



# L.E.T.S Talk!

## Helpful Tips and Techniques

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This newsletter aims to help you find better and more effective ways of using technology.

**This issue's topic: Portable Media (Part Three: DVD media)**

In today's digital world we all rely on some form of mobile storage media. We have many options such as CDs, DVDs, USB sticks, SD cards, iPods, etc. I would like to take some time and discuss how and when to use these media types.

**Terminology:** DVD → Digital Versatile Disc, DVD-R → Digital Versatile Disc Recordable, DVD-RW → Digital Versatile Disc ReWriteable, DVD-Audio, DVD-Video, DVD-RAM

Contrary to the popular thought DVDs are not just for the movies. DVD was created to be used as a multimedia storage device and hence the name **Digital Versatile Disc**. DVD discs can store 4.7 to 17.0 gigabytes(GB) of data. One difference between a CD and a DVD is that DVD`s can store data on two different layers and hence we have Dual layer DVD burners available in the market. The DVD players on the market today are capable of playing almost all types of DVD formats.

You will need a special program on your computer to record DVDs unless you are using Windows Vista which has Windows DVD maker built in. There are various DVD burning software available on the internet for free, so you do not have to go out and buy one.

**Capacity differences of writable DVD formats\***

Type	Capacity (GB)
DVD-R Single Layer	4.71
DVD+R Single Layer	4.70
DVD-R Double layer	8.54
DVD+R Double Layer	8.55

**NOTE:** Please check your DVD recorder specification and buy only the supported DVD discs.



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