Subject: The Power of Nightmares
Posted by Ion on Sun, 30 Jan 2005 18:39:20 GMT
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   I am a total n00b at downloading video. But there is a documentary I'd like to acquire from some sites that use Bittorrent. I only have dialup so I don't even knowif it's practical. The doc. is called The Power of Nightmaresfrom BBC by Adam Curtis. But BBC says it's have this big problem making a dvd release. That leaves BitTorrent for getting a version for personaluse.   How does the d/l handle formatting? If the doc. wasdone in European Pal format, will the BitTorrent d/lmake something like a vcd file from the source? I'mwanting to make it playable on a zone 1 dvd system orrun it through a laptop w/projector hookup.

Subject: Re: The Power of Nightmares
Posted by Wayne Parham on Mon, 31 Jan 2005 06:12:42 GMT
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There is a difference between PAL and NTSC, so it may not work for you. But MPEG is universal, so you may not have a problem. It depends on what format they've used. In any case, converters and editors are available, so if the file is some sort of format you can't use, you can easily convert it.AVOne Video ConverterVisCom VideoEdit ConverterDVD RipperThere are a lot of other programs like that out there too, so you might look around. I use a hardware converter, which is nice when dealing with composite video. But since yours will be a file, you can probably grab one of these programs as a demo, use it for your conversion, and then let the evaluation period lapse.

Subject: Re: The Power of Nightmares
Posted by Mark Margiotta on Mon, 07 Feb 2005 16:48:49 GMT
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Ion,   All BitTorrent does to the file is redistributes the cost of the uplaod to the downloaders. It does not change the file in any way. When a file is made available using HTTP, all upload cost is placed on the hosting machine. With BitTorrent, when multiple people are downloading the same file at the same time, they upload pieces of the file to each other. This redistributes the bandwidth and the cost of upload to the downloaders. So the file format will not be at all changed. If it was PAL to start with, its going to be PAL when you get it. If it is PAL you could burn it to DVD, but it would be unplayable in most DVD players in this country. What you could do is render the file from MPEG or AVI to raw video in a video editing program such as adobe premiere or final cut pro. Then you could burn it onto a DVD in NTSC with region 1 coding.Mark

Subject: Re: The Power of Nightmares
Posted by Ion on Mon, 07 Feb 2005 17:51:13 GMT
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   That's Lon BTW.   Yes, the subject of digital video is a complex one. I have a lot of questions about it.   Over at a place called afterdawn, I put out the request tohave someone with BT cut a set of disks for me-- someone who knowswhat they're doing. Afterdawn looks like a good site like AudioRoundtable only focussing on video more than audio. I feel fortunate to have found it after the poor start I had with someBitTorrent sites.
 After Dawn

Subject: Re: The Power of Nightmares
Posted by Crystal on Sun, 21 Oct 2007 04:27:14 GMT
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Once you've downloaded this movie thought bittorrent. Try using a program called convertxtodvd. Im pretty sure that you can load the movie file there and use it to burn to a blank dvd. The default setting should be set to convert files to region 1 settings.Crystal

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Subject: Re: The Power of Nightmares
Posted by Ion on Sun, 21 Oct 2007 15:11:26 GMT
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Wow, this message was made a couple years ago.Not familiar with convertxtodvd but the usual avi files made on Btcan be burned using Nero.Other video help can be found at CDfreaks, videohellp.com and Afterdawnwhich has guides for many programs.