DVD Authoring Asset Checklist

- **Menu assets**

  ◇ Still images — May need repurposing (background adjustment, compositing, etc.)

  ◇ Movies — Ranging from actual video to animated montages; what matters is that they are in a movie format that the DVD authoring application supports

  ◇ Background audio — Any compatible audio file, sometimes can be integrated into the movie asset; may need repurposing (volume, fade-ins and -outs, looping)

- **Button assets**

  ◇ Text-only — Choose font/style, color

  ◇ Mini-images or movies — May need repurposing (as above)

  ◇ Overlays (single-color or multicolor), if your authoring application has this feature

- **Assets for special or DVD-specific features**

  ◇ Multiple soundtracks, including commentaries — Prepare a separate, synchronized sound file; for a commentary, this usually involves mixing voice with the pre-existing track, repurposing that track to lower the volume when vocals come in

  ◇ Subtitles or running text — Prepare copy and timings

  ◇ Custom slideshows (e.g., slideshows that go beyond what your authoring application provides) — Just another movie; can be prepared using anything that exports to a compatible movie format

  ◇ Mix-and-match video ("stories") — Plan the combinations, then cut video segments as needed; use authoring application to combine

  ◇ Scripts — Needed for custom logic (conditional repeats, random choices, choice of language/sound); mainly requires advanced planning on how things should flow