

Creating a multi-movie DVD or BD disc

Introduction

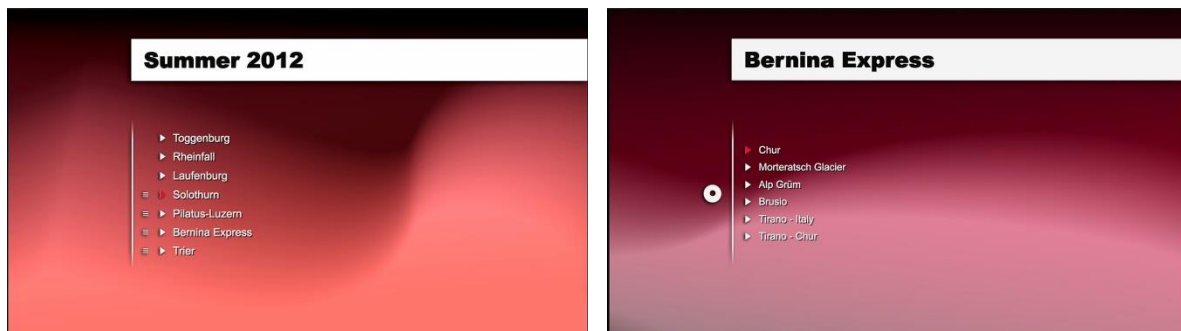
Creating a multi movie DVD or BD is a useful way of presenting several related movies, eg a holiday trip, such that each movie is a complete theme/topic in itself.

Each individual movie can have its own set of chapters.

In this tutorial the example used is a seven movie disc project, complete with menu and chapter menus as required.

Throughout creating the individual movies and final compilation, save the projects regularly

The final disc and chapter menu will look something like this depending on the template you choose – this example is a text only menu system, an image/text based template is shown later in this tutorial.



NOTE: -

1. The total running time of all the movies added together must not exceed the capacity of the disc ie 2 hours. If you have a DVD or BD writer that supports dual layer discs, then up to about 3½ hours running time is possible.
2. Some menu templates are restricted to the number of menu items per page.

Warning

Creating a multiple movie project can seriously slow down your PC, especially if you create all the movies in one project and do not use individual exported mxv files as detailed below.

If you are using a low spec PC or a laptop for HD video editing then it is recommended to use **Movie Edit Pro 2014 or 2015** with **Proxy files** turned on.

Earlier versions of MEP do not have the ability use proxy files, which greatly reduce the load on the processor, without these the PC or laptop may be brought almost to a standstill during editing.

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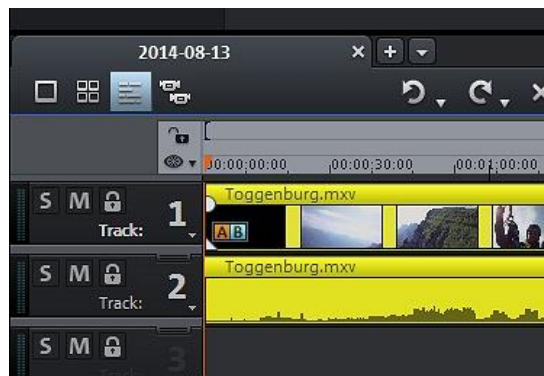
A. Create the individual movies

- 1) Create an individual project for each movie, adding and editing video, images, titles, effects, soundtrack etc. and save the project.
- 2) Export the finished video as a **Magix mxv** file – select **File, Export movie, Video as Magix video**.
- 3) Repeat steps 1 and 2 for the remaining movies to be used in the final project.

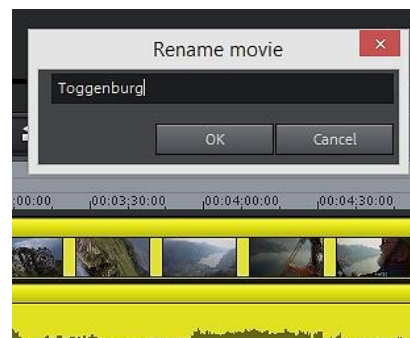
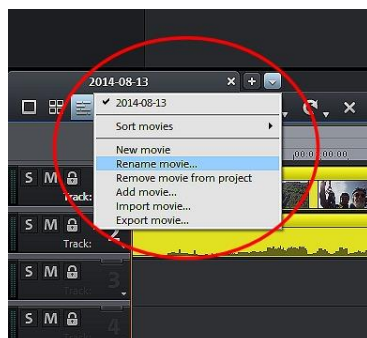
NOTE: If you add chapters to these projects they **will not be exported** with the Magix video file. They are added in step 7 below.

B. Create the multi movie project

- 4) Start a new project
- 5) Add one of the exported mxv files to the empty timeline –the timeline will look something like the section below. **NOTE** if you add the movies in the same order as you want them to appear in the disc menu and play order you will save a lot of work later on.



- 6) Rename the movie – the name of the movie will be used as the menu item name. Click the **down arrow**, just inside the highlight circle shown below left, and select **Rename movie**. Enter the movie name in the dialog that opens (below right) and **OK**



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- 7) Add chapters to the movie if required and name the chapters – these will be used in the chapter menu items.
- 8) To add a chapter marker position the timeline cursor at the point where the chapter should start.
- 9) Holding down the **Shift key** press the **Enter key** once. Repeat for each chapter position.
- 10) With chapter markers added as shown below, rename the markers by right clicking each marker, select **Rename** and enter a new name. Click **OK** to complete.



- 11) Add a new movie to the project by clicking the **+** button, as shown below, then repeat steps 5 to 10.



12. Repeat steps 5 to 11 for each movie to be added to the project

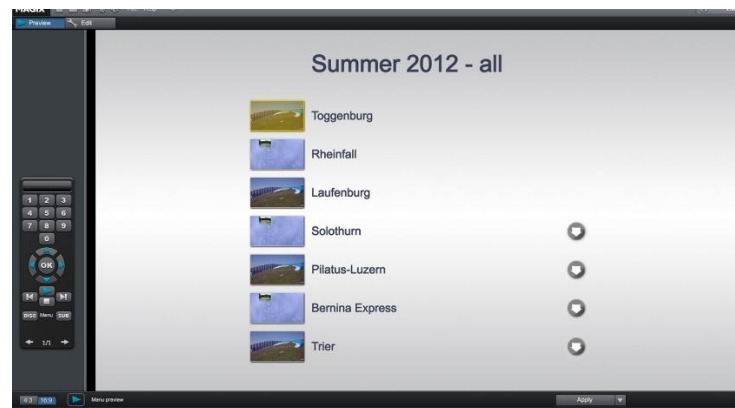
Save the project.

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C. Creating the DVD menu

Because we have named the movies and chapters in section B above there is very little editing necessary to create a fully functional disc and chapter menu system.

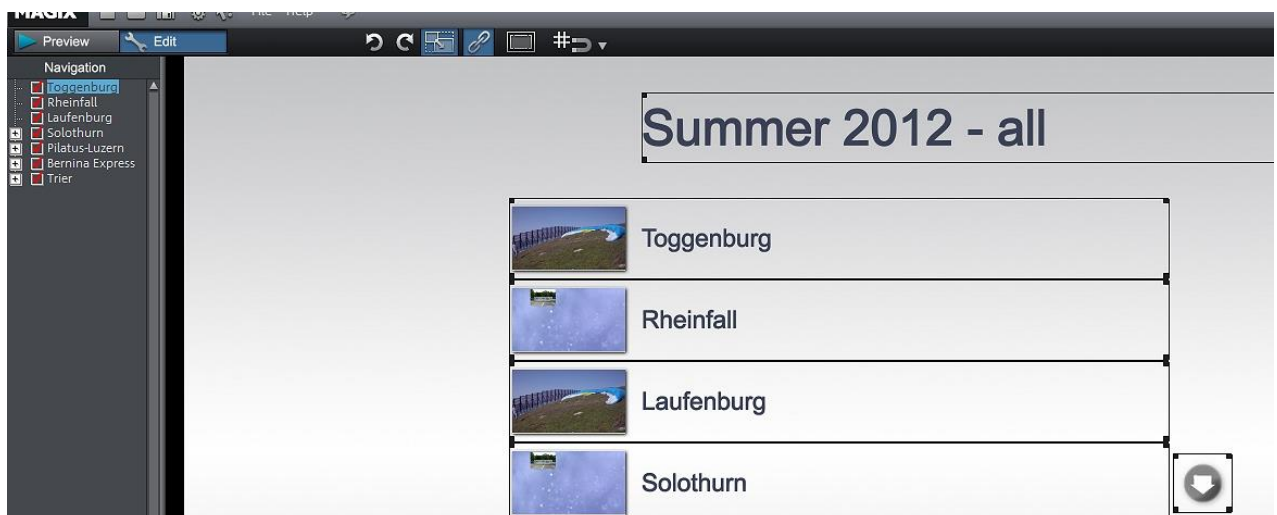
- a) Open the **Burn tab** and you will see the main menu page of the disc using the default menu template. In this example the menu page looked like this
- b) If you want to change the template, select one of the templates from the styles at the bottom of the current screen.



- c) You will notice in this example that there are the following errors:
 1. The title of the disc is the same as the project name.
 2. The individual movie items repeat the same two images.

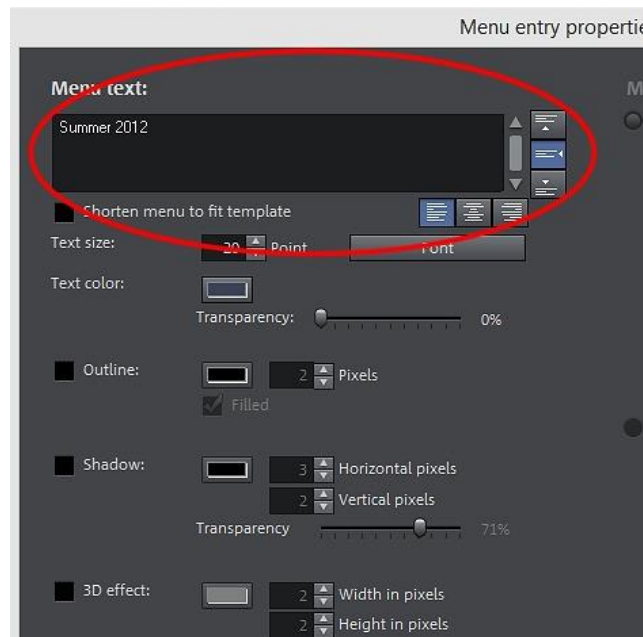
Correcting the disc title and the menu images

- d) Click the Edit button top left, see image below, to enter the menu editing mode as shown below

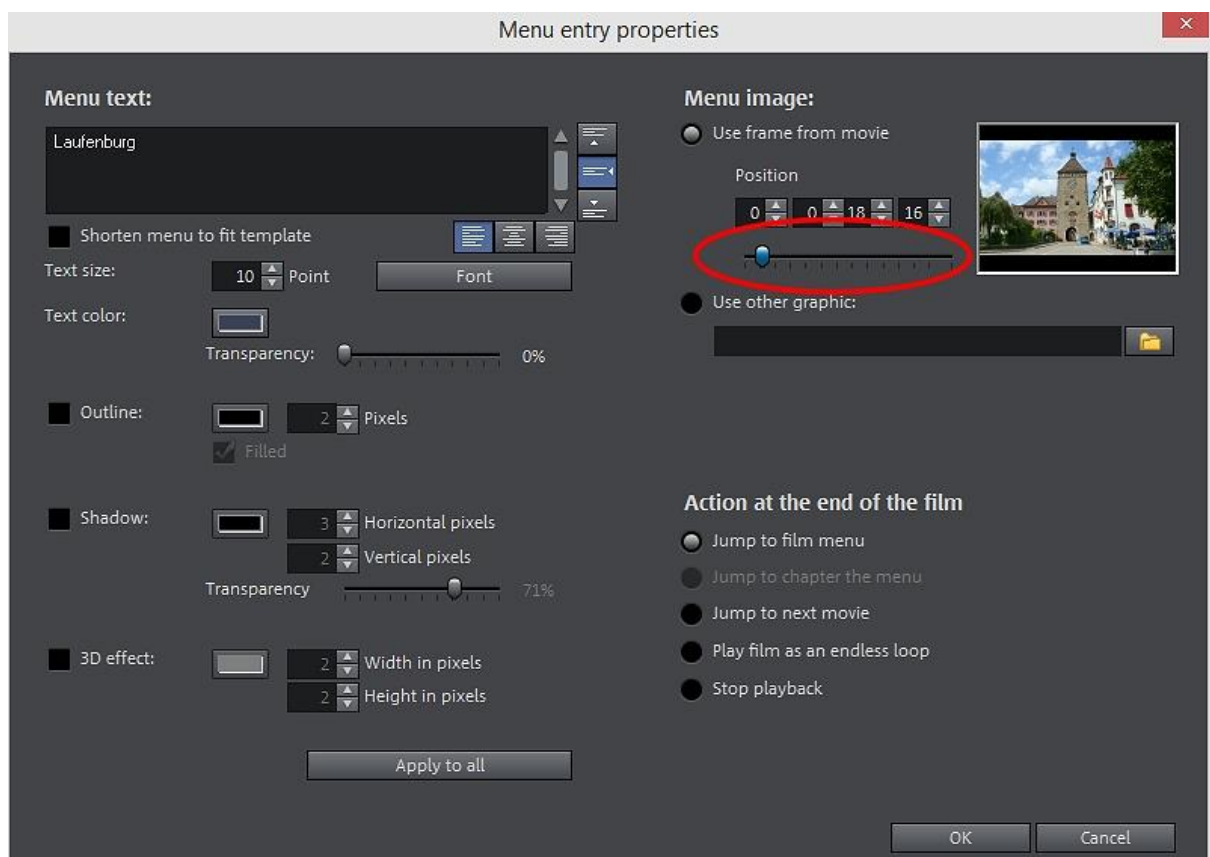


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- e) To change the title - double click the title text box at the top of the DVD menu.
- f) The image below shows the section of the dialog box where you change the title, you can also change the font style size and colour if you wish.



- g) To change the movie images - double click the image to be changed – the same dialog box as above will open



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- h) To change the image drag the slider (circled) above to select a frame from the movie. Note you can fine tune the image selection by using the spinners directly above the slider.
- i) Click **OK**
- j) Repeat steps f to i above for the remaining menu item images and / or title.

Chapter pages

- k) Depending on the menu template used, the chapter buttons on the chapter menus may be images only or text only. These can be changed in the same way as the movie menu.
- l) In the case of image only chapter buttons the text font size is set to zero, increase this as required.
- m) For text only menus you may need to change the template if you wish to add images.

An example of a chapter menu with both images and titles is shown below



D. Burning the disc

This is carried out as normal using the **Burn** button and selecting whether to burn a DVD or Blu-ray disc.

Tip: use rewriteable discs for the initial burn of the project, when you play the disc you may find that you need to change something in one of the individual movies or on the disc menus. Once you have the disc as you require you can copy it to a permanent disc using any disc copying software eg Nero, ImgBurn etc

NOTE: if you do have to edit one of the original movies you will need to re-export it as a Magix Video (mxv) file. In the multi movie project it is better to reload the new mxv file by deleting the original mxv from the appropriate timeline and adding the new mxv file. This will avoid getting potential error messages about the files as they are loaded.