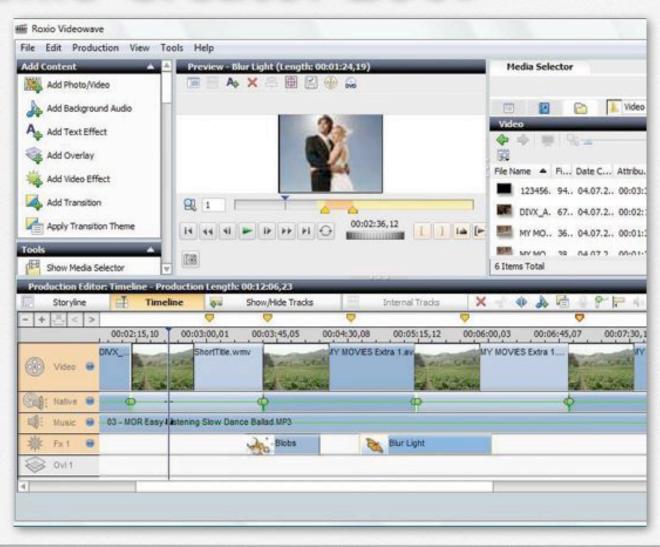






#### Roxio Creator 2009











## BDMV - Blu-ray Disc Movie

- Puts High-Def video on BD, or BD on DVD
- Creates simple DVD-like titles (no BD-J)
- Great format for in-house, one-off use
- What to use:
  - Toast 10 (Mac), Creator 2009 (PC)
  - Encore CS3/4 is perfectly fine
  - Sonic DVDItPro makes BD CMF







#### **BD Small Production Flow**

- Many disc printer/recorders now support Blu-ray disc
- Primera Bravo SE Blu -->
- CD/DVD/BD Publisher
- **\$2,995**
- 20 disc capacity
- 2X write speed
- 1 Recorder capacity
- ◆ 4800x1200 dpi printer
- Mac, Windows software
- Burn 20 BD-R at a time









## **BD Duplication Services**

- Not as available as DVD duplication, BD duplication IS becoming available, BUT
- Disc prices are STILL high, ex:
  - ◆ 1-499 BD: \$38.20 each
  - ◆ 500-999 BD \$37.30 each
- Cost of blank media is still the difficulty; as media becomes cheaper, costs will drop.







#### **BD-R** media costs

Brand	R/RE	Layers	Speed	Cost
Verbatim	BD-R	1	2X	\$16.99
Verbatim	BD-RE	1	2X	\$19.99
Panasonic	BD-R	1	2X	\$17.49
Panasonic	BD-R	2	2X	\$49.99
Sony	BD-R	2	2X	\$31.99
Sony	BD-R	1	2X	\$16.99







## Path 2 - Blu-ray Replication



not simple, not cheap...







# **BD** Replication

- Authoring for replication
- Licensing and other fees
- Replication
  - Current Status
  - Fees and prices







# **Authoring for Replication**

- The total solution will require:
  - Encoding
  - Menu design
  - HDMV authoring
  - BD-J authoring
  - Emulation
  - Verification







# **Authoring for Replication**

- Choose from:
  - Sony Blu-print
  - Sonic Scenarist
  - NetBlender -DoStudio







# Replication Licensing Issues

- AACS (content protection)
- BDA (Blu-ray Disc Ass'n)







# **AACS Licensing**

- Advanced Access Content System
  - Content protection
- Required for Blu-ray Replication
- Costs:
  - \$3,000 one time up front payment
  - \$1,300 per project (per title)
    - ◆ \$500 is to generate content certificate
    - ◆ \$800 is media key
    - ~\$200 miscellaneous costs
    - \$.04/disc (paid to replicator, then passed through)
- Bottom line: "ouch!"







# **BDA Licensing**

- With No license:
  - Can't use BD logo on product or marketing materials unless replicated at licensed replicator
- With a Free license:
  - Use BD logo, but not Region Protection Code logo
  - Not listed as licensee on association web site
  - http://www.blu-raydisc.info/license\_app/lla\_apps.php
- Content Participant Agreement -Light (\$500/year)
  - Use RPC code, but no third party beneficiary rights
  - Listed as licensee on association web site
  - http://www.blu-raydisc.info/license\_app/cpalight\_apps.php
- Content Participant Agreement (\$3000/year)
  - http://www.blu-raydisc.info/license\_app/cpa\_apps.php
- For more information:
- http://www.blu-raydisc.info/index.php







# Replication

- Deliver to replicator in Cutting Master Format
  - ◆ Tape, Hard disk, or via Internet (FTP)
  - No delivery on BD-recordable
- AACS license required!







#### **BD-R/RE Summary**

**PROS** 

- Accessible Authoring tools
- Inexpensive to create a master
- Inexpensive to duplicate titles in low quantities
- NO AACS license required!

**CONS** 

- Playback incompatibilities exist
- Can't use full BD capabilities
  - BD-Live connectivity Online
- Expensive to Produce in quantity
- Generally cannot replicate masters produced with low-cost authoring tools







#### **BD Replication Summary** CONS

**PROS** 

- Most compatible discs
- Can use full BD features
- Copy protection (FWIW)
  - **AACS**
  - BD+
  - **BD Mark**

- Uses expensive authoring tools
- Expensive to Produce small quantity
- AACS license required!!







## Q n A time

And now... have any questions?







#### For More Information:

- www.Adobe.com Encore CS4 information
- www.Sonic.com Scenarist BD info
- www.Roxio.com Toast 10 info, forums
- www.Recipe4DVD.com DVD, BD info
- www.IDMADVDA.org trade ass'n
- www.blu-raydisc.info license info, apps
- www.AACSLA.com AACS licenses, fee info







#### Thanks...

- Many thanks to Jan Ozer, who spent a great deal of time collecting the information used in this presentation.
- Much additional information can be found in the BD FAQ at <u>www.emedia.com</u>
- More info in Blu-ray Disc Demystified from Jim Taylor, Michael Zink, Charles Crawford, and Chris Armbrust.