# 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.

Some of the components available in Creator may not be described in this guide. Each component includes detailed online Help, which you can find under the component Help menu or by pressing F1.

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 categories and 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.*
- 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, and 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 new 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 an audio disc. Choose from professionally designed styles or use your own background image, then burn your project to a disc and play on 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:

- 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 Slideshow task.

#### Working with video

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

- Make backup copies of personal DVD discs so you can store the originals for safekeeping. Convert video files to formats that can be played on a wide range of portable devices. Select the Copy or Convert Video task.
- Play movie discs 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. If your movie player doesn't include Blu-ray support, don't worry—it's available as an inexpensive upgrade. Select the Play Movies 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 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 and data 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 data CDs and DVDs, and to archive large projects to multiple discs. Create advanced format and bootable discs, and more. In addition, you can choose to encrypt the files on the disc so that the files can only be accessed by someone entering a password that you select. Select the Burn Data Disc—Advanced task.
- Backup the files on your computer to a wide range of storage devices including discs, external hard drives, and flash drives.
   Select the Backup Files task.



**Note** The Backup Files task is not available in all version of Roxio Creator.

#### Importing and organizing media files

You will 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.
- **Share your media files** with friends and family over your home network. *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 tasks on all of the project tabs:

 Make personalized disc labels and jewel case covers. Choose from dozens of professional designs, or create your own. Select the Create Labels 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 though one of the most useful projects—creating a disc that contains files copied from your computer.

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**.



A longer description appears when you hold the cursor over a task link.

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

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.

Now you are going to add the files you want to copy to the project.

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



Use the toolbar to open the Quick Scan panel, add files, name your disc, and delete files from a project.

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

6 Near the Add button on the project window toolbar is the Disc Name 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 toolbar, notice that it includes some other useful features. The Quick Scan panel makes it easy to select files by category. To the right of the Disc Name text box is the Make Bootable button. Use it to create a bootable disk that can be used to start your computer if something should ever go wrong with the Windows operating system.

Before burning your 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.

Now you are ready to burn a disc. To begin, click the large green 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 nearing the halfway point.

You don't have to wait for this project to finish before starting one of the other projects in your suite. 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 on 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 online Help described below.

#### **Online 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 the activity you are currently doing, press **F1**.

#### **Tutorials**

Creator includes tutorials to help you quickly become familiar with many of its key features. Each tutorial includes tips and step-by-step instructions to help you get started creating exciting digital media projects.

#### Choose any of the following ways to view a tutorial:

- From Creator Home, choose Help > Tutorial, and then select the tutorial you want to view.
- Visit the Roxio support Web site, located at http://support.roxio.com, for helpful "how-to" tutorials and other product information.

#### Roxio online support

If you can't find the answers you are looking for in the online Help or this guide, you can get the most current information from our Web site.

#### You can access the Roxio Web site in any of these ways:

Launch your Web browser and go to http://support.roxio.com.

# **Creator support options**

#### Unlimited self-help options

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