How to Transfer Non-Commercial DVDs

NOTE: HandBrake will not be able to make viewable files from copy-protected DVDs.
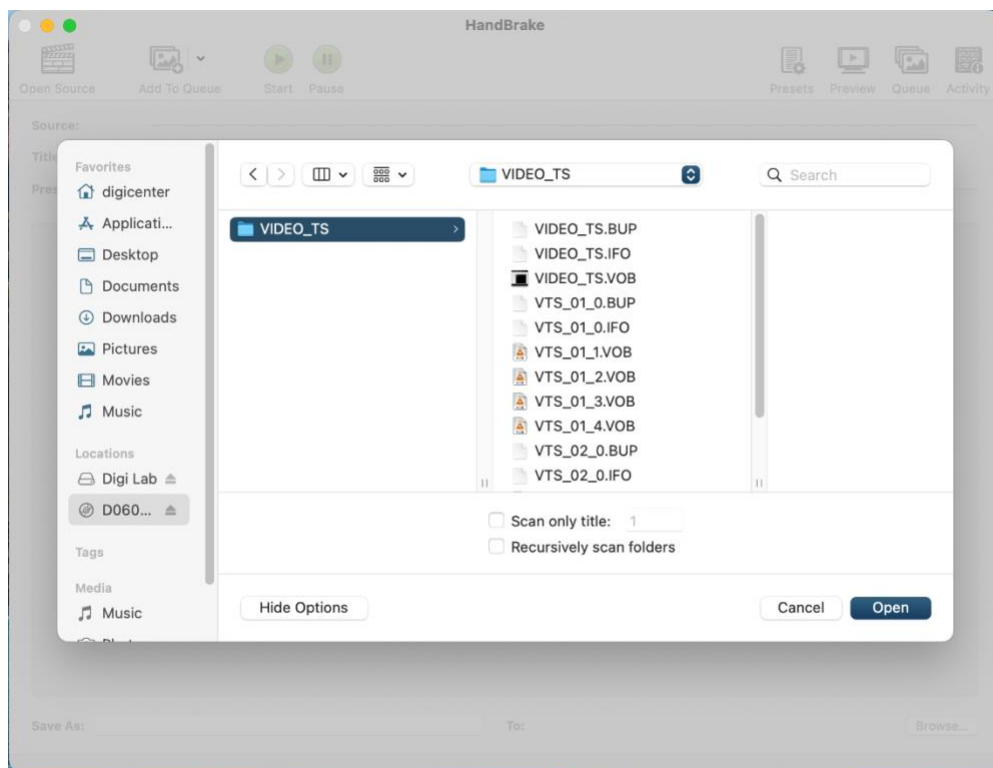
Step 1: Connect your storage device and insert disc

- Connect your external storage device to the USB dongle.
- If the drive is not powered on, flip the power switch on the back of the drive.
- Insert DVD into drive and press button to close drawer.
- Open HandBrake using the icon in the Dock.

Step 2: Select a source
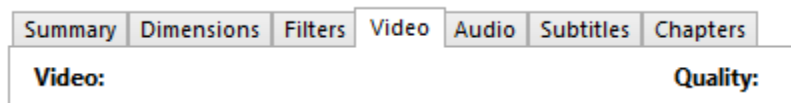
- The initial HandBrake window should look like this:

- A pop-up window will allow you to select files from the computer.
  - Click on the DVD icon from the list.

- o Select the "VIDEO_TS" folder and click "Open."
- The program will then scan the available video files.
- Once HandBrake has scanned the video files, you should see a window with several options. Most likely, you should leave everything at the preset options.
  - o **NOTE: If you are unfamiliar with video and audio codecs, video resolutions, and framerates, we strongly recommend that you do not change the preset options and skip to Step 4.**

Step 3 (Optional): Video resolution options

- The tabs at the top third of the window allow you to change the parameters of your video transfer. **As noted above, we recommend not adjusting these settings unless you have previous video editing experience.**
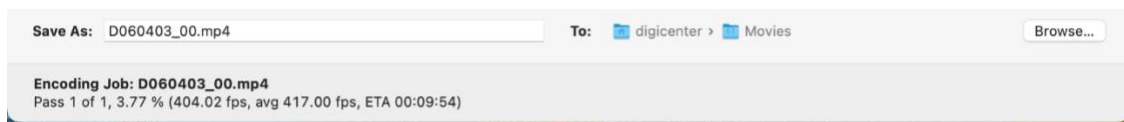

  - o Under the "Video" tab, there is a slider that allows you to change the quality of the encode. **Be aware that small changes to the slider make a big difference in terms of file size.** Only adjust the slider by one or two clicks if the quality of your transfer needs to be modified.
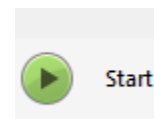

Step 4: Encoding

- Select your external storage device as the save destination by clicking on the "Browse…" button in the bottom right corner of the window.
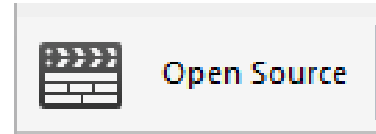

- Once you have chosen the save destination, you are ready to start the encoding process.
- Select the "Start" button at the top of the window.
- The encoding process takes a few minutes, and it's best to just wait until the process is complete before doing anything else.
- **The viewable video file will be automatically saved to the destination you selected.**
- If you have more DVDs to encode, proceed to Step 5.
- If there are no more DVDs to encode, remove your disc from the drive and exit the program. Congratulations, you are done!

Step 5: Encoding another disc

- Press the eject button on the disc drive, remove the already encoded disc and insert the new disc.
- Click on "Open Source" at the top left.
  - This will take you back to the initial file selection pop-up window.
  - Go back to Step 2 and follow the instructions to select the appropriate folder.

Don't forget your disc from the drive before you leave!