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Edit a movie

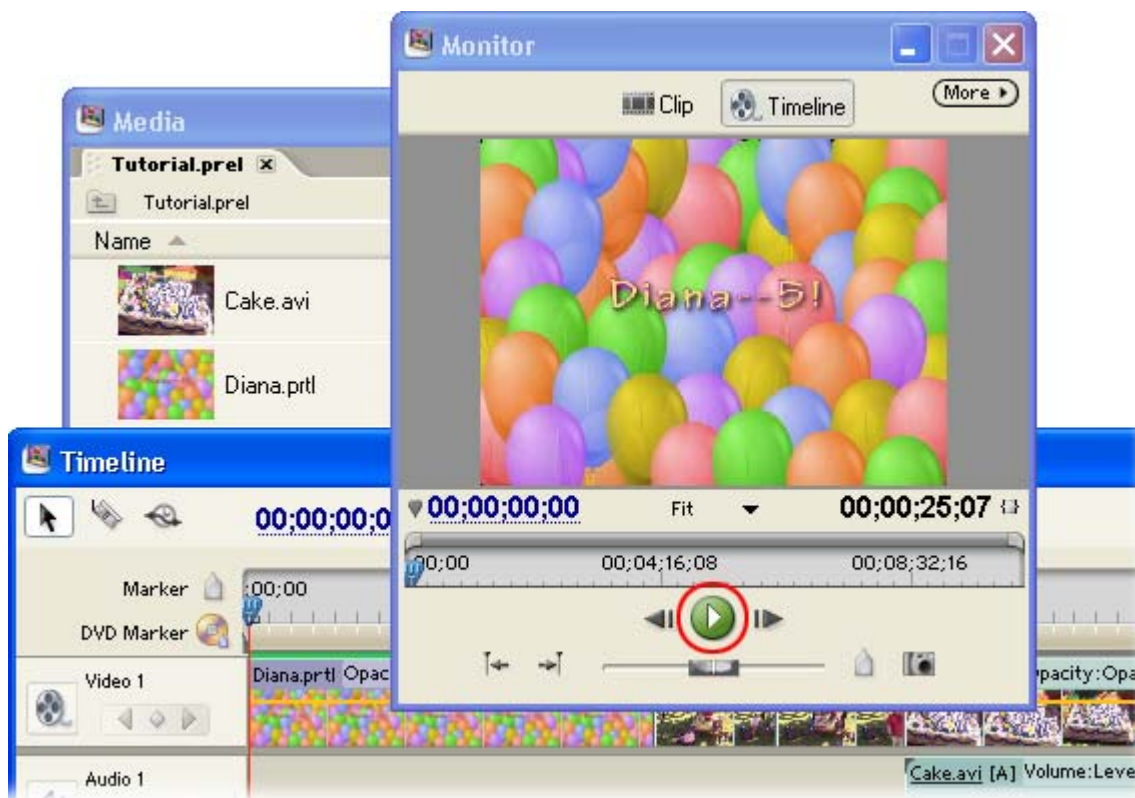
Adobe Premiere Elements makes editing a movie easy. Whether sharing home movies with family or creating a DVD to remember your wedding, you'll be surprised by how quickly you can convert your rough footage into the first cut of your movie.

In this tutorial, you'll edit video and stills from a birthday party. You'll delete unnecessary scenes, cut frames to remove bad shots, and add music.

1. Look at the finished movie to see what you'll create.

Click the Play button  in the Monitor window to view the movie that you'll create in these tutorials. Notice that the current-time indicator  moves through the ruler above the Play button as the movie plays. Below the Monitor window is the Timeline window, which lists all of the video and audio clips in the order they appear in the movie. You assemble and edit your movie on video and audio tracks in the Timeline window. In addition to video, still images, and audio, this movie contains a title, some transitions, and special effects.

Now that you've seen the finished movie, it's time to create it yourself.




2. Open the tutorial project.

Switch to the start file for this tutorial by choosing File > Open Project. Navigate to the Tutorial folder located within the folder containing the Premiere Elements program files on your hard disk. The default location is C:\Program Files\Adobe\Premiere Elements 1.0\Tutorial. Open the Tutorial_Start.prel file. (If asked to save your changes to Tutorial.prel, click No.)

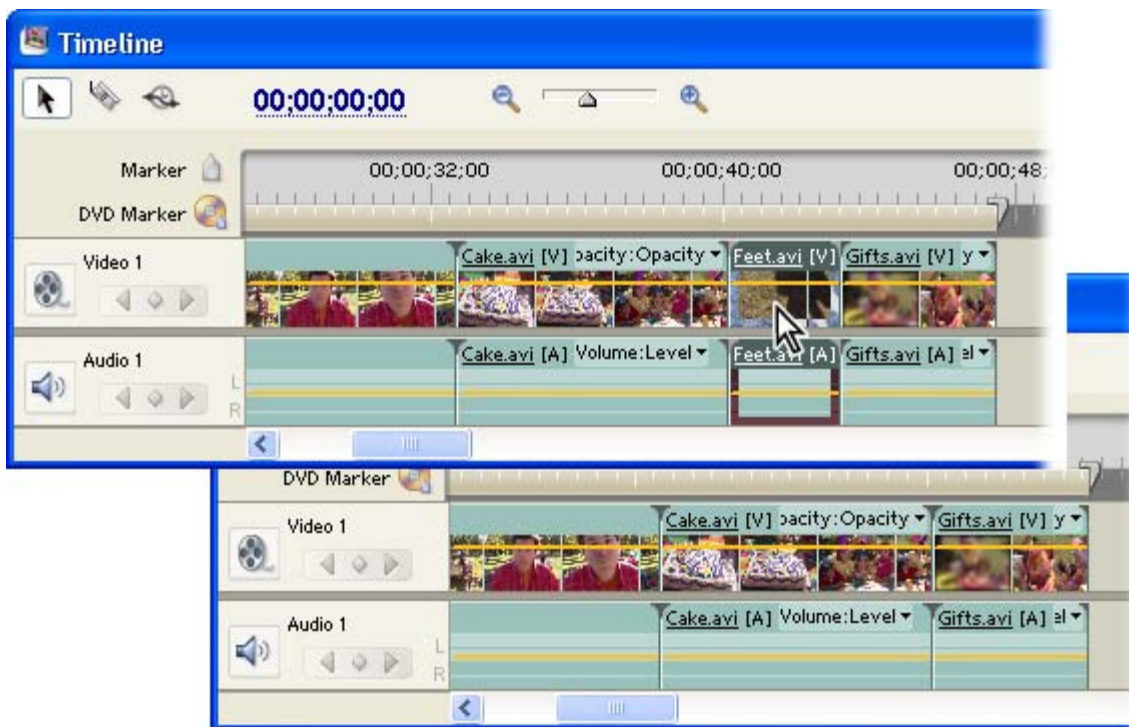
This project contains all of the video captured directly from the video camcorder. Adobe Premiere Elements automatically places video and audio clips in the Timeline window in the order they were shot.

Choose File > Save As. Specify a new name and location for the project, and click OK.



3. Delete unnecessary clips.



Click the Play button  in the Monitor window to view the raw video of the birthday party. Because this is unedited video, some scenes are too long, some need trimming to remove poor shots, and one, the shot of the grass and feet, needs to be deleted. In the Timeline window, select the clip called Feet.avi, and press the Backspace key. Notice that although you deleted Feet.avi from the movie, it remains in the Media window. The Media window lists all the video and audio captured or added to a project.

Note: If you make a mistake during this tutorial, choose Edit > Undo. For more information, see [Undoing and redoing changes](#).

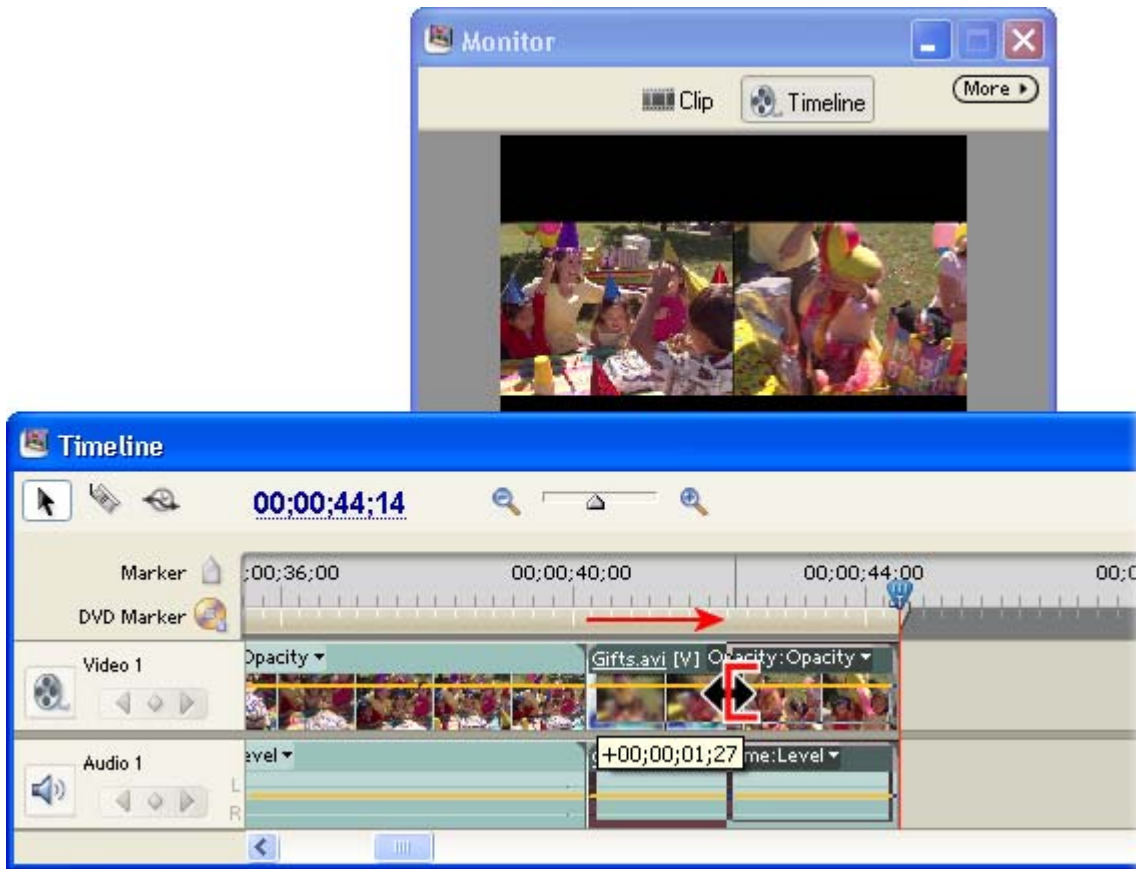


4. Trim a clip in the Timeline window.

In the Timeline window, click the time ruler just before the beginning of the Gifts.avi clip to reposition the current-time indicator . Zoom into the time ruler and the tracks by clicking the Zoom In button . Then press the spacebar, which is a shortcut for clicking the Play or Pause button in the Monitor window. The clip begins out of focus and needs trimming.

Place the pointer on the video track at the start of the Gifts.avi clip. If you move the pointer over the edit point between Cake.avi and Gifts.avi, you'll see it change to the Trim In icon  (when touching Gifts.avi) or to the Trim Out icon  (when touching Cake.avi). With the Trim In icon placed over the start of Gifts.avi, drag to the right until the clip begins to come into focus. (Notice that the Monitor window shows both the clip you're trimming and the last frame of the adjacent Cake.avi clip.)

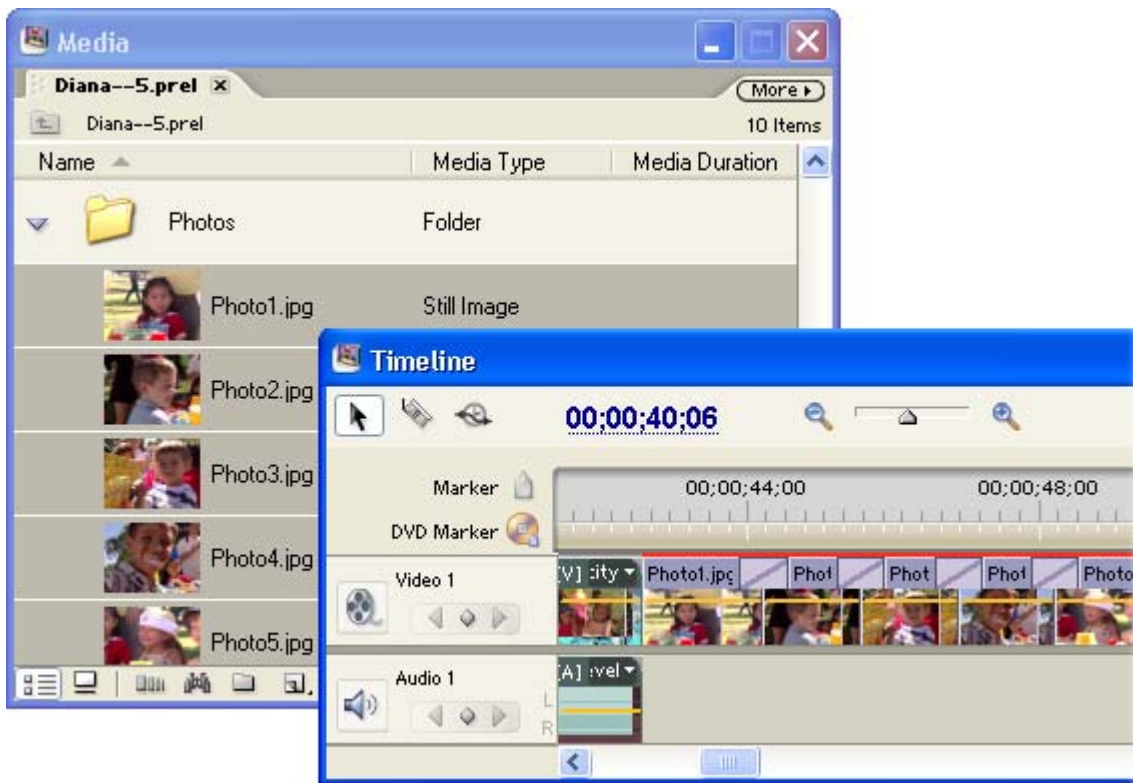
Trimming does not delete frames. It simply sets the start or end of the clip. (Start and end points are also called In and Out points.) The trimmed frames are always available if you later need to adjust a clip again.



5. Create a mini-slideshow with still images.

In the task bar, click the Add Media button **+**. Navigate to the Tutorial folder, select the Photos folder, and click Add Folder. In the Media window, click the down arrow next to the Photos folder to expand it. Shift-click each photo to select all five, and then click the Create Slideshow button **⏏** at the bottom of the Media window. From the Ordering menu, select Sort Order to place the images in the order they appear in the Media window. Change Image Duration to 2 Seconds and Transition Duration to 20 frames. Then, click OK.

The Create Slideshow command places the five still images at the end of the movie on the Video 1 track and adds the Cross Dissolve transition between each image. (In the Timeline window, transitions appear as rectangles with diagonal lines.)




6. Preview the slideshow.

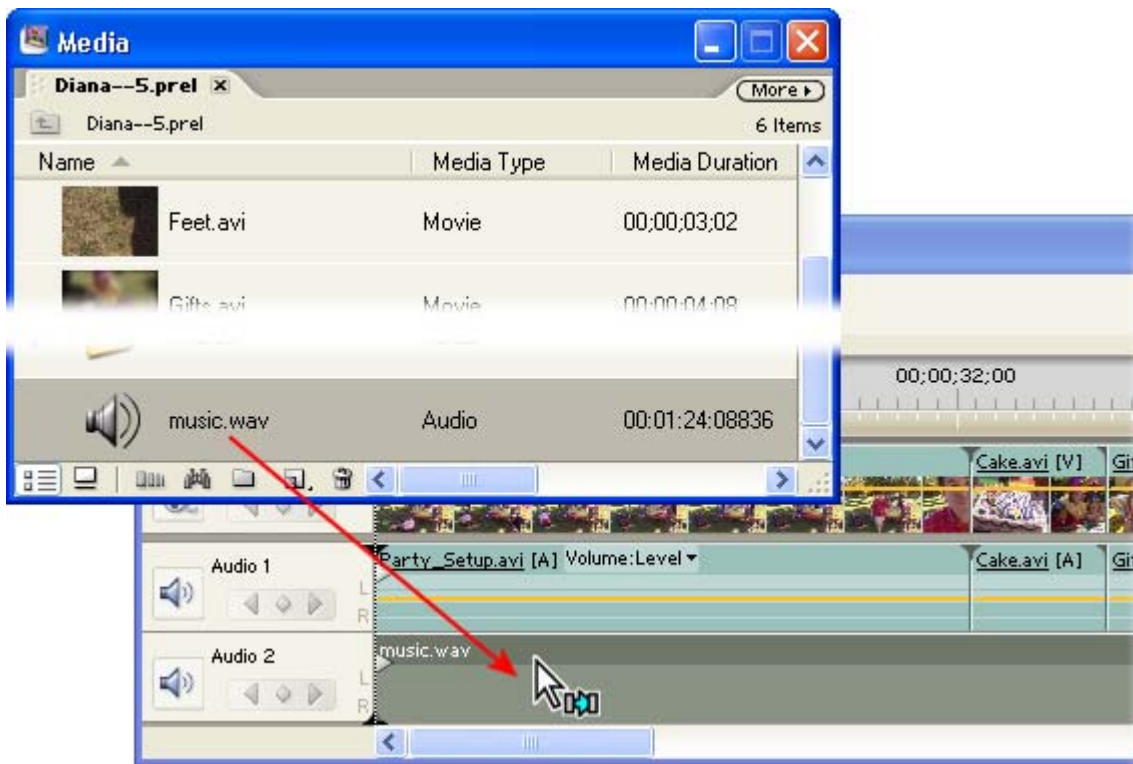
Move the current-time indicator to the beginning of the photos, and press the spacebar. Movies with transitions or effects can take longer to process, so the slideshow preview may not play as smoothly as the other clips. Adobe Premiere Elements adds a thin, red line in the time ruler to indicate that you should first render that area for the best preview. Choose **Timeline > Render Work Area**. When rendering is complete, the red line turns green and the Monitor window plays the movie.

For more information about rendering, see [Previewing clips and movies](#).

7. Add music.


Close the Photos folder in the Media window. Add music to the project by clicking the Add Media button . Navigate to the Tutorial folder, select the Music.wav file, and click Open. Move the current-time indicator to the beginning of the movie, zooming out if necessary. Drag Music.wav from the Media window to the Audio 2 track, letting it snap to the beginning of the movie. You will adjust its length later.

When adding music to a movie with an existing soundtrack, you often need to reduce the volume of the music to hear the dialog. For this movie, however, the original sounds from the party are not critical, so you don't need to adjust the volume.



8. Preview the movie and save the project.

With the current-time indicator at the beginning of the project, press the spacebar. The first cut of the movie is complete. Now the fun begins--adding transitions and effects!

In the task bar, click the Save Project button . You will build on this project in the next tutorial, [Apply effects and transitions](#).

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