

SUBJECT: DVDWS2: [Transitions Between Menu Pages]

If you want to brighten up your DVD menu's and add some fancy transitions between menu pages, read on!!

To achieve this effect you will also need a video editing program such as Video Studio 9 or Media Studio 8.

Step 1. Create a 'Normal DVD'

Create your DVD in the usual way with thumbnails, sound effects, backgrounds Etc.

Burn your project to a Hard Drive folder

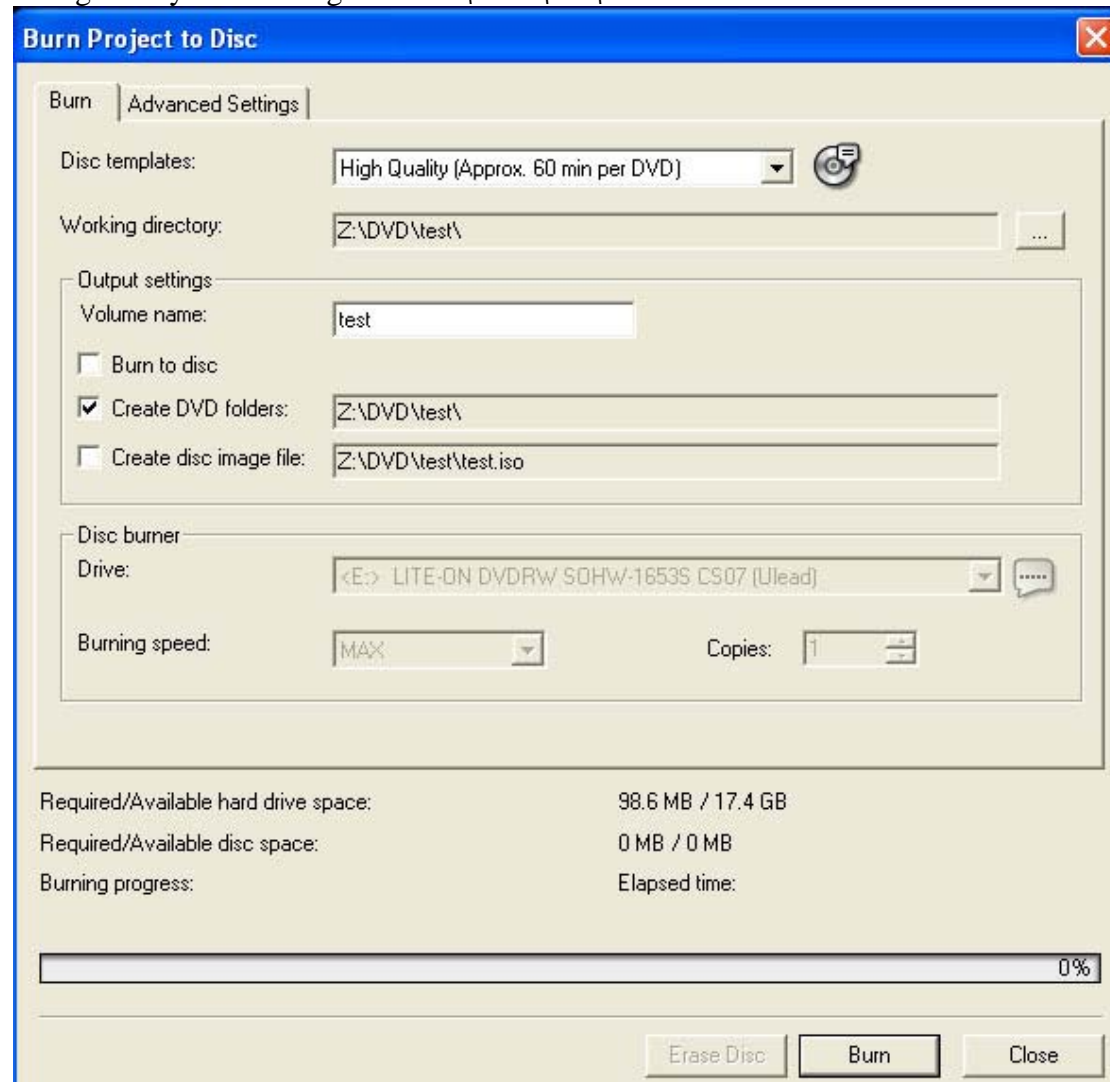
For the purposes of this demonstration my working folder is Z:\DVD\test

<http://www.steve-jones.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk/tutorial/Page 01.jpg>

Step 2. Prepare your transitions.

Open your Video Editor Program (VS9 or MSP8) and start a new project.

Navigate to your working folder **Z:\DVD\test**



You will now see a sub-directory tree structure as follows

Z:\DVD\test\DWS_TS

CvtMenu

MENU_01

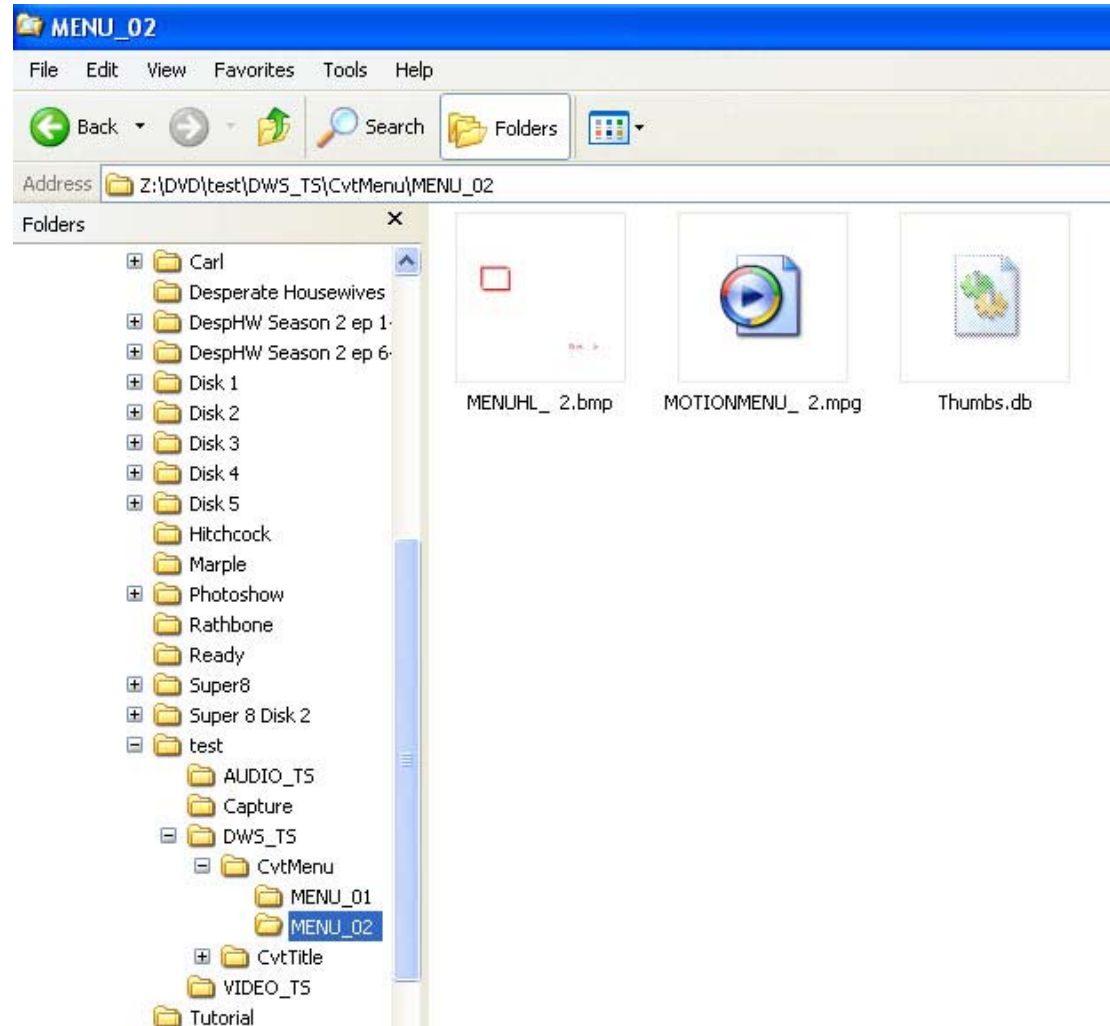
MENU_02

There will be the same number of Menu-0x folders as you have menu pages.

Within Menu_01 is a file named MOTIONMENU_ 1.mpg

Within Menu_02 is a file named MOTIONMENU_ 2mpg

Etc.



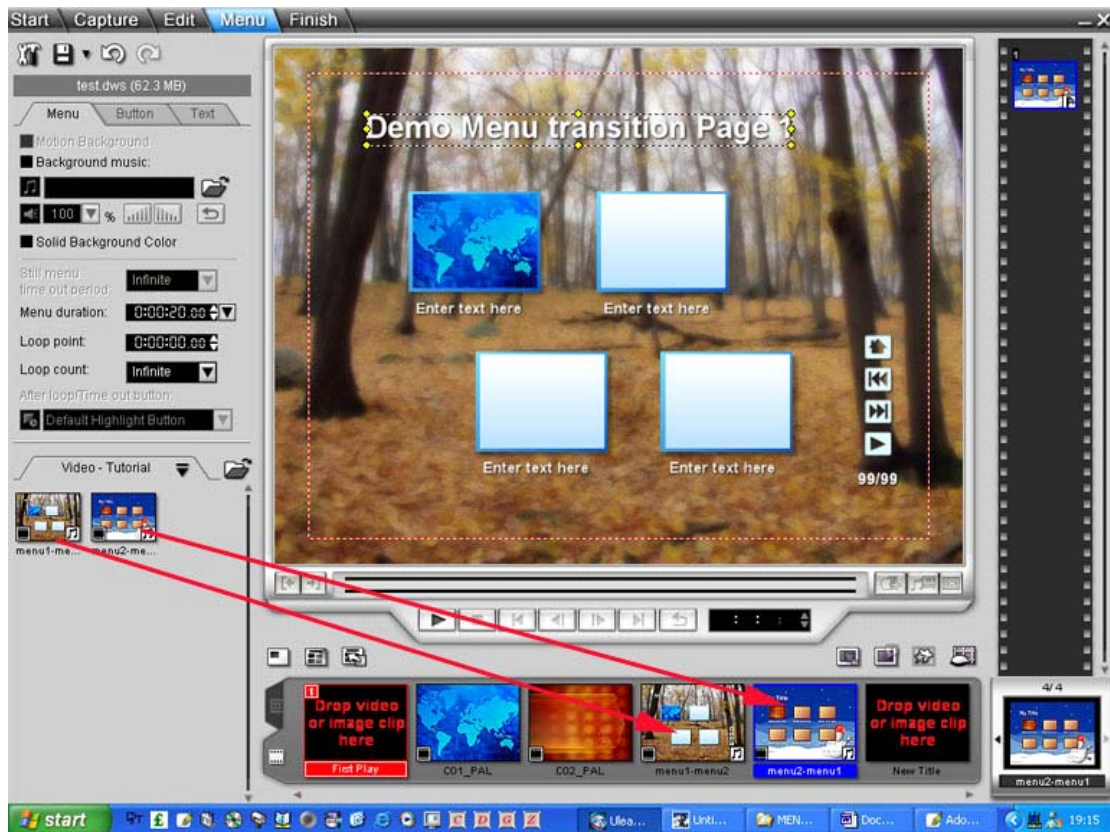
Import these mpg files into your video editor, trim them so that they are only a few seconds long. Add two of these mpg files together on the timeline and insert a transition such as “Film – Turn Page”. Render this to a small video file such as menu1-menu2.mpg

Remember to reverse the two clips so that in your completed DVD menu you can also go the other way ie.

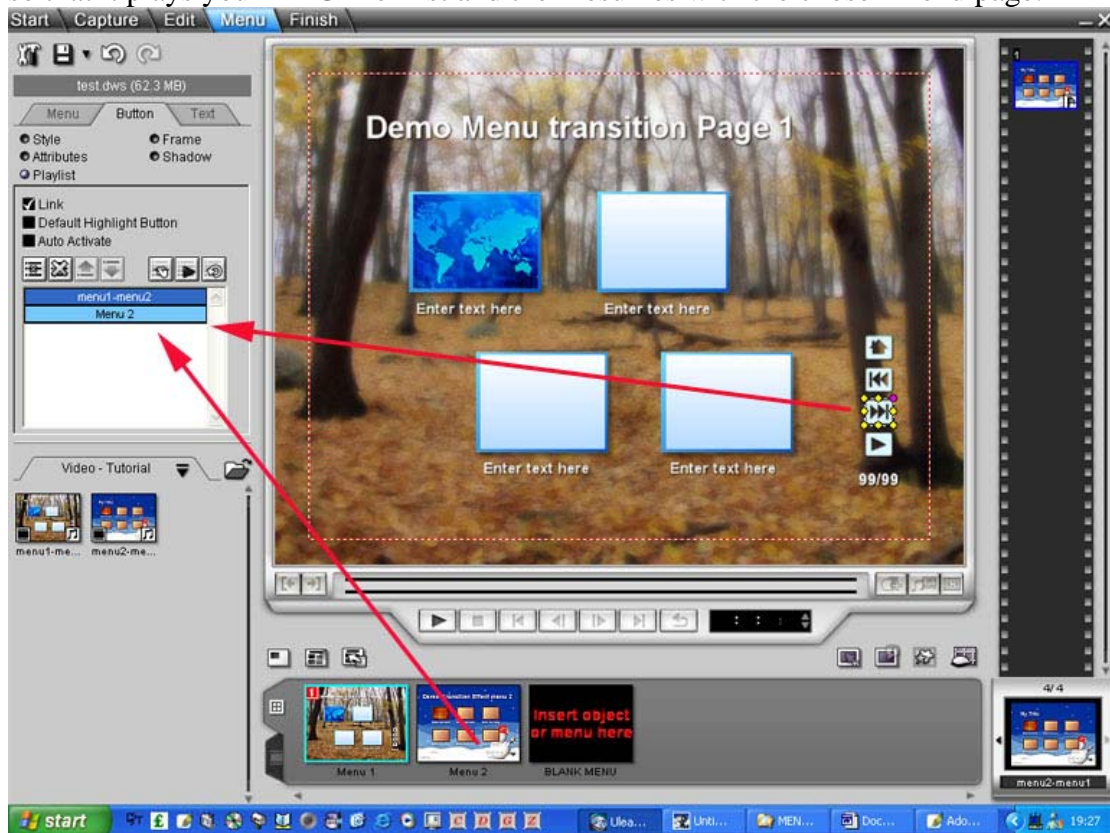
menu2-menu1.mpg

Step 3. Modify the DVD you created in Step 1.

Return to DVD Workshop and import the new MPG files you created in step 2 above. Add them to the video title list as per the following screenshot.



And alter the “Playlist” on the button tab for the Next menu / Previous Menu buttons so that it plays your MPG file first and then resumes with the chosen menu page.



Step 4. Create your modified DVD in the normal way.

Because you are now using videos which were previously rendered in step 1 above, this time your DVD will be created in a short space of time unlike the possible/probable couple of hours in step 1.