Information on Video Editing

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General Information

Video creation and editing software
The most popular software programs for video creation and editing include

- Adobe AfterEffects: In addition to creating and editing animated videos, this program offers a lot of tools in the Effect menu with many special effects submenus, some of which are similar to those found in Photoshop; and this program is analogous to an animated version of Photoshop; it is taught in a lot of digital arts courses at college level, and used as an industry-standard program by a lot of professionals working in multi-media journalism.
- Adobe Premiere: This program focuses on creating and editing videos using digital video clips, sound and music files. It is like a sequenced version of InDesign. It is taught in a lot of digital arts courses at college level and used as an industry-standard program. This program is easier to learn than AfterEffects.
- iMovie: This program comes with Mac OS-based Apple computers; it offers a variety of tools to create special effects, and is analogous to a very light version of AfterEffects. It is relatively easy to learn; and YouTube website offers a lot of tutorial videos.
- Video Editor: This program comes with Windows 10-based computers. It offers limited sets of tools for creating special effects, but it is the easiest to learn; and YouTube website offers a lot of tutorial videos.

Basic steps for creating and editing digital videos:
For most of video editing programs, the step-by-step procedure for video creation and editing is

1. Preparing digital images, video clips as well as sound and music files with digital camera, or download royalty FREE image, video, music, and sound files from Google Image Search under Creative Commons Usage Rights, pixabay.com, and YouTube Dashboard Audio Library at https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UCG39t6GvUo2Rz1GzWhl1iuA/music);
2. Launch the video editing program; create a new project; and import video, image, sound and music files;
3. Place video, image, sound and music files into the timeline for composition or "layout;"
4. Edit the placed materials with clipping, transition, motion, and other special effects;
5. Export the file as digital videos.

Information and Review on Free and Paid Video Editing Programs

The following YouTube videos offer general information on a variety of video editing software.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAvyHn1mZs8 (Top 5 Best FREE VIDEO EDITING Software (2020)). This video gives information on free and open source video editing programs such as Lightworks, OpenShot, Shotcut, and Hitfilm Express.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TzBtaoxGeFg (Best Video Editing Software for Windows PC - 2020 Review!). This video gives information on free and paid (under or above $200) video editing software; they include VSDC, Avid Media Composer First, Lightworks, Shotcut, Hitfilm Express, and DaVinci Resolve (the most professional of all free ones, used in Hollywood movies and documentaries), WeVideo, FilmoraPro, and Camtasia.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37aHhOrK-bw
(iMovie for Windows Alternative). This video shows how to download the free Movavi Video Editor software from video-editor-software.com website, and demonstrates the basic techniques.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=74UFO1sBcD8&t=751s (10 Mistakes NEW Video Editors Make (Video Editing for Beginners!)). This video offers great advice on how to create good videos.

YouTube Tutorial Videos for Popular Video Editing Programs

Video Editor for Windows 10 tutorials:
The following YouTube videos offer tutorial lessons on the basic skills with Video Editor software that comes with Windows 10-based computers to create and edit digital videos.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edKDxJ7C8HE (How to Use Windows 10 FREE Video Editor).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6yQwLuoO3w (How to use Free Windows 10 Video Editor)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6E_OccV6e5w (How to Use Windows 10 FREE Video Editor)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOLdRV7o4mw (How to Use Windows 10 FREE Video Editor). This video shows you how to download free digital materials from YouTube Dashboard Audio Library (https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UCG39t6GvUo2Rz1GzWhl1iuA/music) and pixabay.com websites. The Edward Locke Video Tutorial folder in the Los Angeles Collegian Dropbox contains several digital video clips and sound files downloaded from these two websites.

In the Edward Locke Video Tutorial folder in the Los Angeles Collegian Dropbox, inside the Edward_Locke_New_Cartoons folder, under the All Files tab, you can find the following videos created with Video Editor, using skills learned from the above YouTube tutorial videos: (1) Black_Lives_Matter_Protests_LAST; and (2) My_Cartoons_LAST. For students who want to learn this program, please download all files from the Edward Locke Video Tutorial folder in the Los Angeles Collegian Dropbox, and watch the above YouTube videos before coming to the Zoom meeting.

iMovie for Macs tutorials:

The following YouTube videos offer tutorial lessons on the basic skills with iMovie software that comes with Mac OS-based Apple computers to create and edit digital videos.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ktNKnAmVfUM (How To Use iMovie For Mac In Under 5 Minutes)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9sOxojlWTao&t=52s (iMovie Tutorial for Beginners)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyNcc5EpXkM&t=2173s (Movie Complete Guide to Getting Started - Editing Tutorial For Beginners 2020)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjgkMt0wP7w (iMovie 2020 – Complete Tutorial for Mac)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VF2mUJ0P3xU (iMovie Basics: Video editing tutorial for beginners)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3OoQ7H0vZmg (iMovie 2020 Tutorial - How to Edit videos on your Mac)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRLT9L_L1Pw&t=16s (How to Use iMovie - 2020 Beginner's Guide)

Adobe AfterEffects tutorial videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hb2bbfiNBXA (Learn After Effects in 10 Minutes! Beginner Tutorial)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tR3fpv4Aco (LEARN AFTER EFFECTS IN 20 MINUTES! - Tutorial for beginners)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWvPbGWVRrU (After Effects for Beginners | FREE Mega Course)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rj_KLmHQ5aY (After Effects CC 2019 - Full Tutorial for Beginners [COMPLETE])

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ei_xv28t1tQ (Top 25 Best Effects in After Effects). This video shows the power of special effects in Adobe AfterEffects program, and is suitable for more advanced students.

Adobe Premiere Pro tutorial videos:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3Y4iX0qfYA (Adobe Premiere Pro VS After Effects CC: What's the difference & How to Work Dynamically between them). This video explains the differences between Premiere Pro and AfterEffects, and how both programs can work together dynamically.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QfxpDVRGeBM (Premiere Pro 2020 - Full Tutorial for Beginners in 12 MINUTES!)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGobj8RGMs4 (PREMIERE PRO TUTORIAL 2020 | For Beginners (in 4K)