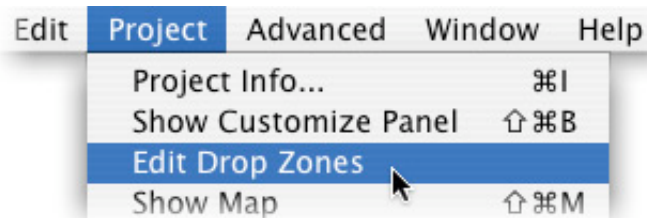


iDVD 5 Hot Tips

If you're looking to get the most out of iDVD 5, here are some nifty tips and tricks that will have you working smarter and faster. For maximum efficiency, use iDVD [keyboard shortcuts](#) to quickly accomplish many tasks.

Adding Content to Dynamic Drop Zones

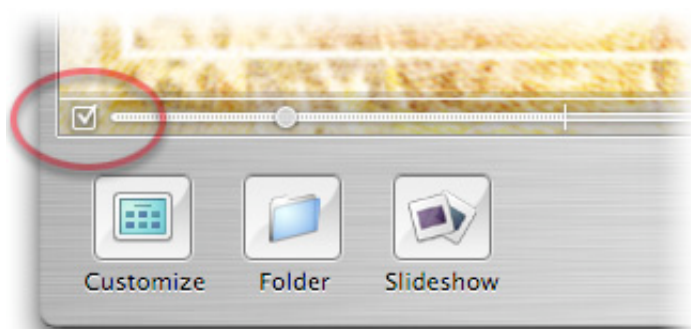
iDVD 5 has some themes that feature dynamic drop zones, which move and may appear and disappear as the background theme plays. If you want to add content (images, movies, or slideshows) to the drop zones, you can use the scrubber bar to scrub through a motion menu and locate the various dynamic drop zones within it (from the **Advanced** menu, choose **Enable Motion Playhead** to display the scrubber if it isn't already). Or you can double-click a drop zone, or choose **Edit Drop Zones** from the **Project** menu, to open a numbered list of all drop zones within the menu.



To add content quickly, double-click on any Drop Zone to display the Drop Zone editor, which displays all your Drop Zones in an editable list.

Turning Off Intros

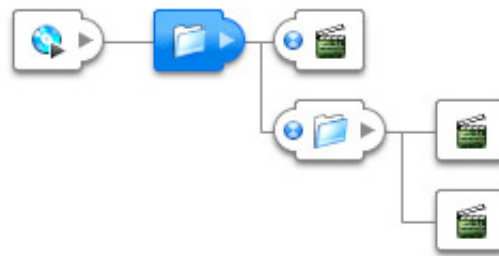
Some iDVD themes feature an intro to the main motion menu. If a theme has one, the scrubber bar displays the intro as a shaded segment that's separated from the main menu loop by a short, vertical line. You have the option of using the intro or turning it off.



To turn off an intro, deselect the checkbox that appears to the left of the scrubber. If you turn off the intro, it will not burn to disc (just as when motion is turned off, motion won't burn to

Edit Projects Dynamically in Map View

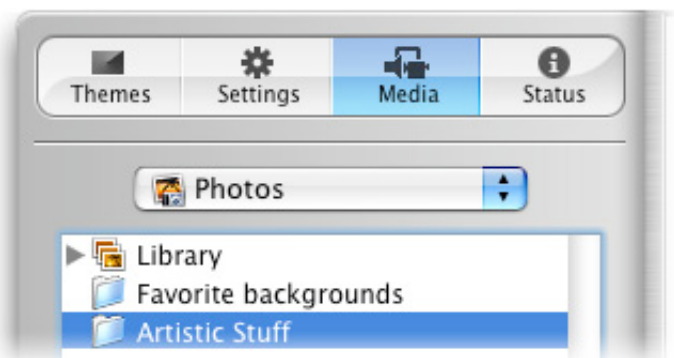
iDVD's map view allows you to edit your projects in dynamic ways. Here are some examples of things you can do. Map view gives you a graphical overview of your project, allowing you to see every element and navigational path to each item. You'll be able to keep better track of how everything is linked together. It also allows you to change things on the fly. You can easily select a menu in map view and change its theme. Or select multiple menus and change all the themes at once.



You can even create a slideshow quickly by dragging an iPhoto album from the Photos pane to an iDVD menu. When you double-click the menu to bring it back to full size, you'll see that iDVD automatically created a slideshow button for you.

Get Easy Access to Other Media

If you have folders of photos, movies, or audio files that aren't stored in the default locations that iDVD 5 looks at via the Media browser (your iPhoto Library, Movies, and iTunes Music folders, respectively), you can create an alias that provides easy access to these files.



Just drag any folder right into the appropriate media pane. For example, you can drag a folder full of

disc).

Create Scene Selection Submenus Automatically

iDVD can automatically create your scene selection submenus for you. In iMovie HD, simply specify chapter markers in your movie project, give them each a custom name, and save it. In iDVD 5, locate your movie in the Movie pane (click the Media tab in the side panel and select Movies from the pop-up menu) and drag it into the iDVD menu. (Be careful not to drop it in a drop zone.) iDVD automatically creates a button that links to your movie, along with a submenu of all your scene selections (as dictated by your chapter markers).

Scrubber Tips

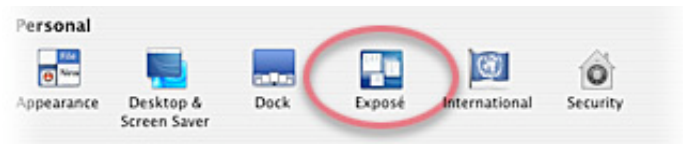
Now that iDVD has a scrubber, you'll find that it has plenty of handy uses. Here are a few suggestions.

- If you like a particular part of a background video and want to have the menu loop at a specific point, drag the scrubber to your preferred sequence ending and note the timing of the current loop point. Then adjust the menu duration accordingly to have it only loop that section.
- Rather than have to listen to an entire menu sequence, use the scrubber to quickly preview the different parts of your menu, and verify the sequence of any iTunes playlist you've added as the background audio.

pane. For example, you can drag a folder full of photos from the Finder to the Photos pane. iDVD creates an alias in the pane for easy access.

Drag and Drop Video Clips into Drop Zones

A quick and easy way to populate iDVD drop zones with iMovie HD content is to simply drag and drop video clips from iMovie HD directly into iDVD 5 drop zones. You can drag video clips from iMovie HD's clips pane, the clip viewer, or the timeline. If your screen real estate is a bit too small to see both applications, use Exposé. Just drag a video clip from iMovie to your designated Exposé “hot” corner that exposes all windows. Locate iDVD and hover your cursor over it to bring it to the front. Then drag the video clip over a drop zone and release. Voila!



Don't have Exposé hot corners set up yet? Just open System Preferences and click the Exposé button to take care of that.

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