HANDBRAKE
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- HandBrake takes videos you already have and makes new ones that work on your mobile phone, tablet, TV media player, game console, computer, or web browser—nearly anything that supports modern video formats.

- We'll be using it to make larger videos files smaller for submission on Taskstream. Videos must be **500 MB or smaller** to successfully upload to Taskstream.

- This quick start guide assumes you have already downloaded and installed HandBrake. If you do not already have HandBrake, please see [Downloading and installing HandBrake](#).

- Let’s get started.
Launch HandBrake

Launch HandBrake by quickly clicking twice (double-clicking) on the cocktail & pineapple icon. Depending on your system settings, a single click may suffice.
Open your existing video

- HandBrake calls the video you already have the Source.

- Select the Open Source button on the toolbar to browse your files for a video to open. You may also drag your Source video onto HandBrake’s main window.
Select a Title

- Some Sources may contain more than one video clip, or a collection of Titles. Use HandBrake’s Title control to select which video clip you want to use.
Select a Preset

This is where you select the options needed to compress your video. It is key to select the **Web Optimized** option under the Summary tab.
Select a destination

- HandBrake calls the file name and location of your new video the *Destination*.

- To the right of Save As you can rename your new video file.

- *To* is the location where HandBrake will place your new video. You can select the *Browse...* button to choose a different location.
Start to encode

- Select the green *Start* button on the toolbar at the top of the page to make your new video.
- Notice the green icon changes to a red octagon while encoding.
COEHD Lab Hours -Thanksgiving

- Downtown – FS 3.418
  - The downtown COEHD Computer Lab will be **CLOSED** November 23 – December 1

- Main Campus – MB 0.330

- Monday, Nov 25th – Wednesday, Nov 27th: 7:00am-6:00pm
  - The main campus COEHD Computer Lab will be **CLOSED** November 28 – December 1

Current hours are posted on the COEHD Website
Questions? Need more help?

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- Handbrake Guides
- Download Handbrake