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**All about video editing – a practical approach**

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# All about video editing - practical approach

**EQUIPMENT +  
SOFTWARE**

**BACKUP AS  
YOU GO**

**SOUND**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**FILMING TO  
MAKE YOUR  
LIFE EASY**

**EDITING VIDEO**

**HOW TO SAVE  
YOUR VIDEO**

**ARCHIVE**



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# Equipment for recording

- **Handicam** Out of fashion. Only needed for long distance.
  - **Action camera** Bomb-proof, waterproof, best for close-up.  
Favourite: DJI Osmo Action 6.
  - **Phone** Phone video is amazing. 4K. Vibrant. Night.  
Maximum zoom ~5x. Stabilised.  
512GB phone manages 10 days of highest resolution filming, with capacity to spare
  - **Disks and memory cards** Find a way to move files phone => other storage.  
Capacity + security.
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# Equipment for editing - hardware

## Hardware

- Big screen + keyboard + mouse are best
  - Tablets and phones also work.
  - Apple Mac - iPad - iPhone. High performance not necessary.
  - Windows PC - Android tablet - Android phone
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# Software for editing - Apple

## Software - Apple

- Apple **Photos** app, free, Mac, iPad, iPhone <= works, but limited
  - Apple **iMovie** app, **free**, on Mac, iPad, iPhone <= **great choice**
  - Apple **Final Cut Pro**, on Mac and iPad <= **my pride and joy**. Not cheap.
  - Apple **Creative Studio** £129 / year. Eek!
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# Software for editing - Windows+Android

## Microsoft, free

- ~~Windows Movie Maker, Live Movie Maker~~
- Video Editor (formerly Microsoft Story Remix), built into Microsoft Photos on Windows 10 onwards
- Clipchamp on Windows 11

## All platforms

- Davinci Resolve - **free** / £225. **Very highly rated.**
  - Adobe Premiere £22/mo, Premiere Elements £87 lifetime.
  - Android: VN Video Editor, InShot, CapCut, YouCut  
Android phone video editing tutorial <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PzeP8NI02aw>
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# Luxury equipment

- If you love video editing, treat yourself to a shuttle



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# Filming - make your life easy *1 of 2*

**LOOK. FILM. STOP.  
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**GOOD**

**TRACK**

**OK**

**ZOOM  
PAN  
TILT**

**CAUTION**

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# Filming - make your life easy *2 of 2*

**WIND NOISE**  
**IMPOSSIBLE TO EDIT OUT**

**BAD**

**SHIELD**  
**MICROPHONE**

**OK**

**DEAD CAT**  
**NOISE**  
**CANCELLING**  
**MICROPHONE**

*for the enthusiast*

**BEST**

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# Let's get editing

**COPY CLIPS TO  
YOUR DEVICE**

**DELETE BAD  
CLIPS**

**ADD  
TRANSITIONS**

**MAKE A TITLE**

**TRIM / SPLIT  
CLIPS**

**ADJUST SOUND  
& MUSIC**

**ADD CLIPS TO  
TIMELINE**

**RE-ARRANGE  
CLIPS**

**ADJUST  
COLOURS\***



If incompatible file formats, use Handbrake app, free & popular, to convert

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# LET'S TRY EDITING



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**VIDEO FILES ARE LARGE**

**OUTPUT IN**

- SD 480P                      **LARGE**
- HD 720P/1080P          **BIGGER**
- 4K 2160P                    **HUGE**

**OUTPUT  
CHOICE**



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## HOW TO SHARE?

- ~~EMAIL~~ APPLE MAIL
- USB MEMORY STICK / EXTERNAL DISK
- GOOGLE DRIVE, ONEDRIVE, DROPBOX
- FILE TRANSFER SERVICE
  - WETRANSFER, FILE PIZZA(CHROME OR FIREFOX,  
[SEND.GAWLINSKI.COM/](https://send.gawlinski.com/))

**DISTRIBUTION**

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## USE CLEAR NAMES

### BEST PRACTICE

- INCLUDE DATE
- INCLUDE LENGTH
- E.G. 2026-01 U3A VIDEO MEETING 4M.MOV

**ARCHIVE**



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# Handouts from Computer Group

- <https://www.basingstokeu3a.org/all-groups-1/computer-group>
- How to get there (it's a little tricky)
  - Visit u3a Basingstoke & Old Basing web page <https://www.basingstokeu3a.org>
  - At the top, click on **Groups** then **Our Groups** in the drop-down menu
  - Scroll down to Computer Group and click on it
  - At the bottom, see and download app past talks



