

PC Editing Tips for .vob Files:

FYI: (.vob files can be uploaded directly to face book as is)

If you are interested in editing your films on a PC, the following steps might interest you.

First, you should copy your dvd onto your hard drive. After inserting the dvd into the dvd drive Windows Media Player will probably try to automatically play it. Shut down the Media Player. Open up "My Computer" or whatever utility you have to view your files.

- -Right Click on your DVD drive.
- -Select Copy.
- -Open your computer files and select or create a folder to place your dvd files.
- -Right Click there and select Paste.

Now go to that folder, you will see the folder "VIDEO_TS".

-Open it and you will see:

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VIDEO_TS.BUP
VIDEO_TS.IFO
VIDEO_TS.VOB (Forget this vob file, its just a title page)
VTS_01_0.BUP
VTS_01_0.IFO
VTS_01_1.VOB (This is reel #1, a large file)
VTS_02_0.BUP
VTS_02_0.IFO
VTS_02_1.VOB (This is reel #2, a large file)
VTS_03_0.BUP
VTS_03_0.IFO
VTS_03_1.VOB (This is reel #3, a large file)
VTS_04_0.BUP
VTS_04_0.BUP
VTS_04_0.IFO
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VTS 04 1.VOB (This is reel #4, a large file)

-and continued ...

depending on how many reels you have. The last .VOB file is our End Credit. These .VOB files are the only files that you need. To make things simpler, you might want to just delete all the other (small) files in this folder.

Your editing software may be able to load and work with these .vob files as they are. If not, and you know that your software can edit mpeg format files, then convert them to mpeg using a free converter program. Go to http://www.dvdvobtompg.com/, download the software, and convert your files on your hard drive.

A note here. If you have more than one dvd volume of movies, the other volumes will have exactly the same names as the first. So rename the files one dvd at a time, keeping in mind that the second dvd's first VTS_01_1.VOB file is actually really 35 or whatever follows the end of your first dvd. That way you won't be replacing any files when you copy additional dvds into the folder. Or you can just put the second DVD in its own folder.

(MAC Users)

I have no experience with Macintosh software, but here is some feedback that I have received:

"Your .VOB file played fine using VLC program - it's free. To use MPEG (that I use for editing, etc, and it is free). I needed to download Playback Component for Mac OSX QuickTime MPEG-2 that cost only \$20 and I could make an .mp3 file easily."