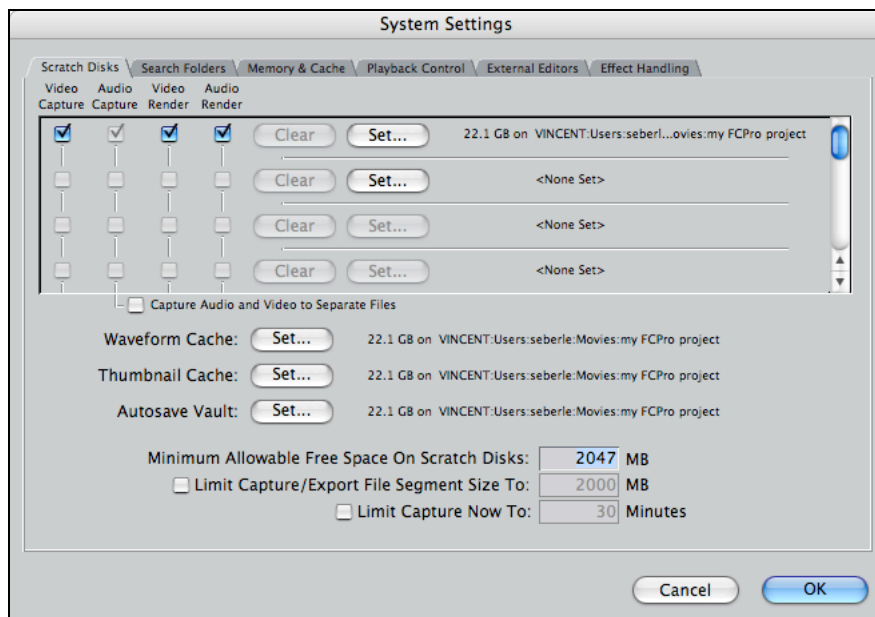


Starting a Final Cut Pro Project with the Correct Settings

1. Open Final Cut Pro HD from the Launcher Bar.
2. Close any open projects you might see by select “Close Project” from the “File” pull down menu.
3. Select “New Project” from the “File” pull down menu.
4. “Save Project as...” from the “File” pull down menu. Create a folder on the location that the project is to be saved, name the project with a descriptive name.
5. Select “System Settings” from the “Final Cut Pro” pull down menu. You will see the Scratch Disk Settings. This is where your footage that you digitize (record) off of tape is saved on the hard drive. It is recommended that you set your Scratch Disk to the same location as your Project File.

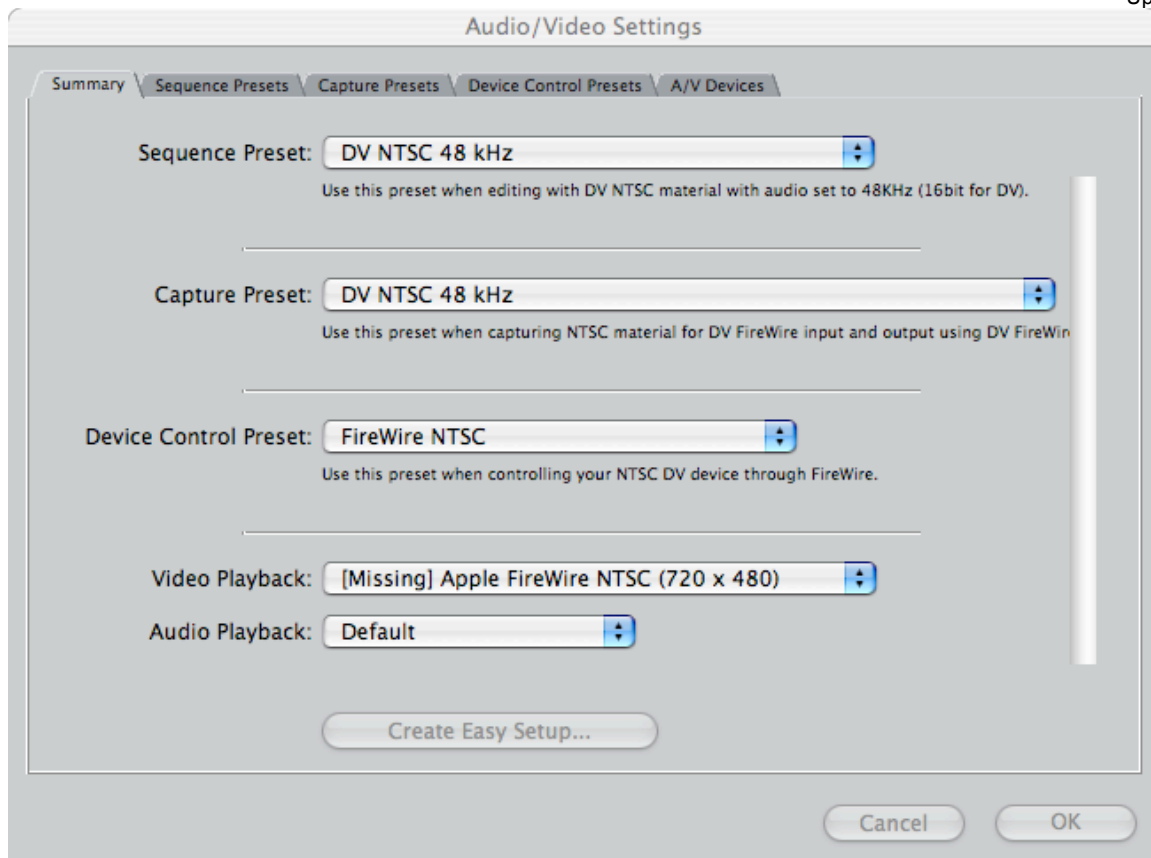
You can also set your “Waveform Cache”, “Thumbnail Cache” and most importantly your “Autosave Vault” to the same location.



6. Click “Ok” to close System Settings.
7. Determine your Video Settings. Select “Audio/Video Settings...” from the “Final Cut Pro” pull down menu. All changes made to your ‘Sequence’ presets will apply only to new sequences.

Most users are digitizing “DV NTSC 48 kHz” from their minidv tape. This is the North American Standard for Standard Definition Television. If this the case, choose “DV NTSC 48 kHz” for the “Sequence” and “Capture” presets. Select “Firewire NTSC” for “Device Control.”

If you are digitizing a tape shot in the Pal format (commonly used over seas in Europe for example), select “DV PAL 48 kHz” for your Capture Preset and Sequence preset. Choose “Firewire PAL” for “Device Control.” You will edit in the PAL format and when done, convert it to NTSC for output.



If your goal is to output your video to something other than DV or PAL standard definition video, you can change your Sequence Preset to many Hi-Def formats such as 720P or 1080i for example.

Important:

- If you edit in this format, you can only playback and watch the video on a device that is able to play it.
- iDVD will convert all Hi-Def video to standard def video upon import.
- DVD Studio Pro will allow you to create a Hi-Def DVD, but finding a DVD player to play it currently is nearly impossible.

Video Play back will only work if your DV deck or camera is connected and turned on.

8. Close the "Audio Video Settings" window and start editing. Save often.