

Idiot's Guide for putting movies on your Android phone



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What is this guide?

Our software comes with a detailed user guide which was written to be accessible by people who are new to the concept of putting movies on their phone/iPod/iPad or other portable device. The writing style used in the user guide sort of expects the user to have a basic understanding of how to use a computer, including things like copying files.

However, there are many people who know just enough about computers to check their email, and how to play Farm Ville.

For these people I decided to write this guide.

Why put movies on a phone?

Many people don't understand why some people put movies on their phone. Watching video on such a small screen, when you have a big wide-screen TV at home, why bother? Well, when you are not at home, you don't have access to that TV. Playing Angry Birds while waiting for an appointment is fun, but I can only handle that for so long, and if there actually is a TV in the waiting room, someone else has control over the channels. For me, I rather watch some of my own favorite movies and TV shows than to be stuck watching "The View", regardless of the screen size.

What many people don't realize is that the actual screen size of a phone doesn't differ that much from a TV. Sure there is a difference of 40 inches, but if you take into account the distance you are away from your TV, and the distance you keep your phone from your eyes, its nearly the same size.

Why do you need this guide?

This guide explains on how to put movies you already own on your phone. Most likely you already have a nice DVD collection, but unfortunately, there are no phones that come with a DVD player, so the movie (or TV shows) need to be copied from the DVD to your phone. This is where this guide comes in. It provides you with detailed information on the steps involved on copying the movie from the DVD and then how to put it onto your phone so the next time you are waiting for an appointment or don't like the inflight-movie, you can watch your own favorite shows.

What do you need?




Before you can get started, there are a few things you need:

1. An Android phone such as the Droid, G2 or maybe even the Galaxy S Tab tablet phone. The process works with all Android devices.
2. A computer running Microsoft Windows. The software in this guide works with Windows XP, Windows Vista and Windows 7. There is no Apple MAC version available (yet)
3. A Movie or a TV Show DVD. The software works with video files as well, but if you are reading this guide, it is unlikely you already have movie files on your computer.
4. Our DVD Catalyst software, which can be found on our website.
5. A cable to connect your Android phone to your computer.

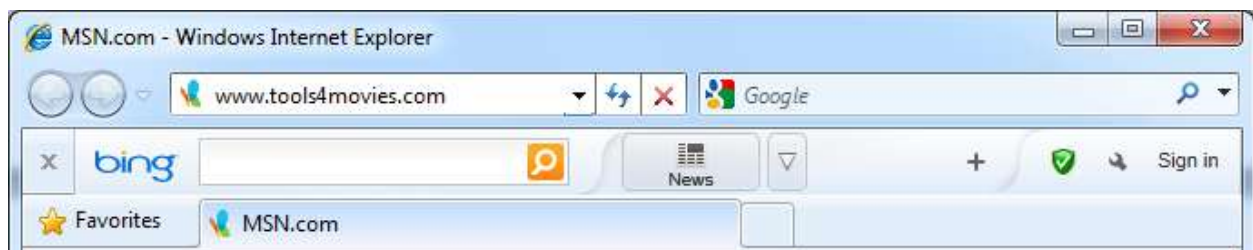
(NOOKcolor specific guide can be found here: [LINK](#))

Step 1 : Obtaining and installing the software:

To be able to put movies on your phone, you first need to install ther DVD Catalyst software on your computer. This process might seem like a lot of work based on the screenshots and steps involved, but it actually is very easy, and is something you will be use for anything you download from the internet. It basically describes the steps to download a zip-file from the internet and then install the program onto your computer. To make it easy to understand, I included as many screenshots of the process as possible.

On your computer open your  Internet Explorer (or  Firefox or  Chrome browser) by clicking on its icon just like you normally would when you visit FaceBook or the Internet.

Then at the top of the internet program you use, change the internet page to www.tools4movies.com.



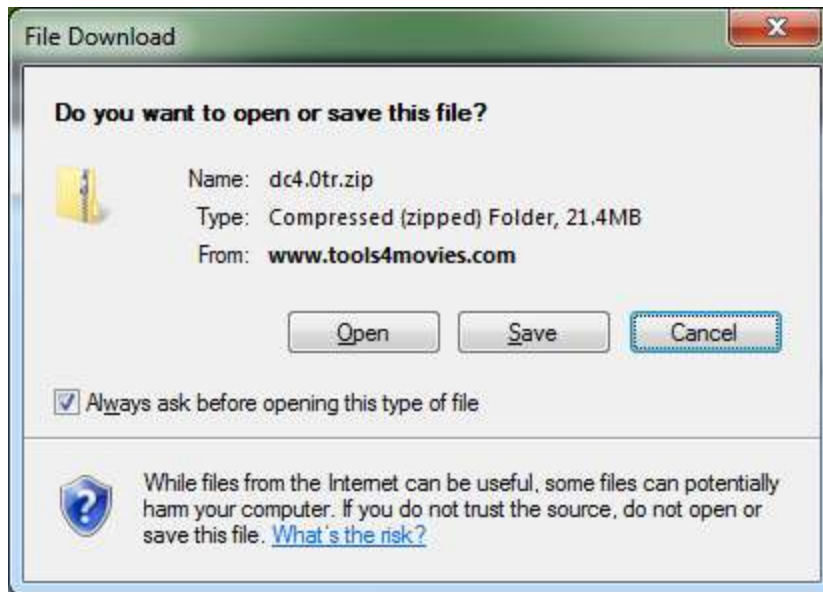
And tap the “Enter” key on your keyboard to go to our website.



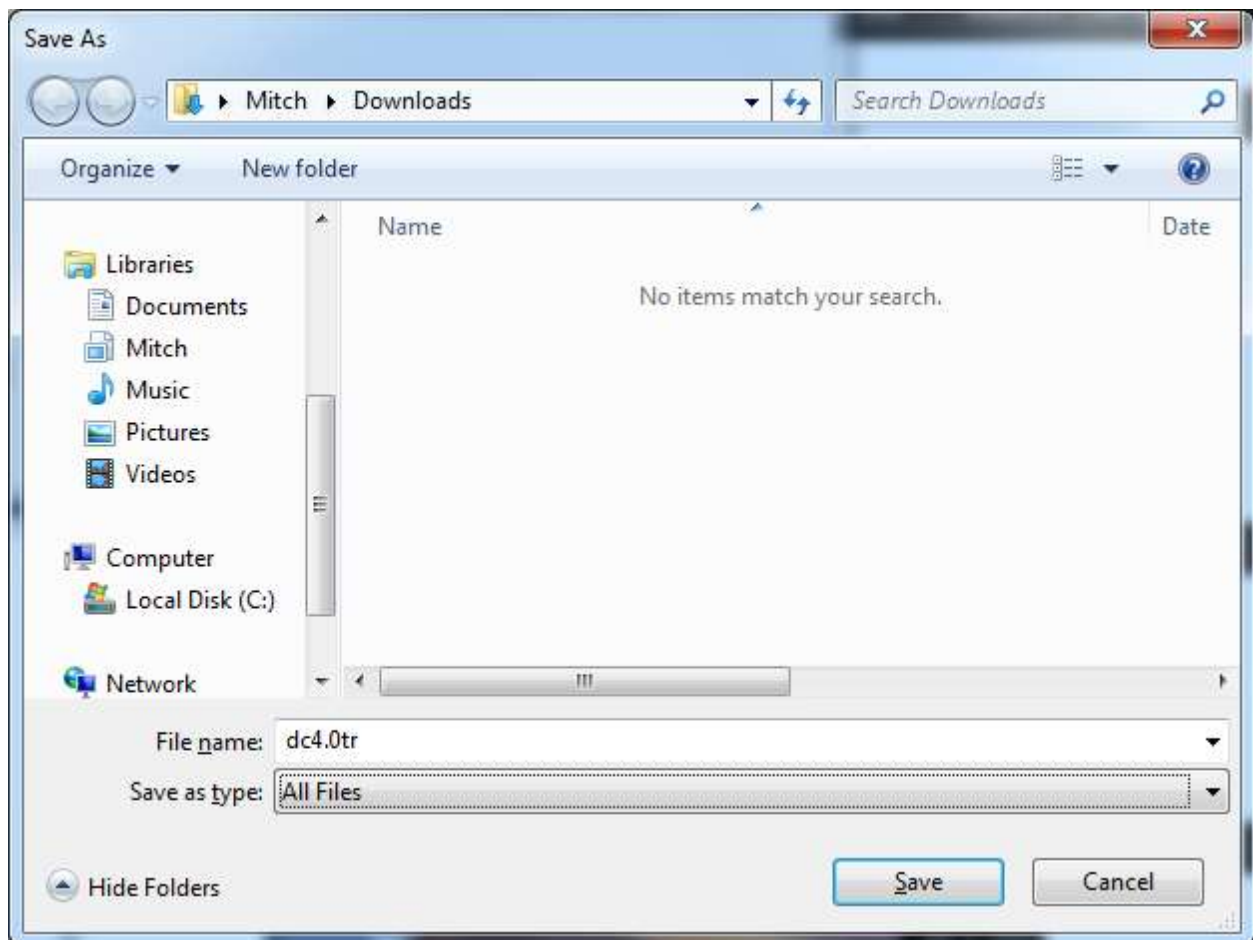
On the right-hand side of the website, look for **DVD Catalyst 4 Trial** if you want to try our software, or, if you want, click on the yellow **Buy Now** button to purchase DVD Catalyst 4 for \$10. The trial version will give you an idea on what to expect, but because we do want you to purchase our software, the trial version only converts a quarter of everything, so if you have a 2 hour movie, the trial version will only convert the first half hour. Either way, the rest of this guide applies for both the trial version and the pay-version.

If you purchased the Retail version, you will receive a link in your email to download the program. Unless you used eCheck as a payment option, it will take only a few minutes for you to receive your purchase in your email. If it takes longer than half an hour, it is possible the order confirmation email was sent to your email spam folder, so it is always a good thing to check that whenever you order something.

When you click on the link received by email for your purchase, or clicked on the DVD Catalyst 4 Trial-link on our website, the DVD Catalyst 4 program will start downloading to your computer.



If you receive a message similar to the one above, click on "Save". If you click on "Open" it will work as well, but then it is impossible to find the program if something accidentally happens.

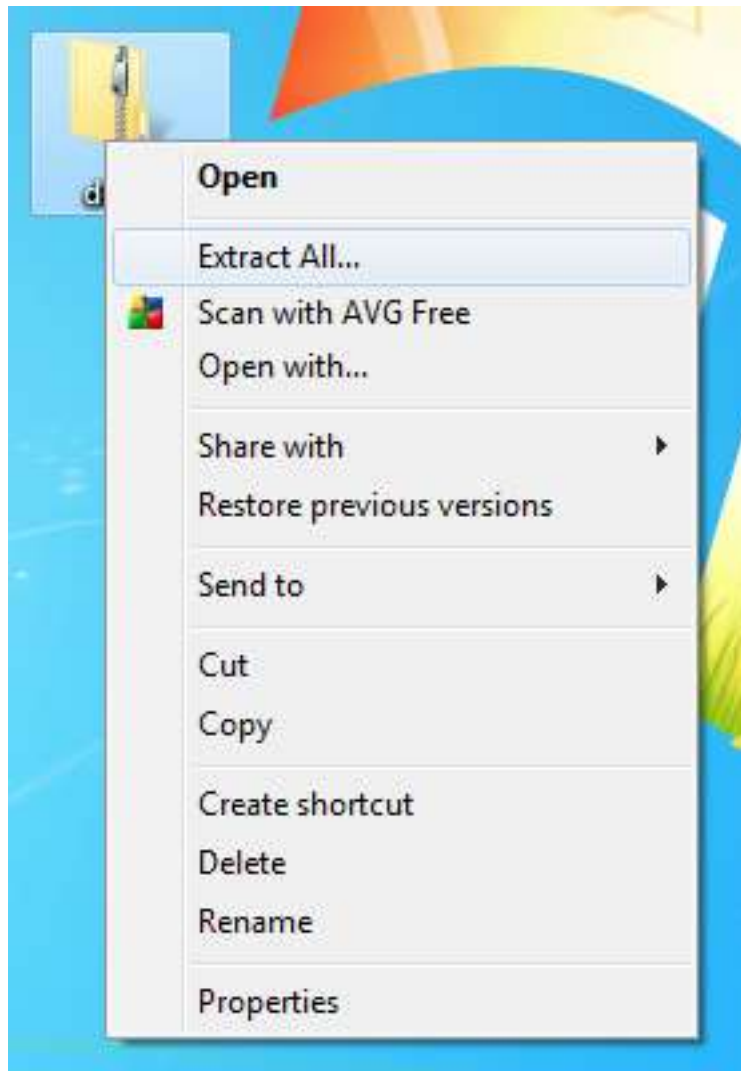


When you select where the file is to be saved, make sure you select a location where you can easily find it. The easiest is to select your “Desktop” or your “My Documents” folder, but anywhere you know you can find it will work.

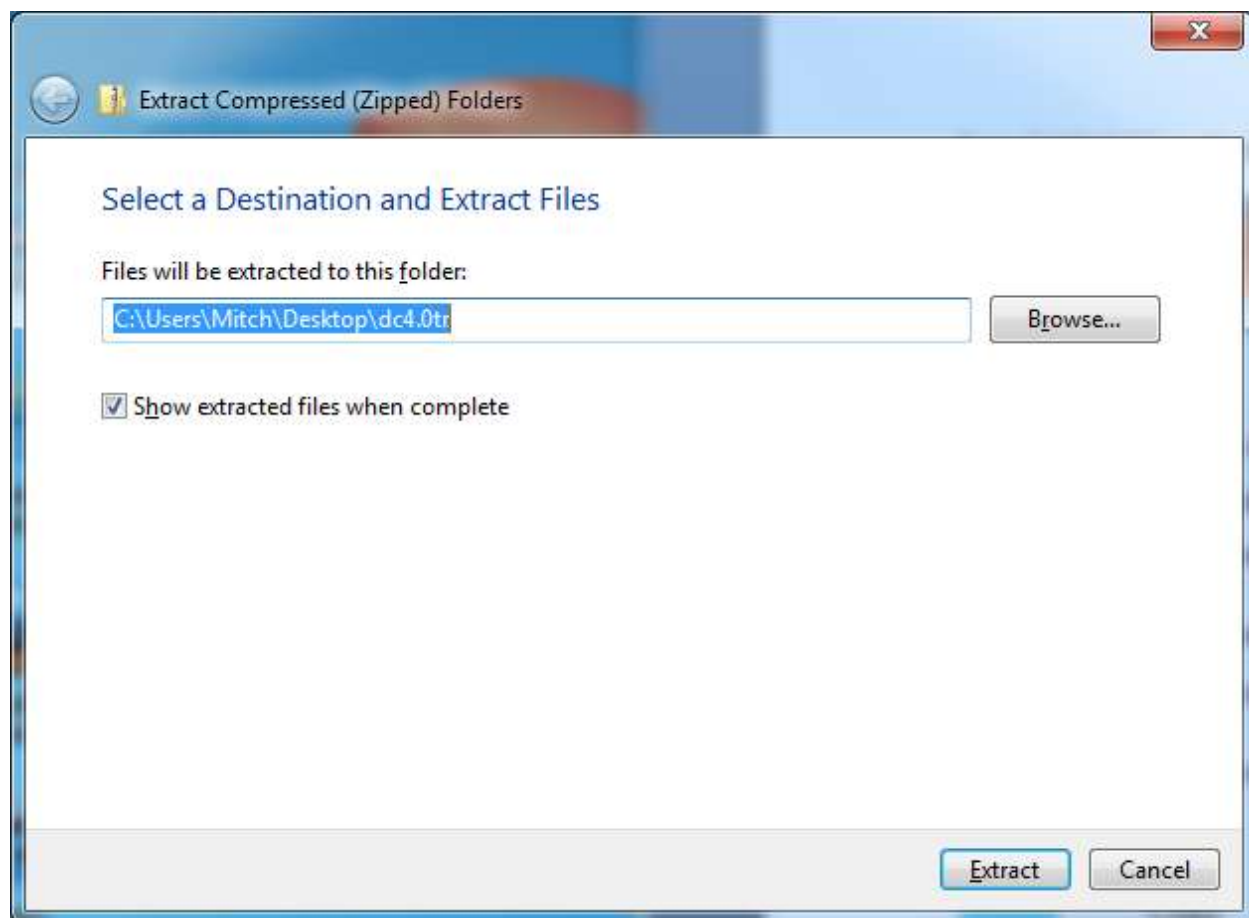
When the download is complete, look for the file in the location of where you saved it. If you selected your Desktop, it should be somewhere on your wallpaper image.

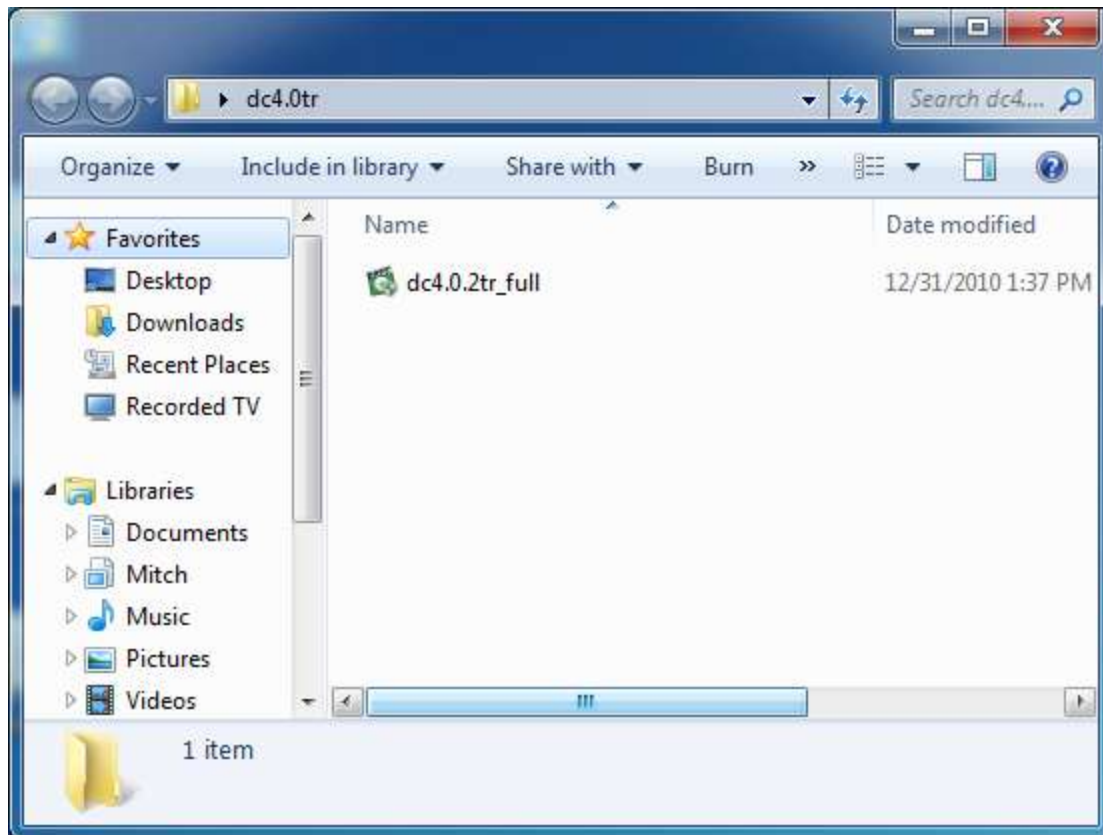


If you “rightclick” on the program you should be able to see a “Extract All” option:



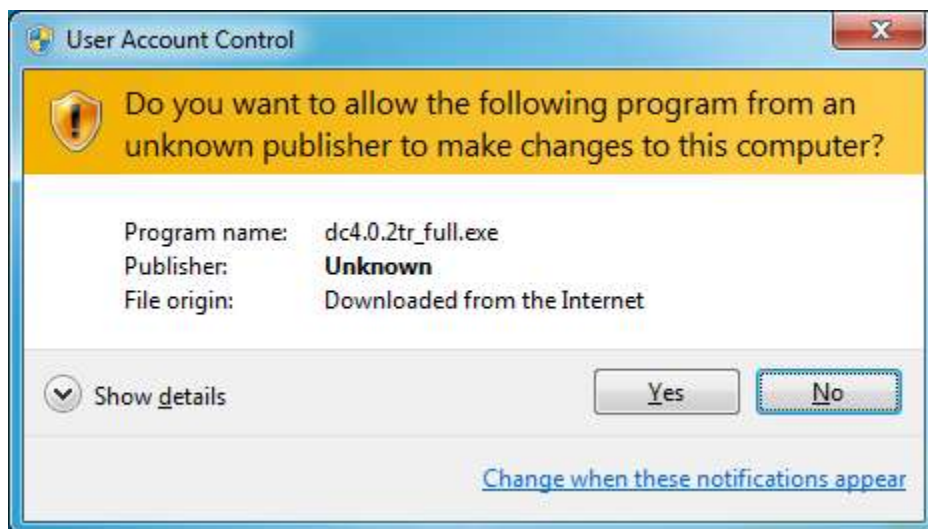
“Leftclick” on that, and follow the instructions:





Now double “left-click” on the **dc4.0.2tr_full** file. (the number might be different because we update our software quite often) and again follow the instructions:

On Windows Vista and Windows 7, you might receive a message like this:



This is a warning message from Microsoft telling you that a program wants to install on your computer. Because you clicked the DVD Catalyst installer program, you want to continue with the install process

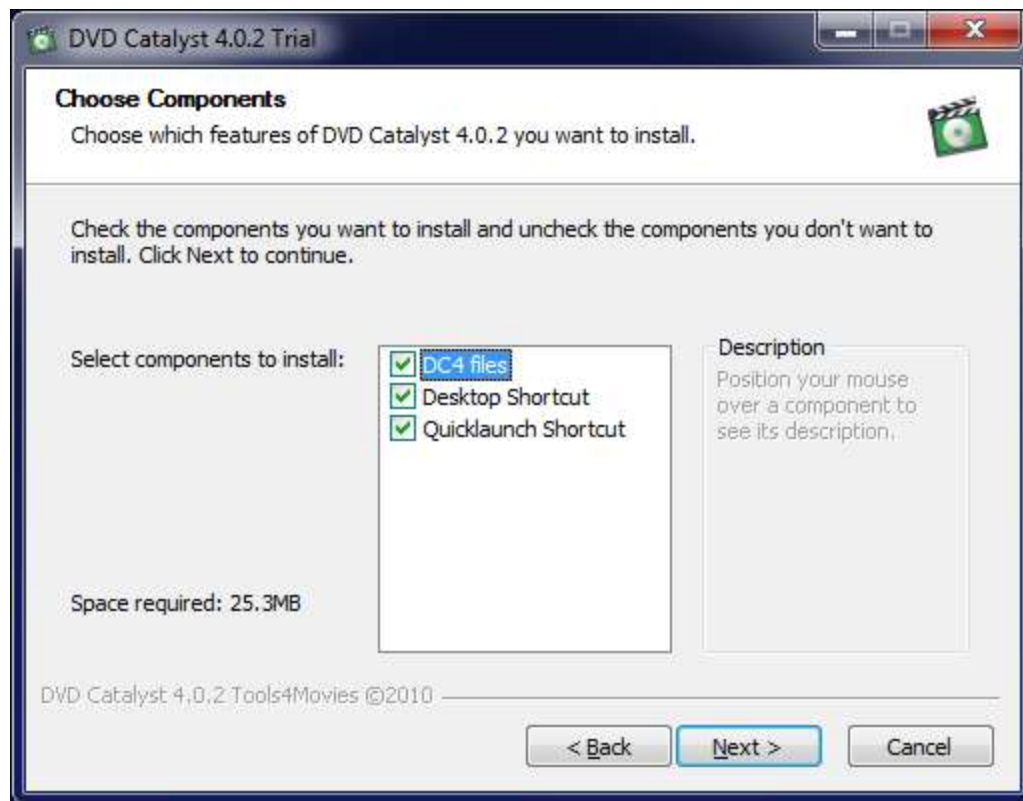
(click Yes). If you receive a message like this without you actually clicking on something, then make sure the Program name is something you recognize before clicking Yes.



Just follow the steps to install the program by clicking the Next > button.



The license agreement is something all programs come with, but are mostly ignored. You can choose to read it, or just enable the "I accept" checkmark and click Next.



Leave the options enabled. You can disable the shortcut options, but it makes it easier for you to find DVD Catalyst 4 if you leave them enabled.



You can change the installation folder, but it is recommended to just leave it the way it is. We sometimes release free extra's for our software, and leaving the installation location as it is makes it easier for you when you install future releases.



The same goes for the folder location in your Start Menu. No need to change it. Now that the standard installer questions are done, click the “Install” button to install the program onto your computer.



That's the hardest part of the process. At this point I would like to suggest to remove the checkmarks at this last screen. You are using this guide, so there is no need to open the Read Me (the fancy user guide that comes with DVD Catalyst), but before we actually start the process, we need to make sure your phone can connect properly to your computer.

Step 2 : Making sure the phone can connect to the computer properly

This step explains how to connect your phone to your computer correctly so that you can easily add videos and music files.

The first thing to do is to have a look at the USB cable for your phone. The cable has 2 ends, one that goes into your computer, the other for your phone. Unfortunately, it seems that with every new phone, the USB connection on it changes, so that you have to purchase a new cable, thus making more money for the store/phone manufacturer. Thankfully, the computer industry does have a standard USB connection, so that is always the same.

If we look at the 2 ends of the cable, usually the bigger end is the one that is for your computer.



And the smaller (more fragile) end is for your phone.



The first one is always the same, but there are quite a few different phone connections, so make sure you have the right cable for your phone:

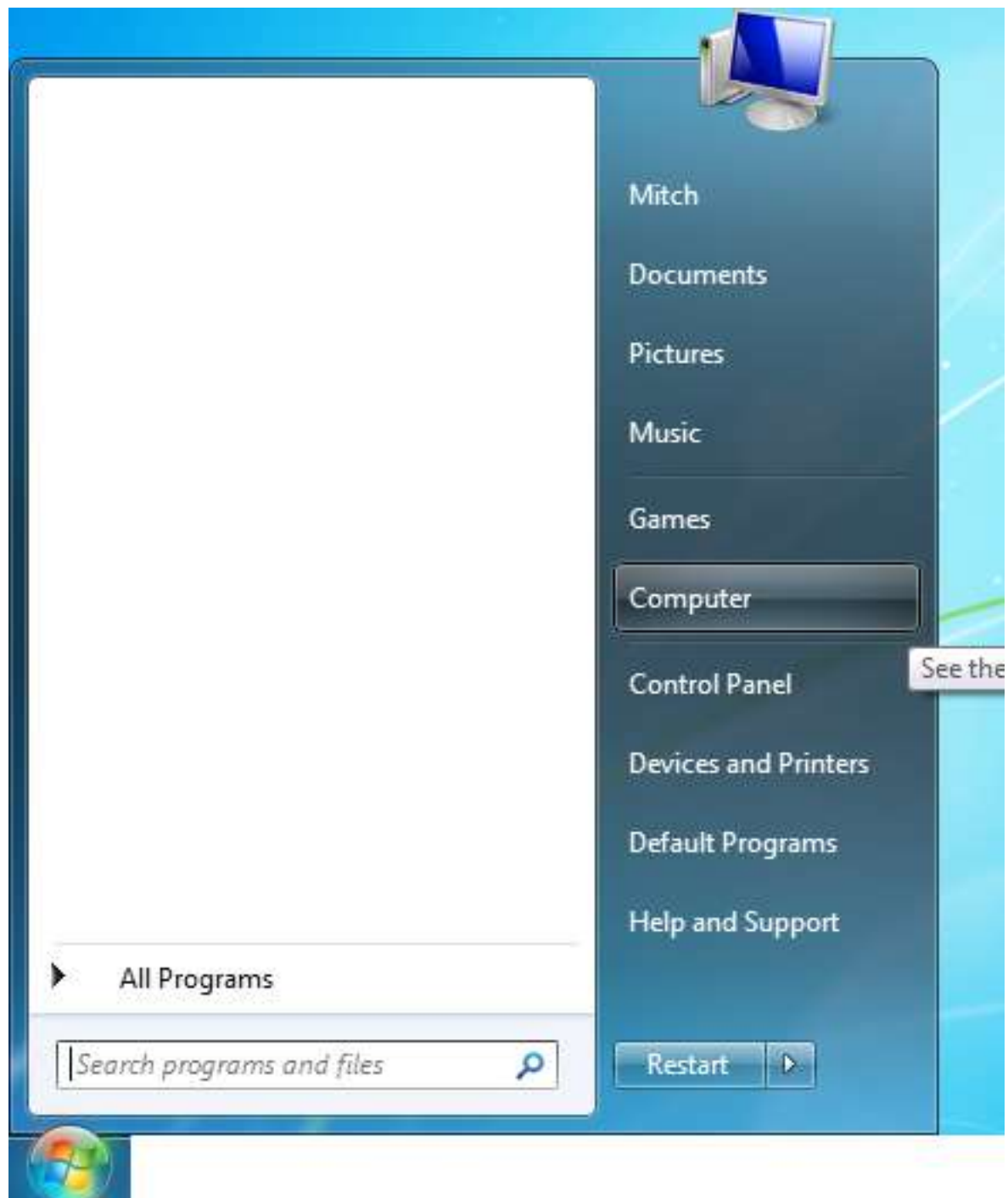


If you have the right cable, connect it to your phone. Make sure the orientation is correct. The cable ends as well as the connection on your phone for the cable are usually tapered to make sure it only fits one way. Do NOT connect the cable to your computer yet.

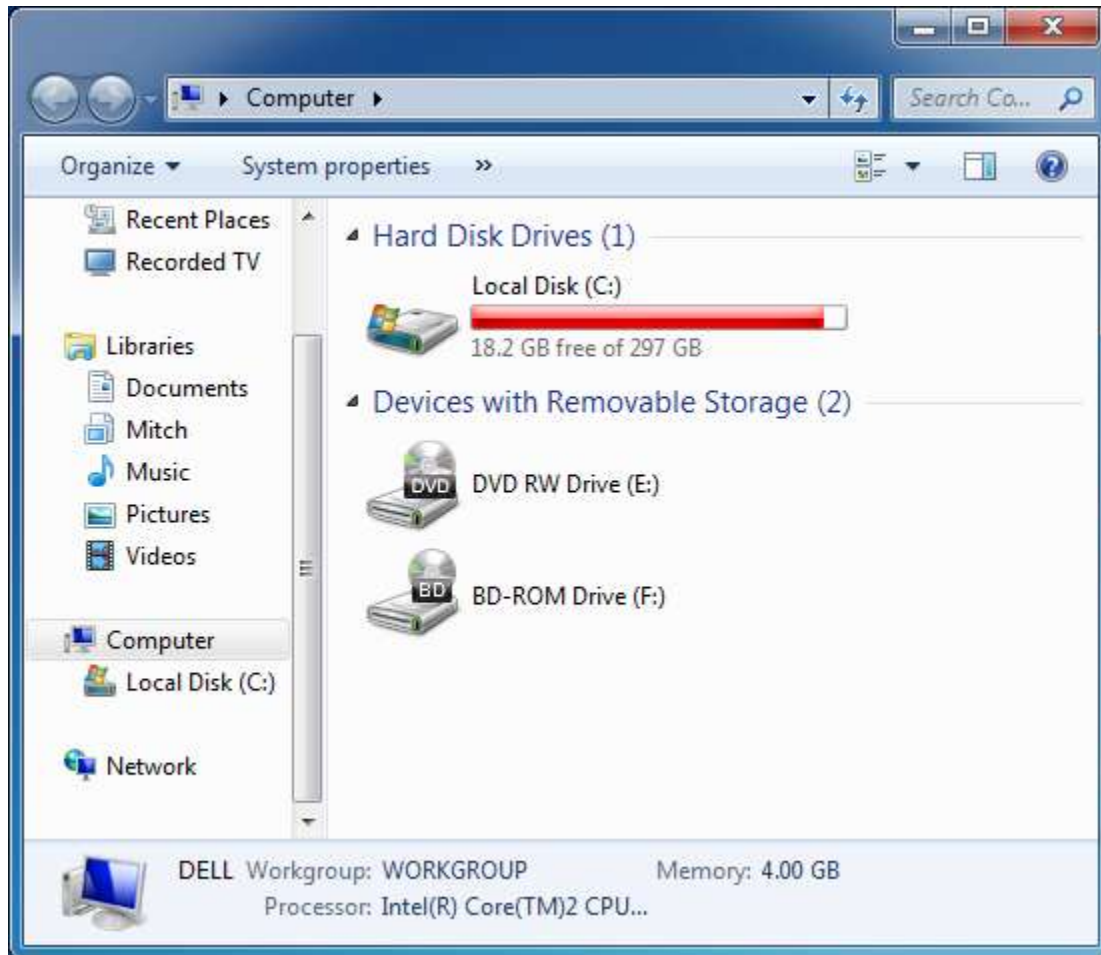
When you have the cable connected to your phone, open “My Computer” on your computer by double-clicking on the icon on your desktop,



or by clicking on it in your Windows Start Menu.

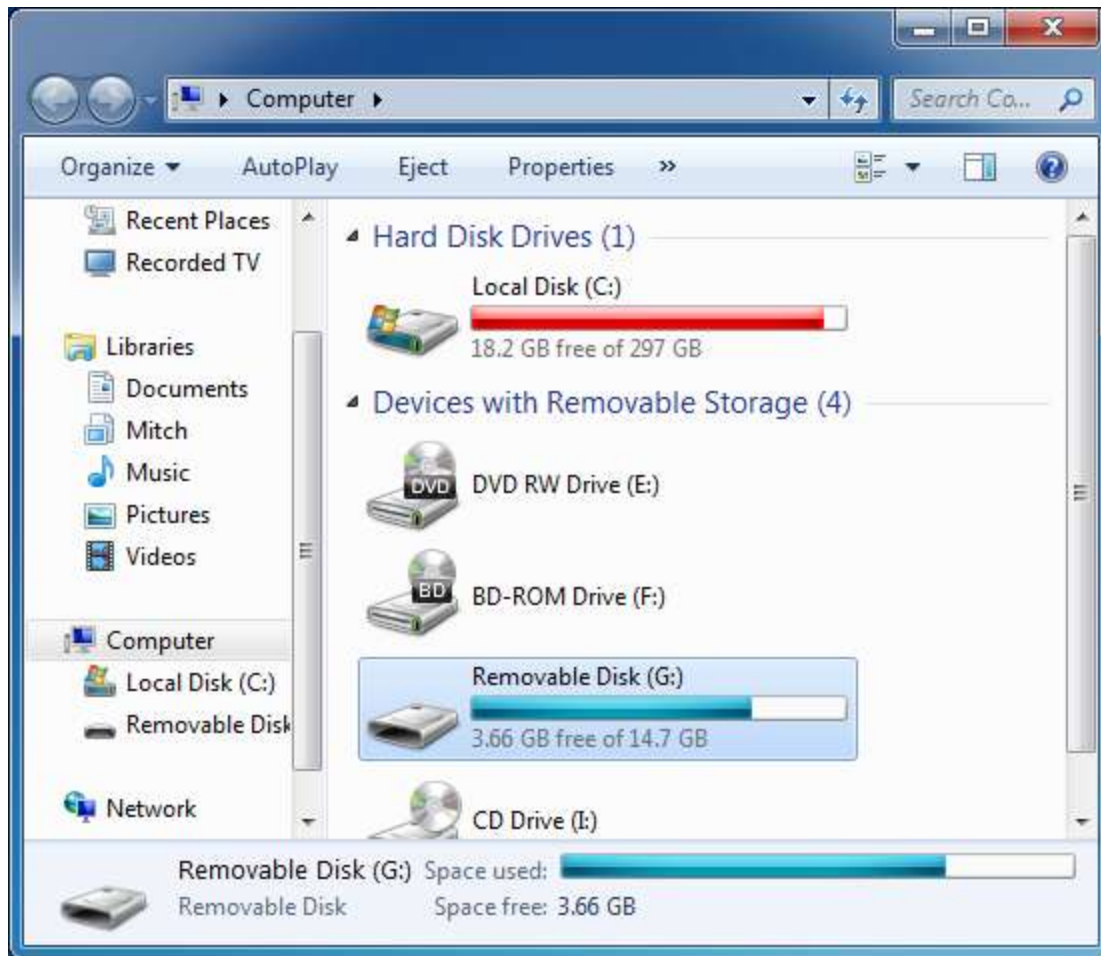


And you will see something like this:



Now plug-in the computer-end of the USB cable into a USB port on your computer.

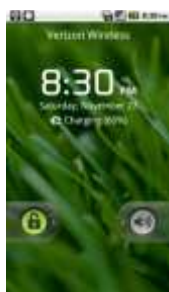
Your phone might beep, indicating that it detected the connection. If this is the first time you connected your phone to your computer, Windows might mention something about New Hardware found. Wait a minute or 2, and your phone should appear in the “My Computer” screen as a Removable Disk.



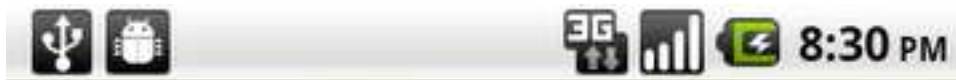
If it does NOT appear after a couple of minutes, the USB connection of your phone might not be set correctly. In that case, a few additional (easy) steps need to be taken to make sure it will appear correctly.

Leave your phone connected to your computer with the cable.

Then unlock your phone by sliding across as you normally would.

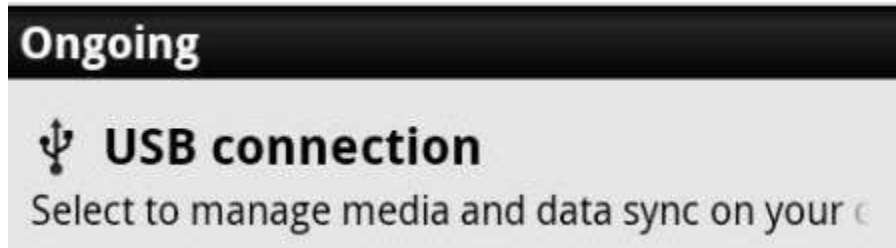


At the very top of your phone screen you will see something like this:



Put one finger on that area, and slide your finger across the screen downwards to the bottom of your screen.

Look for something like this:

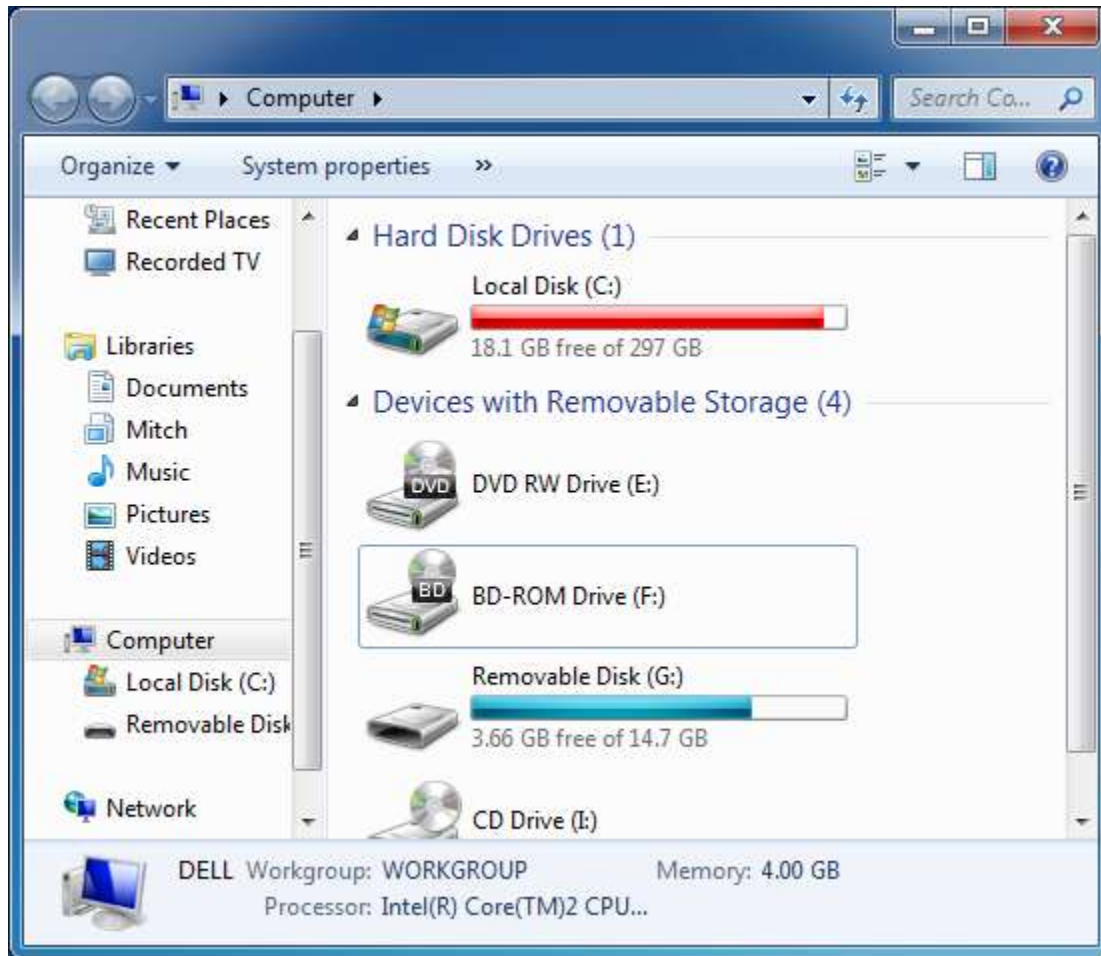


And tap on it to bring up a menu with a couple of options:



The menu can be different, depending on the phone model, but look for something with Storage in the name, in this case (Droid X), it is called "USB Mass Storage. Tap on that to select it, and the tap OK to set it.

Your phone will disconnect and reconnect automatically using the Mass Storage mode, and now your phone will appear in “My Computer”.



(if it still does not show up, please refer to the user guide of the phone for additional information, or contact the customer support department from your phone company before you continue with the steps in this guide).

Step 3 : Taking movies and TV shows from a DVD.

With the software installed (step 1) and your phone set up so your computer knows it is there (step 2) you are now ready to actually start the process. The first 2 steps are only needed once. As long as nothing changes on your phone, or if you do not uninstall the software, you have no need to do those steps again. If you replace your phone, or it needs to be reset for some reason, or if you purchase a new computer, you will have to perform the appropriate steps again.

Before I start explaining everything in detail, this is what this step is doing:

Because your phone doesn't have a DVD drive, the content from the DVD (the movie/tv shows) needs to be somehow copied from the DVD to your phone. This is where the computer comes in. It acts as a bridge between the DVD and your phone. Unfortunately, the movies on a DVD are not compatible with your phone, so it needs to be converted into something that your phone can actually handle.

DVD Catalyst 4 does all this. Using your computers DVD drive, it reads the DVD, and then while it copies the movie to your computer, it changes the video. Depending on your phone, it changes the screen size of the video, and it changes the video format to a format that your phone will play, while reducing the space it takes up on your phone and trying to keep the quality of the created video as good as possible.

Normal DVD movies take up 4GB in space, which would let you put 4 movies onto a 16GB SD Card. By changing the format and making it smaller, you can reduce the size of the movies to a quarter of that (or even less), enabling you to take more movies with you.

So here goes.

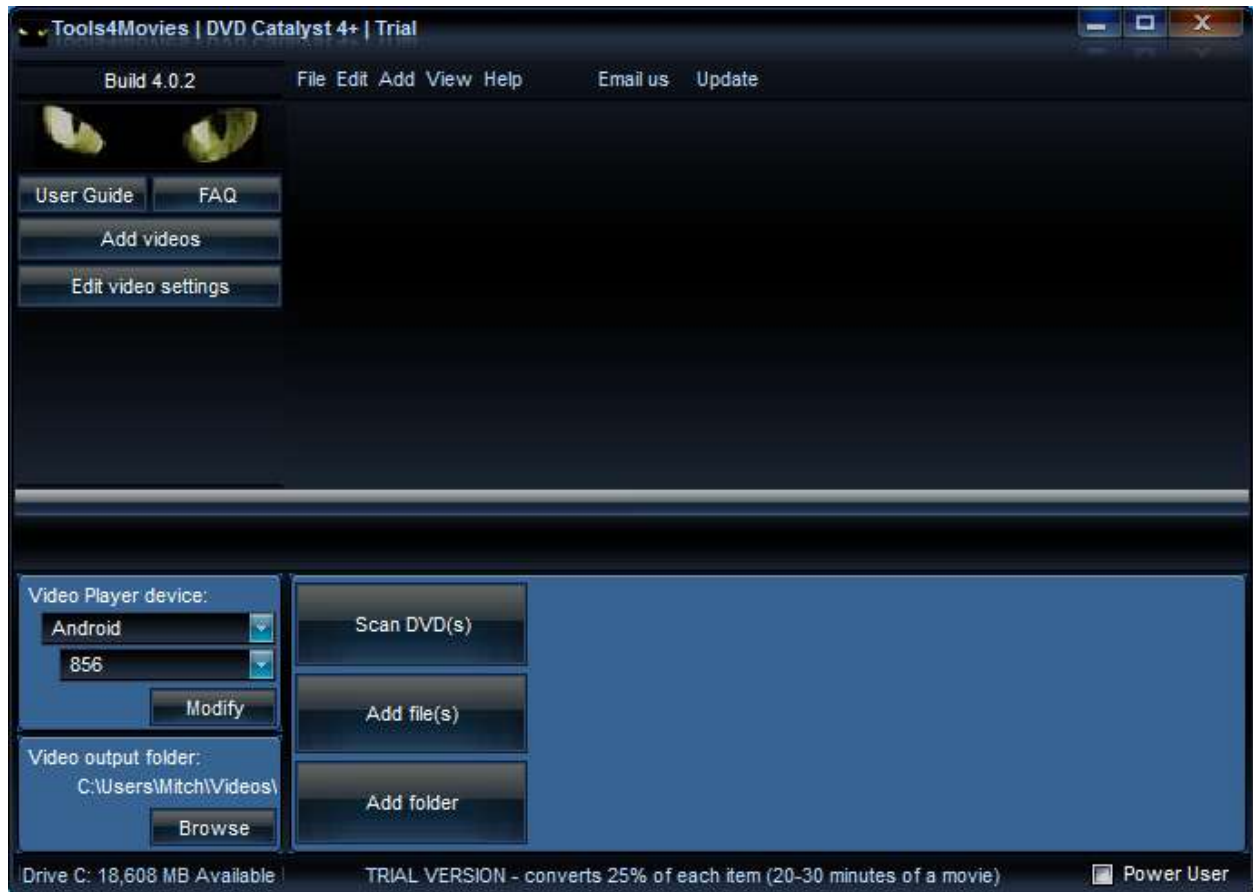
Pick a movie you want to put on your phone. You can start with any DVD that has video content on it, but for starters, the easiest is to pick an older movie DVD. Some newly released movies can be a little tricky, and while most of these do work fine, everything is a lot easier this way. The same for TV shows. While it works just like movies, starting with a TV show DVD can complicate things a little for first time users. Once you have successfully converted a movie to watch on your phone, you have a better understanding of how it works. Do NOT put the DVD in your computer's DVD drive yet.

In this guide I'll be using an all-time-classic, Star Wars : The Empire Strikes Back.

Start DVD Catalyst 4 by double-clicking on its icon on your desktop/wallpaper.



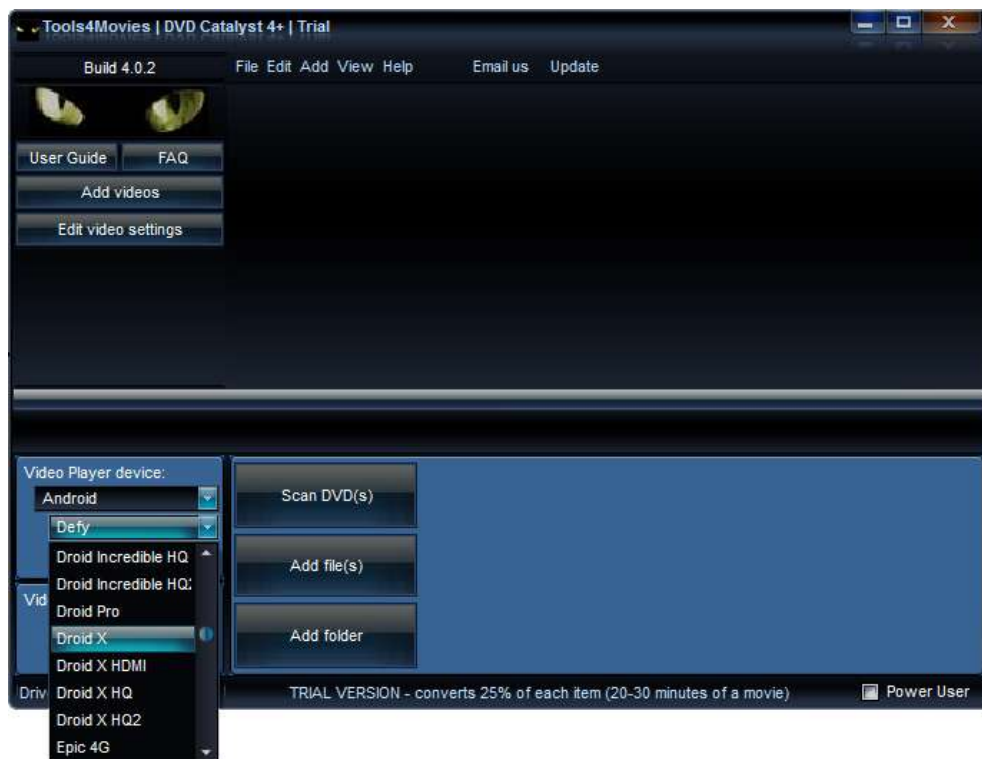
After a few seconds a splash-image will appear, indicating DVD Catalyst 4 is starting up, and then you are presented with the actual program.



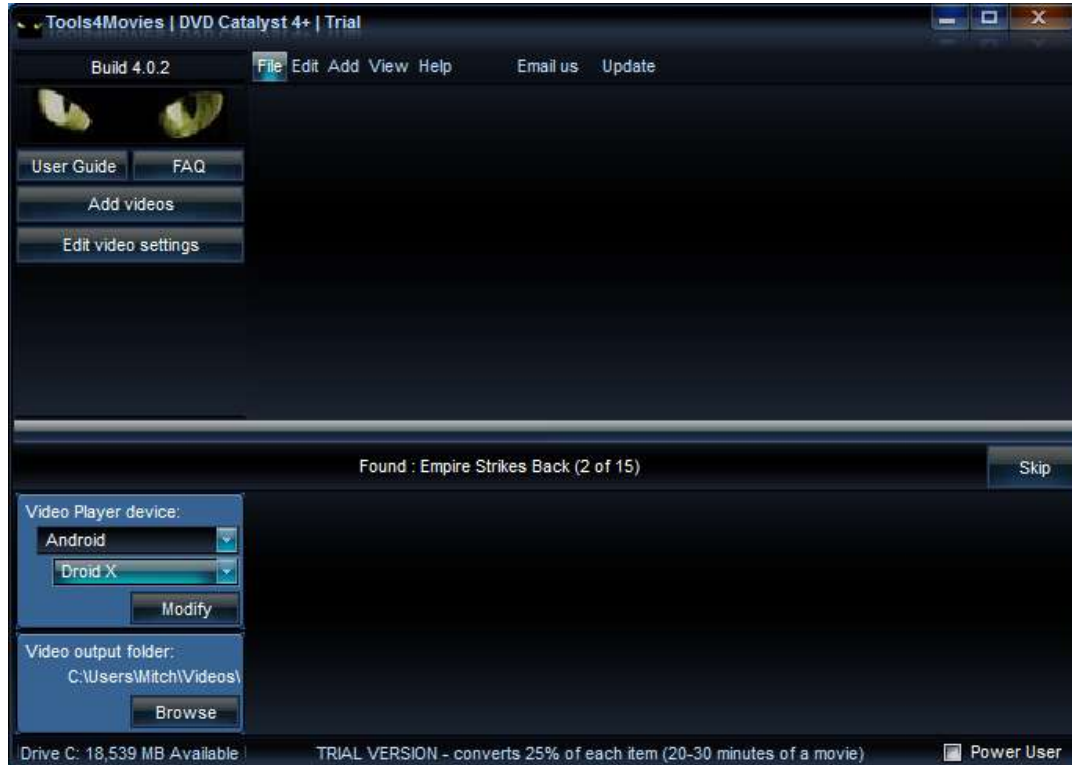
At the bottom left is the “Video Player device” selection.



Use the dropdowns here to select your Android phone. Most devices are listed in a “category” listing as well as a “brand” listing, so for a Droid X, you could use the “Android” selection in the first dropdown, or select “Motorola” in that dropdown, and then use the second dropdown to select your particular phone.

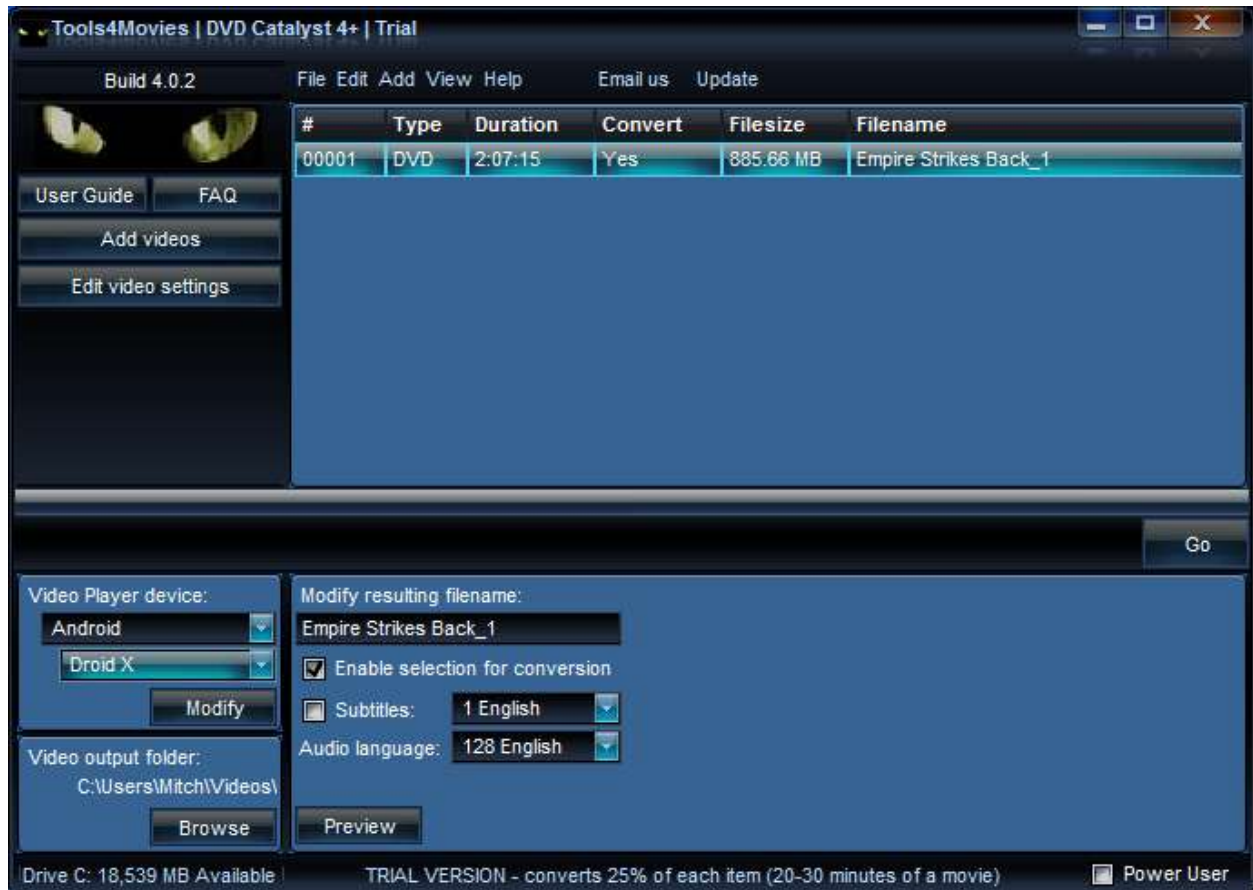


With your phone selected, insert your DVD.



Make sure that if other programs start when you insert the DVD, such as Media Player or Power DVD, that you close them.

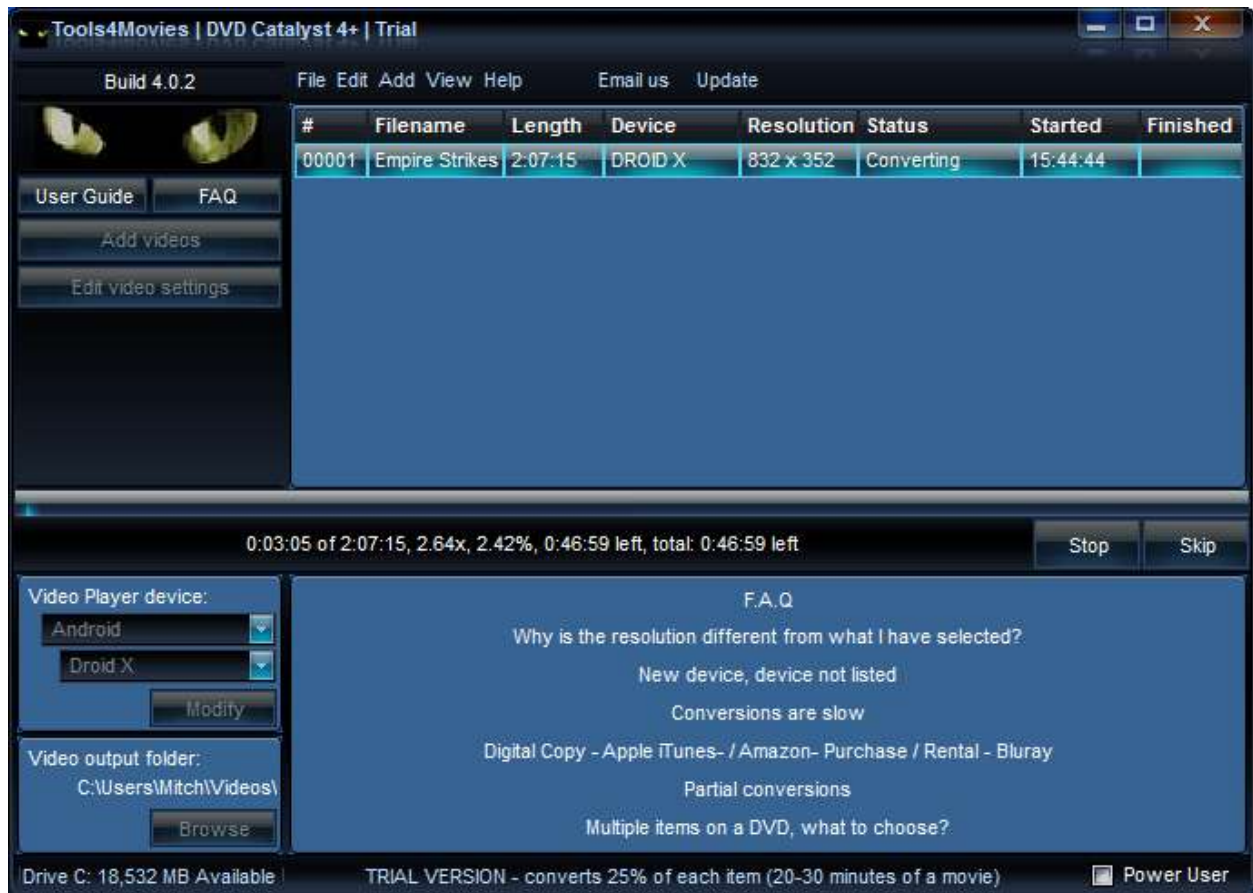
When you insert a DVD, DVD Catalyst 4 automatically finds it, and starts scanning it for video content. It looks for movies, TV episodes, and based on what it finds, it will display them after the scanning is complete.



In some cases, DVD Catalyst 4 will display more than one selection if you insert a Movie DVD. Sometimes a DVD contains multiple versions of the movie, such as a wide-screen version and a full-screen version, or, it contains special features that are longer than 10 minutes in playtime. Regardless of what it finds, the movie will be converted into 1 full file, unless the movie comes onto multiple DVDs.

With Empire Strikes Back, only the actual movie appears, making it easy.

Now start the process by clicking the Go button on the left side of DVD Catalyst 4.



At this point, DVD Catalyst 4 is copying the movie to your computer. Because it automatically changes the video to make it work properly on your phone, it can take a little while. If you have a fast computer, the process goes faster too.

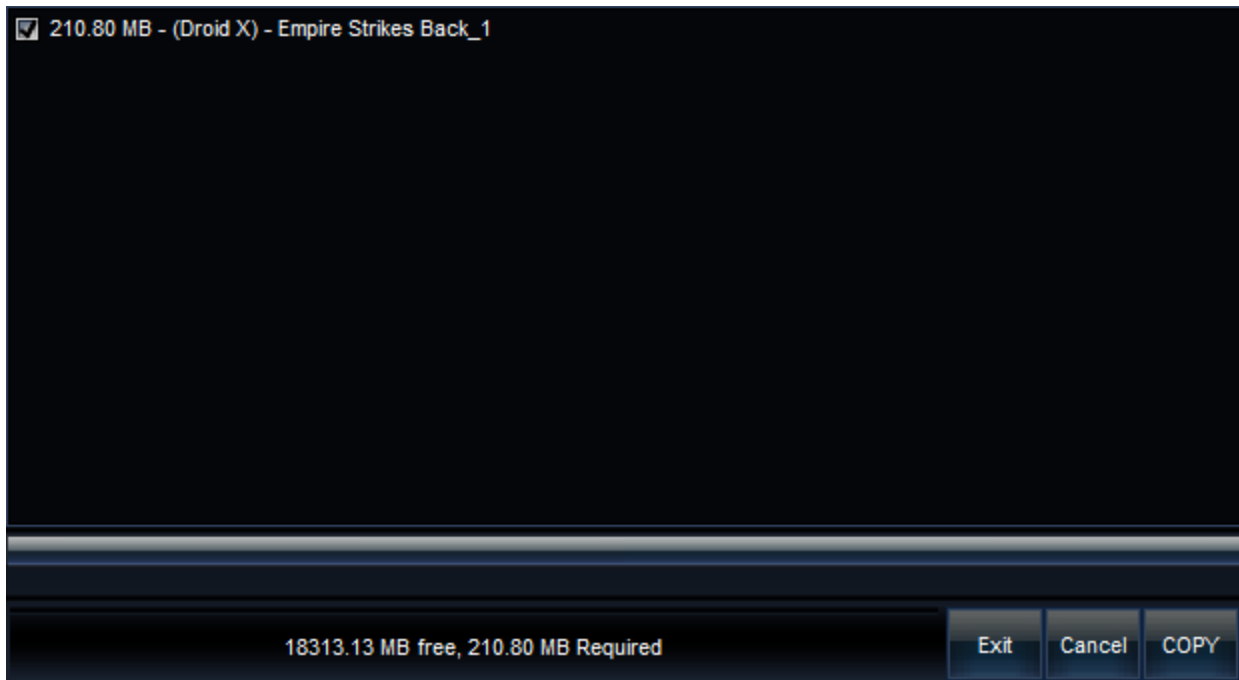
Step 4 : Putting the movies on your phone

Automatic

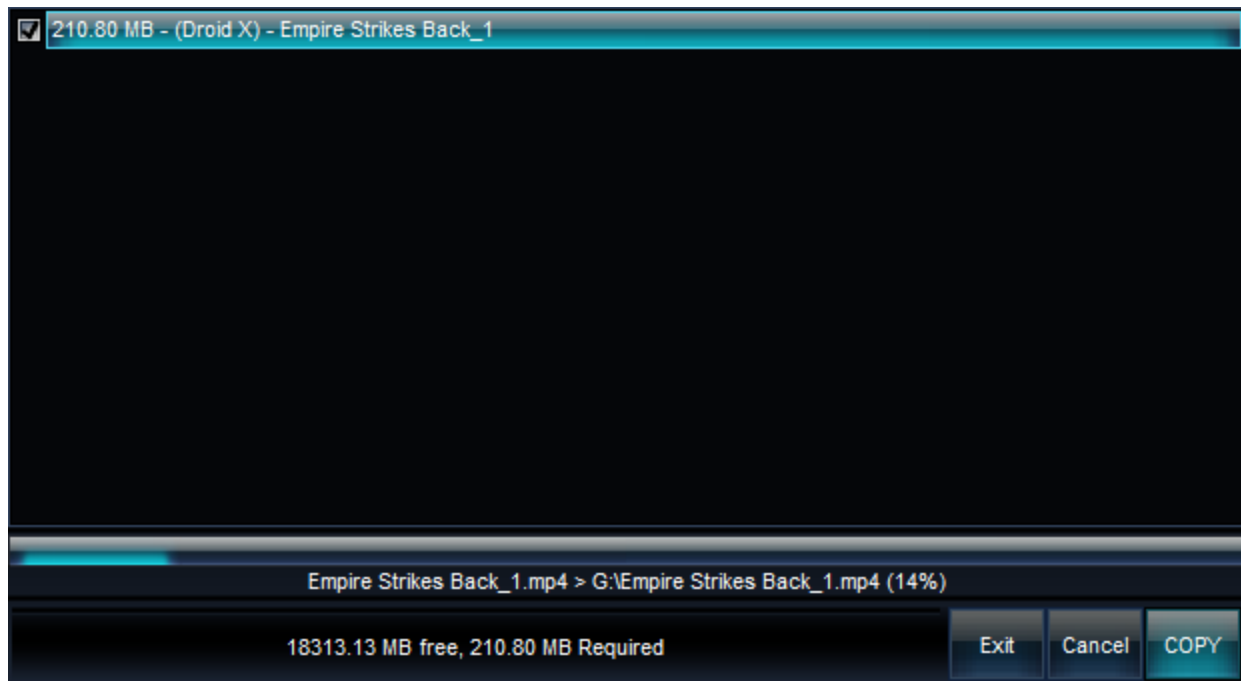
After the conversion is complete, DVD Catalyst 4 will ask you to connect your phone to your computer:



If you still have your phone connected, click on OK, otherwise connect it again with the USB cable, and wait a few seconds to make sure it is connected.



Now just click "Copy" to have DVD Catalyst 4 put the movie on your phone.



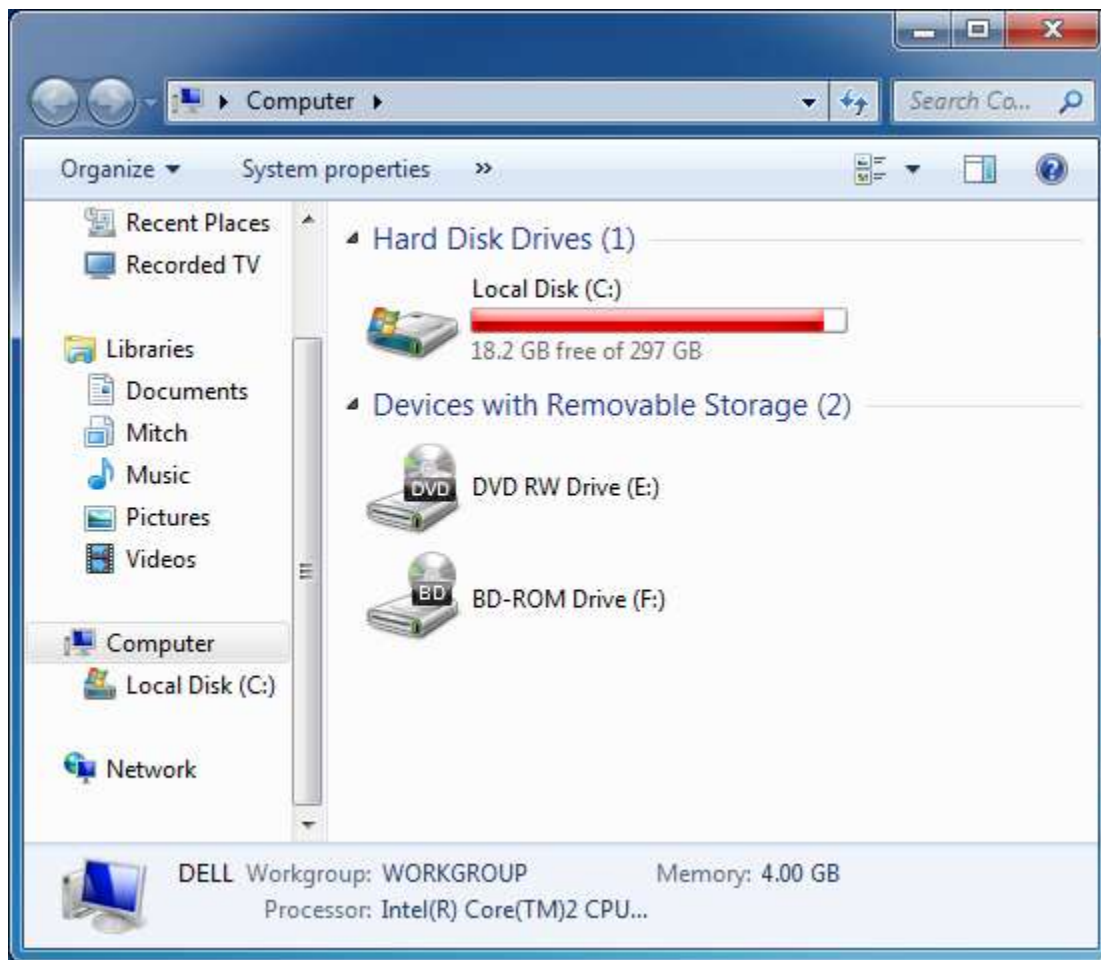
When the copying is complete, disconnect your Android phone from your computer, wait a few seconds and then open the Gallery app and your movie will be there.

By hand

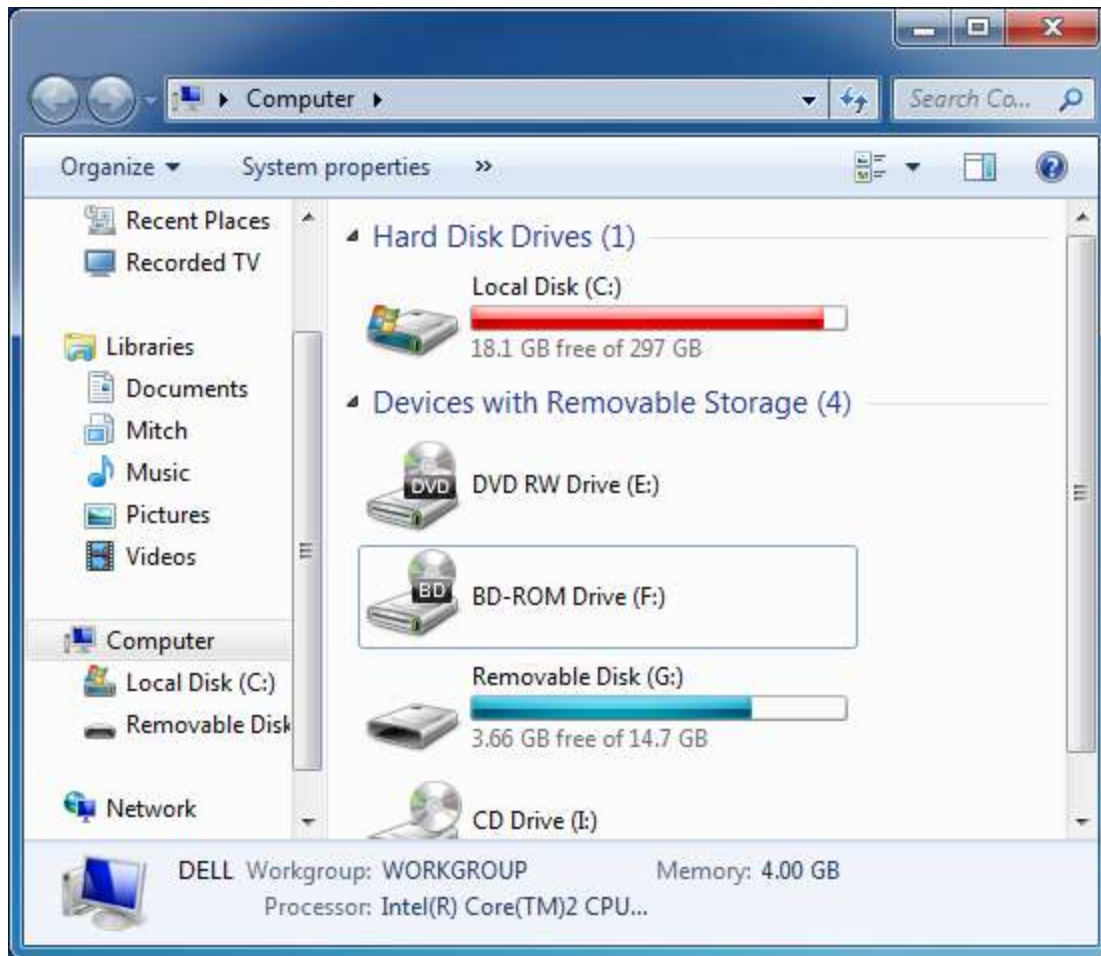
If you want to transfer your movies yourself, maybe because you accidentally clicked cancel at the device connect dialog, or maybe because you are converting movies (like me) for later use, you will need to put the movies on your phone manually.

The process is pretty easy.

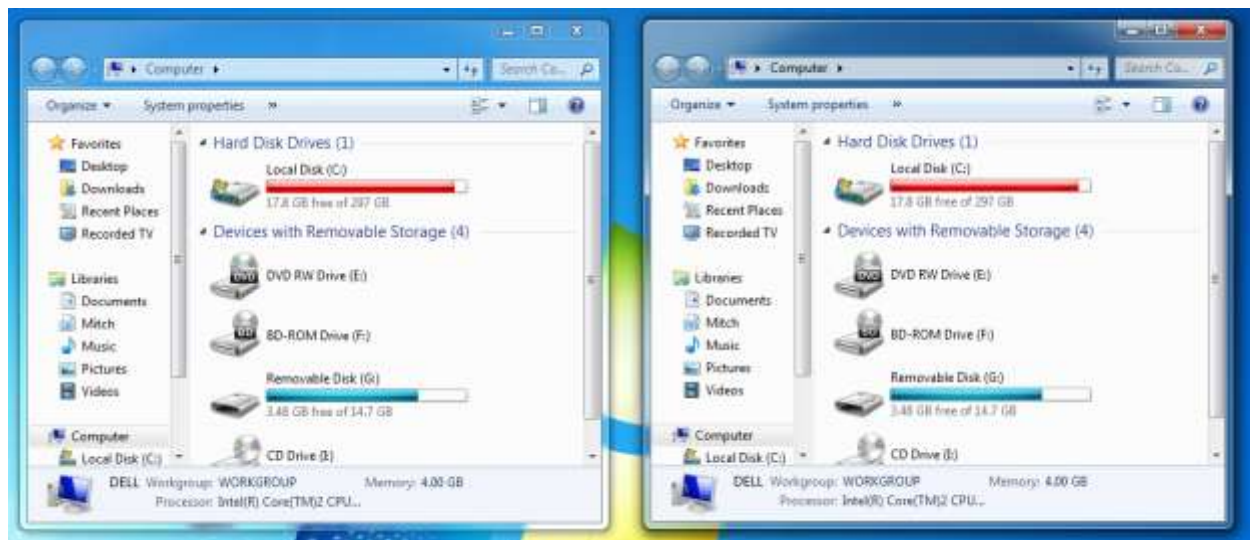
Open “My Computer” as described in step 2 by either clicking on the desktop icon, or clicking on it in your Start menu.



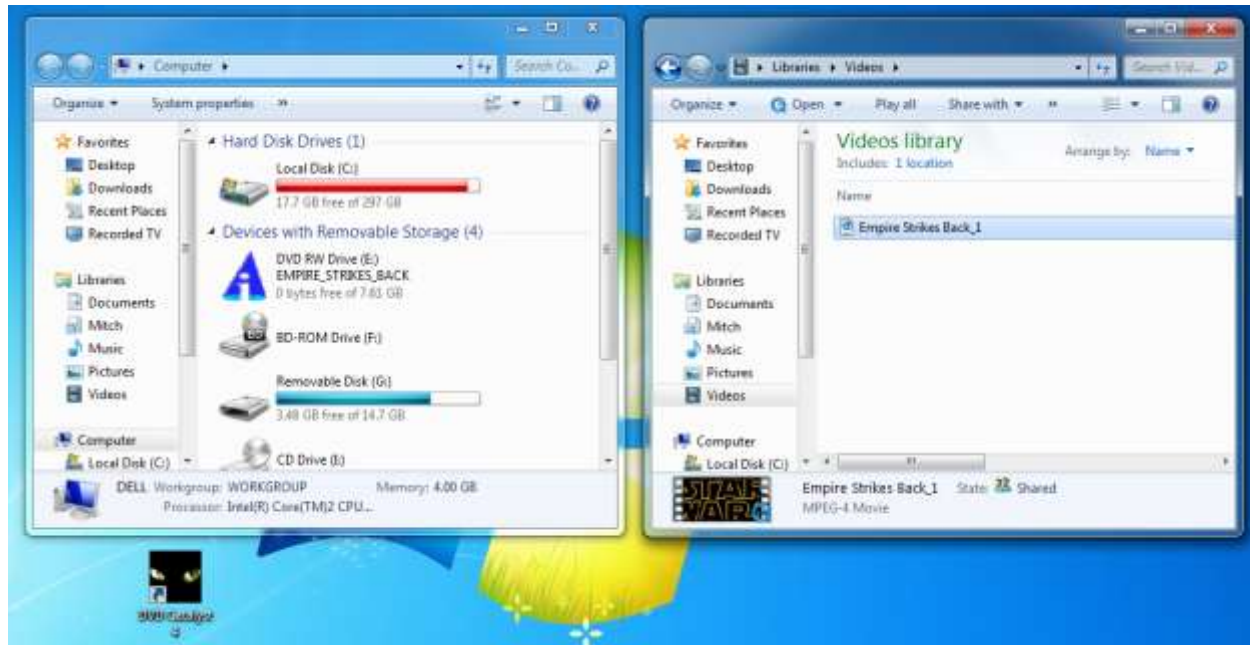
Now connect your phone, and make sure it shows up in “My Computer” (if it does not show up, please look at step 2 above on what to do)



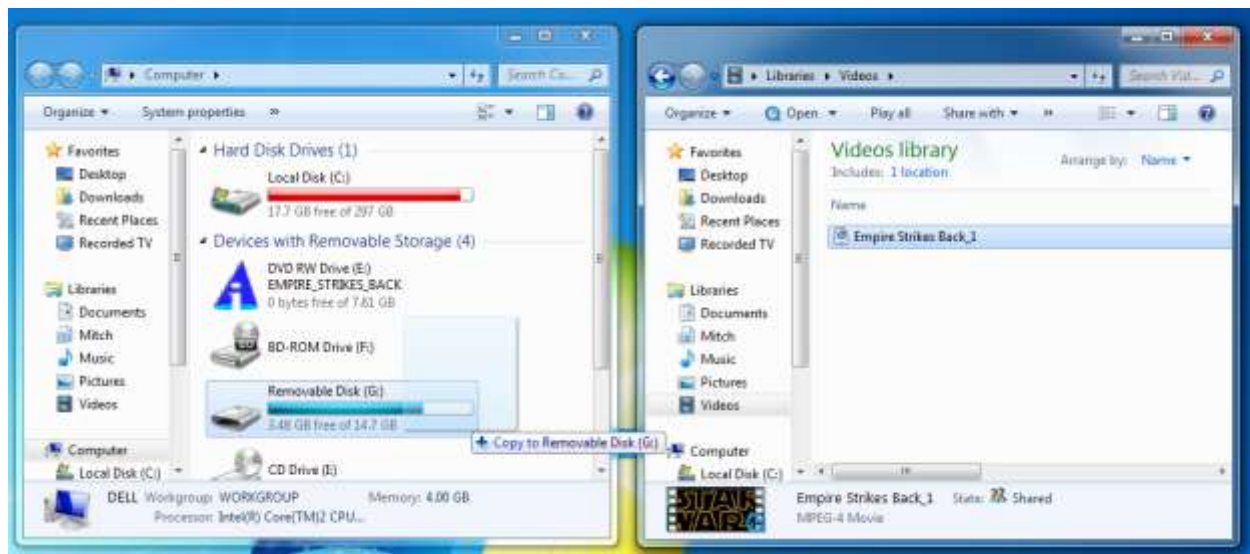
Now open “My Computer” again so that you end up with 2 of them on your screen



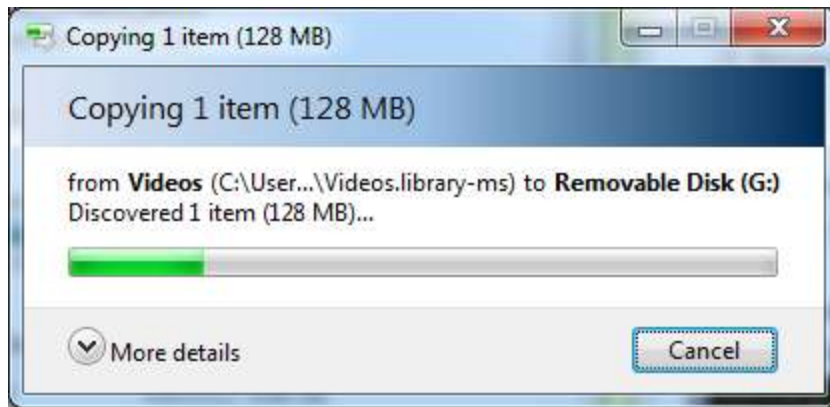
Use one of them to go to the location of where your video files are located. If you didn't change anything in DVD Catalyst 4, they are located in your Videos folder (or in the "My Videos" in "My Documents" if you are using Windows XP)



Now left-click on the movie file, and HOLD the mouse button pressed in. Then move the mouse to the other window, on top of the "Removable Disk"



Then let go of the mouse button,



and you should see a file copy dialog similar to the one above. After this is completed, wait a minute or so. When copying files, Windows often uses a technique called “Background Transfer” which makes you believe the copying is completed, but in fact it is still copying the file over.

Now disconnect your phone from your computer, and wait a few seconds to make sure the phone is ready with the SD Card. Now open the Gallery program on your phone, and your movie should be there.

Closing Words

DVD Catalyst 4 comes with a detailed User Guide that covers all aspects of the program, however, some of the steps outside of the program such as setting up your phone correctly, installing the software and putting the files on your phone are only briefly described. For people who do not use computers on a daily basis, these things can cause some confusion, so we created this guide to provide these people with an easy to follow guide about the whole process.

While all the images and steps might appear like a lot of work, once you have done this once, most of the steps are no longer needed, ever.

DVD Catalyst 4 remembers the selection of your device, so once you have worked through this guide, all that is left for your second movie is the following:

1. Start DVD Catalyst 4 program
2. Insert DVD into your computer
3. Start the conversion by clicking Go
4. Transfer files to your phone.
5. Enjoy your movie.

For additional information, such as black border removal, quality adjustments and all the other options and features of DVD Catalyst 4, please refer to the User Guide included with your software. When you start DVD Catalyst 4, just click on the “User Guide” button at the top left to access it.