

Making VideoCDs on your Mac

Creating a VideoCD using macintosh is not a problem in any way. Although it might be a bit confusing, that is why I wrote this guide.

Let's start with some information.

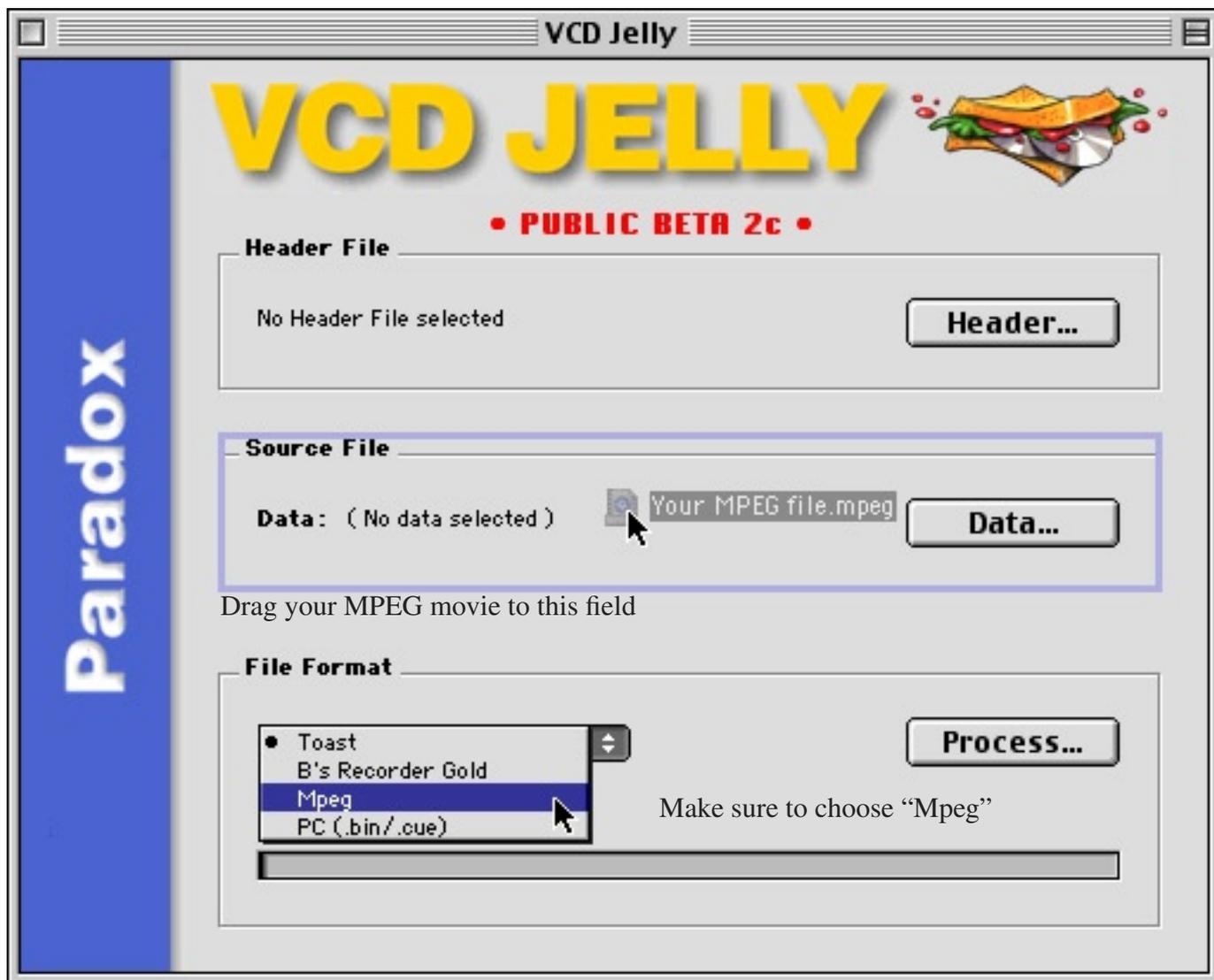
The Application used to make VideoCDs is **B's Recorder GOLD** (version 1.0.8). The thing is that it's only available in Japanese which makes this a little more complicated. The best thing to do is to install the Japanese language-kit, included on the MacOS 9 CD. This will help you to recognize numbers and parts of the text that might be useful.

The other program you will need it **VCD Jelly**.

(I'm honestly impressed by the guy who wrote this program and would like to get in contact with him as soon as possible. So if you are reading this, please E-mail to jjabba@mail.com)

Treating the MPEG file

The first thing you will have to do is to let VCD Jelly extract the MPEG data from your MPEG file. VCD Jelly will most likely tell you that the source file you've selected already is an MPEG file. Don't bother, proceed anyway, otherwise B's recorder will not be able to handle the file. (Why I don't know, but lets just accept it.)



Preparing the VCD

Now comes the tricky part. In B's recorder Gold there is a easy menu and a working menu. You can use either one, but I prefer to use the easy menu.



Once your file has been processed in VCD Jelly, put the files in the “put in

extension folder” folder into... yes you were right, the extension folder.

Restart your Macintosh.

Now launch B's Recorder Gold. If everything works you should get two windows on your screen. One of them will look like this.

Choose the icon I've marked with red. The following window will be containing information in



Japanese, just press this icon to continue.



The third window is where you add your MPEG files. You can write both single and multitrack VCDs. Just drag the MPEG file/files into the white area in the window shown below. They will appear on the disc in the order you've dragged them.

When you add an MPEG track B's will go into lock up mode with a little spinning disc as the cursor.

This is while your MPEG files is

tested. This might take up to half an hour on older macs. When you've added all the MPEG files you want on your disc you once again press the



button. Now a new window will appear. This is where you name your disc. You can use any type of character like blankspace and so on. Just write what ever you like...

Yet another window will appear showing how to select “record CD”. Just click on the thumb up-button and the easy guide will disappear. If everything went well you will now have a large window where the bottom part will be looking like this.



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トラック	開始時間	タイプ	名称	長さ
> trk1	00:02.00	Mode2: VideoCD	<-- Your disname	00:04.52
> trk2	00:08.52	Mode2: she's all that.mpg		48:37.36

(The first track is the header track, the second is your MPEG movie. there will be one more track for every MPEG file added, but only one header track)

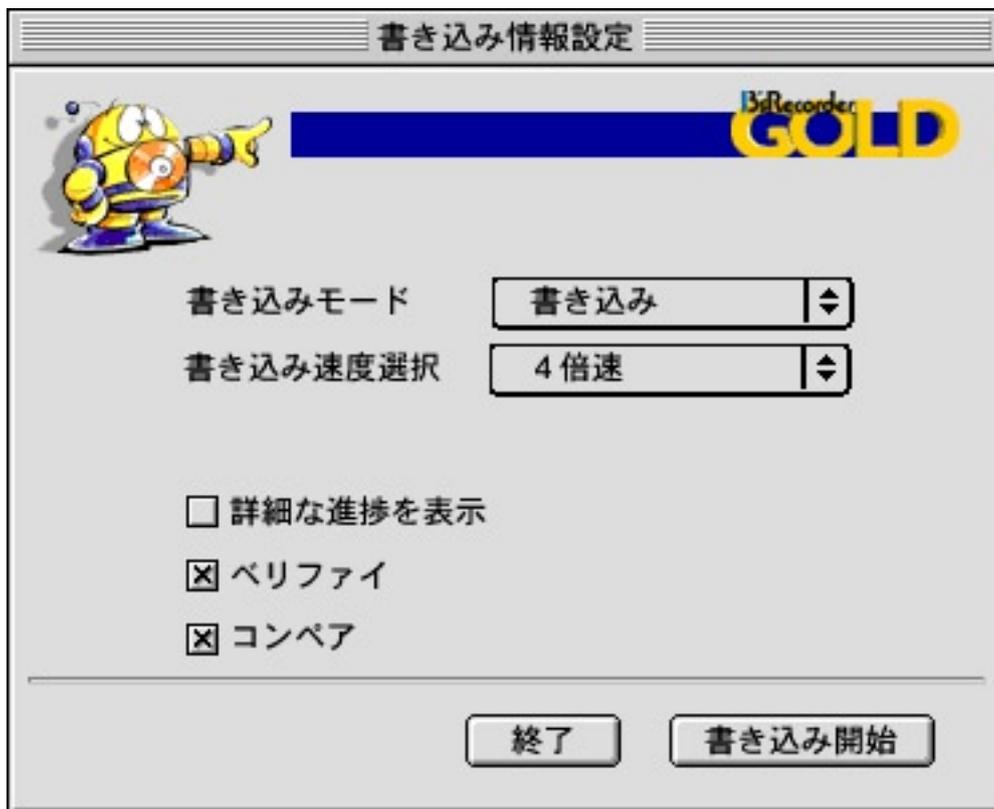
Important

In the upper left corner of this window you'll have to change an option.



Make VERY VERY sure you select the **lower** one of these two options. What you are choosing between are Disk-at-Once or Track-At-Once. We want Track-At-Once, don't really know what Disk-At-Once is good for, but it has something to do with including player software or not on the disc. However choose the bottom option or you might not be able to play your disc.

Now it's all done. Press command-G to make the window below to appear. Press the button at the bottom right corner and lay back and wait for your VideoCD. (Writing the disc takes about an hour and during that time the computer might seem to do nothing since there is no time line moving like in toast.



Since I've done some VCDs myself now I've noticed that you gain about 12 % of the file size without losing quality. How this is possible I do not know, but it means that there is no problem to write a 730 MB big MPEG file on a 650 MB disc. To see how big your MPEG file will be on your VideoCD just multiply the file size with 0.88.