

MTN iDVD Class Handout

If you want something more than the rudimentary menus you can make with the DVD burner on the dub rack, you may wish to **author** your DVDs using **iDVD**. An authored DVD includes menus and submenus that a viewer can negotiate on their player, and may also contain content in addition to your show.



click the **Add Marker** button (3). Change the name of the Chapter marker by clicking and typing in the text field (4).

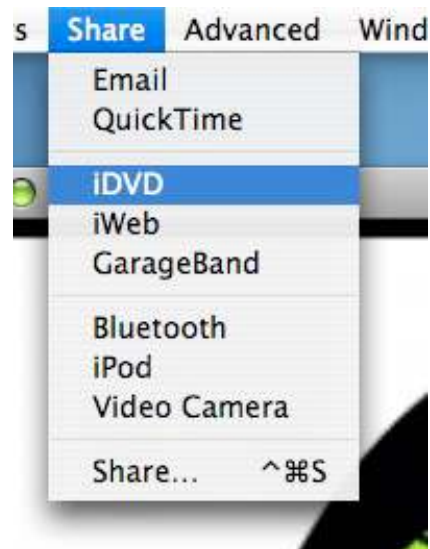
To go from iMovie to the iDVD program, select **Share>iDVD**.



You will then get the Share dialogue box with the iDVD tab already selected.

The easiest way to get started with iDVD is to enter it from iMovie. In iMovie, you can use the **Chapters** button to create ways for your audience to select the part of your show they are going to view.

Click on the **Chapters** button (1). To create a chapter, click the playhead at the point you would like the chapter to begin (2). Then

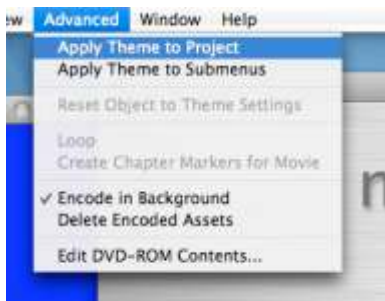




Click on **Share** to load your current movie project in the iDVD program.

The iDVD program opens with your project already set up as the content. The **Play Movie** button (a) on the menu will play your movie, and the **Scene Selection** button (b) will go to a Scene Selection Menu, which lets viewers access your chapters..

iDVD has loaded your movie in a default theme, or background. If you want a different theme, click over on the **Themes** button on the left side (c). You may wish to select **All** (d) in the drop-down menu at the top of the Themes viewer window to see all available menu themes.



When you find the theme that you want, click on it and the menu theme will change to it.



If your DVD project has submenus (and it will if you set chapters), you may wish to select **Advanced>Apply Theme to Project**, to apply the theme you selected to all the menus (if you don't do this, your Scene menu or menus will still have the default theme).

If you wish to change any of the text on your menu, click in the text box. You may now edit the text. Notice also that formatting

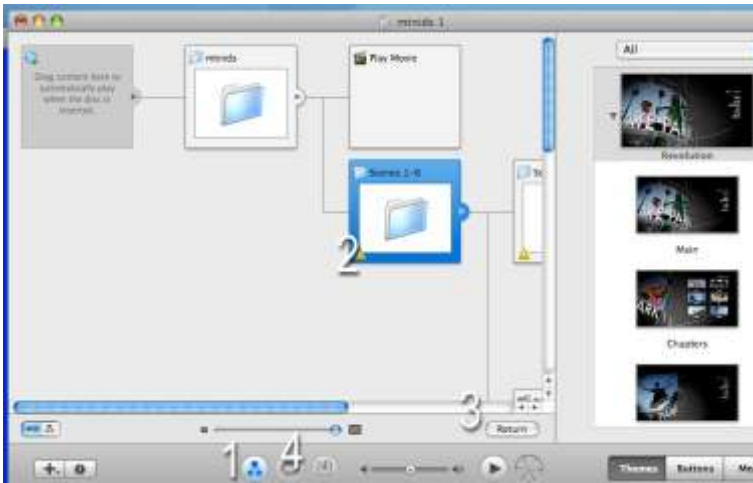


options also appear, so you can change the font type and size. Make sure you spell correctly!



If the theme you selected has any area that says **Drop Zone** in it (a), this menu allows you to customize it with the photo or video clip of your choice. Drag and drop a video clip or a photo from iMovie, iPhoto, or the

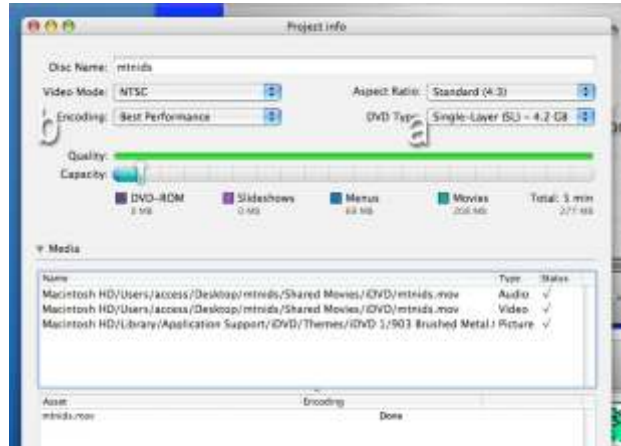
desktop onto this area. That picture or video clip will then take that spot in the menu. (**Note:** Drop Zones are a way to customize the look of a menu, but it is not a way to put additional movies in your DVD for playing).



If you want to see a big picture look at your DVD, click on the **Hierarchy View** button (1). While in Hierarchy mode, if you want to go to a specific menu, click on the button for that menu (2) and then click **Return** (3). You can also leave the Hierarchy view by clicking on the Hierarchy button (1). If your menu theme has motion and music and you want to turn these off as you are working on

your DVD, click the button that turns the motion on or off (4).

As you work on the DVD, it is a good idea to check the **Project Info** screen. Select **Project>Project Info...**



There are a few things you may want to check in this menu. You may want to make sure that the DVD type is set for **Single Layer** (a), which is the most common kind of disk. You may also wish to try out the different

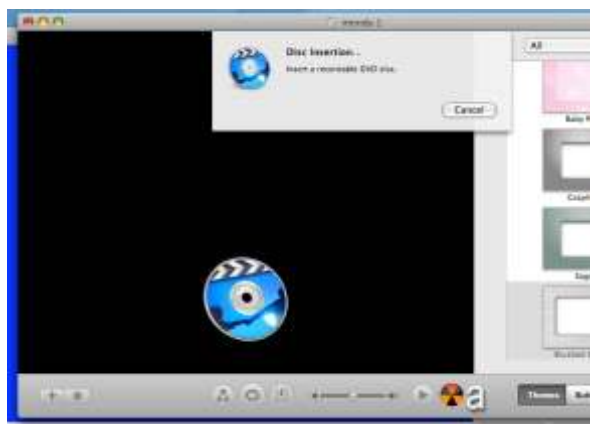
Encoding modes (b), seeing how each of them affect level of Quality and how much of the disk capacity they take.



To see how your DVD will play when



it is finished and on a disk, click the **Preview** button (1). When you enter the Preview mode, a little remote control comes up (2). Use this to navigate through your menus to see how your disk will play.



When you are satisfied with how your disk previews, click the **Burn** icon (a) to burn it onto

a DVD disk. The computer will prompt you to insert a blank DVD disk.



Once the process has begun, the DVD burn progress window pops up and shows you where it is in the process of creating your DVD. It also gives you an approximate time that it will take. This may be several hours if your project is a half hour or longer. Be prepared to let the burn happen over night and leave a note so your disk can be returned to you the next day.

Once the disk is burned, a window will pop up and ask if you want to make another disk. If you wish to make additional copies of your DVD, insert another blank DVD disk now. It will burn considerably quicker than if you exit the program and start it up again.



It is also a good idea to save your iDVD project. Choose **File>Save**, and do this as often as possible.

Make sure to test your DVD disk before handing it over to your viewing audience.