

# VHS CONVERTER

HOW-TO BOOKLET

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# GETTING STARTED

The software we are using today, Elgato Video Capture, enables VHS transfer, meaning that it is designed to convert your personal VHS tapes to digital files.

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

The VHS Converter is *not* designed to convert commercial VHS tapes to MP4.

**Copying video that does not belong to you is illegal.**

The VHS Converter has been tested for use with Windows only and *may not* work with Apple products or other operating systems.

# WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- A VHS Tape you'd like to convert
- A USB drive with available storage space
- Time
  - The software requires 93 MB of space on the hard drive. This chart outlines the space you will need, to be able to save your file:

10 minutes	178 MB
20 minutes	535 MB
60 minutes	1 GB
90 minutes	1.6 GB
120 minutes	2.1 GB
180 minutes	3.1 GB

# PREPARE THE SOFTWARE, RECORD AND SAVE

1. Open the Elgato Video Capture software found on the desktop.

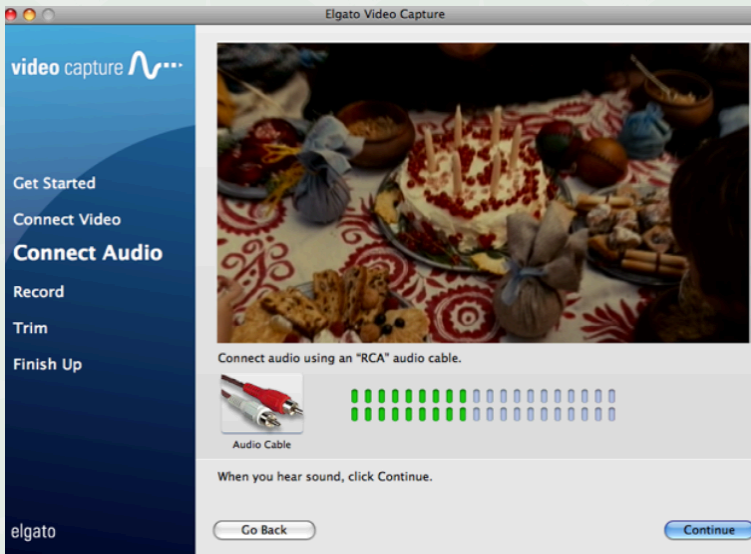


2. Follow the guided instructions on the program software. Name your movie and choose the approximate length.

3. Click 'Continue'. You will be prompted to Connect Video. At this point, press 'Power' on the VCR to turn it on. Before inserting the VHS tape, you may have to press 'Play'. Insert the VHS tape, wait a few seconds for the tape to catch, and then press 'Play' again.

4. Choose your preferred Aspect Ratio. For older VHS tapes, you will most likely use 4:3.

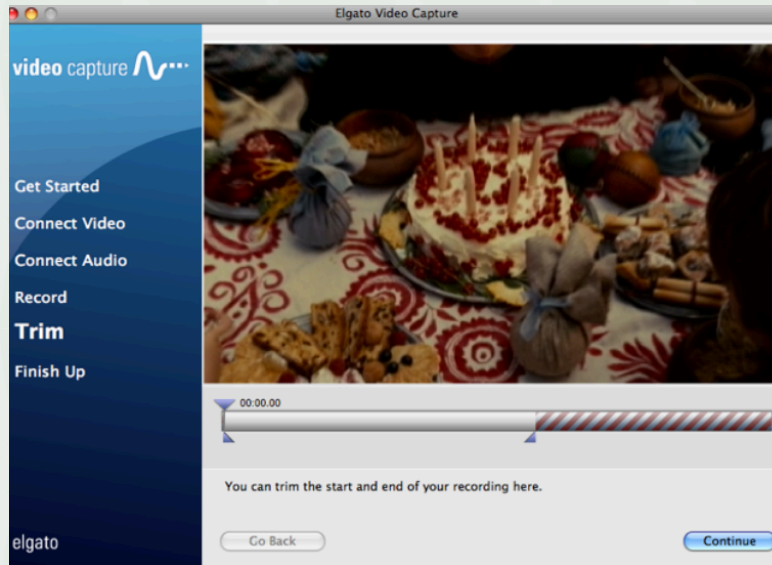
5. Check Audio. You will know it's working if the green bars visible on the screen are moving:



6. Click 'Start Recording'.

7. The length of time to record will be the same amount of time on your VHS tape.

8. Once complete, you can trim the footage to your desired length:



9. Finish and Save Your Work. Ensure to save your file directly to your USB. The message “Your movie was saved successfully” will appear.
10. On your VCR, you can press ‘Rew’ if you want to rewind the tape back to the beginning.
11. Press ‘Stop/Eject’ once to stop the tape, then ‘Stop/Eject’ again to eject it. Remove your VHS tape from the player. Press ‘Power’ to turn off the VCR.



# **MORE INFORMATION**

These instructions have been created with much help from the Oak Creek Library of Wisconsin's Elgato Video Capture instructions.

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