Using Free Software to Create Videos (Hal Hosfeldt - Feb 15, 2010)

Why create videos? Video sources? Copyright? How can we show videos? Note: Windows XP Professional
Goals (create video) 1. Internet 2. Camera 3. PC Screen 4. DVD 5. Connect PC to HDTV
Goal #1 Download video from Internet → Need realplayer (free software) → http://www.real.com/realplayer → Locate video via Google → Download video via RealPlayer → Result is .flv type file → Let's download a video ex: int.flv Flash video .flv commonly used by YouTube, Google Video, Yahoo Video, and others. Goal #1 (cont) Convert the file → WinFF video converter (free software) → http://winff.org/html_new/downloads.html → WinFF converts .flv to .wmv → Why so we want this? → Let's convert int.flv to int.wmv
Goal #2 Use a camera → My camera produces .mov file type → Let's take a video → Copy video to PC → Change name to ex: cam.mov Files with .mov extension are QuickTime movies. Although an Apple technology QuickTime software exists for Mac and PC.
Goal #2 (cont) Convert the file → WinFF converts .mov to .wmv → Let's convert cam.mov to cam.wmv

Goal 3. Capture screen images

- → Use CamStudio (free software)
- → http://www.brothersoft.com/camstudio-download-263045.html
- → Result is .avi file type
- → Why so we want this?
- \rightarrow Example = scr.avi

Audio Video Interleave, known by its acronym AVI, is a multimedia container format introduced by Microsoft in November 1992

Goal #3 (cont) Convert the file

- → WinFF converts .avi to .wmv
- → Let's convert scr.avi to scr.wmv

Goal 4. Create DVD

- → Use DVD Flick & ImgBurn to convert .wmv to ISO file and burn to DVD
- → http://www.dvdflick.net/download.php
- → http://www.snapfiles.com/get/ImgBurn.html

DVD Flick prepares files for a DVD (free software)

ImgBurn burns a variety of image files, not just .ISO (free software).

→ Let's burn a DVD

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Goal 5. Connect PC to HDTV

VGA (video)

- → Not expensive
- → HDTV TV's have this connector
- → Many laptops have this 15 pin connector



VGA Cable

