Let these programs tackle your digital video projects.

1

ROXIO TOAST TITANIUM 7

www.roxio.com

$99.99

EDITORS' RATING

8.0 ✓

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS
- PowerPC G4 or faster
- 300MB hard drive space
- Mac OS X 10.3.9 or later

BOTTOM LINE
A must-have for Mac users, the latest version of Toast adds key features—such as support for DivX video and disc-spanning functionality—and enhances old ones. Among its many perks, the software offers an integrated iLife media browser, better personalization options for disc creation, and support for Dolby Digital sound.

2

AVANQUEST PODMEDIA-CREATOR

www.avanquestusa.com

$29.95

EDITORS' RATING

8.0

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS
- Pentium II or faster
- 128MB RAM
- Windows 2000 or XP

BOTTOM LINE
PodMediaCreator is an affordable one-stop method for creating and editing video, audio, and digital-image projects for your iPod. Creating projects is a drag-and-drop process; when you're done, the program transfers your creation to a connected iPod or into your iTunes Library. Newbies will appreciate the straightforward interface and easy-to-use editing tools.

3

NERO 7 ULTRA EDITION

www.nero.com

$79.99

EDITORS' RATING

8.0

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS
- Pentium III or faster
- 128MB RAM
- 1GB hard drive space
- Windows 98, Me, 2000, XP, or Vista

BOTTOM LINE
Nero continues to offer excellent value with version 7 of this versatile, comprehensive disc-burning suite, which has a new media-browsing interface that lets you play media with a remote control. You'll also find support for new technologies (such as 5.1 and 7.1 audio, Blu-ray discs, and high-definition video), as well as improvements to DVD-creation and -backup tools.

4

ROXIO POPCORN 2

www.roxio.com

$49.99

EDITORS' RATING

8.0

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS
- PowerPC G4 or faster
- 15GB hard drive space
- Mac OS X 10.4 or later

BOTTOM LINE
Popcorn 2 not only improves upon the previous version's burning features, but it also adds the ability to convert video files for viewing on a host of portable players. The software can convert movies to space-saving formats such as MPEG-4, H.264, QuickTime, and DivX, as well as burn backups of unencrypted DVDs.

5

PINNACLE STUDIO PLUS 10

www.pinnaclesys.com

$99.99

EDITORS' RATING

7.1

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS
- Pentium III or faster
- 512MB RAM
- 1GB hard drive space
- Windows XP

BOTTOM LINE
Studio Plus straddles the line between simple and complex video editors. You get an easy interface and a fun assortment of transitions and effects. Newbie editors can create pan-and-zoom slide shows and import high-definition video, though DivX and MPEG-4 support costs extra. One caveat: We experienced some speed and performance issues in our tests.

✓ = Editors' Choice