

Roxio Creator

Getting Started Guide

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Welcome to Roxio Creator

Welcome to Roxio Creator, the all-in-one digital media solution.

Designed for beginners and experts alike, Creator makes it all easy—from simple and practical tasks, such as creating a backup copy of a disc, to fun and creative projects such as creating a home movie complete with introductions, transitions, music, and effects.

Get creative and have fun with this powerful, intuitive, and easy-to-use suite of digital media components. Do more with your digital music, favorite photos, mobile phone, cherished video, and your important data files. Find all the tools you need in one place, with one easy-to-use interface.

About this guide

This guide provides an overview of Creator to help you get started. For detailed information about how to use all of the features of Creator, see the online Help described in *Where to find more information* on page 21.

Depending on the version of Creator you are using, some of the components described in this guide may not be available.

Installing Creator

Follow this procedure to install Creator.

To install Creator using the installation disc:

- 1 Insert the Creator installation DVD into your DVD drive.
If Autorun is enabled on your computer, the Creator installation window appears automatically and you can skip step 2 and step 3.
- 2 Choose **Start > Run**.
- 3 Type **d:\setup** (substitute the appropriate letter of your DVD drive for **d**).
- 4 Follow the installation instructions that appear on the screen.

To install Creator using downloaded files:

- 1 Navigate to the Creator install package.
- 2 Double-click the **setup.exe** file.
- 3 Follow the on-screen instructions.

Getting to know Creator

Start your digital media projects from Creator's main window. Double-click the Creator desktop icon to begin.



Creator's main window, featuring the project category tabs and links to frequent tasks.

Starting a task

Click one of the project category tabs on the left side of the window, and a task list appears on the right. Choose a task by clicking on its name. Some of the tasks are built into the main Creator window; others open in a separate window.

Creator: What you can do

There are so many great things you can do with Creator. Here's a partial list and how to get started:

Working with audio

You will find links to these tasks by selecting the Music-Audio project tab:

- **Make an audio CD** that you can play anywhere. Select the *Burn Audio CDs* task.
- **Create an MP3 disc** that holds hundreds of songs in MP3, WMA, or WAV format. Select the *Burn MP3 CDs* task.
- **Rip audio files** from a CD to your computer. Select the *Rip* task. (To rip songs from more than one drive at a time, select *Rip - Advanced*.)
- **Quickly capture (record) audio** from Internet radio and other sources using your computer's sound card. Select the *Capture Audio from Sound Card* task.
- **Record and edit sound clips and audio files** to create your own audio mixes. Select the *Edit Audio* task.
- **Create music compilations** to play on your home or car stereo, portable music player, DVD player, or on your computer. Use the Beat Matching feature to create mixes your friends will envy. Select the *Create Music Disc Projects* task.
- **Transfer audiobooks** from audio CDs or the Internet to an iPod®, iPhone, or other portable device with just a few clicks. Select the *Create Audiobooks* task.
- **Create a DVD Music Disc** with up to 50 hours of music using tracks from your computer or from any number of audio discs. Choose from professionally designed menu styles or use your own background image, then burn your project to a disc and play on it your computer or set-top player. Select the *Create DVD Music Discs* task.
- **Create digital audio files from your old LPs and tapes** in just a few simple steps. You can then clean and enhance your audio files, burn them to an audio CD, or use them in your Creator projects. Select the *Digitize LPs and Tapes* task.

Working with photos

You will find links to these tasks by selecting the Photo project tab:

- **Create multimedia slideshows and post them online** for your friends to see. (English only.) Select the *Create PhotoShows* task.
- **Enhance, edit, and share** your digital photos. Automatically adjust the exposure, saturation, and sharpness of photos. Fix common problems such as red eye. Select the *Edit Photos* task.
- **Create personalized calendars, greeting cards, and collages** using your own photos. You can also create photo slideshows to share with others. Select the *Create Projects* task.
- **Enhance several photos at once** using AutoFix and other photo tools. Rename or convert groups of photos to a different format. Select the *Enhance Multiple Photos* task.
- **Create a dramatic panorama** by combining several photos into one. Select the *Create Panoramas* task.
- **E-mail your photos and photo projects** to friends and family. Select the *Email* task.
- **Create a high-resolution photo slideshow** in just a few clicks, including background audio and Pan and Zoom effects. Select the *Create Slideshows* task.

Working with video

You will find links to these tasks by selecting the Video-Movies project tab:

- **Convert video to the perfect format for your portable media player**, and make copies of personal DVD discs so you can store the originals for safekeeping. Select the *Copy and Convert Video* task.
- **Watch movies** using the ultimate digital theater. Creator delivers the absolute highest quality video playback available for your PC and packs all of its powerful features into an extremely easy-to-use and intuitive user-interface. Select the *Play Movies* task.
- **Post videos on YouTube.** It doesn't get any easier than this. Select the *Share Video* task.

- **Create professional-looking video productions** that combine your home videos and photos with audio, transitions, and special effects. Select the *Edit Video—Advanced* task.
- **Make great looking video productions in a few easy steps.** Select the *Create DVDs* task.
- **Create more elaborate multimedia stories on DVD** to share with family and friends. Capture and mix photos and video, include narration or a favorite sound track, create your own professional-looking menus, add transitions and animated backgrounds, and burn to DVD, Video CD, or Super VCD. Some versions even let you author Blu-ray movie discs. Select the *Create DVDs—Advanced* task.
- **Copy video directly from a camcorder to a disc.** Select the *Plug and Burn* task.
- **Transfer video footage from your AVCHD camera** onto a DVD or Blu-ray Disc for safekeeping. Your movies are stored exactly as they were shot, in full high-definition. Select the *Archive AVCHD* task.

Data and copy projects

You will find links to these tasks by selecting the Data-Copy project tab:

- **Copy files to a CD, DVD, or Blu-ray Disc.** Select the *Burn Data Disc* task.
- **Duplicate an entire disc.** Select the *Copy Disc* task.
- **Create encrypted data CDs and DVDs,** and archive large projects to multiple discs. Create advanced format and bootable discs, and more. Select the *Burn Data Disc—Advanced* task.
- **Back up the files on your computer** to a wide range of storage devices including discs, external hard drives, and flash drives. Select the *Backup and Restore* task.



Note The Backup and Restore task is not available in all versions of Roxio Creator.

Importing and organizing media files

You may find links to these tasks on more than one project tab:

- **Import photos and video** files to your computer from your digital camera, mobile phone, or camcorder. Select the *Import Photos* or *Capture Video* tasks.
- **View and manage your media files** in folders, and to organize them into personalized albums. Find files quickly by browsing or searching, and burn your files to a disc. Select the *Browse and Manage Media* task.
- **Transfer files to your wireless devices**, and upload video files to the Internet. Select the *Browse and Manage Media* task.

Creating labels and disc inserts

You will find links to this task on all of the project tabs:

- **Make personalized disc labels and jewel case covers using a simple task assistant.** Choose from dozens of professional designs, or create your own. Select the *Create Labels* task.
- **Make personalized disc labels and jewel case covers using our full-featured label-making application.** Choose from dozens of professional designs, or create your own. Select the *Create Labels—Advanced* task.

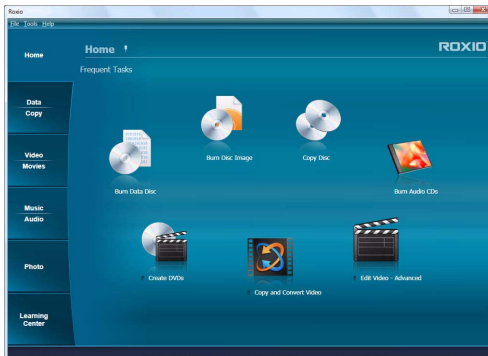
Don't forget the Tools menu

- **Erase or finalize a disc, get disc information**, and keep track of what's on your discs. All of these tasks can be started from the Tools menu. This is also where you'll go to create virtual disc drives.

Completing a typical task

Each task in Creator is a little different. Some are incredibly simple. Others take a little time to master. To help you get started, let's walk through one of the most useful projects—creating a disc that contains files copied from your computer.

- 1 Open Creator by double-clicking the icon that was placed on your computer desktop during installation. In most cases, the main Creator application window opens with the Home category selected. It will look something like this:



The Home window includes links to frequently used tasks.

On the left side of the window, you will see the names of several project categories. Since we are going to be making a data disc, click the **Data-Copy** category.

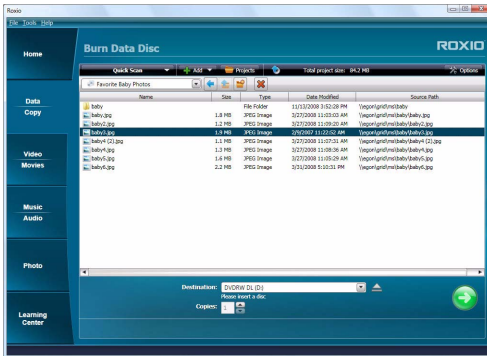
The application window changes and displays a set of tasks that are related to protecting or copying the valuable files stored on your computer.

- 2 When you are ready, click **Burn Data Disc**.



In the illustration above, a link for the Burn Data Disc project appears in the suggested projects area near the top of the window and again in the Create section.

The application window changes again. It now displays everything you need to set up your project and burn a disc.



Burn Data Disc project window with files added.

As you can see, the Burn Data Disc project is built into the main Creator application window. Some projects are built into the main window; others open in a separate window. Many components that open in separate windows have names you may know: MyDVD, VideoWave, CinePlayer. They are all part of your Creator suite.

- 3 To begin a data disc project, insert a blank CD, DVD, or Blu-ray Disc into your computer's disc drive. (The project also allows you to add

files to an existing data disc, but to keep things simple for this project, use a blank disc.)

- 4 Use the Destination drop-down menu to select the drive holding your blank disc. If your computer only has one disc drive, it will be selected automatically.

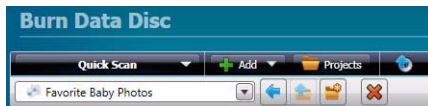


Click the Destination menu and choose from the list of available drives.

- 5 Now you are going to add files to the project.

Click the **Add** button located near the top of the Burn Data Disc project window. Choose **Files** or **Folder** from the submenu.

A dialog window opens. Use it to select the files or folders you would like to add.



Use the toolbars to open the Quick Scan panel, add files, open saved projects, and delete files from a project.

- 6 Near the Add button on the project window toolbar is the Name Your Disc text box. Enter a name for your disc, so it will be easy to recognize the next time you use it.

While you are using the project toolbars, notice that they include some other useful features:

- The retractable Quick Scan panel makes it easy to select files by category.
- To the right of the Add button is the Projects button that you can use to easily find saved projects.

- Next to that is the Make Bootable button. Use it to create a bootable disc that can be used to start your computer if something should ever go wrong with the Windows operating system.

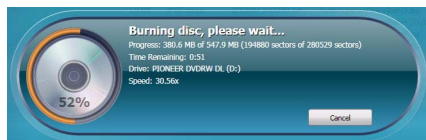
Before burning your data disc, look along the bottom of the project window. Here you will find several project status indicators. The information presented varies from project to project and is updated when you change discs or destination drives.



Project information is displayed along the bottom of the window.

In this case, the indicator shows the project size, the type of disc in the drive, and the available disc space.

- 7 Now you are ready to burn a disc. To begin, click the large green **Go** button on the bottom right corner of the project window. A progress indicator appears, and your files are copied onto the disc.



The progress indicator shows a burn in progress.

You don't have to wait for this project to finish before starting one of the other projects in Roxio Creator. But you can only have one project of each type running at a time.

When the project is finished, remove your disc and click **Finish**. If you would like to save this project so the same file set can be easily burned in the future, click the **File** menu and select **Save**.

Where to find more information

This guide provides an overview of Creator to help you get started. For detailed information about how to use all of the features of Creator, see the options described below.

Help

Most Creator components have an extensive, searchable Help Center. Each Help Center includes step-by-step procedures and answers to frequently asked questions.

To access the Help Center, choose **Help > Component Help Center**. To view context-sensitive Help for your current activity, press **F1**.

Learning Center

Click the Learning Center tab to view tutorials to help you quickly become familiar with many of Creator's key features. You can also access the Roxio KnowledgeBase, product information and more.

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