Video editing

There are two ways to produce clips from a DVD. The first is to turn the episode into a video file and then cut the file to just the parts you want to show. The second is to screen capture only the important bit; this takes less time and processing power, but you need to deal with more finicky software. Please remember that many DVDs use digital restriction management; however, the German law allows for backup copies ("Privatkopie") and for the use of film clips in class.

Watching a DVD

- Download VLC (videolan.org/vlc) for Windows, Mac or Linux.
- You can use it to capture still images and get exact time codes.

Converting an episode into a file

- Download Handbrake (handbrake.fr) for Windows, Mac or Linux.
- On Windows or Mac, download the file that deals with digital restriction management:
 Win 64bit: download.videolan.org/pub/libdvdcss/1.2.12/win64/libdvdcss-2.dll
 Win 32bit: download.videolan.org/pub/libdvdcss/1.2.12/win32/libdvdcss-2.dll
 Mac: download.videolan.org/pub/libdvdcss/1.2.12/macosx/libdvdcss.pkg
- On Windows, you need to manually paste the file into C:\Program files\Handbrake.
- To copy an episode, select the corresponding track of the DVD in Handbrake and hit Start.

Screen capturing a clip from a DVD

- Download the Microsoft Expression Encoder software suite for Windows: microsoft.com/de-DE/download/details.aspx?id=27870
- A detailed list of instructions can be found online: msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ee341425(v=expression.40).aspx
- The basics: open the DVD in VLC, open Microsoft Expression Screen Capture. Click Record in the screen capture software, click on the VLC window you want to capture and hit Play in VLC. Hit the Record button again to stop the recording. In the list of screen captures, select the file you just recorded and click Send to Encoder. If you recorded too much, trim the clip in the Encoder window. When you are done, hit Encode at the bottom of the window. The finished file can now be found in a Microsoft Expression folder in your documents.

Simple editing solutions

- Windows: Movie Maker

Mac: iMovie Linux: Pitivi

- Cut clips from whole episodes or trim a recorded clip, fade in and out.