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Digital Video Format Guidelines

The Ball State University Libraries will accept original born-digital objects to be included in the archives. The recommended/preferred format for digital video object types is included in this document. The University Libraries requests material be submitted in the highest quality format practical and the format in which the video was originally created. The University Libraries is able to handle many other digital file formats.

Digital Video

High Definition

Optimal QuickTime Movie (uncompressed, motion JPEG, *.mov)
 AVI (uncompressed, motion JPEG, *.avi)

Acceptable MPEG-4 (H.263, H,264, *.mp4, *.avi, *.mov)
 HDV (*.mov, *.avi)
 ProRes (*.mov)

Standard Definition

Optimal QuickTime Movie (uncompressed, motion JPEG, *.mov)
 AVI (uncompressed, motion JPEG, *.avi)

Acceptable MPEG-4 (H.263, H,264, *.mp4, *.avi, *.mov)
 DV (*.mov, *.avi)
 ProRes (*.mov)
 Windows Media Video (*.wmv)

Preferred Delivery Methods (in order of preference)

- Online File Transfer
- External Hard-drive
- Large flash/thumb drive
- DVD optical disk
- MiniDV tape