

# Digitizing **VHS Tapes** and **DVDs** using Elgato Video Capture

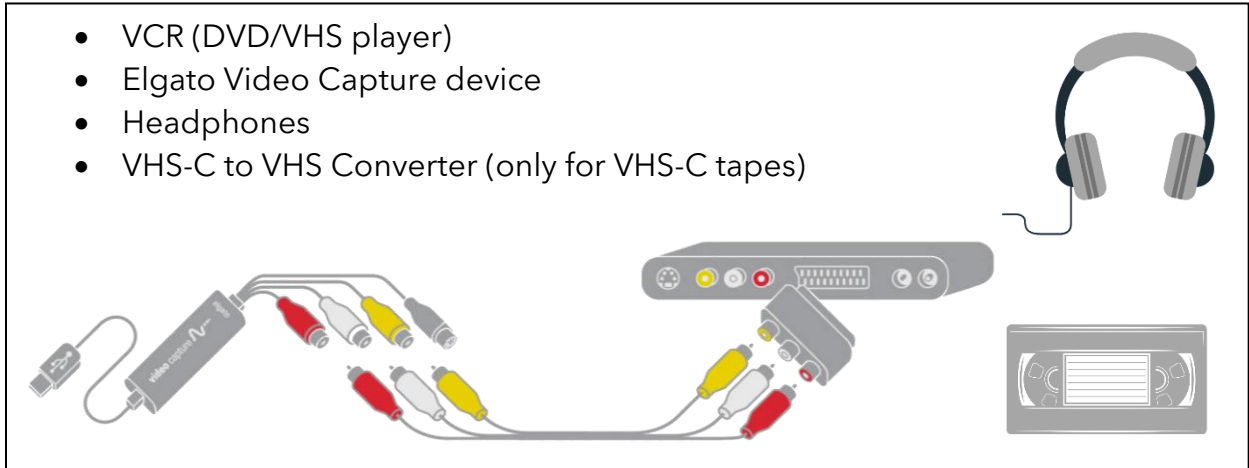
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## I. Equipment

This digitization project requires the following equipment (borrow at CCC desk):

- VCR (DVD/VHS player)
- Elgato Video Capture device
- Headphones
- VHS-C to VHS Converter (only for VHS-C tapes)



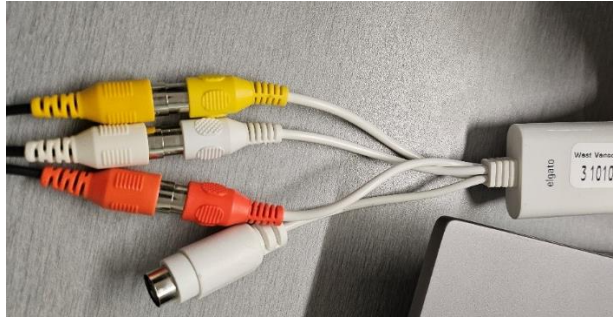
## II. Getting Started

Log in to the Digitization on Demand computer. You can log in with your library card or a guest pass.

Plug one end of the composite RCA cable (yellow, white, and red) into the corresponding **LINE OUT** outputs on the back of the VHS/DVD player.



Plug the other end of the RCA cables into the Elgato Video Capture device.



Plug the USB end of the Elgato Video Capture device **directly** into the computer.

Please do not use a USB hub.  
Elgato requires a direct connection.



Plug in the VHS/DVD Player power cord.

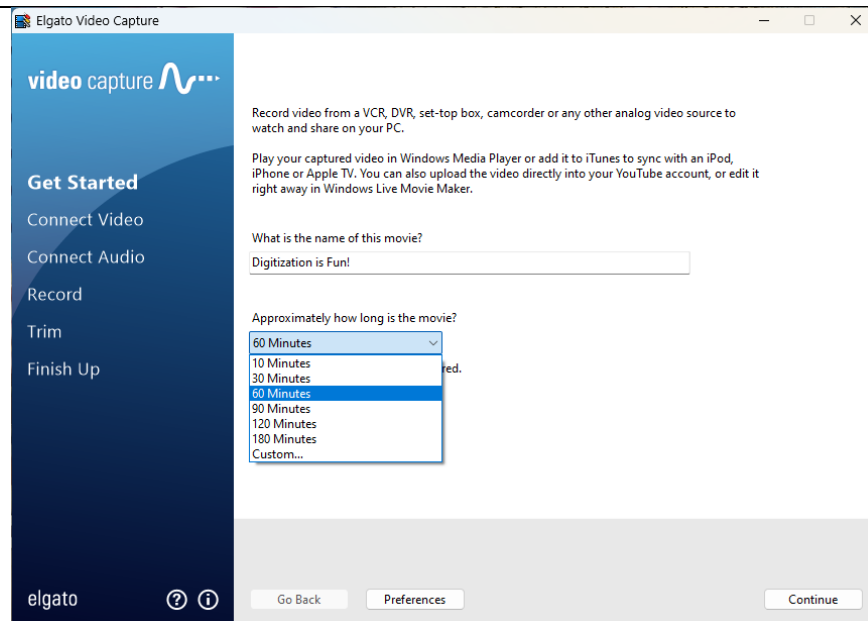


### III. Setting Up Elgato Video Capture

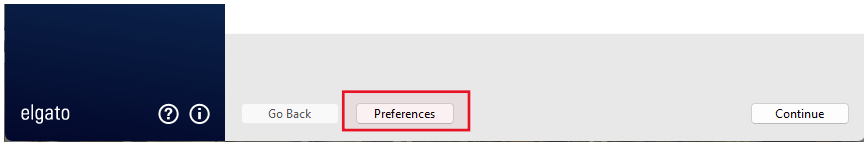
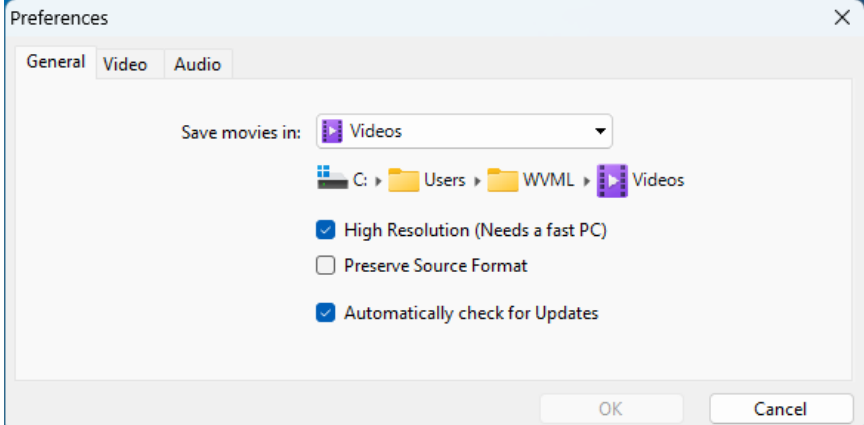
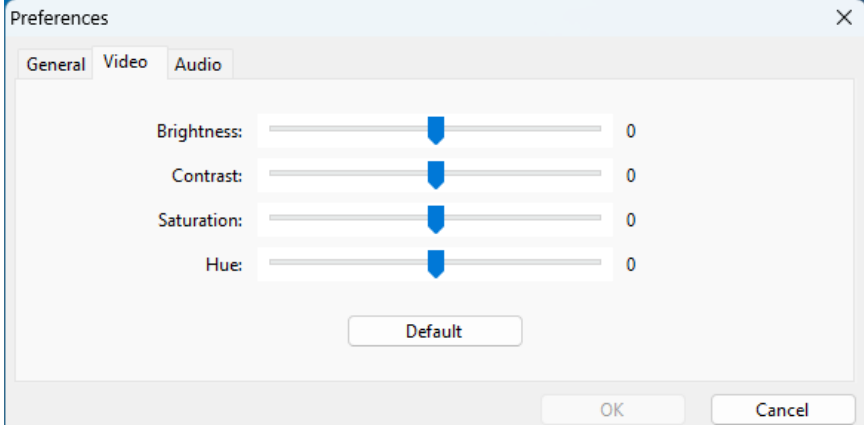
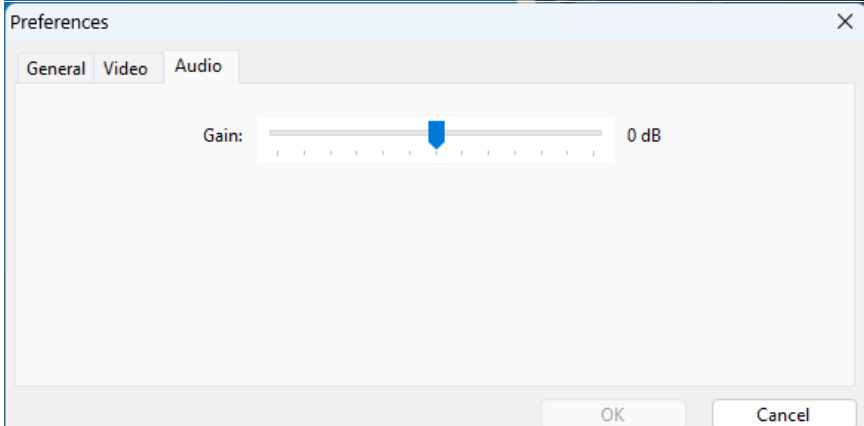
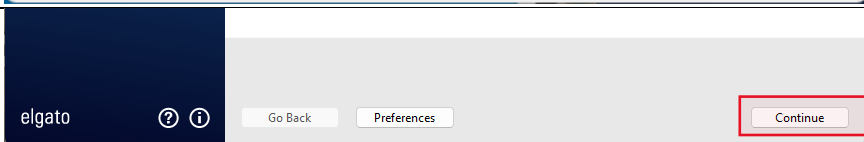
#### III.I. Get Started

Open the **Elgato Video Capture** application on the computer.

The application will guide you through the video digitization process. Follow the prompts on the screen.



Name your movie and select the approximate length of the movie.

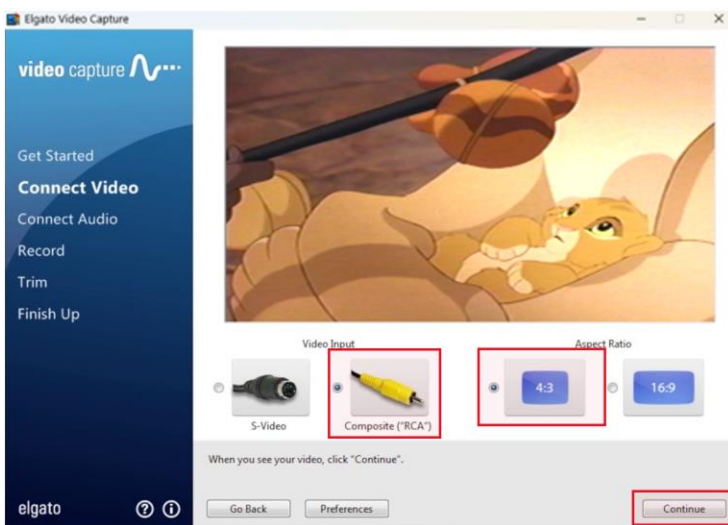
	<p>Before you continue, you can click <b>Preferences</b> to adjust the settings of your project.</p>
	<p>In <b>Preferences</b>, you can toggle between <b>General</b>, <b>Video</b>, and <b>Audio</b> settings to personalize your digitization project.</p>
	<p>Find definitions of Video and Audio terms in the <b>Glossary</b>.</p> <p><b>You can also change your preferences after you have recorded your movie.</b></p>
	<p>Once you are satisfied with your settings, click <b>OK</b>.</p>
	<p>In the original Elgato window, click <b>Continue</b>.</p>

### III.II. Connect Video



Turn on the VCR and insert your VHS tape or DVD.

\* Use the VHS-C to VHS Converter if you have a VHS-C tape



Select the **Video Input** and **Aspect Ratio**.


VHS tapes are usually 4:3.  
Widescreen DVDs are 16:9.

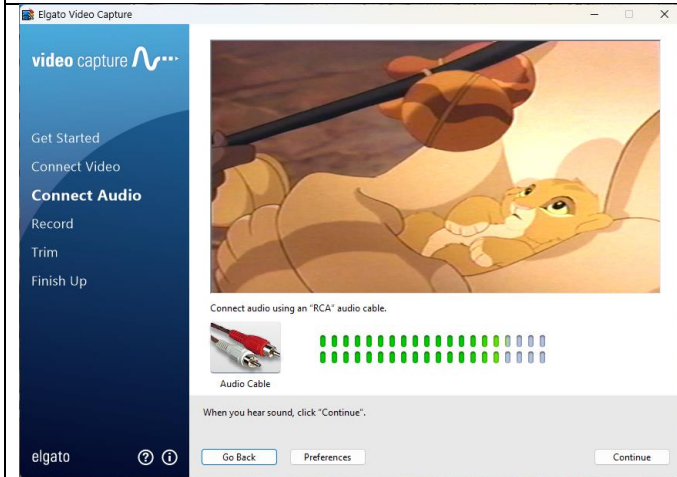
Your VHS/DVD should play in the preview box.

Click **Continue**.

### III.III. Connect Audio

Before continuing, check that:

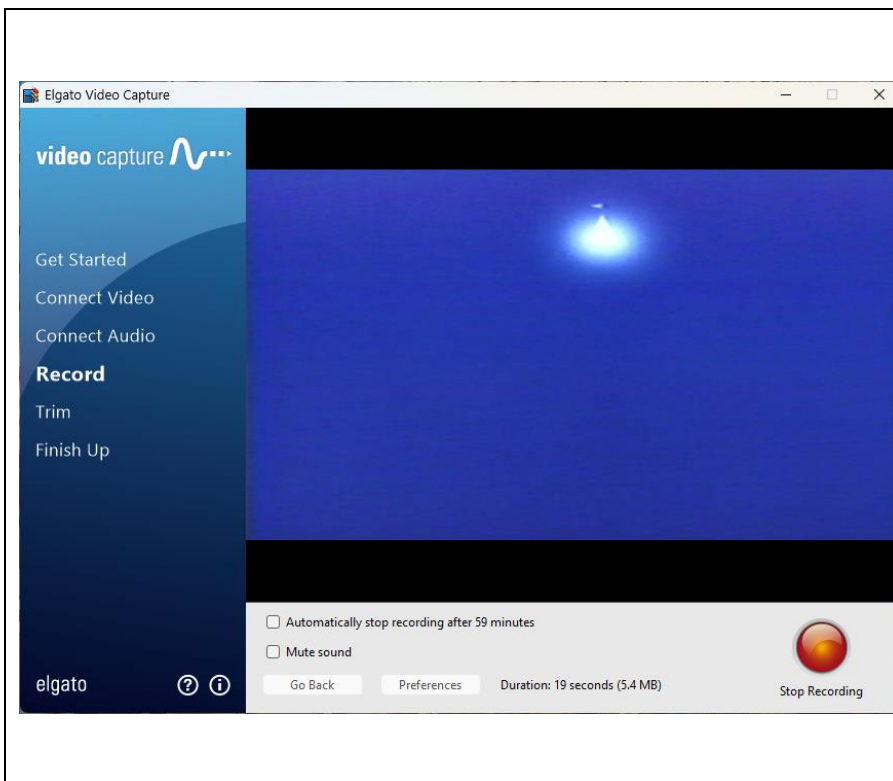
- Your headphones are plugged in to the computer
- The computer system sound is on and the volume is at an audible level
  - To check, click the volume symbol  on the bottom right of the Task Bar



If you do not hear sound from Elgato, please double-check that the red and white RCA cables are securely plugged in at both ends.

If you hear sound and the bars are green, click **Continue**.

### IV. Record



If you would like Elgato to **stop recording** after your estimated video length, check the box next to **Automatically stop recording after X minutes**.

You are also able to click **Stop Recording** at any time.

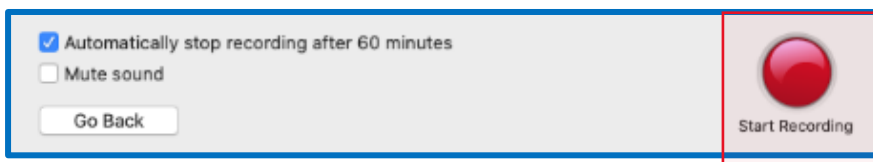
If you would like to record the audio of your movie, make the **Mute sound** box is **not** checked.



**Rewind** your VHS to the beginning.

Hit **Pause** once you have rewound the tape to the beginning (or wherever you would like to start your recording).

DVDs should automatically begin at the Main Menu.



Click the red **Start Recording** button in the Elgato application.



Then, press **Play** on the VCR. Your movie will start recording.

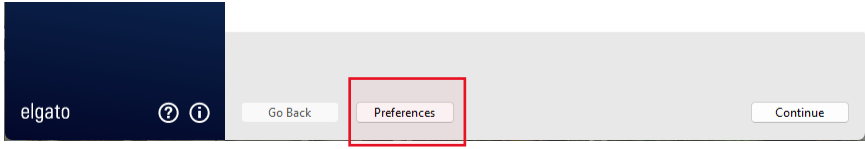
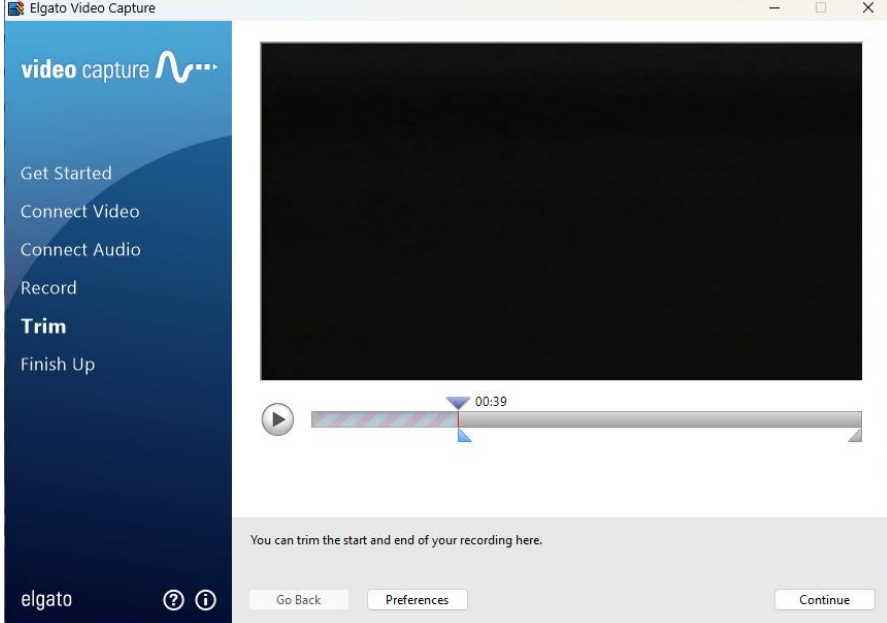
You will need to wait for the duration of your movie while it is recorded.

Once you would like to stop the recording, you can click the red **Stop Recording** button.

If you had checked the box to automatically stop the recording, it will stop on its own.

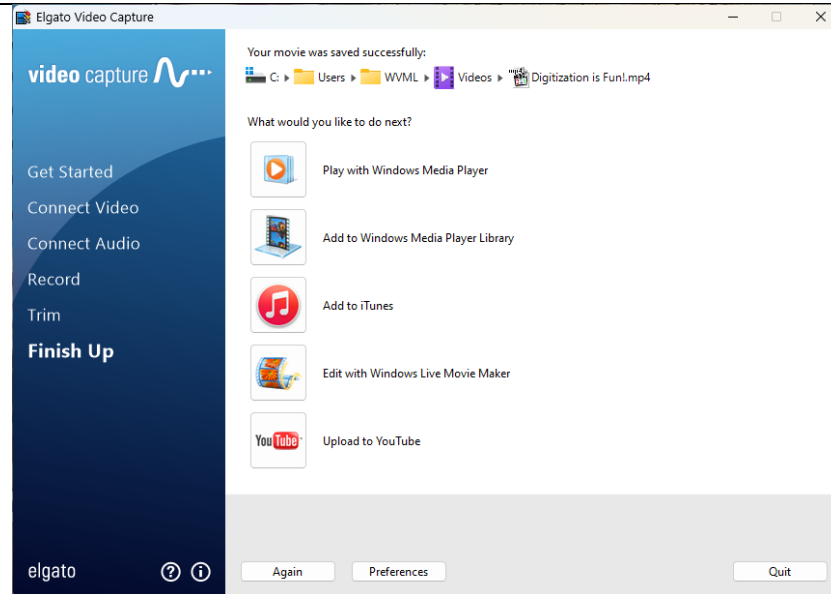
## V. Trim

This is an optional step. If you do not wish to trim your recording, you may click **Continue**.

 A screenshot of the Elgato Video Capture software interface. The top bar is dark blue with the 'elgato' logo on the left, a help icon, and a 'Go Back' button. In the center, the 'Preferences' button is highlighted with a red rectangular box. To the right of 'Preferences' is a 'Continue' button.	<p>If you would like to change your Audio, Video, and File Destination settings, you may click <b>Preferences</b> (see section III.I. <b>Get Started</b> above).</p>
 A screenshot of the Elgato Video Capture software interface in the 'Trim' step. The left sidebar shows a menu with 'Trim' selected. The main area features a large black video preview window. Below it is a horizontal timeline bar with a play button on the left and a '00:39' time marker. A blue triangular flag is positioned on the timeline, and a red vertical line indicates the current trim point. Below the timeline, a grey bar represents the portion of the recording to be kept. At the bottom, there are 'Go Back', 'Preferences', and 'Continue' buttons.	<p>Click, hold, and drag the triangular blue flags beneath the video bar to adjust the Start and Finish of your movie.</p> <p>The striped part of the bar will be trimmed.</p> <p>The grey part of the bar is what you're keeping.</p>
<p>When you are finished trimming, click <b>Continue</b>.</p>	

## VI. Finish Up

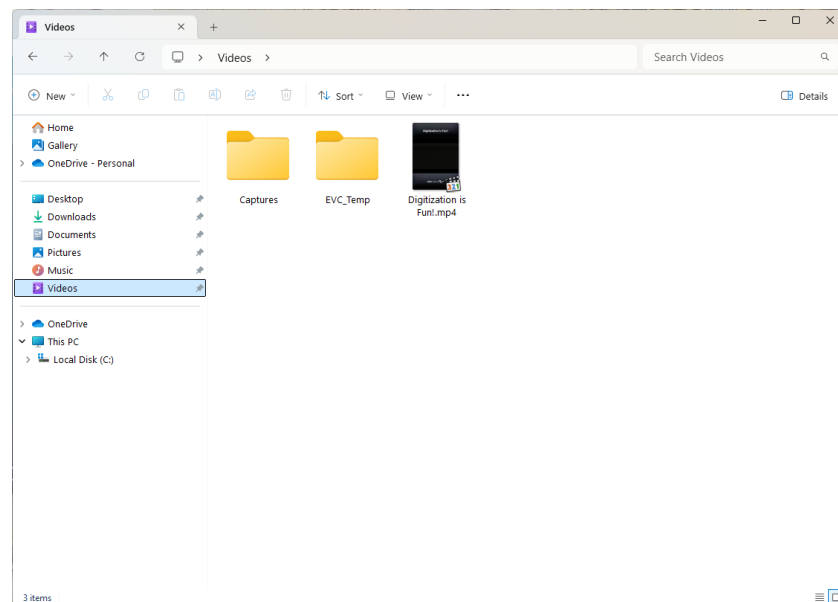
Your movie will automatically save in the file location you chose in **Preferences**. By default, this is the **Videos** folder on the PC.



Elgato will give you a few default options for what to do with your digitized movie.

If you would like to create a new recording, click **Again** and the application will restart from the beginning.

If you are finished recording, click **Quit**.



You will find your final scans in **File Explorer** in the folder you chose in **Preferences**.

If you did not choose a folder, it will be in **Videos**.

Copy it to your USB storage device or save it to a cloud storage service.