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We all love to have fun. Let's enter the world of fun. These days when you go to the store there is a huge variety of portable devices that have similar functions. However they do differ in design, colour, weight and functions to some extent. I chose the 2 devices that are very similar in functions PSP and iPod. For those of you who do not know PSP stands for play station portable. For both of them you can listen to music, look at pictures and watch video.

Well for iPod the videos need to be musical clips, whereas PSP supports all the movies such as the "Ring". The one big difference is PSP supports games and is able to accept special disks. PSP has built in speakers that allow you not to use headphones, but for iPod you have to go and get standing speakers. PSP is larger and heavier than iPod, but it does have a larger screen and game controller. Though I must admit it is pretty slim and fits in most inside jacket pockets. PSPs like iPods come with different cases to protect surfaces. Now let's talk about the iPod, well there is a whole family of them shuffle the smallest one, iPod nano and that just iPod. Let's concentrate on the latest version since it has a video function.

It is very slim and fits about anywhere from suitcase to a shirt pocket. They come with leather or rubber cases. The iPod has a very delicate surface and required to be in a case 24/7. The iPod has a remote in a shape of a bagel that can be used with one thumb to stop, pause, play, go to menu and even change volume. You will be able to experience music videos, listen to a variety of music that you can download and then upload to your iPod. You can always create a play list on the go and enjoy looking at pictures of your friends while traveling to your destination.

Let me track back to PSP the game experience is unforgettable. The minute you get on to the subway or train and turn on your PSP you enter a world of action and fun. The headphones allow you to experience the sound for every action. Like they say in physics for every action there is a reaction. Do not take me wrong I am not trying to persuade you for either PSP or iPod. I mean it very much depends if you love games and watching movie or just music and looking at pictures. I personally love the game experience, because it kills time during the travel, I would personally go for the more functional one. Ok now I am going to leave you to decide which device fits your personality.

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How To Convert Video In Your iPod?

By Beverly Kane

Thinking about upgrading your iPod, or maybe making a first time iPod purchase? Did you know that now, iPod is video capable? The majority of people don't yet know how to encode videos to a portable device that have strict format requirements, unless they own something like a PSP. The resolution and bit rates of the videos you can use on your iPod have limits and iPod and PSP's are only capable of playing MPEG-4 encoded videos with AAC audio tracks. I know it sounds complicated but it's really not all that difficult to do.

The Quick Time Pro 7 software is a great program to help you make videos for your iPod. It allows you to convert the video you want to use into the correct format for the iPod, pretty easily. After you've checked to make sure you are using the newest version of Quick Time Pro available, whether it's 7 or higher, you'll want to choose the "Open File", option from the File menu in the toolbar across the top of the window. Locate and select the video you want to convert and then click the "Open" button. Next, you will have to "Export". You can find that option also in the File menu of the toolbar. You'll be given the choice to "Move to iPod (320x240)", then click on "Save". Watch for the Export progress bar, that lets you know when the exporting of your video is complete.

Once the export is complete, taking more time for longer movies, you'll find the newly converted movie on your desktop. Now it's ready for play in your iPod. Before you do anything else, it's important to play the new version of the movie to be sure it has converted correctly. See, much simpler to do, than it sounds!

Before you can move the video to your iPod, make sure you iTunes version 6. You will need this program for your next step. Here's the easy part; once you've opened iTunes click on the converted video file and drag it to your iTunes library. You can put it into the playlist or folder, it's your choice. Now you'll need to connect your iPod to your computer, making sure it's synchronized with iTunes. If at this point you'd like to play the movie, just click on "Videos", then "Movies" from the iPod's main menu. Any other movies you have will be listed here as well.

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Did you know, you can also watch TV shows from your iPod? In order to do this, there are a few things you will need, such as an iPod-compatible video converted, an A/V cable and a video-capable iPod.

Once you have those items, you can configure your iPod video options which allow how you export. Go to your iPod video options screen, here you can decide how the iPod will playback the video. First go to "Videos", and then choose "Video Settings" from the iPod main menu. You'll see several options to choose from like: TV Out, Widescreen and TV Signal. Tweak these settings to your specifications and choose the video playback style you need. To control whether your iPod plays the video from the built-in screen or is transmitted out through the microphone jack, click on "TV OUT", option. Select "No" if you want the video to playback on the iPod, "Yes" if you want a TV signal produced. If this is not the way you intend all playbacks, click the "Ask", option.

The new video iPod is very user friendly as you can see. So now that you know how to convert video files and watch your favorite TV shows, your ready to start making video's on the go!

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