

DVD Studio Pro

Creating Menus

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Part 3

Adding Title, Text, and Sound

NOTE ▶ This is the third part in a series of tutorials that build upon each other. Before beginning this part, make sure you've completed the exercises in Parts 1 and 2.

The next step is to add some text elements to your menu. You will type the title, tagline, and URL in your Menu Editor. The capability to add text is a nice feature of DVD Studio Pro, since you are not forced to use a separate application, such as Photoshop, to create titles for your menus or buttons. In fact, this feature makes using templates a possibility, since you can do all of your text editing and renaming within DVD Studio Pro.

- 1 Double-click the top of the Menu Editor window to create a text box.
- 2 Type *Switzerland.* into the box that appears.
- 3 In the Text Object Inspector, click the Shadow checkbox to add a drop shadow.



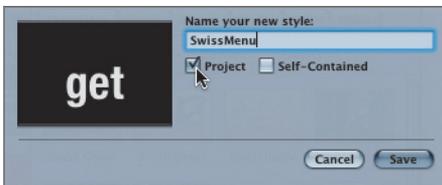
Now let's use the text formatting features described in the section "Creating Buttons on a Still Menu" earlier in this lesson to change the appearance of your text.

- 4 Activate the Font window by choosing Format > Font > Show Fonts.
- 5 Make sure your text is highlighted, and then use the font Helvetica Neue Condensed Bold 40 pt.
- 6 Once the text has changed, click next to the Switzerland text element to deselect it.
- 7 Double-click the background again to add a tagline for the title.

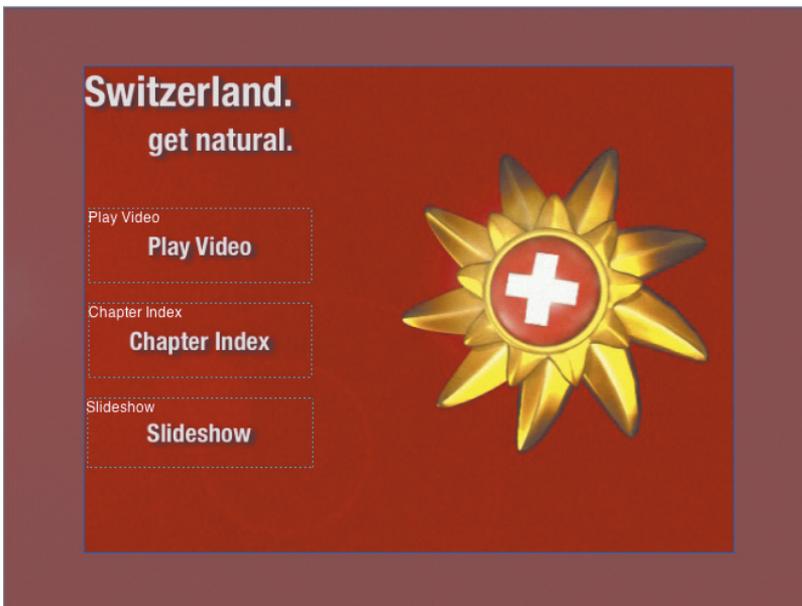
- 8 Type *get natural.*, and then use the Font window to format it as Helvetica Neue Condensed Bold 30 pt.
- 9 Align the text to the right, and click the Shadow checkbox to add a drop shadow.



- 10 Control-click this text element, and choose Create Text Style from the shortcut menu.
- 11 Name your new style *SwissMenu*, click the Project checkbox, and then click Save.



You will now be able to reuse the text style in other projects.



Adding Sound to the Menu

Adding sound to your still menu quickly and dramatically enhances it. For the SwissMainMenu, you will use a portion of the **SwissMovie.AC3** audio track that is called **SwissMainMenu.AC3**. This portion of the audio has been prepared in Final Cut Pro. To avoid any audio glitches when the menu loops, we recommend that you fade up the volume in the beginning and fade down the end of the menu loop.

- 1 From the Assets tab, select **SwissMainMenu.AC3** and drag it to the Menu Editor.

TIP Make sure that you use the same audio format (AC-3 or AIFF) at the same bit rate for all menus you create. Mixing different audio formats in the Menu domain (all menus on your DVD) is illegal, according to the DVD specification, and DVD Studio Pro will not complete the disc building process.

- 2 From the Drop palette, choose Set Audio.



- 3 Click the Motion button at the bottom-right corner of the Menu Editor to hear if the audio plays correctly.



- 4 Click the Motion button again to stop the audio preview.