

# Free2DVD Quickstart Guide

You are well on your way to backing-up your DVD Movies. This document will give you a quick overview of the process and the programs we will use.

**If for some reason the software doesn't work for you email us [info@free2dvd.com](mailto:info@free2dvd.com) and give us the opportunity to help you. We will get you up and rolling in no time and once you have backed-up a few DVDs the process is very fast and easy!**

## The Process

When you backup or copy a DVD Movie you are doing the following things:

1. Removing the copy Protections (decryption) and Transferring (ripping) the DVD to your hard drive
2. Compressing the Movie to fit on a DVD+/-R
3. Burning the Movie files to a DVD+/-R

## Equipment Recommendations

We have an entire section of the website that discusses the recommended DVD Burners and recordable DVDs you might want to try.

## Install the Software

You can find the necessary software in the Software Downloads area.

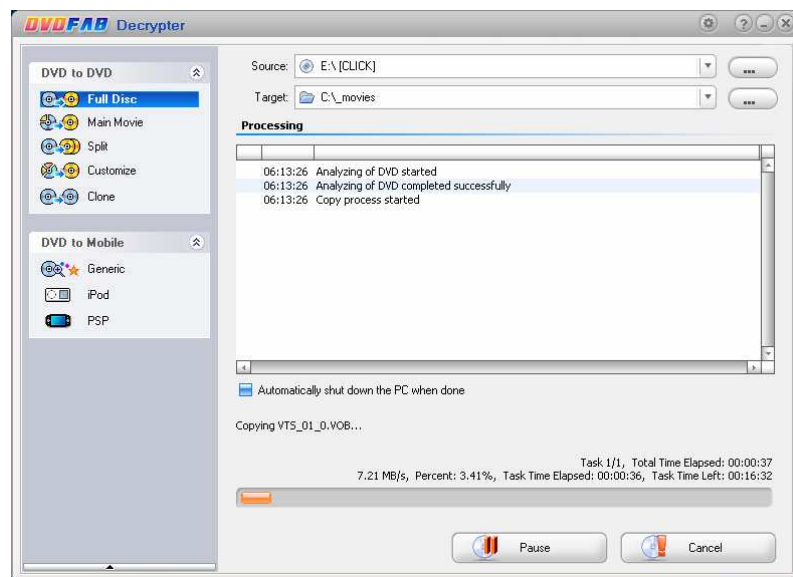
- a) We recommend first installing **DVDFab Decrypter** and then **DVD Shrink** as your two DVD copy programs.
- b) If you need a **burning program** we recommend using the "Auto-Burn" DVD Decrypter program (different from DVD Fab Decrypter) which will burn your DVDs automatically after DVD Shrink has finished. You can download this program from the homepage of the Account Login area or the Software Download area.
- c) You will find step-by-step tutorials on using these software programs included in the zip files or you can download them from the Step-by-Step Guides area.

## Backing-up (copying) Your DVD Movies

### 1. Rip and Decrypt with DVDFab Decrypter

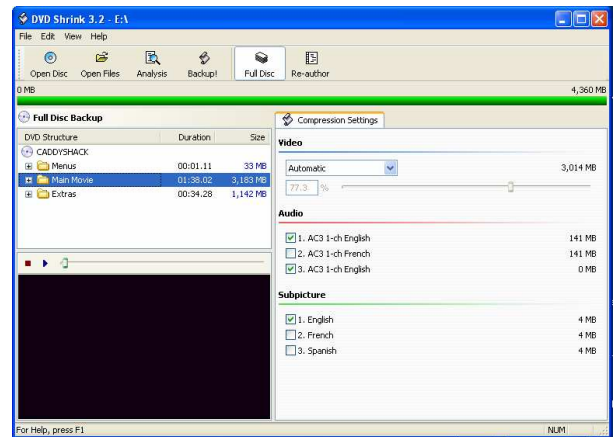
DVDFab Decrypter provides a simple "1 click" operation.

This program will decrypt the newest protections (encryptions) and transfer the DVD Movie files to your hard drive. You then use DVD Shrink to compress (and re-author if you like) the Movie files to fit on a standard and inexpensive DVD+/-R.



## 2. Compress (Shrink) DVD Shrink

DVD Shrink will compress (shrink) the DVD movie files so they will fit on a DVD-R or DVD+R. It can also “re-author” the DVD so you have a movie only backup (see Step-by-Step Guides for re-authoring).



## 3. Burning Your DVD Movies

We highly recommend using the Auto-Burn program (DVD Decrypter) which will burn your DVDs automatically after DVD Shrink is finished.

We also have tutorials available which will walk you through the burning process with Roxio Easy Media Creator (same as Sonic), Nero, and the free BurnOn DVD burning software.

If you have a different burning program than the ones listed above let us know and we will put together a tutorial for that software.

**Have fun and if you have any questions feel free to contact us!**