

Unit 6.2: Video Editing Concepts

The progress in computer technology paved way for the growing number of applications or software that can be USED for editing digital videos. However, Video editing and processing demand high end computer system.

But before you start editing your video, storyboarding helps you very much in the video editing stage. This sequential diagram is important for you to see the development of your story. Then transfer that idea into timelines on your video editing software.

There are various nonlinear editing (NLE) software or video-authoring tools existing today--some are free while others, you have to purchase. Here are 5 recommended software for you to try:

1. Windows Movie Maker
2. Final Cut Pro
3. Sony Vegas Movie Studio
4. iMovie
5. Adobe Premier Pro

You can fully utilize the video editing software by re-arranging or modifying segments of your raw video to form another piece of video.

Now you can become a semi-pro film producer with user-friendly video editing software. Yay! However, building a multimedia package such as video clip is challenging.

To use video editing tool such as Adobe Premier, you have to arrange your video clip (or known as footage) on a timeline. Then you can apply the build-in special effect for your movie production.

However, you have to be careful because video editing involves dual tracks of audio and video. You have to make sure that the audio and video are synchronized.

You may also add type in video titles, description text, subtitles and credits roll using any of these video editing tools. You may design your own text display design or just simply use the built in template.

For example, iMovie offers you a template library of title, effects, and transitions design. Just unleash your creativity!

The main activities in video editing involves slicing, cutting and combining video footages. Then add transition effect between two video. You may also add graphics using callout function.

But make sure that when your text is located on dark background, use white or a light color for the text. You may also use drop shadow to achieve enough contrast between the text and the background color.

Also, avoid dumping too many text on the screen. The screen will be too crowded and makes it less attractive, also it is hard to read.

In summary, you can understand video editing concept by trying out any of the recommended software.

