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Debut Video Capture Software

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Technical Support

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Encoder Options for .mpg Files <http://www.nch.com.au/kb/10080.html>

Encoder Options for .ogv Files

Encoder Options for .webm Files <http://www.nch.com.au/kb/10268.html>

About Debut Video Capture Software

This is an overview of Debut's functionality.

In addition to this help document, there is also a [Debut video tutorial](#) available.

Debut is an advanced video capturing application. Using the Debut Video Capture Software you can:

- Record video clips from your video capture devices, network cameras or desktop. Prepare webinars, make your own tutorials, compose video messages, capture video from streaming devices and more.
- Adjust image settings (brightness, contrast, gamma, negative, black and white or sepia effects) and output video parameters (encoders, resolution and frame rate).
- Automatically use a preselected file length and name.
- Place a text, watermark and/or a timestamp on the video.
- Export files in avi, asf, wmv, mpg, 3gp, mp4, mov, flv and dv format.
- Record using preset formats compatible with popular devices including the iPod, iPhone, PSP, Xbox 360, and PlayStation 3.
- Record files in the background while running other programs.
- Save snapshots to jpg and png files.
- Schedule recording tasks.
- Record using time-lapse effect (try recording flowers opening or clouds moving).
- Record a computer game using the Game Capture Mode.

System Requirements

- Windows XP / Vista / 7 / 8 / 10
- Windows Media Player 9 (or higher) for recordings using WMV or ASF format.
- Video Capture Device (optional)

Game Capture Mode system requirements

- Windows Vista / 7 / 8 / 10

The recommended configuration for screen recording is:

- Windows 8 / 10
- [Display drivers which support WDDM 1.2 or later](#)

Set Up and Run Software

Installing Debut from a Downloaded File

If you have downloaded Debut from the Internet or have received it by email, run the file DEBUTSETUP.EXE. To do this click Start on the task bar, select Run and then click Browse to locate the file DEBUTSETUP.EXE. The file should be located in your download or attachments directory.

Installing Debut from CD-ROM

Insert the CD-ROM into the drive. If you have an autostart enabled CD-ROM, the setup program will run. If nothing starts after about 10 seconds, run the file DEBUTSETUP.EXE on the CD-ROM. To do this, click Start on the task bar, select Run and then click Browse to locate the file DEBUTSETUP.EXE. The file should be located in D: if D: is the designator of your CD-ROM.

After installation

After the setup program has run, you will be able to use Debut immediately. You can select your record device using Options.

You can run Debut at any time by simply clicking on the shortcut on your desktop. To close Debut, click on the Exit button.

Main Window Reference

Below are the main function buttons in Debut.

Main Toolbar

Capture Method

The first four buttons in the main toolbar are where you select the capture method: Webcam, Device (e.g. USB capture device, DV camera), Network or Screen. The selected capture method controls what is seen in the recording preview window.

Recordings (Ctrl + L)

Click the Recordings button in the main toolbar to view, play and manage all the recordings in the output folder. For more details, please refer to the [Find and Play Recordings](#) section of this help manual.

Options (Ctrl + O)

Click this to open the [Options window](#), where you can configure some of the application settings.

Help (F1)

Click this to view the Help documentation with a web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, etc.).

Recording Controls

The recording controls are located at the bottom of the main Debut window. If Debut is minimized or in the background, you can use a [system-wide hotkey](#) if one is assigned for a function. They can be configured in the Hot-Keys tab of the Options dialog.

Record (F5)

This button has a red circle inside. Click this button to start a new recording, or to continue a paused recording. The default [system-wide hotkey](#) is Ctrl + F9.

Pause (F6)

Click this when you want to pause a recording and continue it later. To continue recording after pausing the file, click the record button again.

Stop (F7)

Click this to finish and save your current recording in the recordings list. Once recording is finished, you can click a bubble tip above the Debut tray icon to start watching the recording. The default system-wide hotkey is Ctrl + F10.

Output Sound Toggle

During recording, the audio output can be muted or unmuted using the Output Sound Toggle button to the left of the dB meter.

Full Screen (Alt + Enter)

Toggle the full screen preview on and off.

Snapshot (F8)

Click the camera icon to take a snapshot from the currently selected capture image. The default system-wide hotkey is Ctrl + F12.

Selection Window

In screen record mode, there is a rectangle to the right of the snapshot button. The box gives a preview of the screen selection. If the selection is set to record the entire screen, the words "Full screen" will appear in this box. If the selection is set to a specific area, the area will appear as a dotted rectangle within this box, and can be dragged around to change the selection's orientation within the full screen.

Right clicking on the Selection Window will open a context menu with the following menus:

- Capture Primary Monitor Changes the recording rectangle, selecting the primary monitor, without opening the Selection Tool dialog.
- Capture Secondary Monitor Changes the recording rectangle, selecting the secondary Monitor, without opening the Selection Tool dialog.
- Capture Whole Desktop Changes the recording rectangle, selecting the whole desktop, without opening the Selection Tool dialog.

Record As

Select the format you would like the recording to be saved as. This format can be converted later using Prism conversion software (see the Convert section of the Find & Play section of this manual for more about Prism). For more information about the video options, see <http://www.nch.com.au/kb/10230.html>.

Encoder Options

The compression and format settings for the selected recording format can be viewed by clicking the Encoder Options button. For more information about each format's encoder options, click the Help button on the format's encoder settings dialog.

Video Options

To resize a video or change the frame rate, click the Video Options

button. More information about resizing and the frame rate can be found at <http://www.nch.com.au/kb/10070.html>.

Color and Video Effects

The video effects buttons are located just under the recording preview screen, along the right side.

Caption

Click the [Caption](#) button to bring up the Caption panel where you can add text to your video, or apply a time stamp. The caption can be set prior to recording, or during recording, but cannot be added after recording.

Image Effects

Click the [Image Effects](#) button to bring up the Image Effects panel. From here, you can adjust the color settings or apply a filter to the video. These settings can be set prior to, or during recording, but cannot be added to a pre-recorded video.

Watermark

Click the [Watermark](#) button to apply a watermark to the output video, or to configure the positioning of a watermark.

Mouse Cursor Settings

Click the [Mouse Cursor Settings](#) button to change the mouse cursor visibility or add a highlight effect on the cursor in the output video.

Screen Recording Options

When Screen is selected a panel will appear beneath the preview. In this panel you can find the [Screen Selection Tools](#).

Command Line Options

You can easily control Debut from command line or using [NCH API](#) with the API Key "debut". The usage of command line is as below:

debut [command] [command_options] ...

COMMAND:

-record

Start recording. The output file will be put in the output folder as set in the current settings. If "Prompt for file name" is enabled, you will be prompted for a file name before recording begins; otherwise, a filename will be automatically generated based on the current settings. Alternatively, you can specify the output file name in the "-file" option. The effect is similar to pressing "Record" button on the main screen.

-stop

Stop recording. The effect is similar to pressing "Stop" button on the main screen.

-pause

Pause recording. The effect is similar to pressing "Pause" button on the main screen.

-resume

Resume recording after it has been paused. The effect is similar to pressing "Record" button on the main screen, while the recording is in pause.

-restart

Restart recording. The effect is similar to pressing "Stop" and then "Record" buttons on the main screen.

-snapshot

Make a snapshot. The effect is similar to pressing "Snapshot" button on the main screen.

-play

Playback last recording (must first execute the -stop command). Alternatively, you can specify the name of the file to play in the "-file" option.

-exit

Exit Debut.

-show

Show Debut when it is running. This is the default setting.

-hide

Hide Debut when it is running.

-sound <mode>

Turns sound recording on/off. The effect is similar to pressing "Toggle Sound" button on the main screen. Possible modes are:

- on: turn sound recording on
- off: turn sound recording off

-format <type>

Set the output format for recording. The change affects all consequent recordings including those made from the main Debut window. Possible types are:

- 3gp: record in 3gp format
- asf: record in asf format
- avi: record in avi format
- dv: record in dv format
- flv: record in flv format
- mkv: record in mkv format
- mov: record in mov format
- mp4: record in mp4 format
- mpg: record in mpg format
- ogv: record in ogv format
- wmv: record in wmv format
- webm: record in webm format
- Fast Capture: record in avi format, adapted for capturing games (#)
- iPod: record in mp4 format, adapted for iPod (320x240)
- PSP: record in mp4 format, adapted for PlayStation Portable (320x240)
- iPhone: record in mp4 format, adapted for iPhone (480x320)
- Xbox 360: record in mp4 format, adapted for Xbox 360 (#)
- PlayStation 3: record in mp4 format, adapted for PlayStation 3 (#)

(*) Windows Media Player 9 or later is required to record in these formats.

(#) Formats with spaces must be enclosed in quotation marks. e.g., -format "Xbox 360"

-source <type>

Set the capturing source. The change affects the main Debut window. Possible types are:

- webcam: switch Debut to "Webcam" capturing mode. The effect is similar to pressing "Webcam" button on the main screen.
- device: switch Debut to "Device" capturing mode. The effect is similar to pressing "Device" button on the main screen.

- network: switch Debut to "Network" capturing mode. The effect is similar to pressing "Network" button on the main screen.
- screen: switch Debut to "Screen" capturing mode. The effect is similar to pressing "Screen" button on the main screen.

-file <filename>

If used with "-record" command, defines a name of the file (not including the extension) to record. If used with "-play" command, defines a name of the file (including the extension) to play.

-ms <milliseconds>

Delays the execution of the current command for the specified number of milliseconds. Commands, which can be delayed are: "-record", "-stop", "-pause", "-resume", "-restart", "-snapshot", "-sound", "-play" and "-exit".

-videodir <dirpath>

Set the output folder to which Debut exports recorded video files.

-snapshotdir <dirpath>

Set the output folder to which Debut exports snapshots.

-text <text>

Set the caption text to be put on top of the captured images. See "Text Caption" menu.

Find and Play Recordings

Here you can view, play, delete and save recordings in your output folder. Click the "Recordings" button on the toolbar to open the Find and Play Recordings window. To perform a function, select a recording in the list and click the operation you want to perform on the recording:

Play (F9)

Click on the "Play" button to play the recording. To stop, press the Esc key.

You can use the following video player shortcut keys:

Spacebar: Play/Pause

Home: Go to start

End: Go to end

Left Arrow: Step backward

Right Arrow: Step forward

Save (Ctrl + S)

To save a recording in another folder, click on the "Save As" button.

Rename (F2)

To rename a recording, right click on the file and select Rename. Enter in the dialog the new filename (without file extension).

Delete (Delete)

To delete a recording, click on the "Delete" button.

Videos (Ctrl + O)

Use this button to open your current recordings folder in the system file browser.

Snapshots (Shift + O)

Use this button to open your current snapshots folder in the system file browser.

Burn (Ctrl + B)

To copy the recording(s) to CD, click on the "Burn" button. You must have Express Burn CD Burner installed on your computer to use this option. Debut will automatically download Express Burn if it cannot find it on your PC. Alternatively, you may want to download Express Burn (which is available as a free download) manually from www.nch.com.au/burn.

Convert (Ctrl + C)

To convert the recording(s) video files to different formats, click on the "Convert" button. You must have Prism video converter installed on your computer to use this option. Debut will automatically download Prism if it cannot find it on your PC. Alternatively, you may want to download Prism (which is available as a free download) manually from www.nchsoftware.com/prism.

To convert the recording(s) image files to different formats, click on the "Convert" button. You must have Pixillion Image Converter installed on your computer to use this option. Debut will automatically download Pixillion if it cannot find it on your PC. Alternatively, you may want to download Pixillion (which is available as a free download) manually from www.nchsoftware.com/imageconverter.

Edit (Ctrl + E)

To edit the recorded video files and apply images to them, click on the "Edit" button. You must have VideoPad Video Editor installed on your computer to use this option. Debut will automatically download VideoPad if it cannot find it installed. Alternatively, you may want to download VideoPad (which is available as a free download) manually from www.nchsoftware.com/videopad.

To edit the snapshots files click on the "Edit" button. You must have PhotoPad Photo Editor on your computer to use this option. Debut will automatically download PhotoPad if it cannot find it installed. Alternatively, you may want to download PhotoPad (which is available as a free download) manually from www.nchsoftware.com/photoeditor.

Share (Ctrl + U)

Clicking on the "Share" button will open a menu where you can choose how to share the selected media. You can choose between:

- Share Video with YouTube
- Share Video with Flickr
- Share Video with Dropbox
- Share Video with Google Drive
- Share Video with BroadCam

Selecting YouTube, Flickr, Dropbox or Google Drive will open the Upload dialog where you can enter your login information to upload the video to your online account. For more information about uploading to each site, see the help article at <http://www.nch.com.au/kb/10242.html>. You can also use the shortcut key Ctrl + U to open the Upload dialog.

The upload dialog may also be opened with the "Upload" command in the context menu opened when right clicking on the selected video.

To broadcast the recorded video files in the Internet or local network, click on the "Share Video with BroadCam" or use the hotkey Ctrl + N. You must have BroadCam Webcam and video file streamer installed on your computer to use this option. Debut will automatically download BroadCam if it cannot find it on your PC. Alternatively, you may want to download BroadCam (which is available as a free download) manually from www.nchsoftware.com/broadcam/.

Email (Ctrl + L)

To create and send an email with an attachment of the selected video or snapshot. Click on the "Email" button.

The Email dialog has the familiar, To, Subject, and Message fields available to allow you to compose your message. The Email Settings button allows you to choose the settings that Debut will use to send your email. After composing your message and verifying that the email settings are correct, use the Send button to send the email.

Refresh (F5)

Used to refresh the list of recordings found in the folder.

Select All (Ctrl + A)

Used to select all the recordings in the list.

Options

Open the Options Dialog Box by using the menu Tools -> Options or by clicking the "Options" button on the toolbar. There are eight options tabs:

- Video
- Audio
- Output
- Hot-Keys
- Record
-
- Schedule
- Other

System-Wide Hot-Keys: Overview

To open System-Wide Hot-Keys options use the menu `Tools -> Options -> Hot-Keys`.

When you are working with Debut open in the foreground, you can control recording using the [Standard Keys](#).

You can also assign hot-keys that can be used to control recording while you are working in other applications, with Debut in the background. To add a new hot-key, click "Add" on the Hot-Keys tab of Options, which will take you to the [Add New Hot-Key](#) dialog.

Note: Hot-key assignments override the standard key assignments.

See also:

[Contents](#)

[Standard Keys](#)

System-Wide Hot-Keys: Add New Hot-Key / Change Hot-Key Command

You add or change a hot-key from the System-Wide Hot-Keys Options tab.

Once the "Add New Hot-Key" or "Change Hot-Key Command" dialog is open, click "Change..." to choose the hot-key, then press the key that you want to use (including Alt or Ctrl if required), then from the drop-down list select the command to run when the hot-key is pressed.

Text Caption Settings

You can add text to create a title or caption for your video. You can also adjust the alignment of your text using the buttons described below. The captions may be changed and formatted while recording is taking place (to the live picture). To add captions to a completed recording, we recommend using [VideoPad video editing software](#).

Alignment The alignment can be adjusted to left, center, right, vertical top, vertical center and vertical bottom.

Caption Insert total time, current year, month, day, hour, minute or second by typing the following:

- %YYYY% = Current Year
- %MM% = Current Month
- %DD% = Current Day
- %HH% = Current Hour
- %MIN% = Current Minute
- %SS% = Current Second
- %time% = Time Spent Recording
- %timenoms% = Time Spent Recording (no milliseconds)

Include Timestamp When checking this checkbox it will add a new line to the text caption containing the timestamp with the format: %YYYY%- %MM%- %DD% %HH%:%MIN%:%SS%.

Size Adjust the size of the caption.

Margin Padding Adjust the margin padding of the caption.

Font Adjust the font name, font style, height percent, effects, and font color.

Font Color Click within the color box to adjust the font color (the color of the letters) of the caption.

Background Color Click within the color box to adjust the background color of the caption if this check box is selected.

Outline Color Click within the color box to adjust the outline color of the caption if this check box is selected.

Default The Default button will erase the caption and reset the settings to their default values.

When using Text Captions, "%" delimits a variable. This means that if you type "%%", you will only see "%".

Color and Video Effects

You can adjust the color settings of your video by dragging the sliders left or right. The settings may be changed and formatted while recording is taking place (to the live picture). You can also apply filters to your video.

Brightness, Contrast, Gamma You can use the slide bar to adjust the brightness, contrast and gamma of the video.

Apply Filter Select this checkbox if you want to apply the filter. You can select the "Black and White", "Negative" or "Sepia" filter and apply it to the video.

Flip horizontally Select this checkbox if you want to flip the video image against the central vertical axis.

Flip vertically Select this checkbox if you want to flip the video image against the central horizontal axis.

Default The Default button will reset the color and effect settings to their default values.

Selection Tool

Using the Selection Tool, you may easily select a desired area on the desktop, capture the image from a specific window or browse through your most recent recording window selections. The Selection Tool will be displayed beneath the preview when Debut is in screen capture mode.

Note: On Windows 8 or 10 the Selection Tools will not be displayed when in Tablet mode, because of how Windows manages the windows on tablet mode.

There are four ways you can make a screen selection:

Draw a selection area Click the Draw selection area button, which is the first button to the left in the panel, to draw a new screen selection using the mouse. While holding down the left mouse button, move the mouse and draw a rectangle to capture on the desktop. Click the "Select" button to lock in your selection and return to the main interface to start capturing.

Select a window Click the Select a window button, which is the second button to the left in this panel, to add a window to be recorded. Select the desired window by hovering the mouse over the area until the window has focus, click left mouse button to return to the main interface. Debut will capture the image from this window and will keep focus on it even if it is moved or resized during recording.

When the selected window is closed Debut will automatically stop the recording.

Select the entire desktop Click the Select entire desktop button, which is the third button to the left in this panel, to select the entire desktop for recording.

Select the previous selections Debut stores your previous 10 selections so you can use previous selection areas for multiple recordings. Click the dropdown list to select one of the previous selections , to select all monitors (identical to "Select the entire desktop" button) or to select each of the monitors.

Disable Aero The Aero feature of Windows adds animation and transparency effects to windows, at the cost of using more CPU. Checking this box will disable Aero effects, freeing up some CPU and potentially giving faster, smoother capturing.

(Windows Vista and 7 only.)

Show selection rectangle while recording Tick this checkbox if you want to be able to see the selection while recording. If Center Recording on Cursor is enabled, the selection will scroll as you move the cursor around. This can be useful if you want to be sure that all your activity is recorded properly.

Keyboard Shortcuts

These shortcuts will be available when drawing the selection area (see Draw a selection area). You can use the following keyboard shortcuts to make the selection procedure easier and more precise:

Arrow Keys

Move the selected rectangle by 1 pixel.

Shift + Arrow Keys

Move the selected rectangle by 10 pixel.

Ctrl + Arrow Keys

Increase the size of the selected rectangle by 1 pixel.

Shift + Ctrl + Arrow Keys

Increase the size of the selected rectangle by 10 pixel.

Alt + Arrow Keys

Decrease the size of the selected rectangle by 1 pixel.

Shift + Alt + Arrow Keys

Decrease the size of the selected rectangle by 10 pixel.

Follow Mouse and Zoom Options

Debut allows the user to maximize the use of their capture selection with the Center Recording on Cursor and zoom options. These options can be accessed when Screen is the selected output mode, by clicking the Screen Capture menu.

The Center Recording on Cursor option enables the selection rectangle to follow the cursor when recording from screen. It can be useful if you want to record only a part of the screen, but occasionally need to capture something that is happening outside the original selection. This option is only available when a custom selection area has been selected using the Selection Tool. When either the entire desktop or a specific window have been selected for recording.

The Zoom options allow you to focus in or away from the selected recording area. To change the zoom during recording, select a new zoom percentage from the Screen Capture -> Zoom submenu, or use the corresponding system-wide hot-keys, which can be configured in Options -> Hotkeys. The default zoom level is Fit to Output, which scales the contents of the selected area to match the dimensions of the output recording. Using custom zoom levels allows control over how much scaling is applied, but if the output dimensions don't match the selection dimension, then the contents of the selected area may be cropped or the recording may show areas outside the selected area:

- At less than 100% zoom, text and images will appear smaller in the recording than they do on the screen.
- At 100% zoom, text and images will appear the same size in the recording as they do on the screen.
- At greater than 100% zoom, text and images will appear larger in the recording than they do on the screen.

Fast Capture

Fast Capture can be used to capture a resource-demanding application, like a modern game. If you are playing a game which is using a lot of your computer's resources and you want to improve the quality of the recorded video, try Fast Capture .

- Fast Capture is located in the Record Screen dropdown list, located below the screen preview.

Please note, CPU overhead will be minimal, but the file size of the video will be large.

Game Capture Mode

Debut will automatically detect if a game is running in fullscreen and start the Game Capture Mode. Note that if the recording started before the game is started a new recording will be created.

NCH Software Suite

This is a useful way to browse all the software available from NCH Software

You can see a set of products by type like Audio, Video and so on and view the product. From there you can try out the product and it will download and install it for you to trial. If you already have the product installed then you can click "Run It Now" and the program will be launched for you.

There is also a list of features for products in the category. Click on a feature, such as "Edit a Video File", to install a product with that ability.

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Google Authorization Process on Windows XP and Vista

Extra steps are required to give Debut authorization to upload to Google Drive and/or YouTube when running on Windows XP or Windows Vista:

1. Click Authorize... in the Authorization dialog.
2. In the web page that opens, sign in to your Google account, if required.
3. Confirm that you authorize Debut to access the requested features.
4. Copy the Authorization Code provided by Google and paste it in the Authorization confirm dialog in Debut.
5. Click Ready to confirm that authorization is complete.

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If you reside in the United States, NCH Software and you agree to arbitrate all disputes and claims between us. This agreement to arbitrate is intended to be broadly interpreted. References to "NCH" "you," and "us" include our respective subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, employees, predecessors in interest, successors, and assigns. This arbitration agreement does not preclude you from bringing issues to the attention of U.S. federal, state, or local agencies. Such agencies can, if the law allows, seek relief against us on your behalf. This Agreement evidences a transaction in interstate commerce, and thus the Federal Arbitration Act governs the interpretation and enforcement of this provision. This arbitration provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.

A party who intends to seek arbitration must first send to the other, by certified mail, a written Notice of Dispute ("Notice"). The Notice to NCH should be addressed to:

Legal Department

NCH Software, Inc.

6120 Greenwood Plaza Blvd, Ste 120

Greenwood Village CO, 80111

USA

("Notice Address"). The Notice must (a) describe the nature and basis of the claim or dispute; and (b) set forth the specific relief sought ("Demand"). If NCH and you do not reach an agreement to resolve the claim within 30 days after the Notice is received, you or NCH may commence an arbitration proceeding. The amount of any settlement offer made by NCH or you shall not be disclosed to the arbitrator.

A. The arbitration will be governed by the Commercial Arbitration Rules and the Supplementary Procedures for Consumer Related Disputes (collectively, "AAA Rules") of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA"), as modified by this Agreement, and will be administered by the AAA. The AAA Rules are available online at adr.org, by calling the AAA at 1-800-778-7879, or by writing to the Notice Address. The arbitrator is bound by the terms of this Agreement. All issues are for the arbitrator to decide, including issues relating to the scope and enforceability of the arbitration provision. Unless NCH and you agree otherwise, any arbitration hearings will take place in Greenwood Village Colorado. If your claim is for \$10,000 or less, we agree that you may choose whether the arbitration will be conducted solely on the basis of documents submitted to the arbitrator, through a telephonic hearing, or by an in-person hearing as established by the AAA Rules. If your claim exceeds \$10,000, the right to a hearing will be determined by the AAA Rules. Regardless of the manner in which the arbitration is conducted, the arbitrator shall issue a reasoned written decision. NCH will pay all AAA filing, administration, and arbitrator fees for any arbitration initiated in accordance with the notice requirements above. If, however, the arbitrator finds that either the substance of your claim or the relief sought in the Demand is frivolous or brought for an improper purpose then the payment of all such fees will be governed by the AAA Rules. In such case, you agree to reimburse NCH for all monies previously disbursed by it that are otherwise your obligation to pay under the AAA Rules. In addition, if you initiate an arbitration in which you seek more than \$75,000 in damages, the payment of these fees will be governed by the AAA rules.

B. The arbitrator may award declaratory or injunctive relief only in favor of the individual party seeking relief and only to the extent necessary to provide relief warranted by that party's individual claim. YOU AND NCH AGREE THAT EACH MAY BRING CLAIMS AGAINST THE OTHER ONLY IN YOUR OR ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, AND NOT AS A PLAINTIFF OR CLASS MEMBER IN ANY PURPORTED CLASS OR REPRESENTATIVE PROCEEDING. Further, unless both you and NCH agree otherwise, the arbitrator may not consolidate more than one person's claims, and may not otherwise preside over any form of a representative or class proceeding. If this specific provision is found to be unenforceable, then the entirety of this arbitration provision shall be null and void.

C. Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, we agree that if NCH makes any future change to this arbitration provision (other than a change to the Notice Address) you may reject any such change by sending us written notice within 30 days of the change to the Arbitration Notice Address provided above. By rejecting any future change, you are agreeing that you will arbitrate any dispute between us in accordance with the language of this provision.

D. To opt out of this Arbitration Agreement and class action waiver send an Opt Out notice to the Notice Address stating "I am electing to opt out of the Arbitration Agreement and class action waiver contained in the Legal Terms applicable to my purchase of an NCH product." Your Opt Out Notice must include the date and proof of purchase. The Opt Out Notice must be postmarked no later than thirty (30) days after the date of purchase. A separate Opt Out Notice must be sent for each product purchased.

Screen References - Camera Overlay

This feature lets you add a camera overlay on top of your output video.

Apply the Camera Overlay to videos

To apply the overlay on top of the current video, click on Tools -> Camera Overlay, a side panel will be displayed on the right of the preview. In this panel you'll be able to change the following settings:

- Camera: In this pull down list you can select the webcam to use as video source for the overlay.
- Format: Pull down list containing all the resolutions, frames per second and pixel formats that your camera supports.
- Camera Settings: Click to open a dialog of camera-specific settings, provided by the camera manufacturer.
- Microphone Settings: Click to open the Options -> Audio dialog, where you can select the audio source to record from.
- Alignment: Use these radio buttons to specify where the overlay is placed on the output frame.
- Size: Specify the size of the overlay as a percentage of the output frame size.
- Margin: Specify the size of the margin between the overlay and the edge of the output frame as a percentage of the output frame size.

Screen References - Flickr Authorization

You must complete Flickr authorization before any videos can be uploaded to your Flickr account.

- Click Authorize... .
- In the web page that opens, sign in to Flickr.
- Confirm that you allow Debut to upload videos to your Flickr account.
- Close the web page and return to Debut.
- Click Ready to confirm that authorization is complete.

Screen References - Preview Video

The preview dialog has five buttons:

- **Return To Start (Home):** Clicking here will return you to the start of the video. It is like an instant rewind to the start of your video.
- **Step Back (Left):** Clicking this button will move you a little bit further back in the video. It is like hitting "Rewind" on your video player, then pressing "Pause" straight away.
- **Play/Pause (Space):** This button is similar to the Play and Pause buttons on your video player. Clicking Play will start the video playing, then clicking it again will Pause the video.
- **Step Forward (Right):** Clicking this button will move you a little bit forwards in the video. It is like hitting "Fast-Forward" on your video player, then pressing "Pause" straight away.
- **Go To End (End):** Clicking here will take you to the end of your video. It is like an instant fast-forward to the end of your video.

Below the video there is a timeline. You can click any position on the timeline to instantly go to that time of your video. It is like instantly rewinding or fast-forwarding until you reach that position in your movie. You can also drag the red cursor line on the timeline to watch as the video rewinds or fast-forwards if you would like.

There are 3 preview modes available:

- **Fit to window:** This mode is the default. The video is resized to fit the preview area. After selecting this mode and if the window is shorter than the default height, the window height is increased to the default value. The mode also automatically switches to this once the window is resized (e.g. by dragging a window edge).
- **Fit to screen:** The window is stretched to fill the available area in the screen and the video is resized to fit the preview area.
- **Actual size:** The window is resized such that the preview area matches the actual size of the video. If the video size is larger than the available area (e.g. 1080p video in a 720p screen) then the mode is automatically switched to Fit to screen.

Screen References - Watermark

This feature lets you to create watermark on your live video output.

Apply watermark to videos Select if you would like to apply watermark on the videos.

Image File Specify the path to the file you want to use as the watermark and customize how the watermark will look on the video.

Opacity Choose the opacity level of the watermark. Range from 0 - absolutely transparent to 100 - completely overlap the background picture.

Keep aspect ratio Keep the initial ratio between height and width of the watermark picture.

Size and position in percentage of screen size Choose to customize how the watermark will look on the video.

- **Horizontal Alignment:** Allows the watermark to appear at the left, right or in the center of the video.
- **Vertical Alignment:** Allows the watermark to appear at the top, bottom or in the center of the video.
- **Resize:** Specify how large is the watermark in term of percentage(%) (compared to the video screen size).
- **Watermark margin percentage:** Specify how large is the margin for watermark in term of percentage(%) (compared to the video screen size).

Size and position in pixels Choose to finely tune how the watermark will look on the video. You may specify the exact dimensions and place of the watermark on the video screen.

- **Width:** Define the width of the watermark in pixels.
- **Height:** Define the height of the watermark in pixels.
- **Horizontal position:** Define the X coordinate of the top left corner of the watermark image.
- **Vertical position:** Define the Y coordinate of the top left corner of the watermark image.

Screen References - Scheduler

The scheduler lets you set Debut to start video capture at a set date and time. Open the scheduler by clicking the Schedule button on the main interface toolbar. From the Scheduler, you can add new recording schedules or manage previously created recording schedules.

To add a new recording schedule, click the Add button. The Scheduled Recording window will then appear. Here, you will need to give your schedule a name (e.g., Local News), select the capture device you would like to capture from (device, network or screen), and set Debut to record on a set date, on a specific day of week or every day at a particular time. When the scheduled recording is set to active, Debut will automatically start capturing at the set date and time. Recording can even be started if Debut is not running at the scheduled time. In this case, Debut will be automatically started by system. You do not have to worry about running Debut at scheduled time, just add a scheduled task and keep computer power on. (Please make sure system is logged in with the same account used to setup schedule recordings)

Add...

Click the Add button to create a new recording schedule.

Edit...

Click the Edit button to edit the settings of the selected recording schedule from the scheduled recordings list.

Delete

Click the Delete button to delete the selected recording schedule from the scheduled recordings list.

Screen References - Scheduled Recording

The Scheduled Recording window is where you create a new scheduled recording or edit an existing recording. To find this window, click the Schedule icon on the toolbar, then click the Add button to create a new schedule, or select an existing schedule and click the Edit button to change the settings of the schedule. From the Scheduled Recording dialog, you can specify the name and type of recording, the input audio device, the schedule, and whether the schedule is active or inactive. Note that some Windows power saving modes may interfere with scheduled recordings. While Debut will wake a computer out of sleep to start a scheduled recording, it cannot bypass any passwords that must be entered on wake up.

To change this setting follow the beneath procedures depending on your operating system:

- Windows XP: Open the Control Panel and select Power Options. In the Advanced tab unselect the "Prompt for password when computer resumes from standby".
- Windows Vista, 7, 8 and 8.1: Open the Control Panel and select Power Options. Click on from the left column and select "Don't require a password".
- Windows 10: Click on the Windows flag in the bottom left corner and click on the gear icon to open the Settings for Windows dialog, click on Accounts. On the left column select Sign-in options, in the Require sign-in section select "Never" from the pull-down list.

Active

The recording will only be scheduled if this check-box is checked.

Scheduling

Select the start and end times of the recording, and if the recording is scheduled to happen once, every day, or on certain days of the week.

Source

Select which video device you would like to capture from.

Audio

Select which audio device you would like to capture from.

Screen References - Video Options: Device Output

You can change the output settings of the captured video.

Resize Video

You can resize the output video to a custom size or select one of the predefined presets. To use a custom size, just enter the desired Width and Height then click OK.

You can either crop or shrink/enlarge the video to the chosen size.

The aspect ratio of the original source can also be preserved, in which case the Width or Height is automatically adjusted.

Change Frame Rate

You can limit the frame rate of the output video. This may help to reduce the CPU demands required to encode the video.

Note that the MPG, DV and PSP formats have fixed frame rate settings:

.mpg = 23.98 fps

.dv (NTSC) = 29.97 fps

.dv (PAL) = 25 fps

PSP = 29.97 fps

Enable Time-lapse

You can set Debut to record a long time-lapse video. An example of this would be watching clouds racing in the sky.

This feature will work together with the frame rate. You can compute the length of the output video using these formula:

$$\text{output_length_in_seconds} = \text{recording_time_in_seconds} / \text{seconds_per_1frame_captured} / \text{frame_rate}$$
$$\text{output_length_in_seconds} = \text{recording_time_in_minutes} / \text{minutes_per_1frame_captured} / \text{frame_rate}$$
$$\text{output_length_in_seconds} = \text{recording_time_in_hours} / \text{hours_per_1frame_captured} / \text{frame_rate}$$

where recording_time_in_yyy is the length of the actual recording, yyy_per_1frame_captured is the "Capture One Frame Every" setting, frame_rate is the "Frame Rate" setting, and / is the division operator

For example, if the frame rate is 30 and time-lapse setting is 1 second per frame, then the output video is 2 seconds per minute of recording (i.e. $60 / 1 / 30 = 2$). But if the frame rate is 15 and time-lapse is 4 seconds per frame, then the output will be 1 second per minute of recording (i.e. $60 / 4 / 15 = 1$).

Screen References - Video Options: Network Output

You can change the output settings of the captured video.

Resize Video:

You can resize the output video to a custom size or select one of the predefined presets. To use a custom size, just enter the desired Width and Height then click OK.

You can either crop or shrink/enlarge the video to the chosen size.

The aspect ratio of the original source can also be preserved, in which case the Width or Height is automatically adjusted.

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Screen References - Video Options: Screen Output

You can change the output settings of the captured video.

Resize Video:

You can resize the output video to a custom size or select one of the predefined presets. To use a custom size, just enter the desired Width and Height then click OK.

The aspect ratio of the original source can also be preserved, in which case the Width or Height is automatically adjusted.

Limit Frame Rate:

You can limit the frame rate of the output video. This may help to reduce the CPU demands required to encode the video.

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where `recording_time_in_yyy` is the length of the actual recording, `yyy_per_1frame_captured` is the "Capture One Frame Every" setting, `frame_rate` is the "Limit Frame Rate" setting, and `/` is the division operator

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Screen References - Options ~ Video

Webcam / Capture Device

If you have more than one webcam or capture device installed, you can select the device you want to use for recording. You can also select the desired output format and input device.

Select the "Stretch video to widescreen" option to force 16x9 mode.

Select the "Deinterlace video" option to deinterlace the frames.

If audio and video are out of sync in recordings made by Debut, try deselecting "Use original frame timestamps".

Note: DV camcorders are not supported by Debut. Please use [VideoPad](#) or [Golden Videos](#) to capture video from camcorders.

Network camera You can select the network camera with the URL, the user name and the password. You can include the port in the URL. The recent 10 URLs will be kept in the combo box. You can delete the URL from the box by selecting it, erasing it from the box and pressing the OK button.

Screen capture

Select this option to record video from your desktop. You can select a part of it or the whole desktop using [Selection Tool](#) dialog .

If you have multiple monitors, you can move the Debut window into the monitor that isn't the record monitor. For example, you can select the primary monitor as the record monitor and move the Debut window into the second monitor, the preview video will be enabled.

Select the "Load last selection" option to load the last selection rectangle when Debut is starting. Unselect to load the whole desktop.

Use the "Limit Frame Rate" slider bar to select a lower frame rate (FPS) if your computer is running slow.

Select the "Apply gamma ramp" option to use device gamma ramp when recording full screen applications. This option is turned off by default because it requires extra processing power.

Note: Running Debut with administrator privileges might cause graphical issues when screen recording some third party software.

Screen References - Options ~ Audio

Microphone

Select this option to capture a sound from a microphone.

Speakers

If this check box is ticked, you will be able to select the method that Debut will use to capture the system audio:

- **Filter Driver** Selecting this option Debut will install a component that will record the audio that the system produces.

Note:

- In order to record audio from another application, Debut must be launched before the other applications. e.g., To record audio from a media player application, first launch Debut, then launch the media player application.
 - On Windows XP, Debut must be installed and run as an administrator to enable this feature.
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- **MMDevice (Not available on Windows XP)**
Selecting this option Debut will use Windows interfaces to capture audio produced by other applications.

Note:

- If you need to record an application that has administrator privileges Debut will not be able to record audio from it unless also Debut is started with administrator privileges.

Mouse Clicks

Use this option to record a sound when mouse is clicked in the output video. The sound is recorded even if no audio device is found in the system. This option is available only if screen is selected for capture.

Screen References - Options ~ Output

Warn when hard drive space is low

This option allows you to specify a warning level for the minimum quantity of free space available on the computer's hard drive. When the amount of free space falls to or below this level, Debut displays a warning message. The default level of free space is 300 MB.

Destination Folder

This option lets you select the folder to which Debut exports files. To use this option, either type in the folder where you want to save Debut files, or use the browse button on the right to locate the folder.

Output File Name

Select the "Prompt for file name before recording starts" option if you want to select a different name for each file recorded.

Select the "Use this file name format" when you want to define the file name before you start recording. The following fields can be used in the Output File Name format.

- %autonumber% - auto increase number
- %YYYY% - current year
- %MM% - current month
- %DD% - current date
- %HH% - current hour
- %MIN% - current min
- %SS% - current second

The "Reset" button will reset the format to the default one if you have changed it.

The "Reset Auto Number" button resets the next auto increase number to be used by %autonumber% to 1.

Mirror all recordings to this folder

If you have a backup drive or want to backup all recordings over the network, you can use this option. Note that recordings are only transferred after recording and compression is complete.

Run command-line application

This is an advanced option to allow IT professionals to send recordings to other applications. For example to use a proprietary codec or to insert the recording to a database.

If this option is ticked, after Debut has completed recording the file, it will run the specified application. The application should be a command-line program. The name of the file can be sent as an argument using %file% which Debut replaces with the full path to the file. Remember to include the full path to your application (enclose it in "") and to enclose the %file% in "" too.

An example might be "C:\Program Files\MyProgram\myexe" -myoptions "%file%".

Screen References - Options ~ Record

Limit maximum recording time (h:mm:ss) to:

You can specify the maximum recording duration here in hours:minutes:seconds format.

When the maximum recording time is reached:

You can also specify if the recording should be completely stopped ("Stop recording") or the new recording should be started ("Create new recording and continue"). If you select the latter, the file name in the "Use this file name format" in the Output Options will be used.

Disable preview when recording in screen capture

You can disable preview video to avoid the mirror effect for screen capture mode. If you have multiple monitors, you can move the Debut window into the monitor that isn't the recording monitor.

Minimize Debut window when recording if it is covering the recording selection

If Minimize to tray is checked, this option will hide the Debut window completely when screen capture starts and the screen recording selection is covered by the Debut window.

If Minimize to tray is not checked, this option will minimize Debut to the task bar when screen capture starts and the screen recording selection is covered by the Debut window.

Quick stop from tray

From the tray menu, you can start, pause or stop the recording. If this mode is selected, left click in the tray will stop the recording.

Mouse Cursor Settings

Check "Show Mouse Cursor" if you want to show the cursor during recording.

Check "Highlight Mouse Cursor" if you want to highlight the cursor during recording. When this option is selected you will be able to edit the following options:

- Mouse move radius and color: You can specify the highlight radius and color of mouse moving.
- Mouse click radius, colors and delay: You can specify the highlight radius, colors and delay of mouse click.

Screen References - Options ~ Snapshots

Destination Folder

This option lets you select the folder to which Debut exports snapshots. To use this option, either type in the folder where you want to save Debut snapshots, or use the browse button on the right to locate the folder.

Output File Name

Select the "Prompt for file name" option if you want to select a different name for each snapshot.

Select the "Use this file name format" when you want to define the file name before take snapshot. The following fields can be used in the Output File Name format.

- %autonumber% - auto increase number
- %YYYY% - current year
- %MM% - current month
- %DD% - current date
- %HH% - current hour
- %MIN% - current min
- %SS% - current second

The "Reset" button will reset the format to the default one if you have changed it.

The "Reset Auto Number" button resets the next auto increase number to be used by %autonumber% to 1.

Snapshot Type

Format:

Select what format you would like your snapshot to be saved in.

Quality:

Select the picture quality. Selecting a higher quality will result in a larger file size.

Show flash when taking a snapshot

Show a flash in the preview window when taking a snapshot.

Play shutter sound when capturing a snapshot

Play a shutter sound when taking a snapshot.

Warn when overwriting an existing snapshot

Display a warning if an existing snapshot file is going to be overwritten.

Screen References - Options ~ Schedule

The scheduler lets you set Debut to start video capture at a set date and time. Open the scheduler by clicking Options and selecting the Schedule tab. From the tab you can add new recording schedules or manage previously created recording schedules.

To add a new recording schedule, click the Add button. The Scheduled Recording window will then appear. Here, you will need to give your schedule a name (e.g., Local News), select the capture device you would like to capture from (device, network or screen), and set Debut to record on a set date, on a specific day of week or every day at a particular time. When the scheduled recording is set to active, Debut will automatically start capturing at the set date and time. Recording can even be started if Debut is not running at the scheduled time. In this case, Debut will be automatically started by system. You do not have to worry about running Debut at scheduled time, just add a scheduled task and keep computer power on. (Please make sure system is logged in with the same account used to setup schedule recordings)

Add...

Click the Add button to create a new recording schedule.

Edit...

Click the Edit button to edit the settings of the selected recording schedule from the scheduled recordings list.

Delete

Click the Delete button to delete the selected recording schedule from the scheduled recordings list.

Screen References - Options ~ Other

Startup and Exit

Run Debut when computer starts

Click this box to have Debut automatically start whenever the computer starts up.

Start recording automatically when Debut runs

Place a check in this box to have Debut automatically start recording whenever it runs.

Disable Aero when Debut runs

The Aero feature of Windows adds animation and transparency effects to windows, at the cost of using more CPU. Checking this box will disable Aero effects, freeing up some CPU and potentially giving faster, smoother capturing.

(Windows Vista and 7 only.)

Enable the Include Timestamp checkbox when Debut runs

Place a check in this box to display the timestamp overlay when Debut runs.

Dialogs

Display notification when starting screen capture if Debut will be hidden

If "Minimize Debut window before starting screen capture" is checked on [Options ~ Record](#), check this box to show a warning before recording a screen capture.

Display notification when starting screen capture to switch to fast capture mode

Enable this option if you want to be warned to switch to fast capture mode when recording from screen

Display notification when recording in high resolution MPG

Display notification when recording in Webcam or Device mode in high resolution AVI, MOV, MP4 or FLV

Enable either of these options if you want to be warned for recording in high resolution values that may result in very low quality video.

Display No Audio from 'Enable Time-lapse' in Video Options dialog

When this option is enabled and the "Enable Time-lapse" box is checked in the [Video Options](#) dialog, a reminder will appear that audio is not recorded.

Show recordings dialog when recording stops

Enable this option if you want the Recordings dialog popup after each record session.

Tone

With these options you can choose to have a tone play when Debut starts or stops recording.

In some environments you are required to play a tone while recording. To do this, tick the box "Sound record tone every (secs)" and enter the number of seconds between tones in the edit box.

Sound record tone when recording starts

Enable this option if you want a short beep sound once recording starts.

Sound stopped tone when recording stops

Enable this option if you want a short beep sound once recording stops.

Sound record tone every (seconds)

Enable this option if you want a short beep sound every specified number of seconds.