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## Using TMPGEnc DVD Author (TDA) - How to Create/Author a DVD

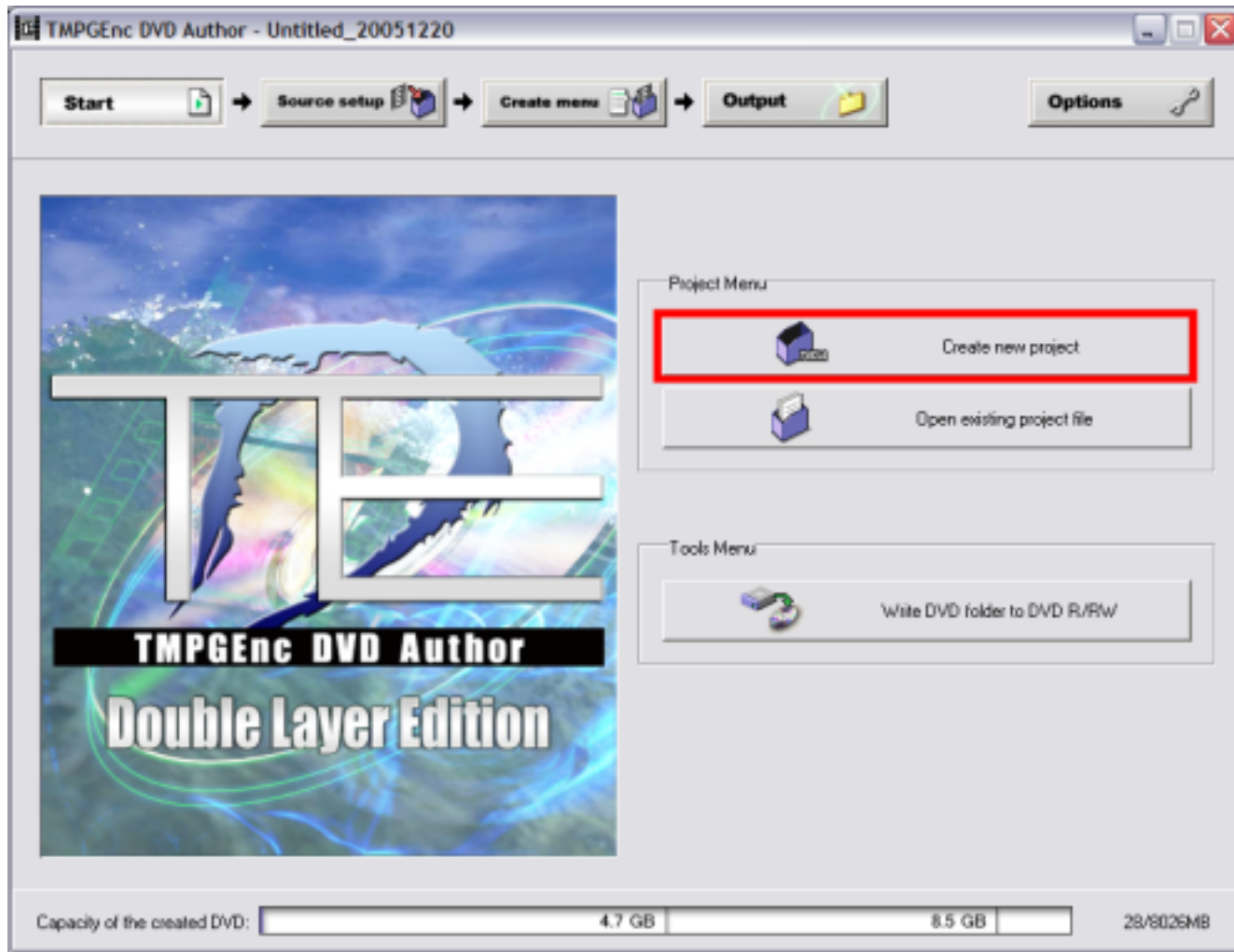
Below I will show you how to author/create a DVD using TMPGEnc DVD Author (TDA) that will play in any DVD player. It will have all of the necessary files (.bup, .ifo, and .vob files) needed for your DVD player to play it.

Software you will need:

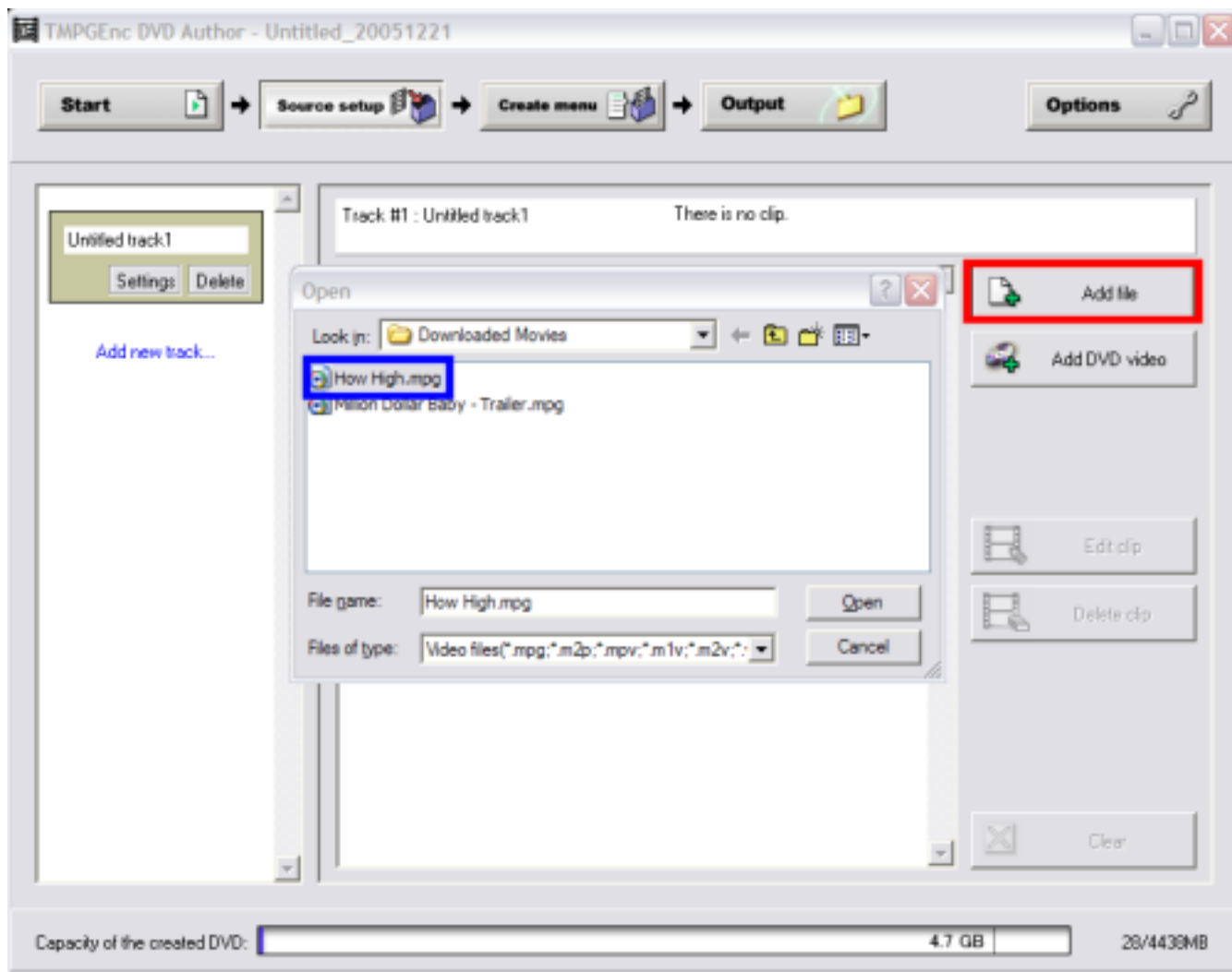
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Start up TDA, on the main screen click the "Create new project" button (red). (Screen Shot Below)



After clicking "Create new project" button, this screen will come up. Go ahead and click the "Add File" button (red), then load the MPEG-2 file you have or the one you made with TMPGEnc in this [guide](#) (blue). (Screen Shot Below)



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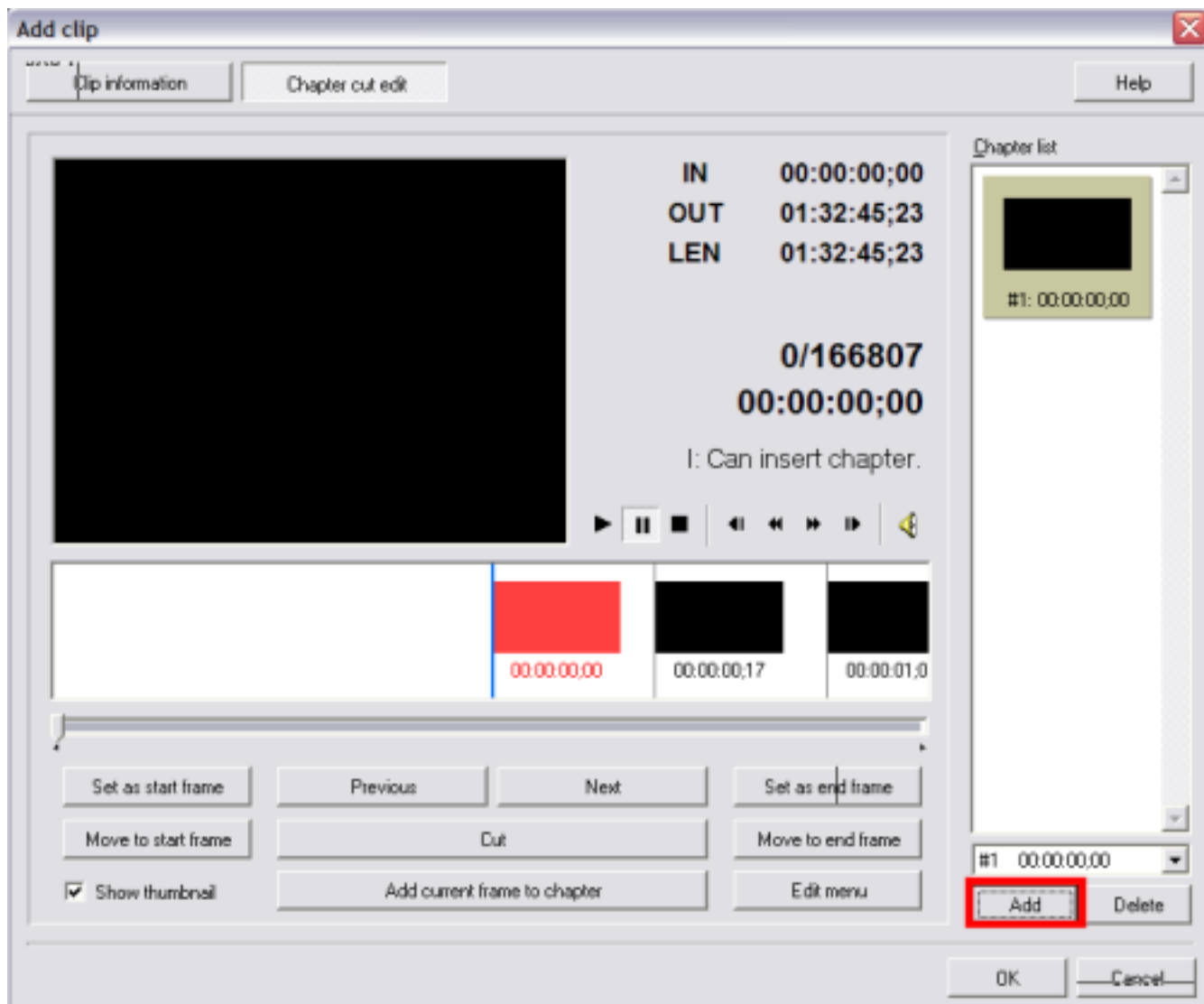
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After TDA loads the file you selected, this screen will come up. There are 2 buttons at the top. Go ahead and click the "Chapter cut edit" button (red). (Screen Shot Below)



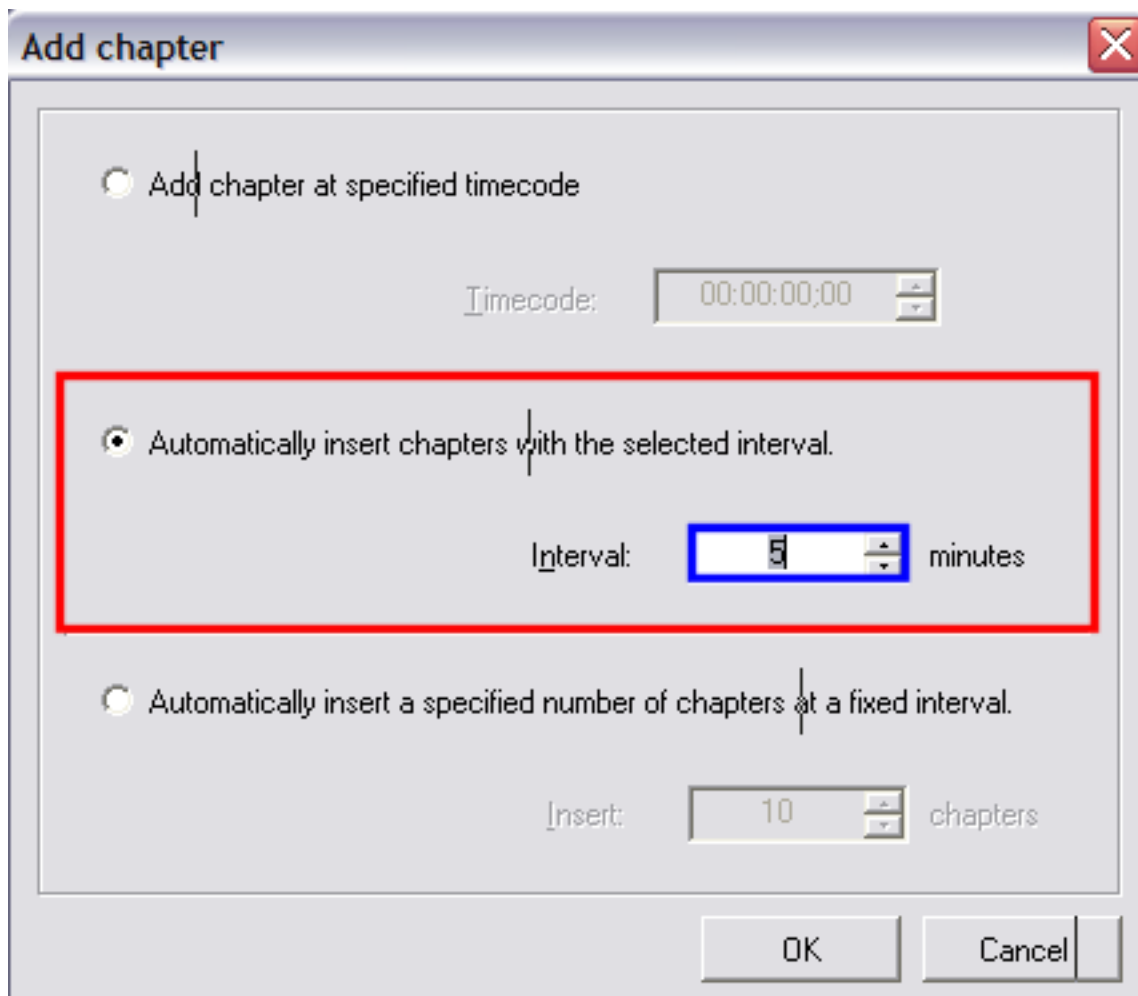
Now this screen will pop up, here you will be able to create "chapters" so that you may conveniently skip to a scene of your preference. Go ahead and click the "Add" button.



After clicking the "Add" button, this screen will pop up. It gives you 3 options to choose from.

1. Add chapter at specified timecode ( ie. 1st chapter at 45 seconds, 2nd chapter at 5 minutes, etc.)
2. Automatically create chapters at selected time intervals ( ie. Every 15 Minutes)
3. Automatically insert specified number of chapters at fixed intervals ( ie. total number of chapters you want and let TDA decide where)

I chose option 2 (red), as I wanted a chapter every 5 minutes (blue). (Screen Shot Below)

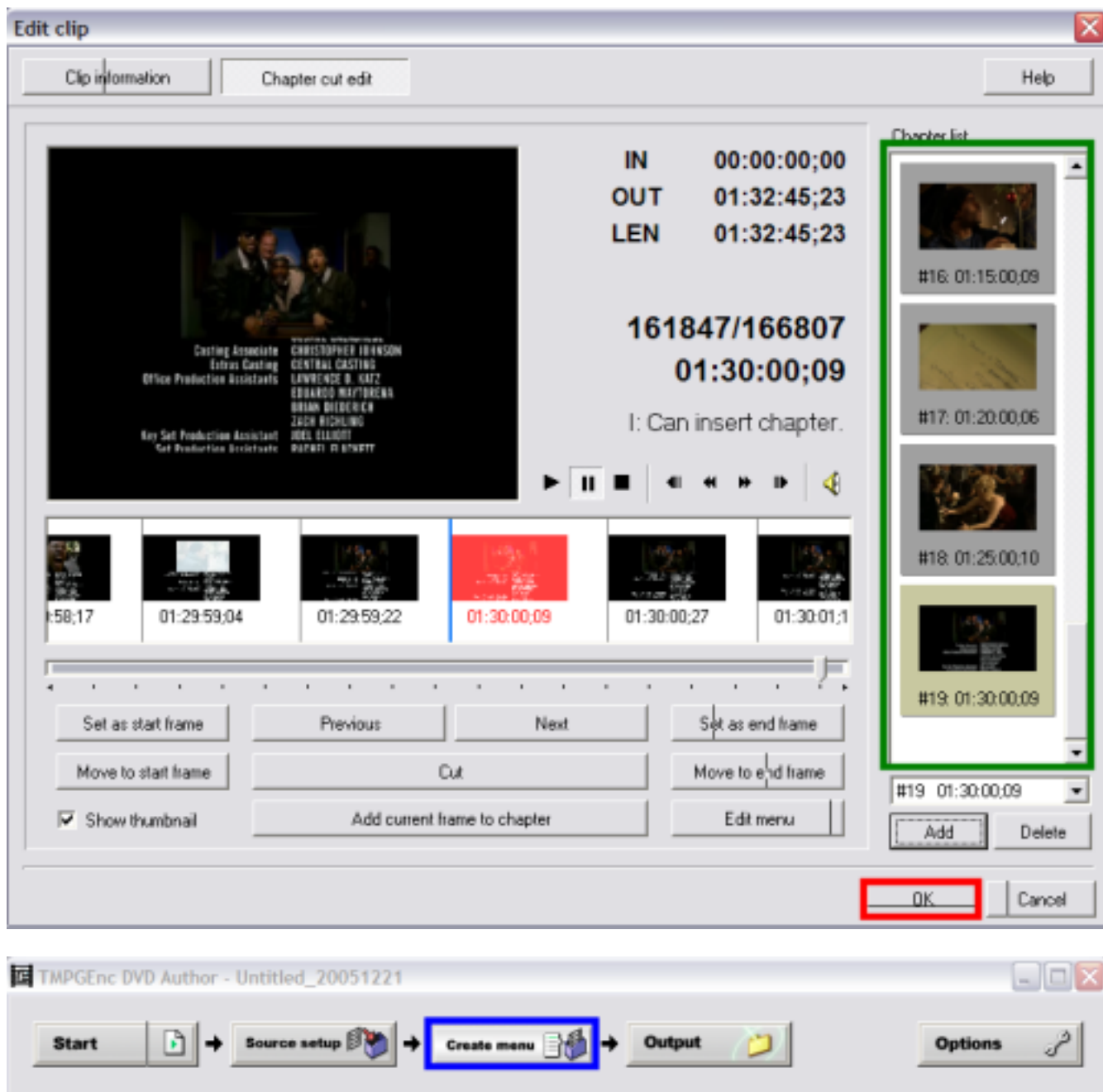


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After TDA finishes adding the chapters for you (green), click the "OK" button (red) and then it will return back to the main TDA screen. Here you need to click the "Create menu" button at the top (blue).



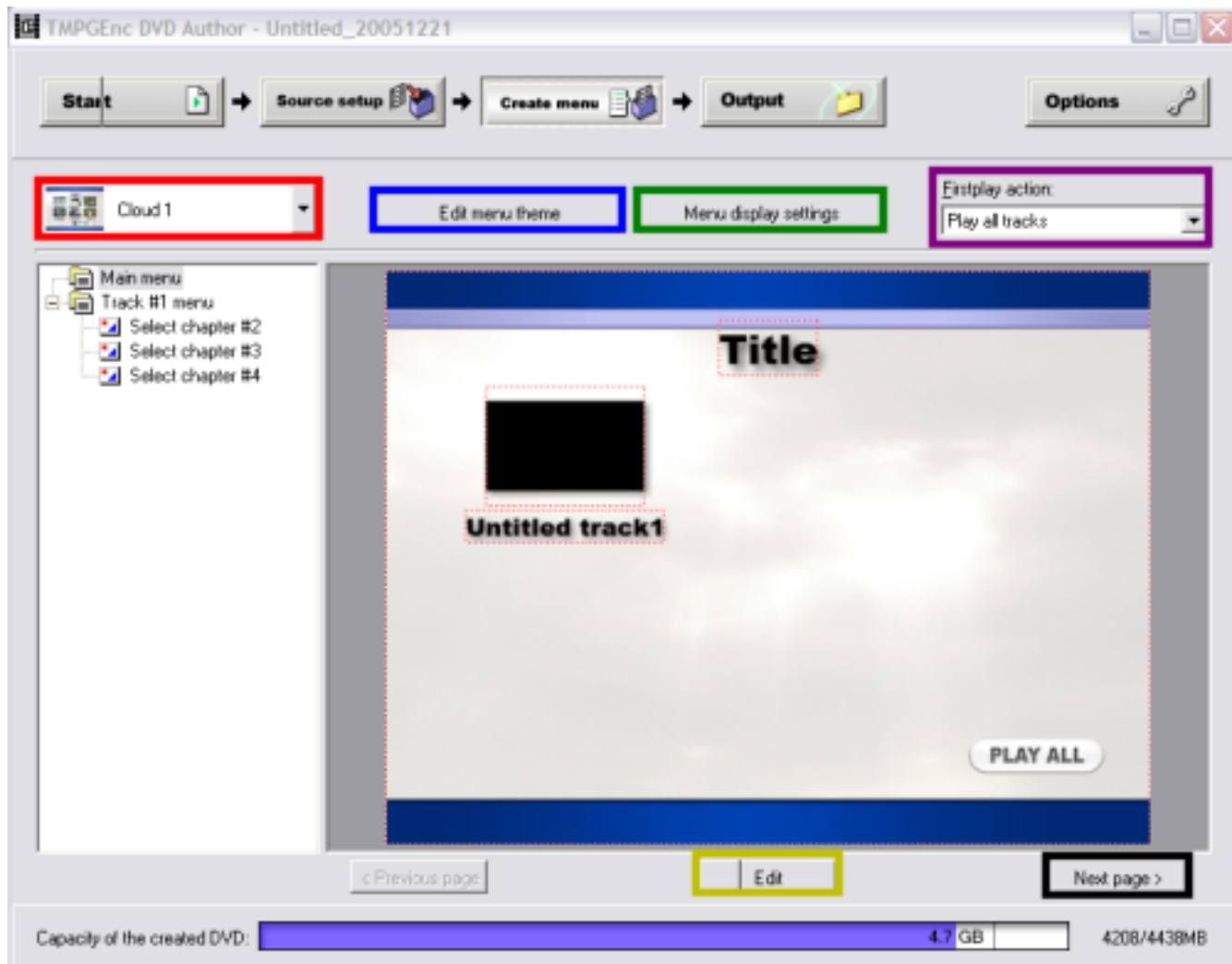
After clicking the "Create menu" button at the top, this screen will come up allowing you to fully customize the way the menu looks and functions. There is really far to much to explain here at this section so I recommend you just play around with it until you get the hang of what button does what, etc. I will give you a few quick tips on where to change stuff.

1. **Menu Theme** (red) - Change the colors and visual appearance of the Menu, change the menu layout and where the buttons are located, layout of the track menu, allows you to pick a different set of buttons, background image, and more.
2. **Edit menu theme** (blue) - Create a customized menu or edit your current customized menu
3. **Menu display settings** (green) - What items you want the menu to have, what

you want the first action of the menu to do, what you want the DVD to do after each track is played, number of chapter displayed on the menu screen, what colors you want for "Selected" items and what color you want for "Activated" items.

4. **Firstplay action** (purple) - Which item you want to play first or automatically play all tracks
5. **Edit button** (gold) - Allows you to specify a different background image or set a image for all the pages in the menu, set the font for all pages, set the font color for all pages, create new theme for the Main menu

Note: You will have to modify each page of the menu, if you have alot of chapters, you will have several pages of menu. Editing them by clicking the "Next" button (black) (Screen Shot Below)

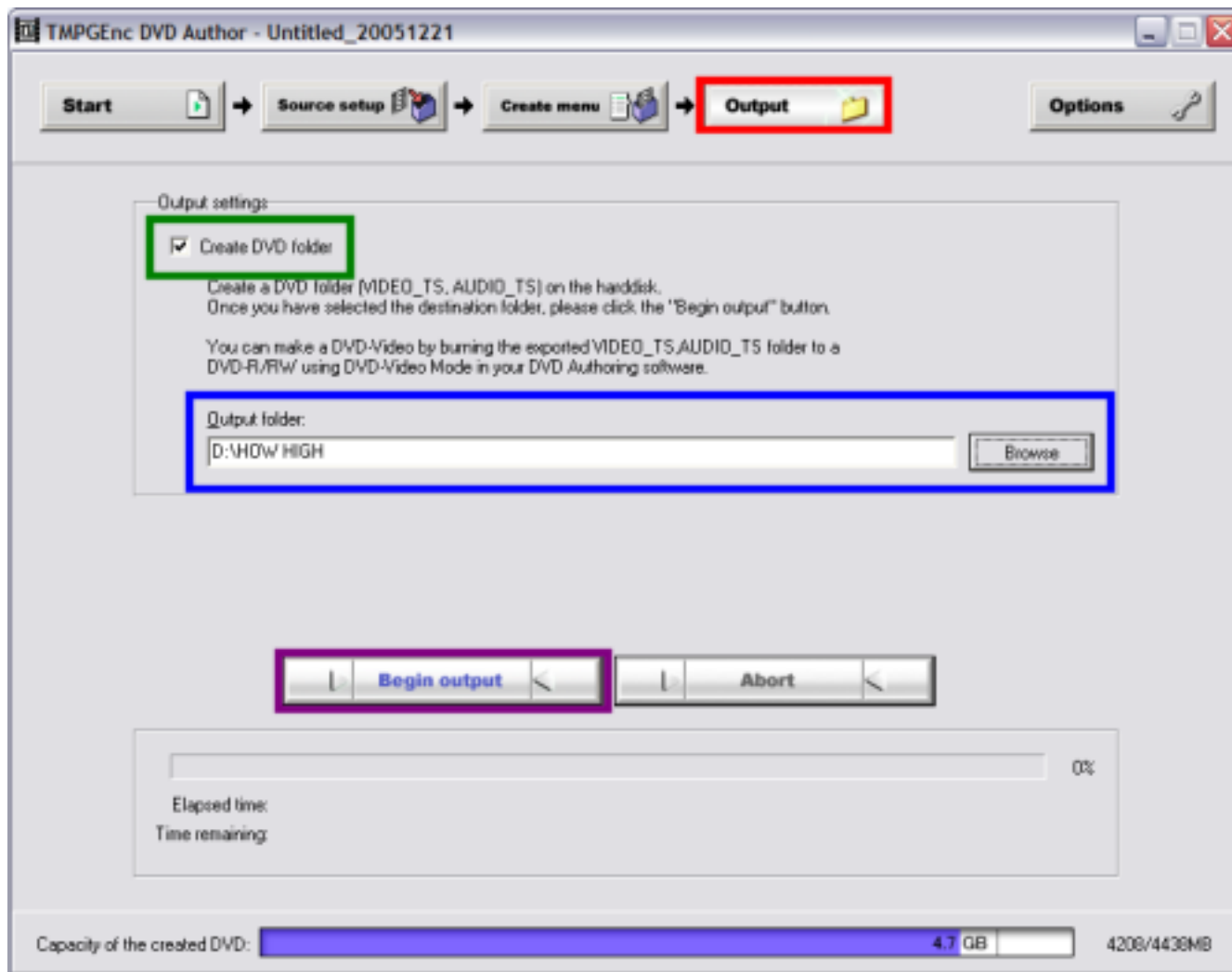


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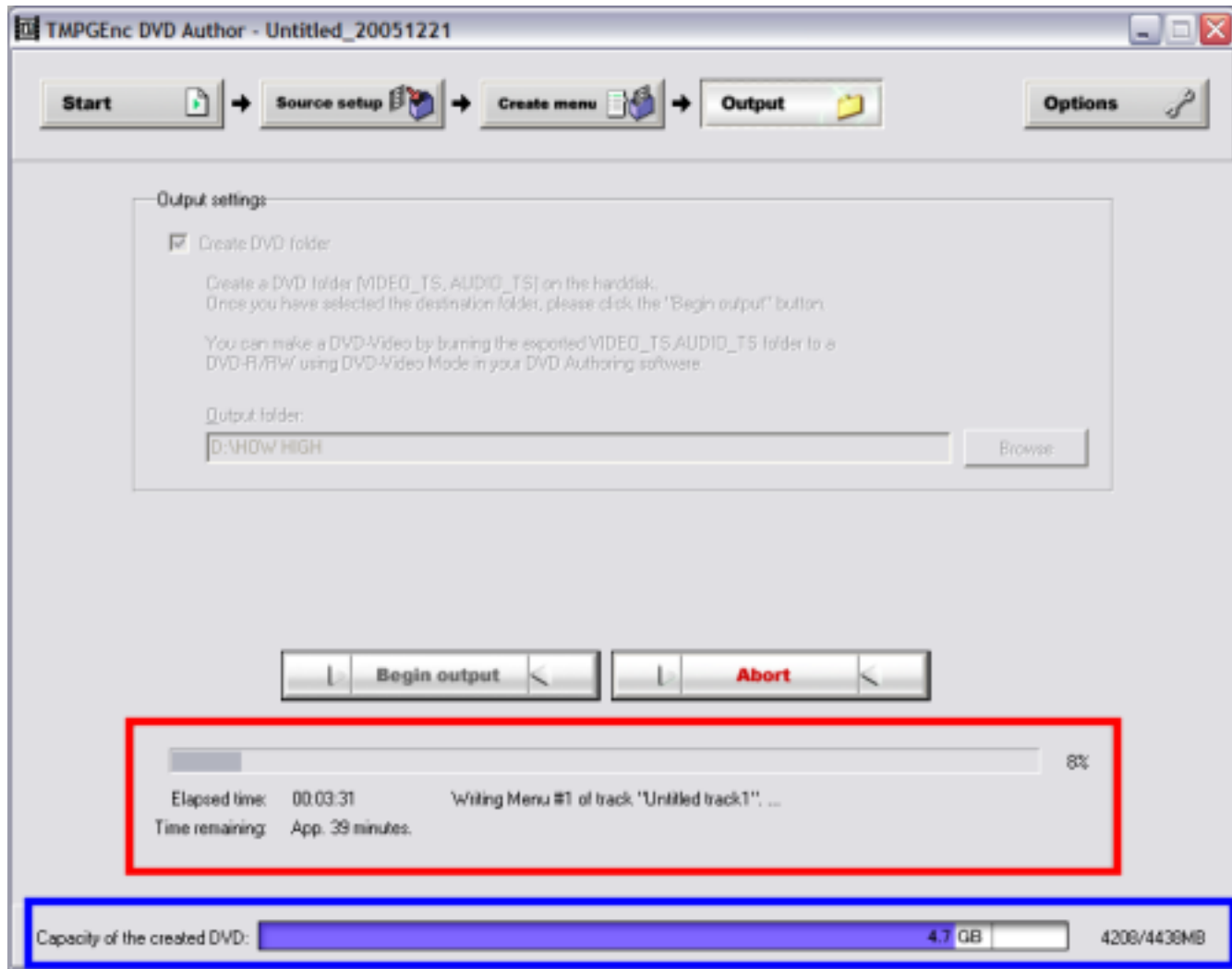
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After you have fine tuned the Menu the way you like it, go ahead and click the "Output" button (red) at the top. On this screen you can set the output directory (where you want the file to be saved at) (blue). You can also tell TDA to create a "VIDEO\_TS" folder and put all the files in it so that it will be more DVD compliant, although some programs like Nero already make a "VIDEO\_TS" folder for you (green). When you are ready, click the "Begin Output" (purple) (Screen Shot Below)



After you click the "Begin Output" button, TDA will now start to convert the MPEG-2 file to compliant DVD structure (.BUP, .IFO, .VOB files) and give you the "estimated" time of completion, as well as the "Elapsed Time (how long its taken so far)" (red). At the bottom it gives you the final overall size of the DVD. As long as you do not go past the 4.7GB standard line, you will be able to burn right after it finishes. If it is past the 4.7GB standard line, don't worry! Just use DVD Shrink or similar, to compress the video size down (blue).

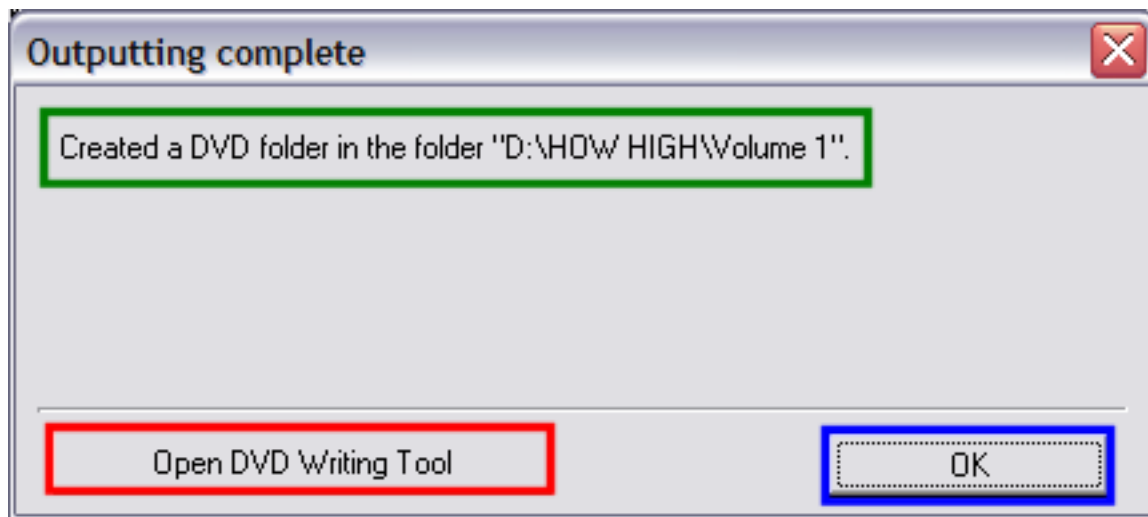




When TDA completes, this screen will pop up. You have two options (1 option if your OS is not Windows 2000 or XP).

1. Open DVD Writing Tool - TDA will burn it for you through its own personal burn engine. This option is only for Windows 2000/XP users. (red)
2. OK - The files will reside on the hard drive in the folder you specified and wait for you to burn them with your favorite DVD burning application, such as Nero (blue). It will also tell you where the files are saved at on your hard drive, in case you forgot (green).

(Screen Shot Below)

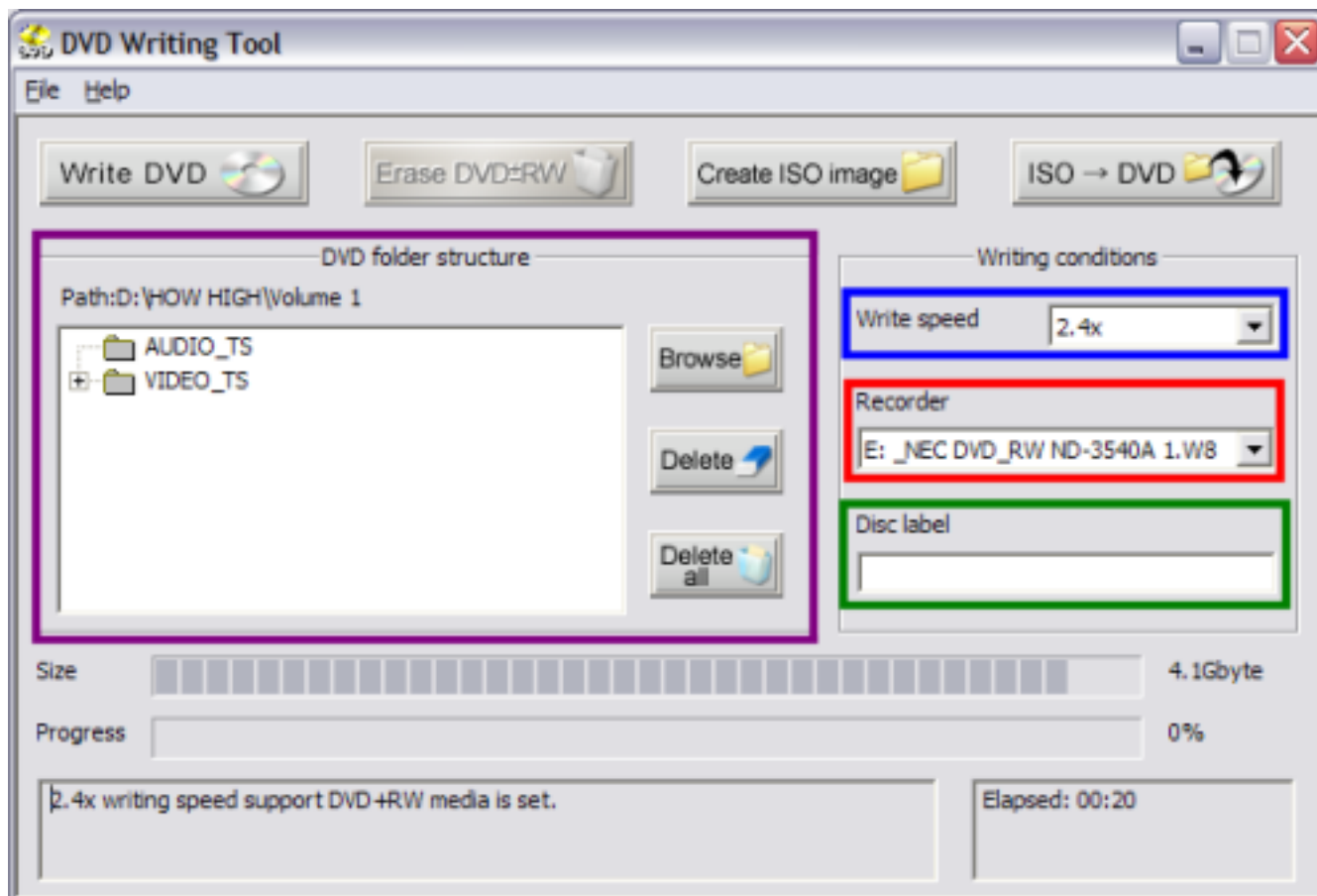


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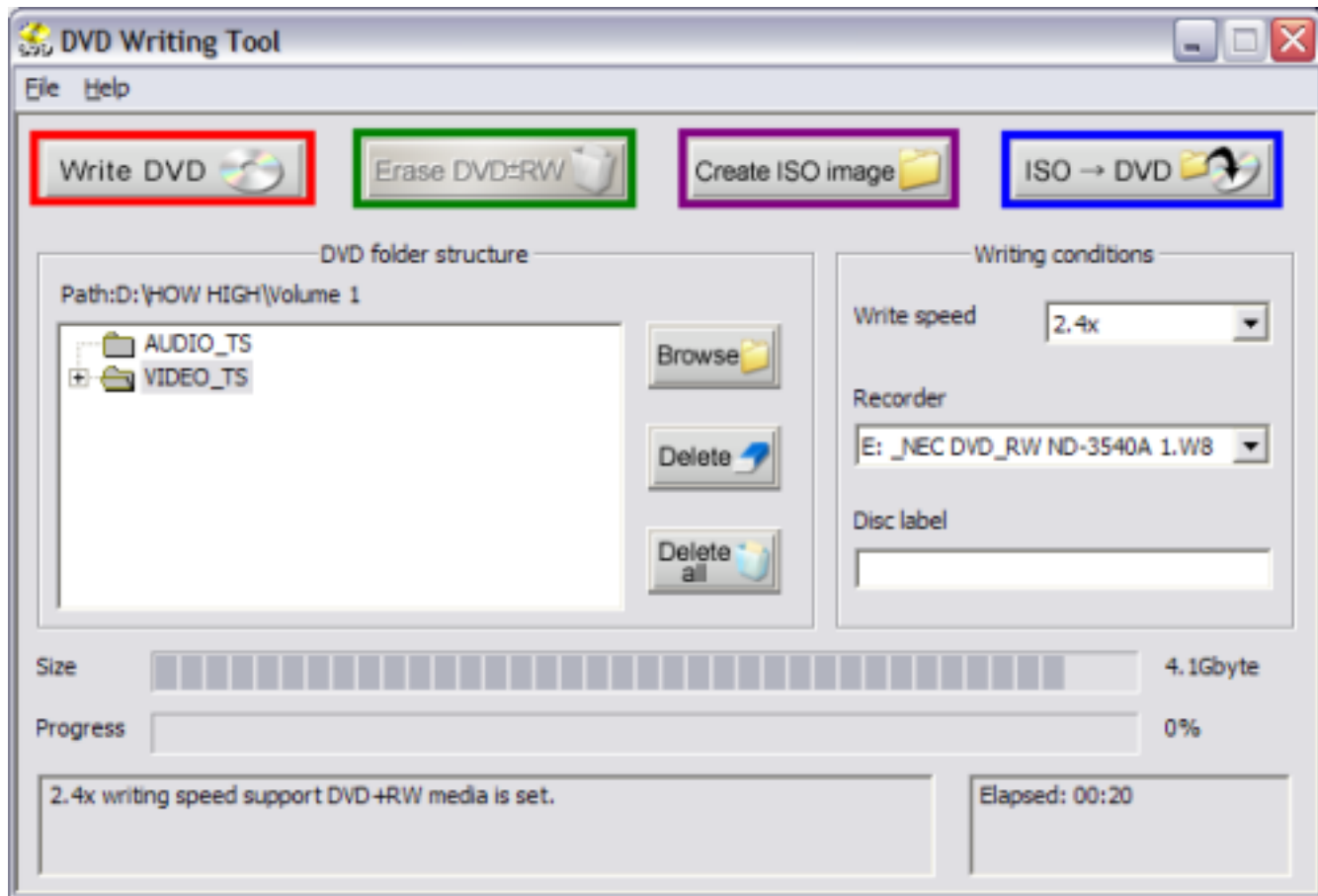
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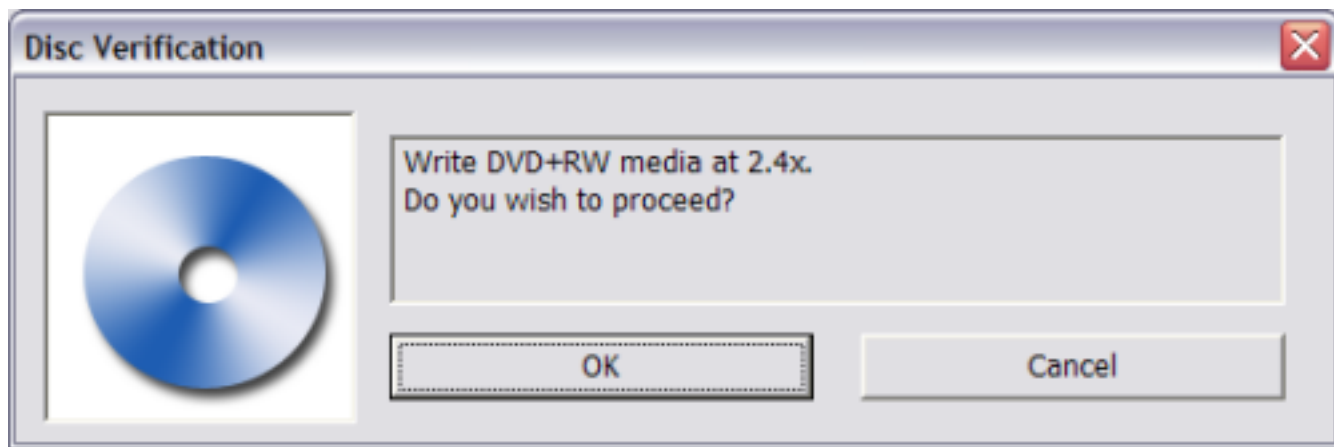
If you chose "Open DVD Writing Tool" then this screen would come up. Here you would tell TDA which drive to burn to (red), at what speed to burn it at (blue), the disc label (name) you want it to have (green), what files you want it to burn (pick them via the "Browse" button) (purple).



There are also 4 different buttons at the top. Each one serves a different purpose. The first and last button basically do the same thing, burn the DVD. Only difference is the first one burns "Files" (VIDEO\_TS Folder) (red) and the other burns "ISO" images (blue). The other 2 buttons are pretty self explanatory, one erases RW disc's (green) the other creates a "ISO" image (purple) of the "VIDEO\_TS" folder.



After pressing 1 of the 2 burn icons, this screen will pop up and let you know what kind of media you are burning to and what speed you want to burn it at. If the settings are correct, click OK. If they are not, click Cancel and go back and fix them. (Screen Shot Below)



After clicking OK, just wait for it to finish! DONE! (Screen Shot Below)

