

How to Copy DVD Audio to MP3 with VLC Media Player

Today's TipsMake will show you how to copy (rip) DVD audio into MP3 files on Windows or Mac computers. You can use VLC media player to go through the process, but the final sound will often be distorted or choppy. To achieve optimal results, you should use the free program HandBrake to rip DVDs to MP4 files and then convert MP4 files to MP3 using VLC.

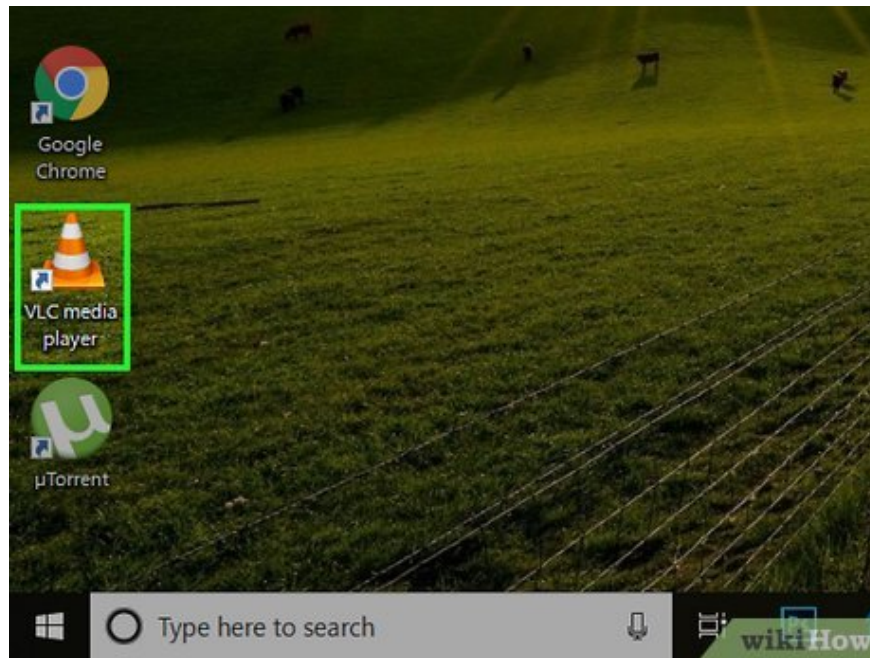
Use VLC on Windows



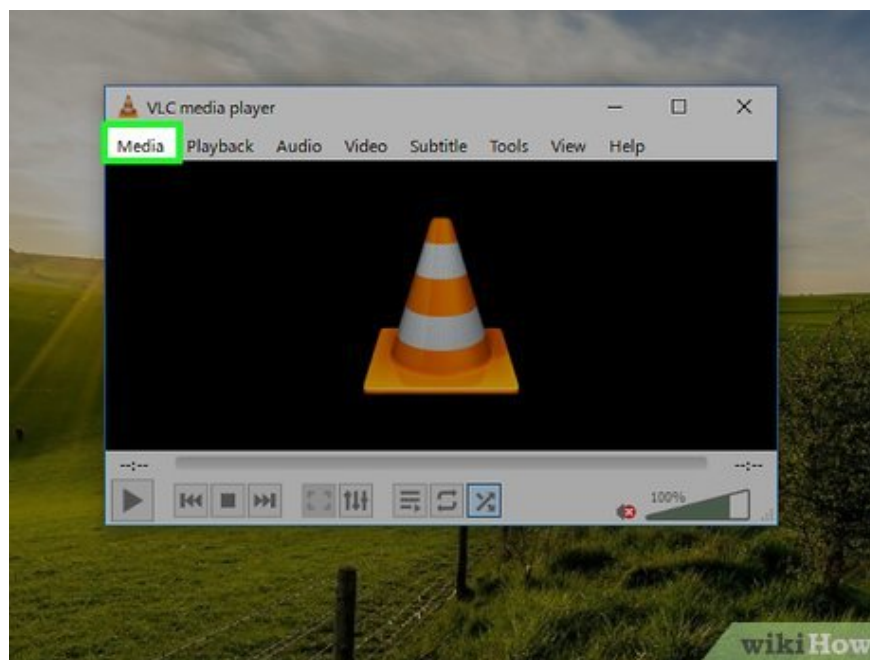
Insert the DVD into the DVD drive on the computer. The icon on the DVD must be facing up.

If your computer only has a CD drive instead of a DVD drive, you will not be able to rip audio on DVD. You need to check if you have a DVD drive by looking for the "DVD" icon on the drive tray.

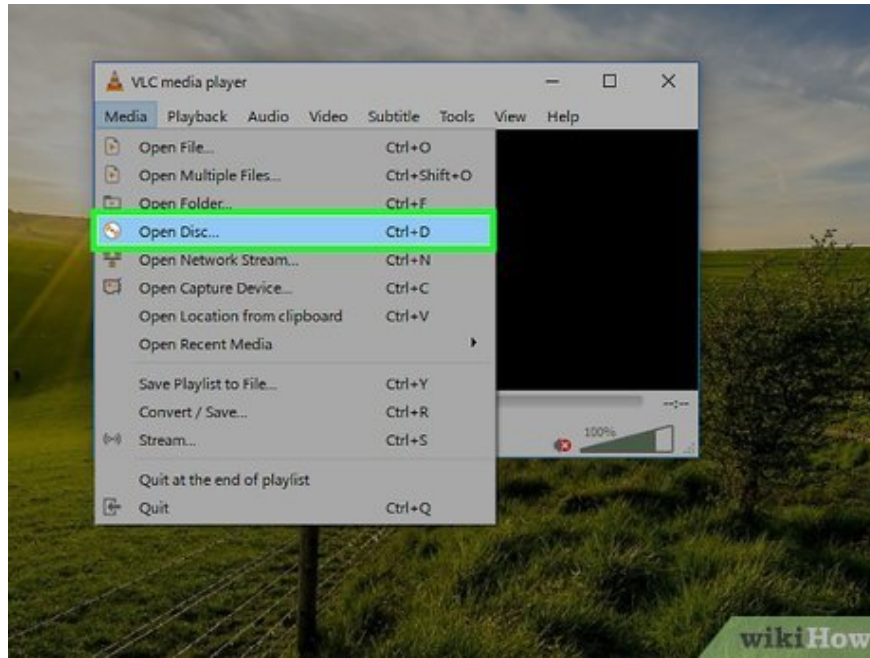
If you don't have a DVD drive or even a place to put the disc, you'll need to use an external DVD drive via USB.



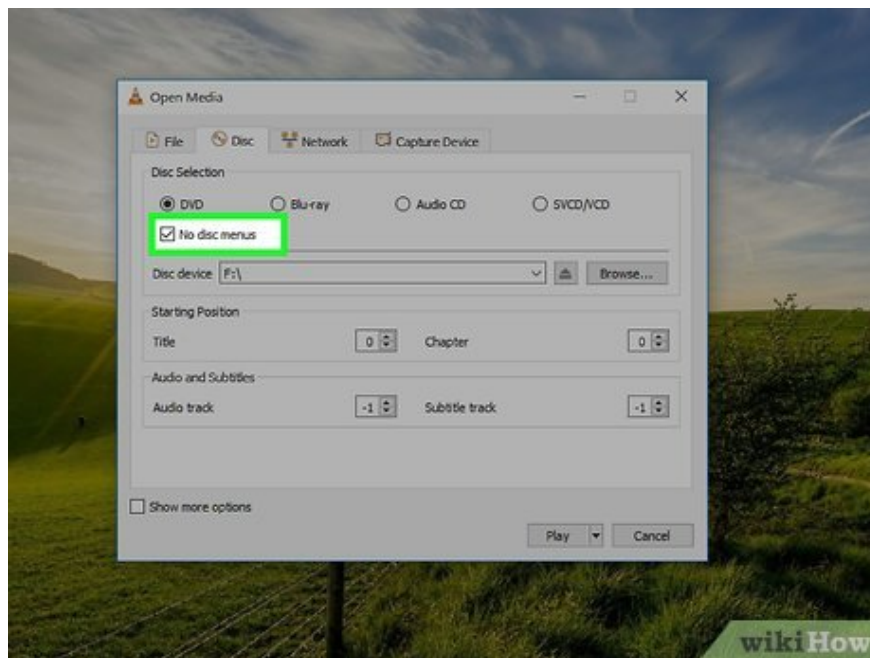
Open VLC. The app has an orange traffic cone icon.



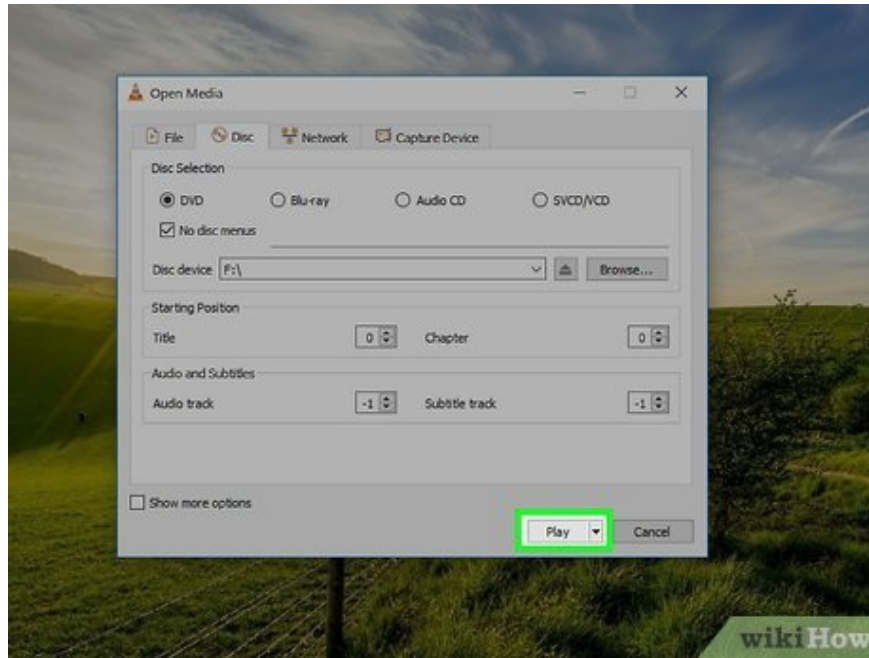
Click Media . This tab is in the upper left corner of the VLC window. A drop-down menu will appear.



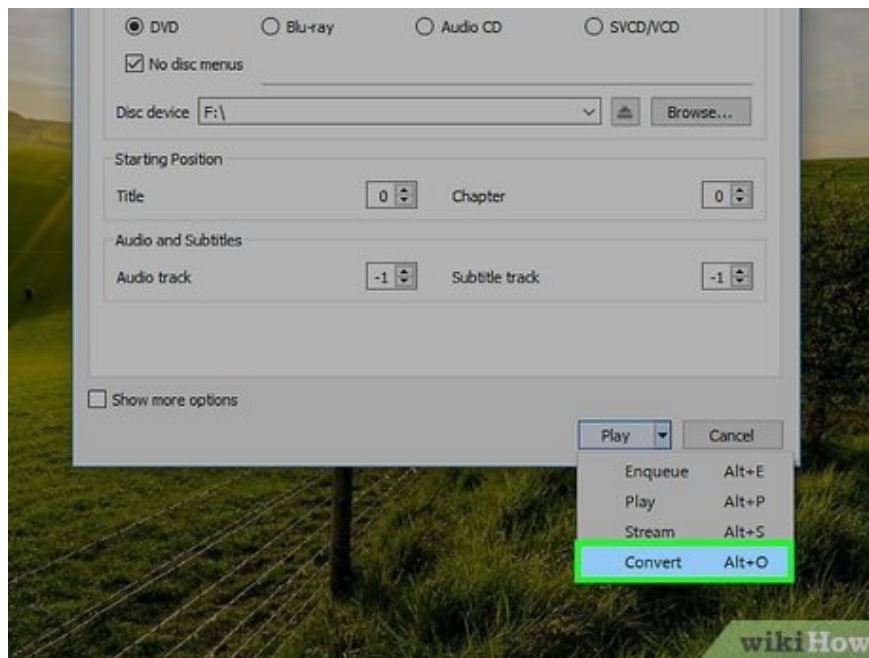
Click **Open Disc...** (**Open Disc...**). Options are in the drop-down menu.



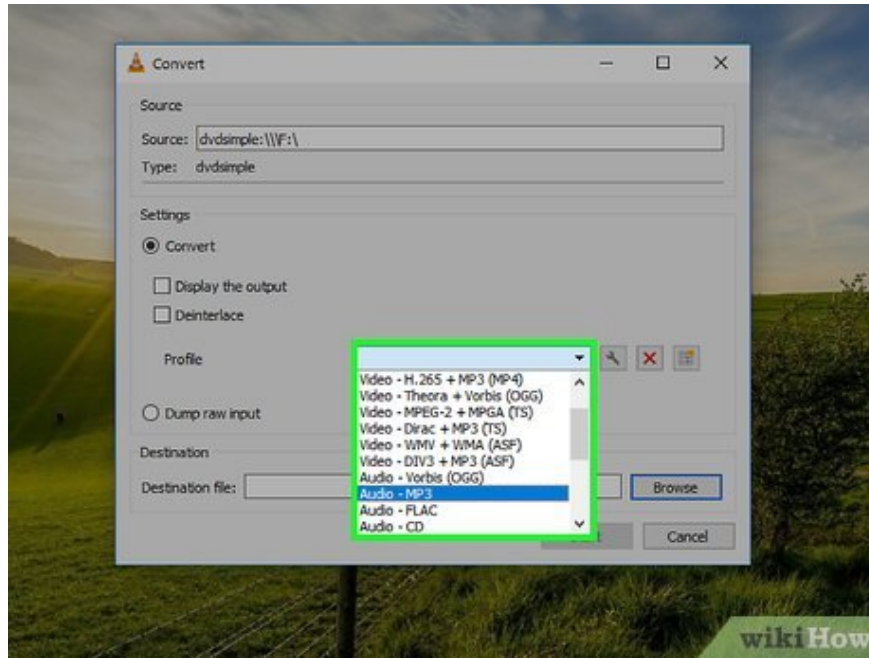
Check the **"No disc menus"** box in the upper left of the window.



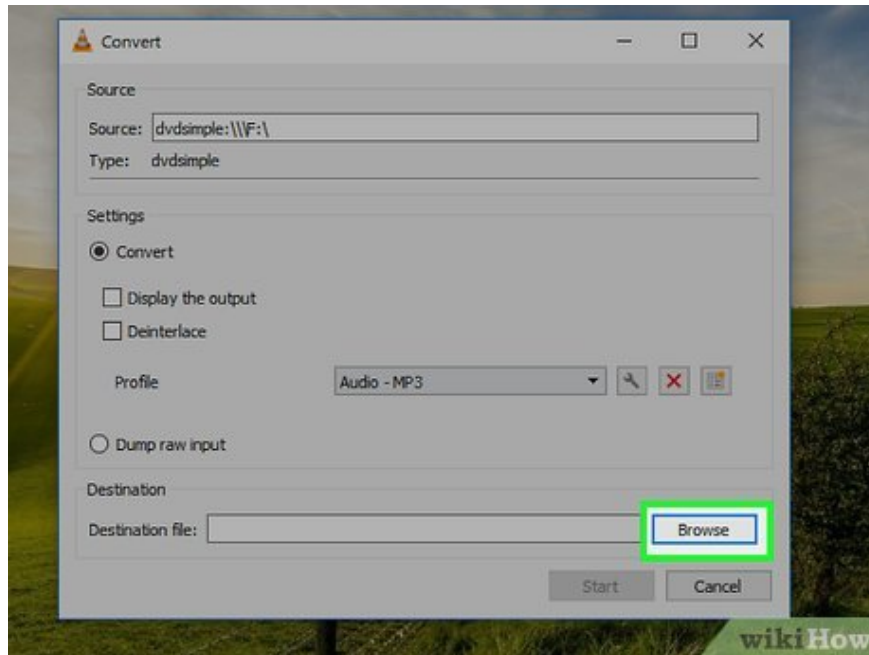
Click the icon at the bottom of the window, to the right of the Play button . A drop-down menu will appear.



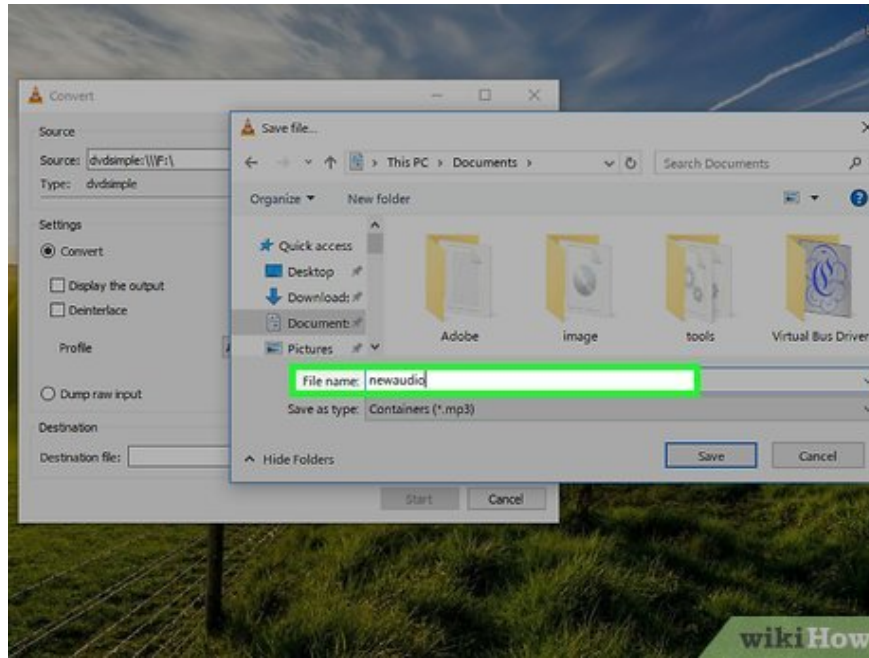
Click Convert in the drop-down menu. A new page will open.



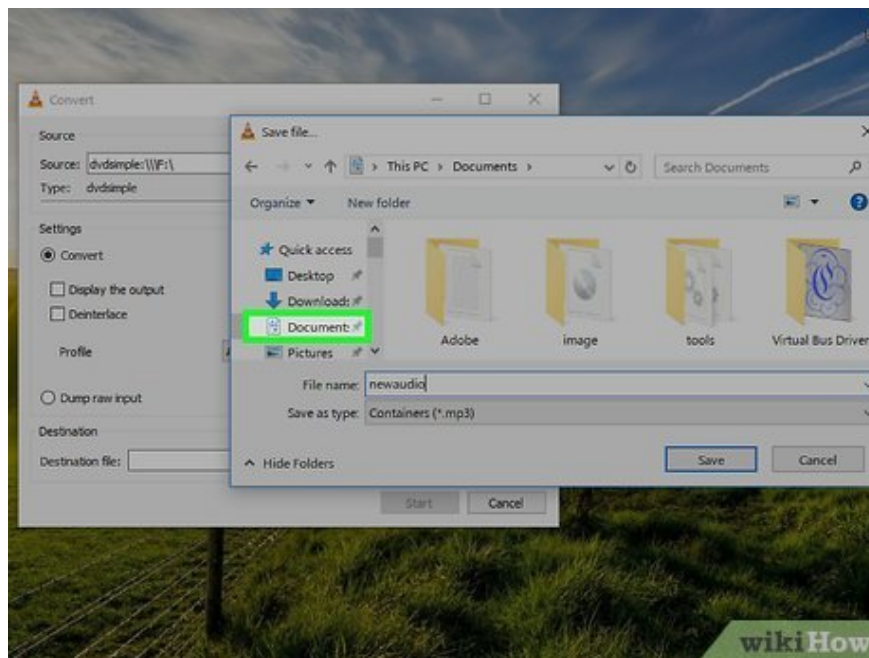
Change output format to MP3. Click the "Profile" drop-down box, then select **Audio - MP3** from the drop-down menu.



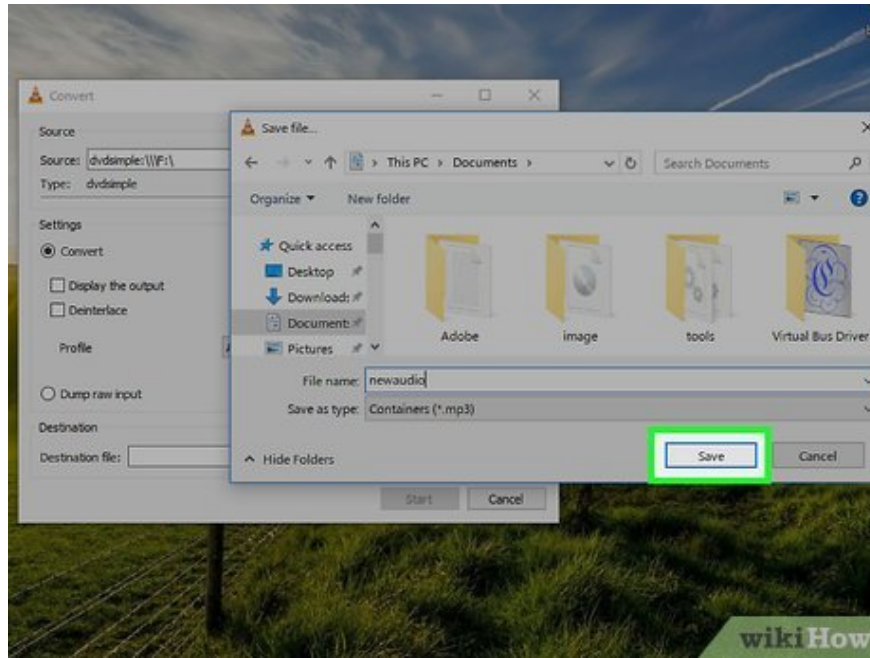
Click Browse . It's in the bottom left of the window. A window will pop up.



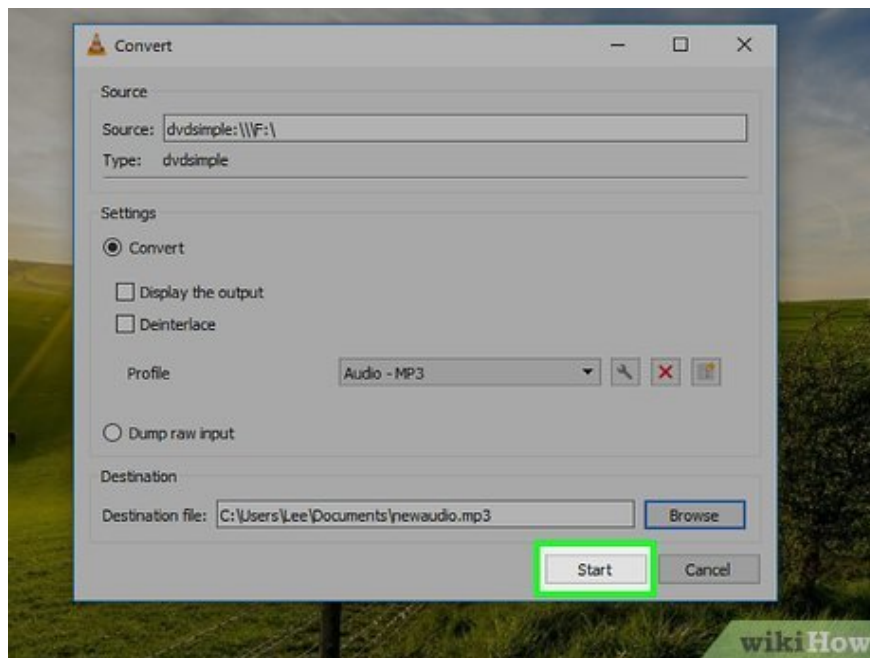
Enter a file name. In the "File name" text box, enter the file name you want to give the copied DVD file.



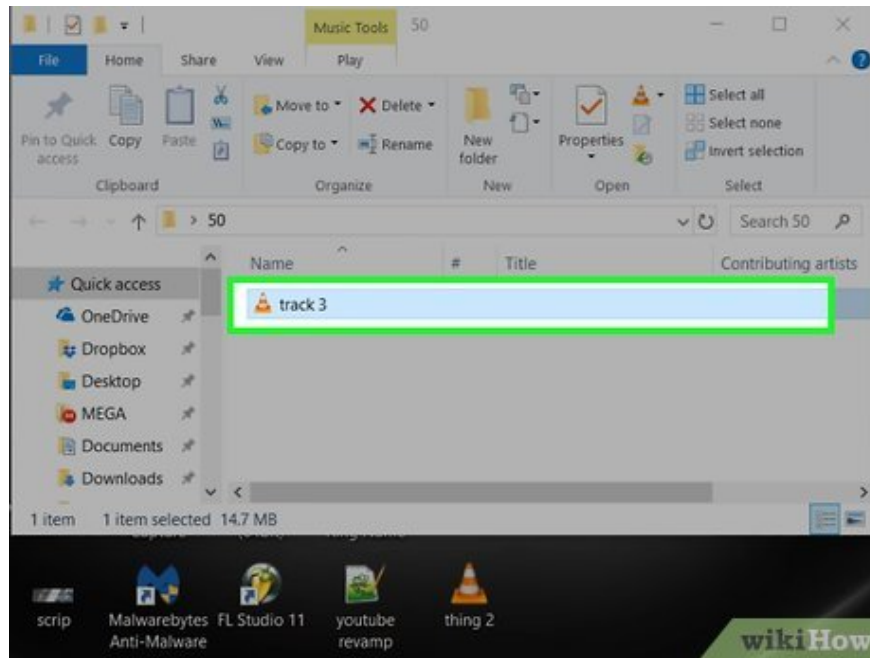
Choose where to save. Click a folder in the left sidebar to select it as the location to save the MP3 file.



Click Save in the lower right corner of the window.



Click Start . It's at the bottom of the window. The DVD will start being copied.



Allows DVD copying. Depending on the DVD capacity, it can take from 30 minutes to an hour. After VLC finishes ripping the DVD, the complete MP3 file will appear in the folder you selected.

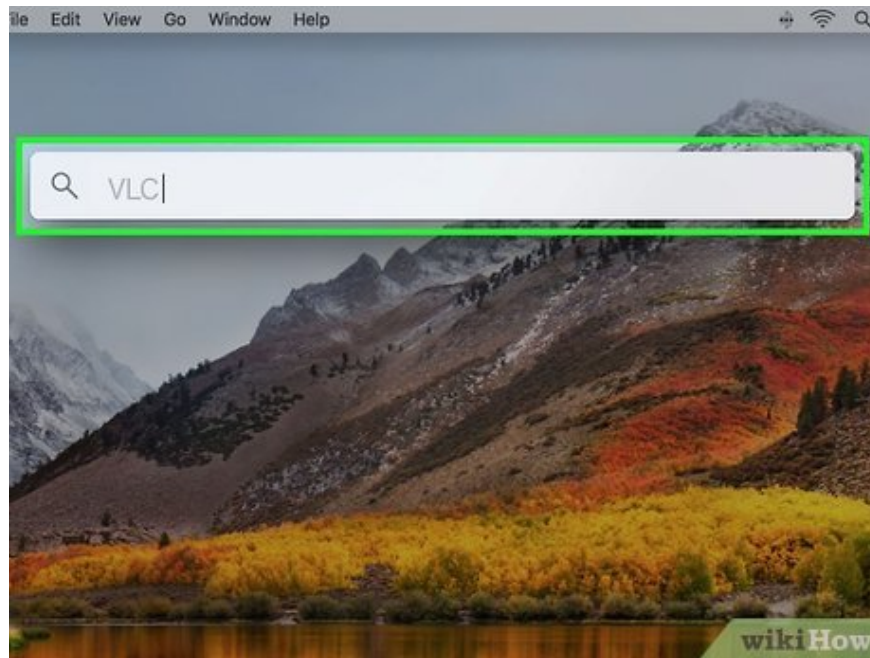
If asked, click **Keep** to prevent the MP3 file from being overwritten.

Use VLC on Mac



Insert the DVD into the DVD player on your Mac computer. The icon on the DVD must be facing up.

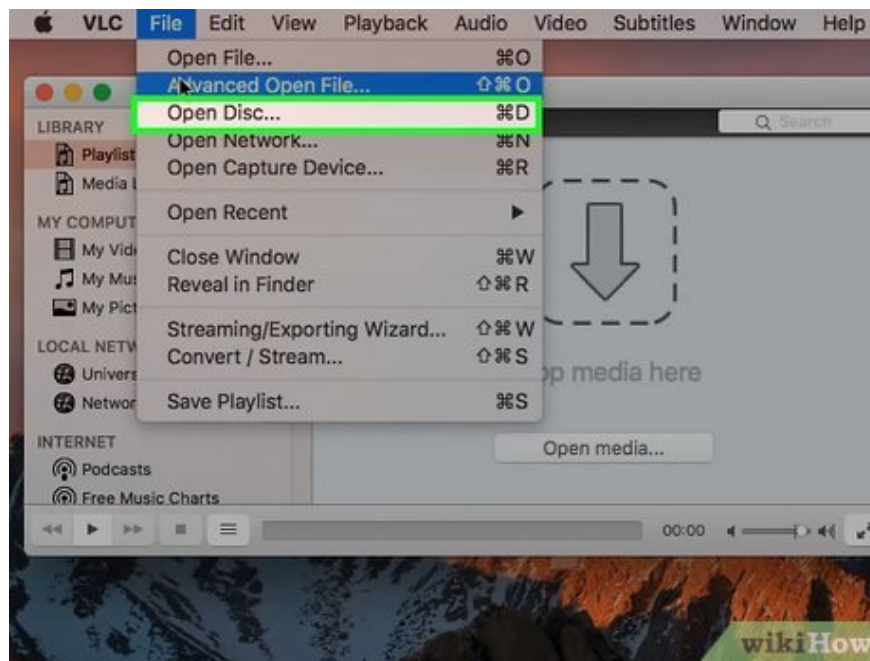
Because most Mac computers do not have a built-in DVD drive, you may need to use an external DVD drive via your computer's USB port.



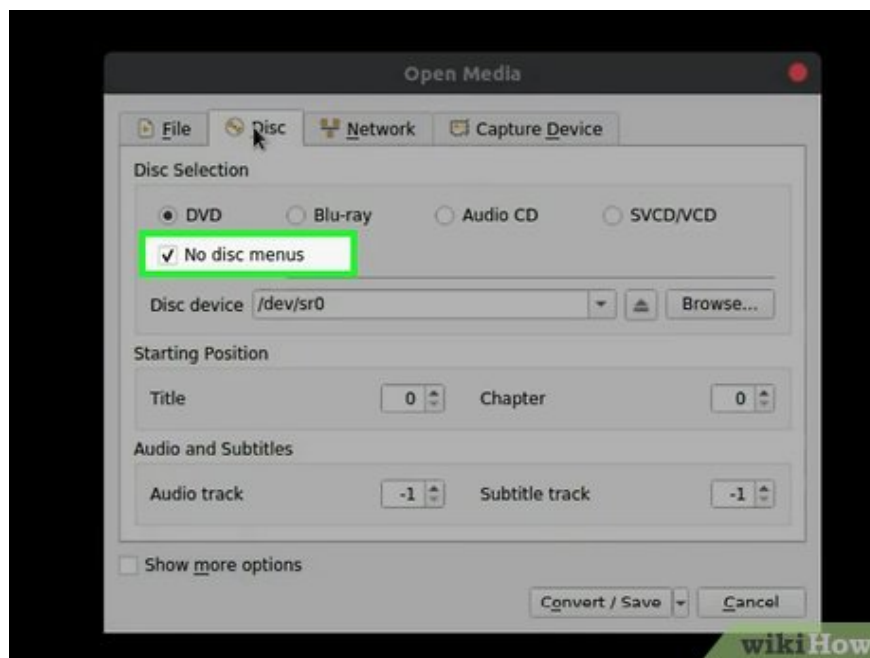
Open VLC. Click **Spotlight** , type and double-click the **VLCv1c** result , then click **Open** when it appears.



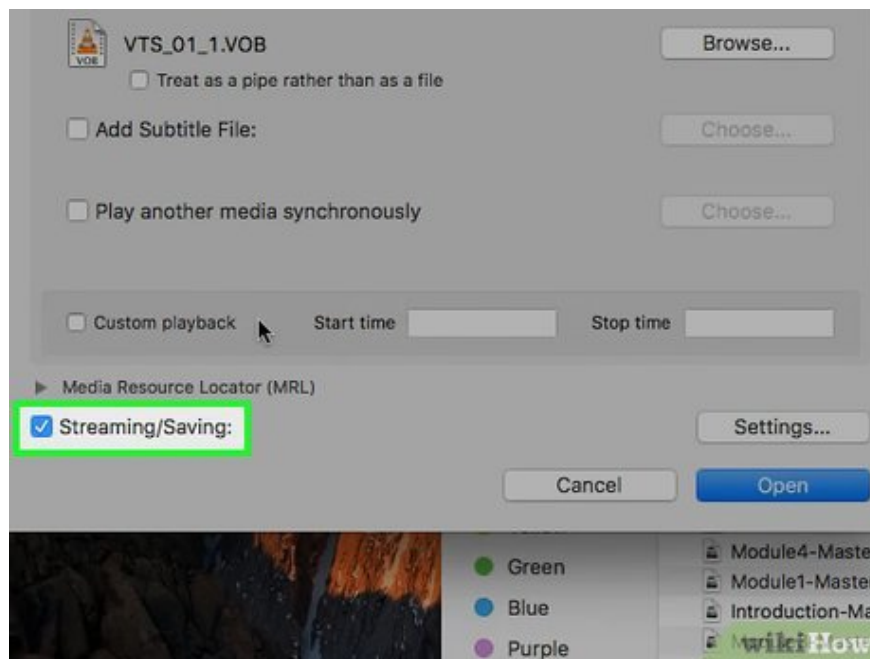
Click File . This menu option is in the upper left corner of your Mac screen.



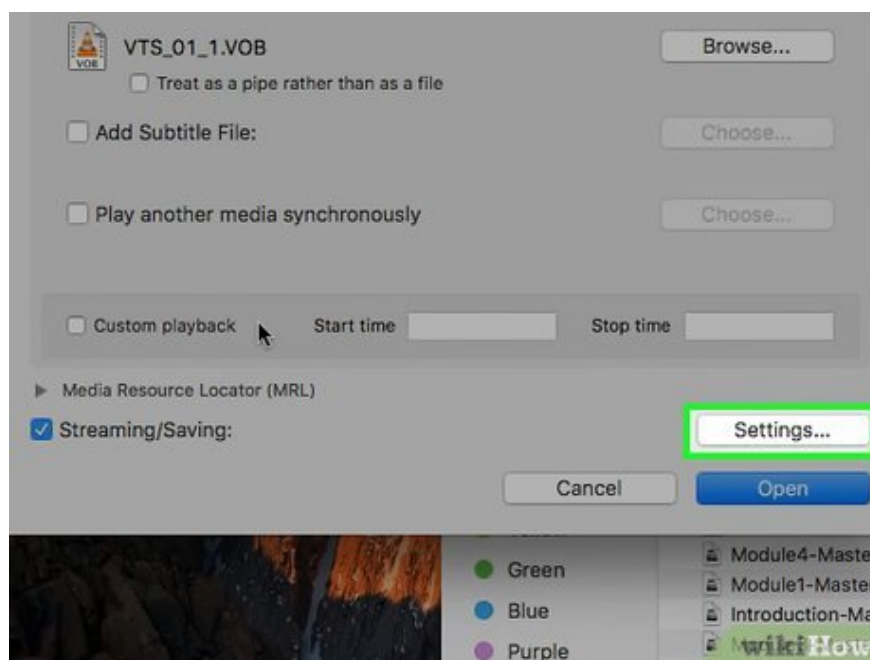
Click Open Disc... in the File drop-down menu . An installation window containing information on your DVD will appear.



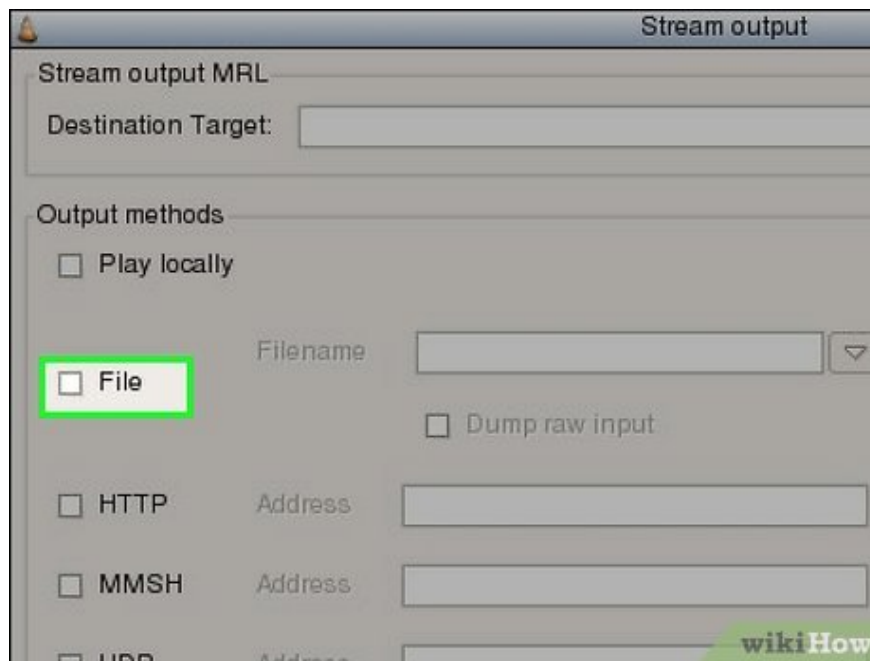
Click Disable DVD menus . This button is at the top left of the window.



Check the "Stream output" box. This option is in the upper left corner of the window.

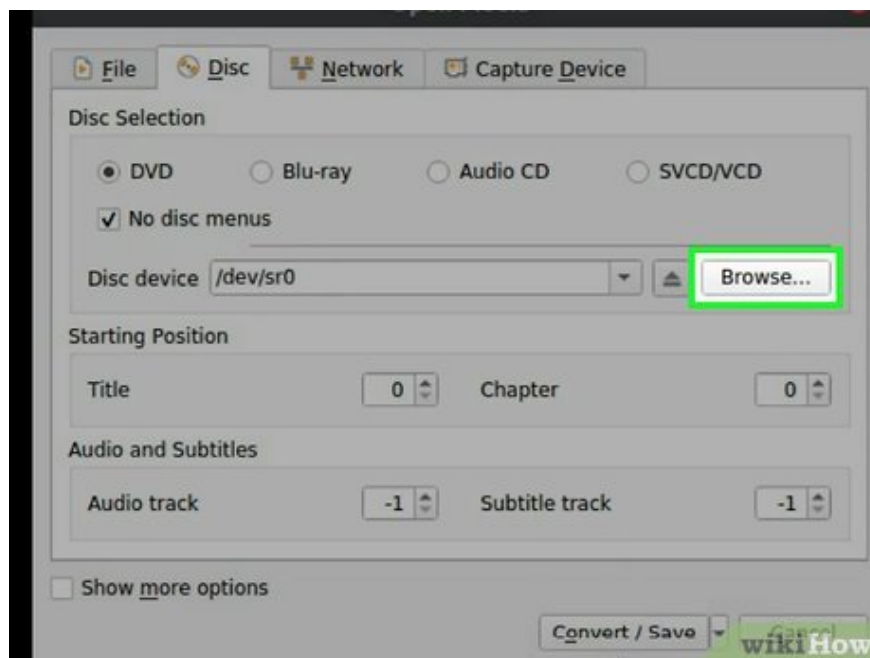


Click Settings on the right side of the window. Video conversion settings opens.

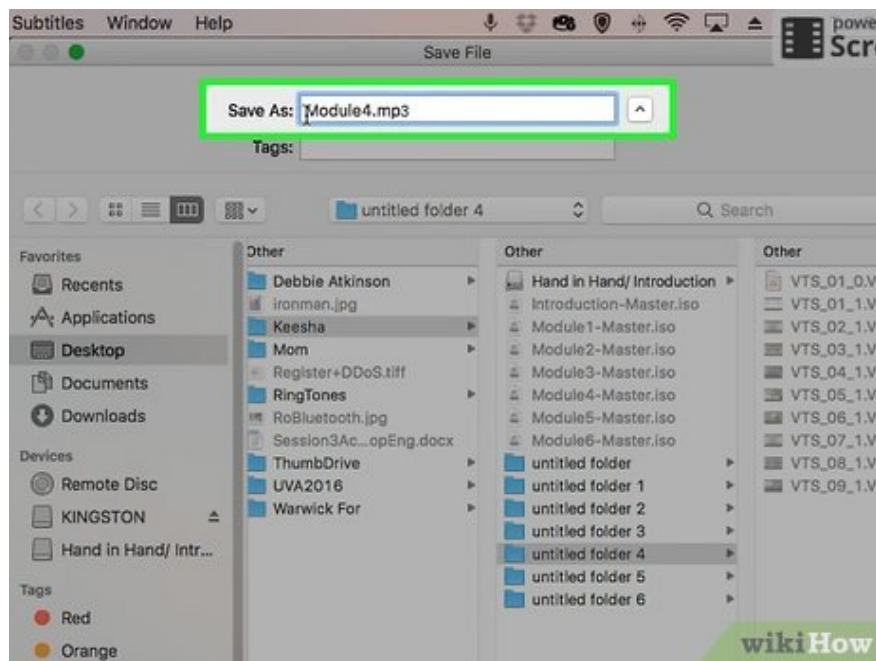


Check the "File" box at the top of the page.

If both the "File" and "Stream" boxes are checked, click the "File" box again to make sure this is the only output.

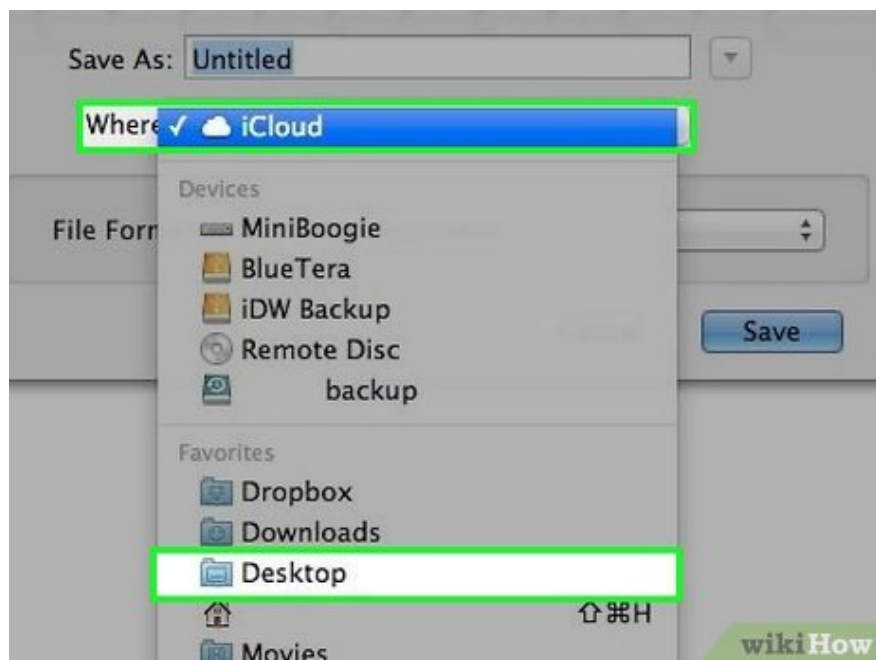


Click Browse... in the upper left of the window. A window will pop up.

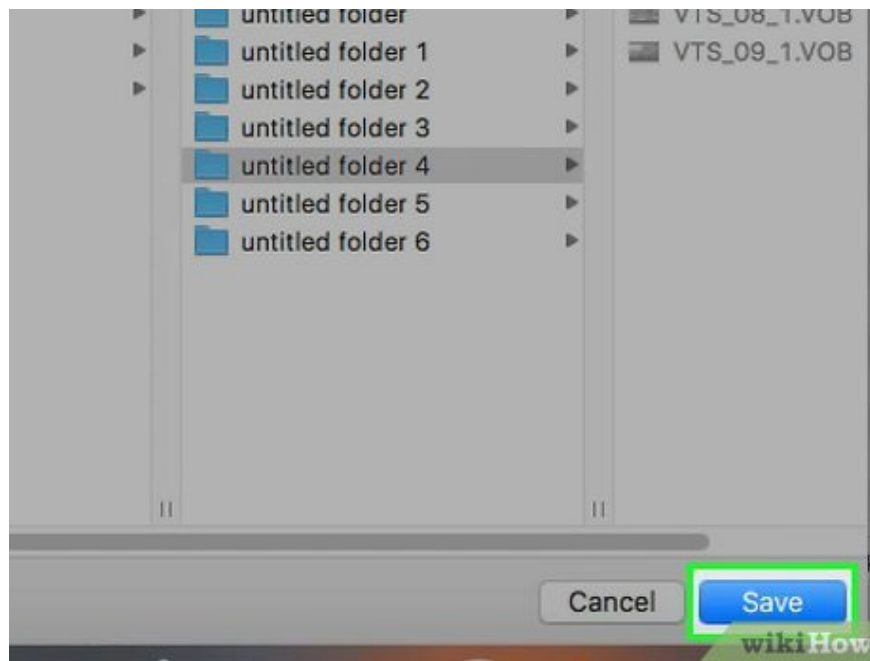


Enter name. Enter the name you want to give the DVD file into the "Save As" text box, then add the suffix .mp3 after the name.

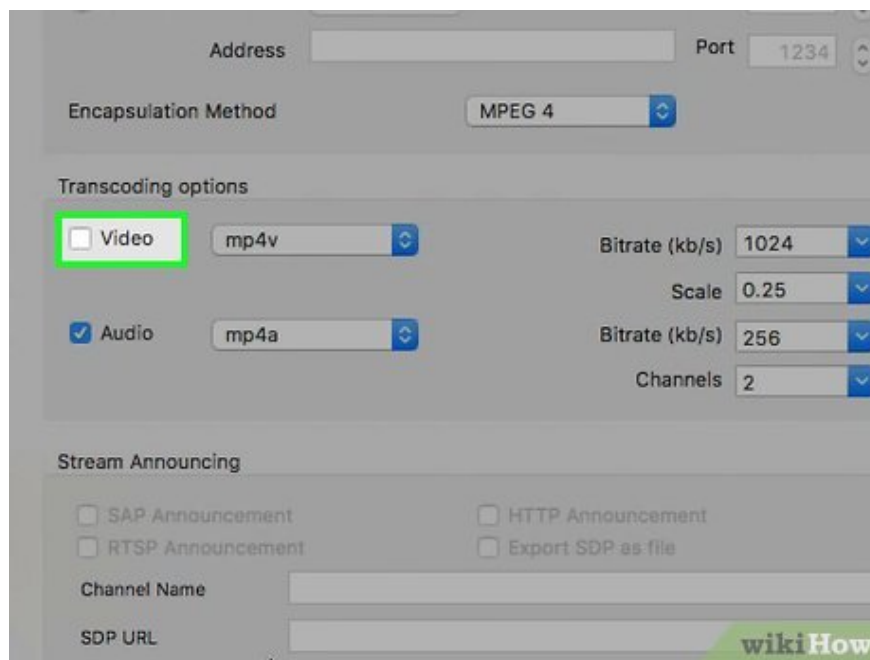
For example, if you want to name your MP3 file "The Blair Witch Project", you would enter it The Blair Witch Project.mp3 here.



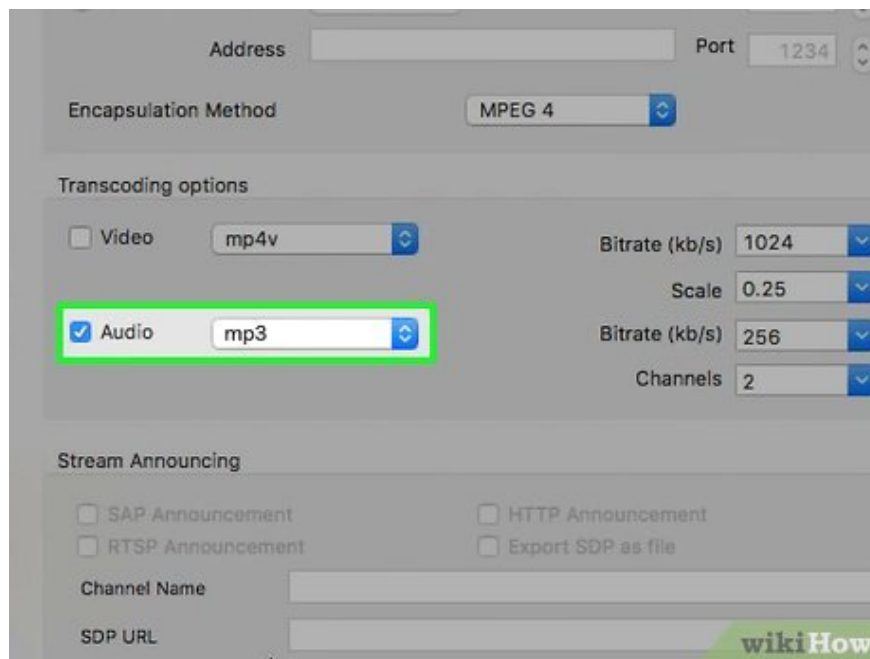
Choose where to save. Click the "Where" drop-down box and then select a folder (e.g. **Desktop**) in the drop-down menu.



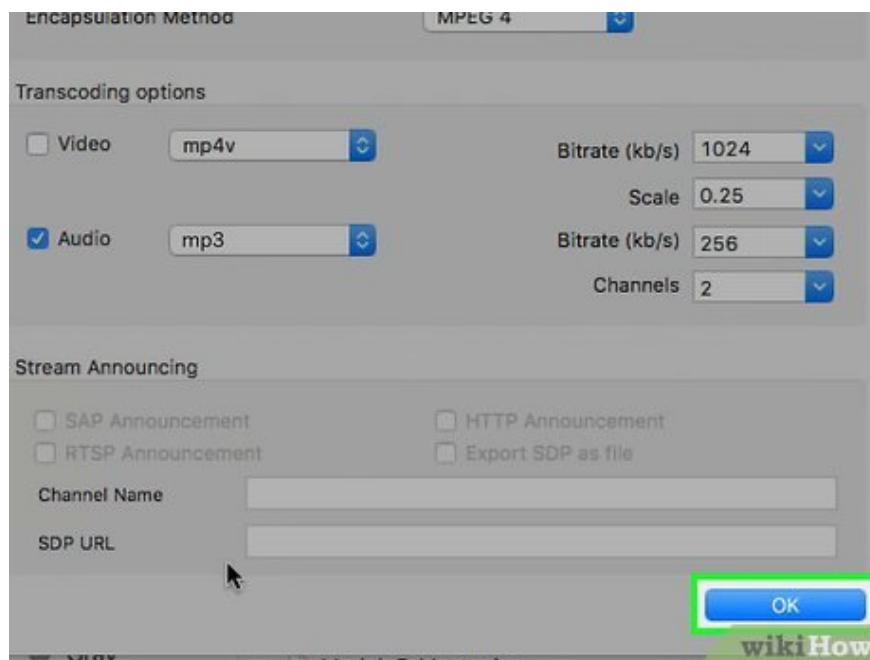
Click Save at the bottom of the window.



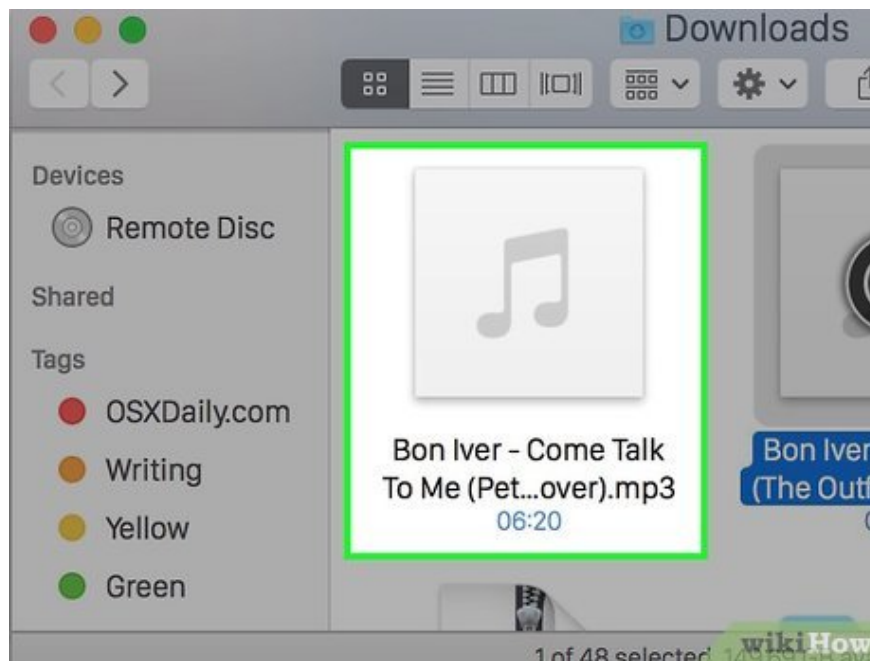
Uncheck the "Video" box in the middle of the page.



Tell the computer that you want to include audio. Check the "Audio" box, click on the "Audio" drop-down box and then click **MP3** in the menu that appears.



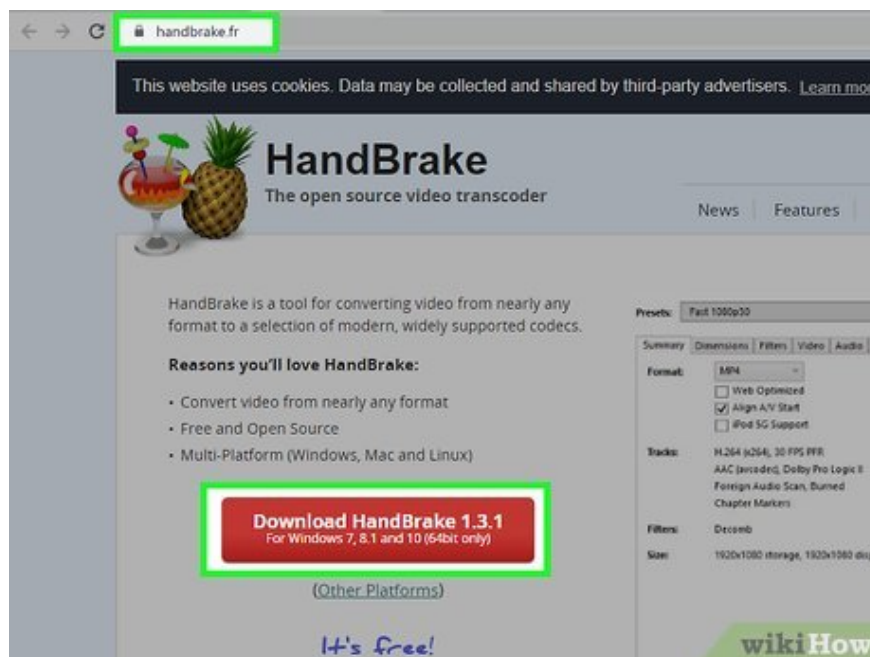
Click OK twice. VLC will start ripping the DVD into an MP3 file.



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If asked, click **Keep** to prevent the MP3 file from being overwritten.

Combine VLC and HandBrake



Download and install HandBrake. HandBrake is a free program for Windows and Mac computers used to copy MP4 files from DVDs. You:

Visit <https://handbrake.fr/> using your computer's web browser.

Click **Download HandBrake** .

Double click on the file you just downloaded.

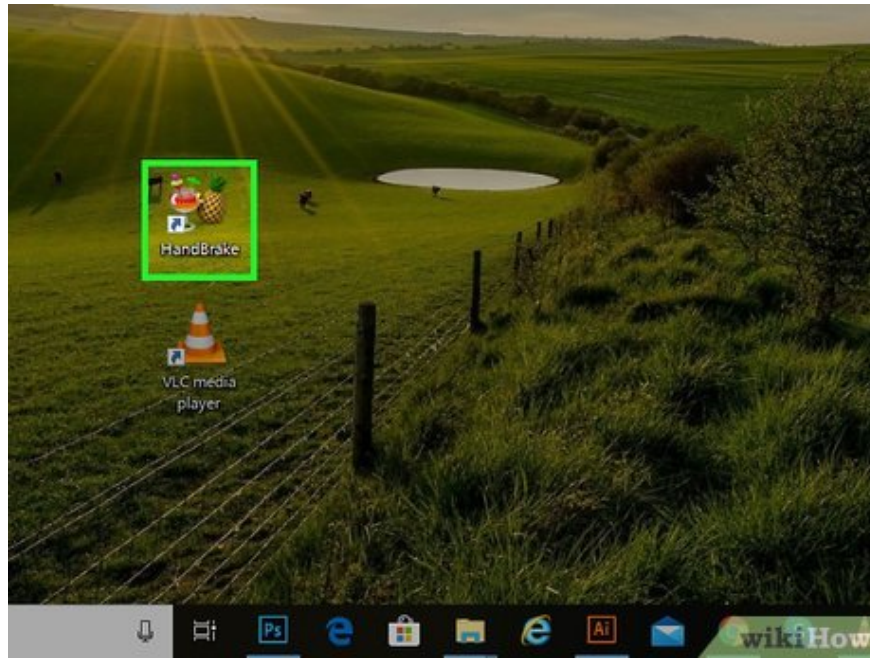
Proceed according to the instructions on the screen.



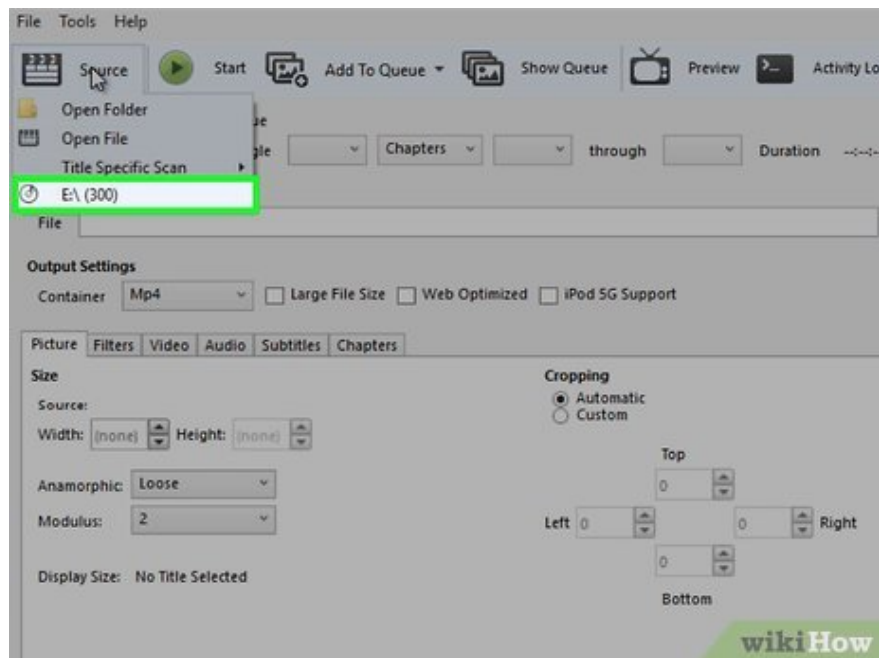
Insert the DVD into the DVD player on your Mac computer. The icon on the DVD must be facing up.

Make sure your computer has a DVD player (not just a CD drive) by looking for the "DVD" icon on the disc tray. If you don't have a DVD drive, you won't be able to rip DVD discs.

If your computer doesn't have a DVD drive, you'll need to buy an external player and plug it into the USB port on your computer.

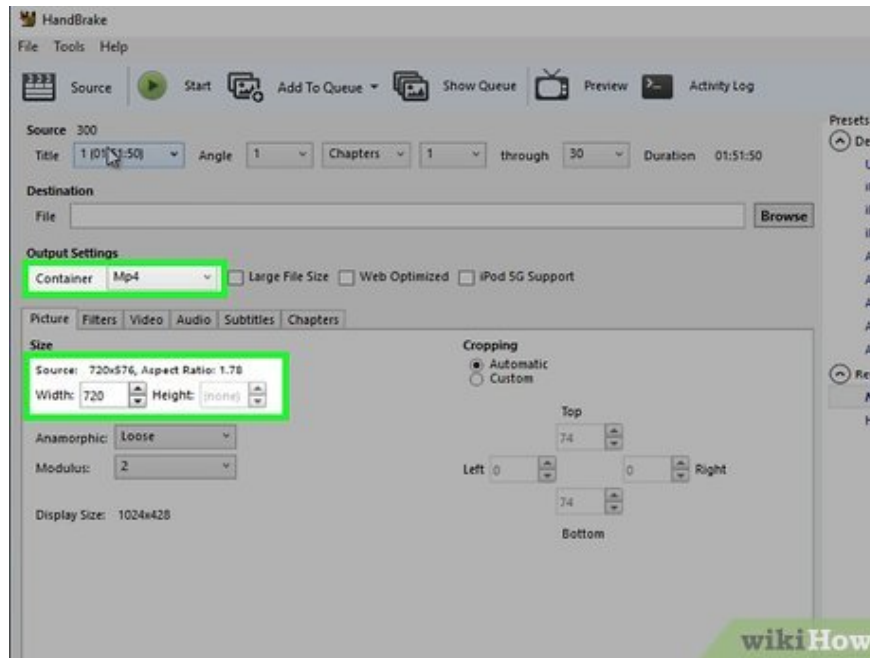


Open HandBrake. Pineapple-shaped app next to a glass of juice.



Click on the DVD option. The option has the DVD's name next to the disc icon in the upper left of the HandBrake window.

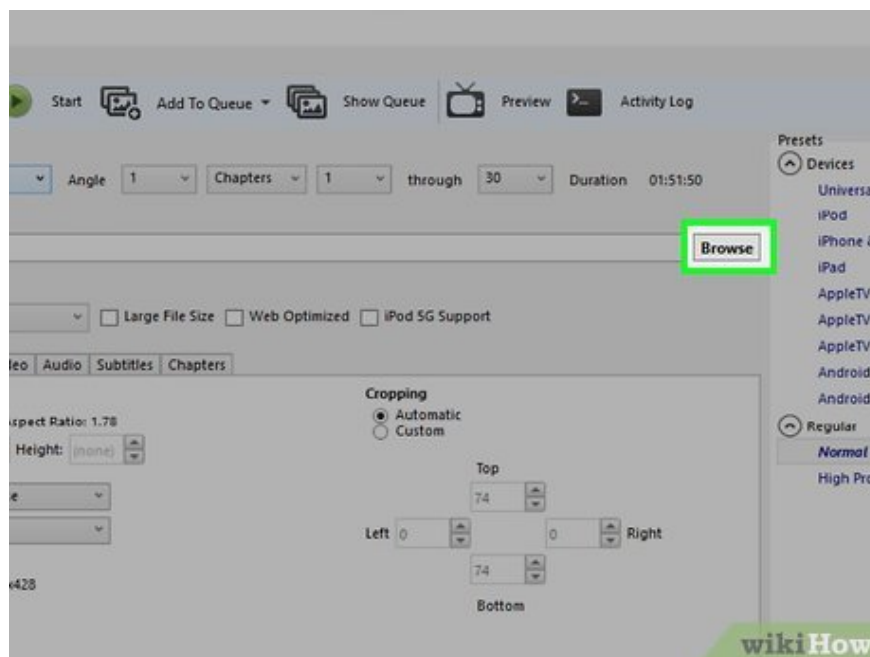
If you don't find the DVD option, turn HandBrake off and on again.



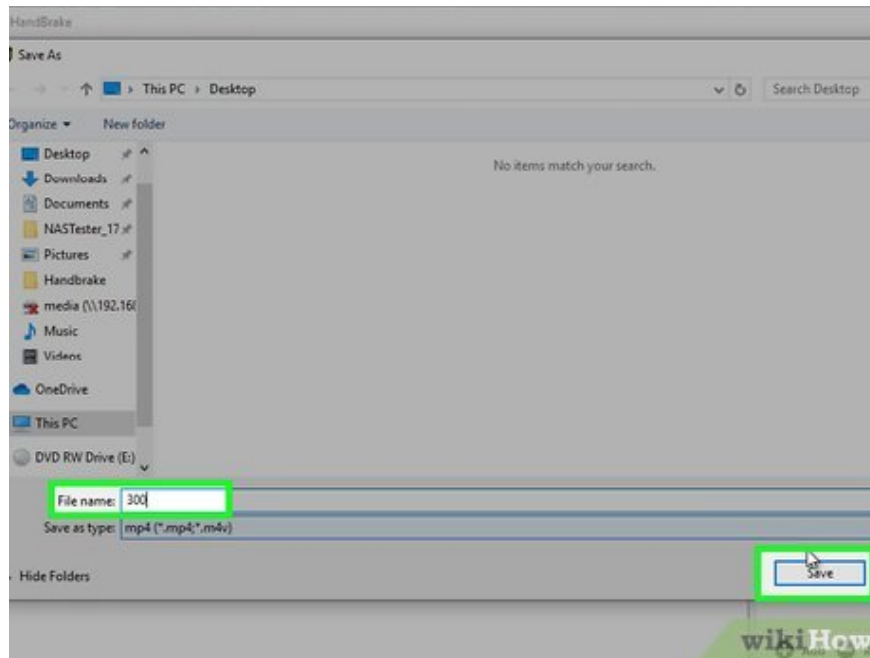
Change conversion settings if necessary. HandBrake usually defaults to MP4 file conversion, but you should also check the following aspects before continuing:

File format — Make sure the "Container" box is displaying "MP4" inside. If not, click this frame and select **MP4**.

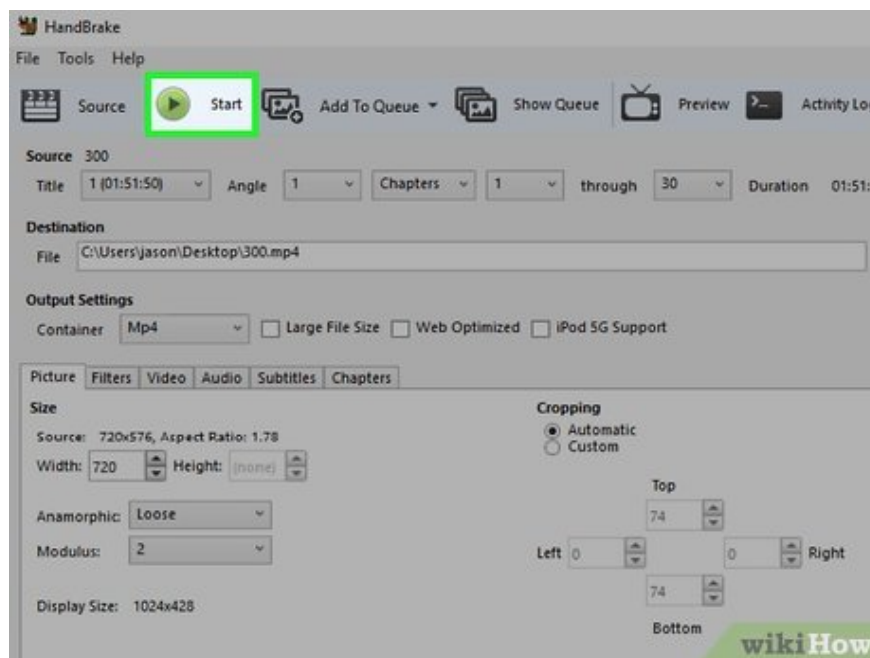
File resolution — Click **Presets** and then click a quality (such as **1080p**) on the right side of the window.



Click **Browse** to the right of the "Save As" text box. A window will pop up.



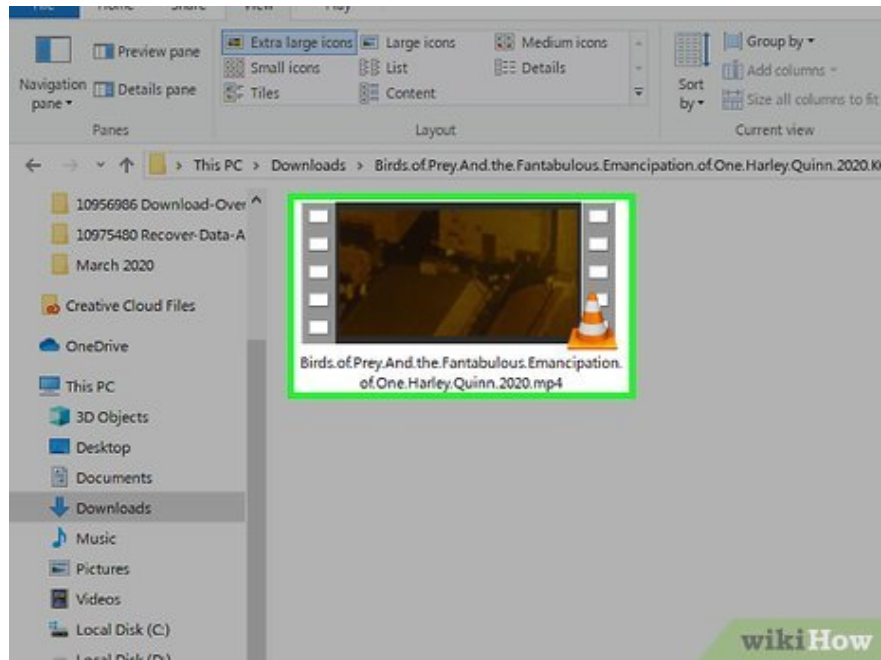
Enter the file's storage information. Select a save location, enter a file name in the "File name" (Windows) or "Name" (Mac) text box, and then click **Save** .



Click Start Encode . This green button is at the top of the HandBrake window. HandBrake will start converting your DVD into an MP4 file. Once the MP4 file is copied successfully, you can continue.

On Mac, just click **Start** .

DVDs can take anywhere from half an hour to several hours to rip into MP4 files, so you need to make sure your computer is fully charged/charged and well ventilated.



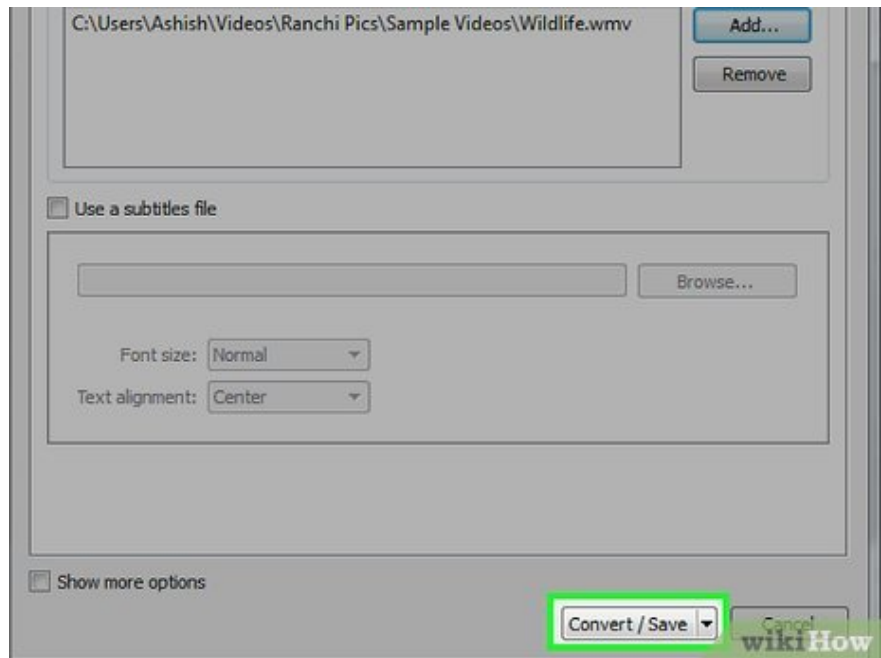
Open MP4 files in VLC. Open VLC by clicking (or double-clicking) the app icon, then:

Click **Media** (Windows) or **File** (Mac).

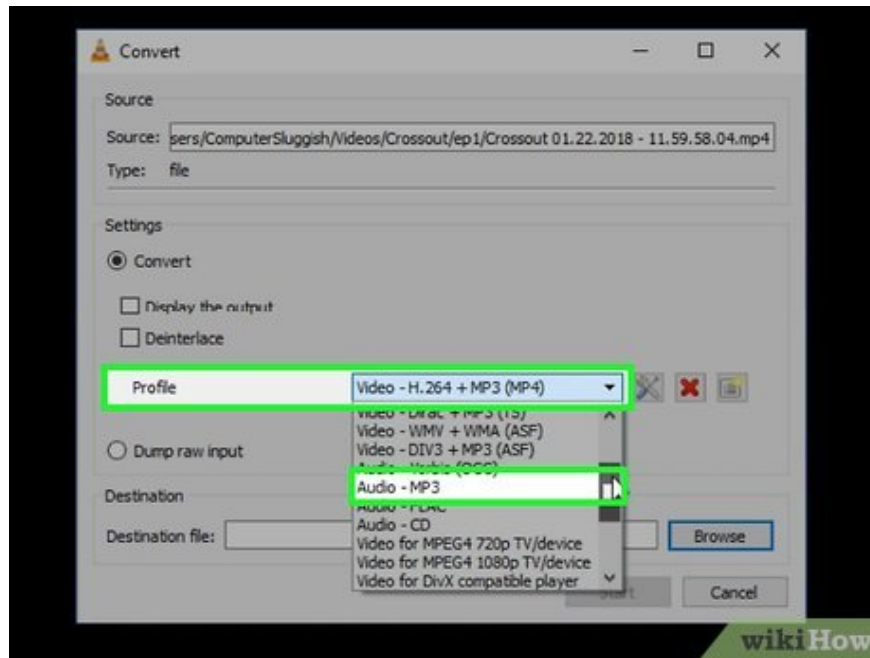
Click **Convert / Save** in the drop-down menu.

Click the **File** tab .

Click **Add** , select the MP4 file, then click **Open** .

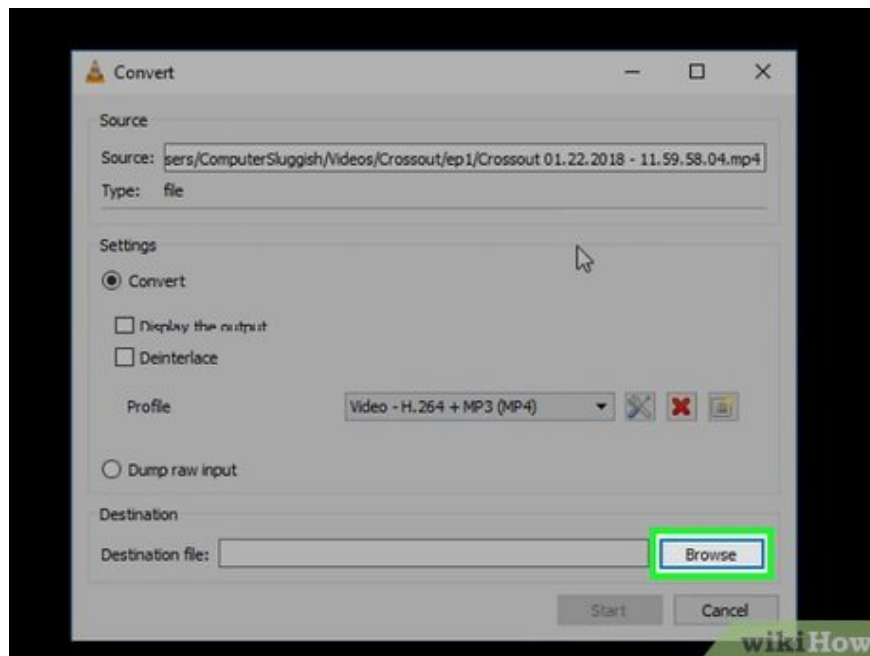


Click Convert / Save at the bottom of the window.

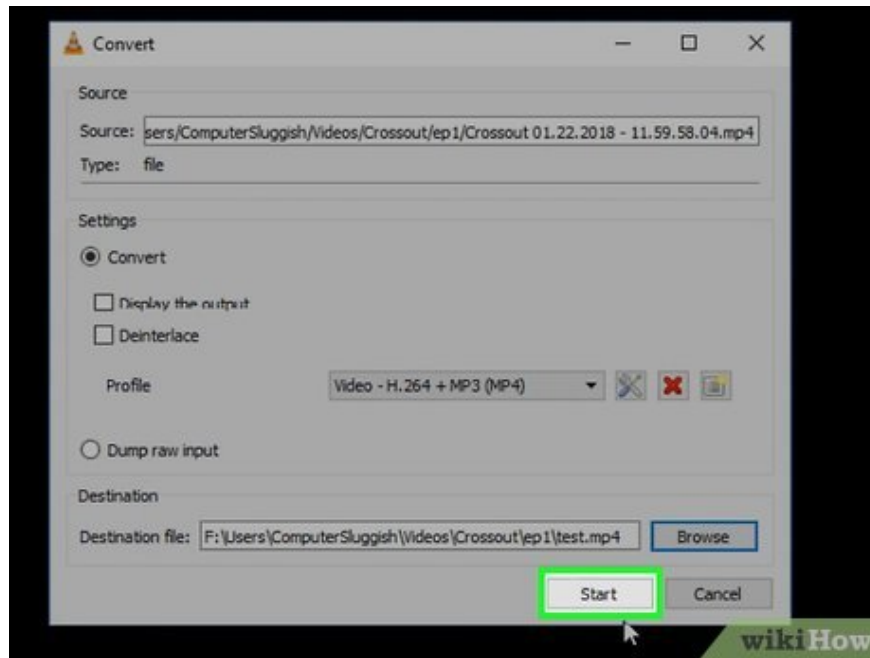


Change the converted file type to MP3. Click the "Profile" drop-down box, scroll down, and then click **Audio - MP3** in the drop-down menu that appears.

On a Mac, you may just need to check the "Audio" box while making sure the "Video" box is unchecked.



Choose a name and save location. Click **Browse** near the bottom of the window, then enter a file name, click the folder where you want to save the audio file, and click **Save** .



Click **Start** at the bottom of the window. VLC will start converting the MP4 file to MP3.



Force quit VLC (when necessary). Sometimes VLC will fall into a loop and continuously overwrite the file. You can fix this error by force quitting VLC:

On Windows — Press **Ctrl+ Shift+ Esc**, find VLC in the **Processes** tab , click **VLC** , and select **End task** in the lower right corner.

On Mac — Click the **Apple menu** , click **Force Quit** , click the **VLC** option , click **Force Quit** , and confirm your decision when asked.

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