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IF you have lots of home videos gathering dust and eating up space on the shelf, it is time you convert them all to digital format. Due to space-efficiency and superb graphics and audio quality, the DVD and VCD formats are currently the most popular. And the good news is, with the Snazzi III DVD Creator Gold Edition, you can convert and conserve your video collection into such media.

Desktop DVD movie maker

One Multimedia's Snazzi III DVD Creator is a complete MPEG-1 and MPEG-2 encoder internal PCI card, featuring the professional hardware compression chip with built-in audio multiplexer for better audio and video synchronisation. Designed for Windows 98, ME, 2000 and XP users, the card enables the creation of DVD video using

Product: Snazzi III DVD Creator

Price: RM1,380

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your PC, as well as burn your DVD using CD-R/RW.

You can capture, edit and produce DVD, mini-cDVD, SVCD & VCD on CD-R/W or DVD-R/RW/+RW. For playback, your discs can be re-played on VCD or DVD player, PC or iMac.

In terms of connection, the card's design features Video In and S-Video In jacks to support video input and an Audio Line In jack for audio support.

Once properly slotted with its driver software installed, the Snazzi installation guide recommends installing the *Movie*

Mill software. Using the *Movie Mill* software, you can record from any analogue external source to your PC and allow you to view the captured clips.

The Snazzi II DVD Creator comes in two variations – the DVD Edition and the Gold Edition. The Gold Edition has more software bundled into the package, such as the *Ebook Flip Album*, *CD Maker*, *Nero 5.5* and *Ulead Cool 3D*, among others.

For home users, the *EBook Flip Album* can help you create a digital photo album. You can also add effects and accompa-



nying music. The *Ulead Cool 3D* is for graphics and animation enthusiasts.

Business users will find the *LMSoft Presenter Studio SEEasy* a real treat. This software is a good tool for generating multimedia presentations and CD-ROMs, with many royalty-free templates, videos, au-

dio and images to enhance your presentations.

The user-guide is pictorial. So, if you have never installed a PCI-based card, you can use the guide for reference. Other than the Snazzi III card, driver installer and software CD-ROMs, RCA cables are also included in the package. ☺

Shopper verdict

Documentation
User-friendliness
Performance
Features
Value for money



Final verdict

