

VideoPaper Builder — Simple Guide

What is a VideoPaper?

A VideoPaper is a multimedia document that consists basically of text pages and a video. The text pages have embedded buttons that play a snippet of the video when clicked on. This makes VideoPapers ideally suited to presenting case studies and classroom experiences.

For example, a page in a video paper might discuss how a student reasoned through a particular problem. The page would include buttons that show the student in various stages of the thought process as small clips of the video. No video editing is necessary.

Installing VideoPaper Builder

To install the VideoPaper Builder software do the following steps in order:

Windows

- Download and install Java 1.4 or greater from **java.com**. Click on the large green “FREE JAVA DOWNLOAD” button on that page.
- Download and install QuickTime 7 or greater from **apple.com/quicktime**. Click on the large blue “Free Download” button on that page. You can choose either the version including iTunes or the one without.
- Download and install the VideoPaper builder software from **vpb.concord.org/download**. Click on the “Windows Software” link in the “Current Downloads” section.

Macintosh OS X

- Use Software Update (from the Apple Menu) to install any available Java updates.
- Use Software Update (from the Apple Menu) to install any available QuickTime updates.
- Download the VideoPaper builder software from **vpb.concord.org/download**. Click on the “Mac OS X Software” link in the “Current Downloads” section (or the Intel version if you are using an intel based Macintosh). After the .dmg file has downloaded, it should automatically mount. If it doesn’t mount, double click on the *vpb.dmg* file in the Finder to mount it. Once mounted, drag the **VideoPaper Builder** application from the disk image to your Applications folder.

Preparing a Video

In order to use a video with VideoPaper Builder, QuickTime must be able to open the video. QuickTime supports opening most kinds of video, with the notable exception of Windows Media formats (.wmv, .asf). There are several ways to get compatible video:

If you have a MiniDV Camera, you should first import the video into your computer using Firewire/IEEE 1394/iLink and your video editing software. Save the file in a QuickTime compatible format such as .mov in iMovie or .avi Windows Movie Maker.

If you have another kind of camera (e.g., video mode of a digital still camera, cell phone video camera, flash memory based video camera), save the video file to your computer. If that video cannot be played in QuickTime, you can use a free online-conversion website to convert the video. An example of such a site is “media-convert.com”

Using VideoPaper Builder

This guide will step you through the most important elements of creating a VideoPaper. A longer tutorial, going into some more advanced features, is available on this web site:

<http://vpb.concord.org/userguide/tutorial/>







If you don't already have a piece of QuickTime compatible video, download our sample from:

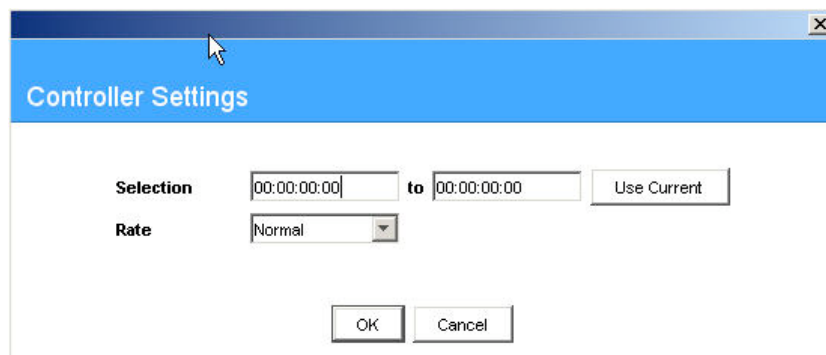
<http://itsi.concord.org/video/>

1. Open the **VideoPaper Builder** software. The New Document Wizard will automatically open. Follow the four steps (VideoPaper, Author, Layout, Movie) outlined in the New Document Wizard to:

- Name your VideoPaper
- Enter Author Information for your VideoPaper
- Select a layout for your VideoPaper content
- Select and import the video file to be used


*If you are unable to select the video on the Macintosh platform, you can manually enter a location: /Users/YourUserName/Desktop/interview.mp4. If you mistype the movie location and your video isn't working in the program, you can change the movie location by going to **Edit -> VideoPaper Settings***


2. Click on the  **New Page** button to add text pages to your VideoPaper. Give each page a Title using the  **Properties** button. The title of each page will appear in the Navigation Menu.
3. Drag and drop Page titles to rearrange into the order you wish them to appear in your Navigational Menu. Pages may be organized within Sections for additional levels of organization
 - Use the  **Section** button to create new sections and drag pages into them. Edit Section or Page titles using the  **Properties** button, or delete using the  **Trash** button
4. Add Play/Stop button links between your text and video:
 - Double-click on the name of a Text Page; the content will appear in the Text Editor
 - Place your cursor in the page and begin typing some text. You can use the standard tools to change text size, style, colors, etc.
 - Place your cursor in the page at the point in the text you wish to be linked from
 - Click on the  **Play/Stop** Insert button.
 - A dialog window will open, asking you to enter the start/stop times for the **Play/Stop** button you want to create.



- Enter **hours:minutes:seconds:frames** for Start and Stop
- Click "**OK**"
- A **Play/Stop** button will appear in your text at the cursor's current location

5. To edit or delete the **Play/Stop** button, right-click on it; you will be able to:
 - Edit the video start/end time
 - Delete the button
 - Activate the controller to view the section of the video that will be played

6. As a shortcut, you can click the start point in the video bar, then hold the shift key down and click on your end point in the video bar. When you select  Insert Play/Stop button, it will automatically set the start and end times to your selected points. To clear your selection on the video, double click on the video bar.

7. Save your VideoPaper by clicking the  Save button:
 - The VideoPaper will be saved as a .vpb file
 - This file can be opened in VideoPaper Builder in order to make additional edits or update the VideoPaper

8. Publish your VideoPaper by clicking on File -> Publish:
 - Create or choose a folder to save your VideoPaper to; click OK
 - View your VideoPaper by opening the exported file "index.htm" in a web browser. You can save this folder to a network server, a USB flash drive, or CD ROM if you would like to share it.