

General Instructions for Creating a Video Clip for use on a 3D Shaded Sign

Requirements:

- Digital video camera and computer connection hardware (FireWire, USB, etc.) or an existing video clip on your computer.
 - Video editing software such as Adobe Premiere, Microsoft Movie Maker, Apple iMovie or Final Cut Pro.
1. Connect your camera to the computer and copy the digital video onto your hard drive using the capture feature of your editing software, or any software that may have come with your camera.
 2. Import the video into your editing software if it is not already imported for use*.
 3. Remove any audio from your clip. You may have to unlink the audio and video portions first. Consult your editing software's help feature for more detail.
 4. Convert the video to black-and-white. This is usually done using video effects (Adobe Premiere, After Effects). Consult your editing software's help feature for more detail.
 5. You may also want to increase the contrast of the black-and-white video. This is also usually done using video effects. Consult your editing software's help feature for more detail.
 6. Export your video clip with the following specifications:
 - File type: AVI
 - Frame size: Your display size in pixels
 - Frames per second: 15
 - Compression: None
 7. You should now have a high -contrast, black-and-white .avi file that is the exact pixel size of your display (for example, 32 pixels high by 96 pixels wide). Use this video clip in Complay 3.0 to display it on your sign.

*Note – Videos containing a high amount of detail will not display well when reduced to the pixel size of your display. Use videos with less detailed subjects that contrast with the background.

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