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Recently, compressed domain transcoders have reached quite some popularity. These transcoders are based on algorithms designed to recompress an MPEG-2 stream in real-time for TV broadcast. These programs can transcode an entire DVD movie in only a few minutes, because they do not have to decode and re-encode the entire video stream, but only part of it. I will not go into a detailed explanation of the mechanisms used as they are quite involved but basically what you get is a size (and hence quality) reduction per time unit that cannot be rivaled by regular MPEG-2 encoders (though the latter category can yield better quality). DVD2One was the first program to be based on these principles, now DVD Shrink is the first free program to offer this functionality.

You will need the following software for this guide:

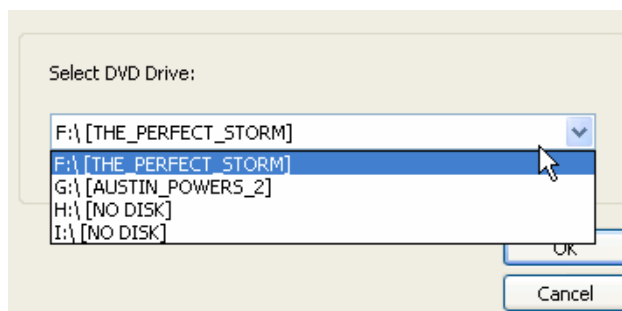
DVD Shrink  
ImgTool & DVD Decrypter or a commercial DVD burning program

**Step 0: First time setup**

The first time you use DVD Shrink you might want to **configure the preferences**. To do so, press *Edit - Preferences*.

**Step 1: Back up your DVD**

The first thing you'll have to do after starting up DVD Shrink is select a source. Press Open Disk to get a list of available DVD drives:



A list of all available DVD drives on your computer will be shown. Select the one containing the movie.

Alternatively you could first rip the DVD to an ISO file using DVD Decrypter and create a virtual DVD drive which you will use as

source. This process is explained [here](#).

If you have already ripped the DVD in file mode (thus you have a collection of .IFO, .BUP and .VOB files on your HD) press the Open Files button:



Then press browse and select the folder where your VIDEO\_TS directory resides.