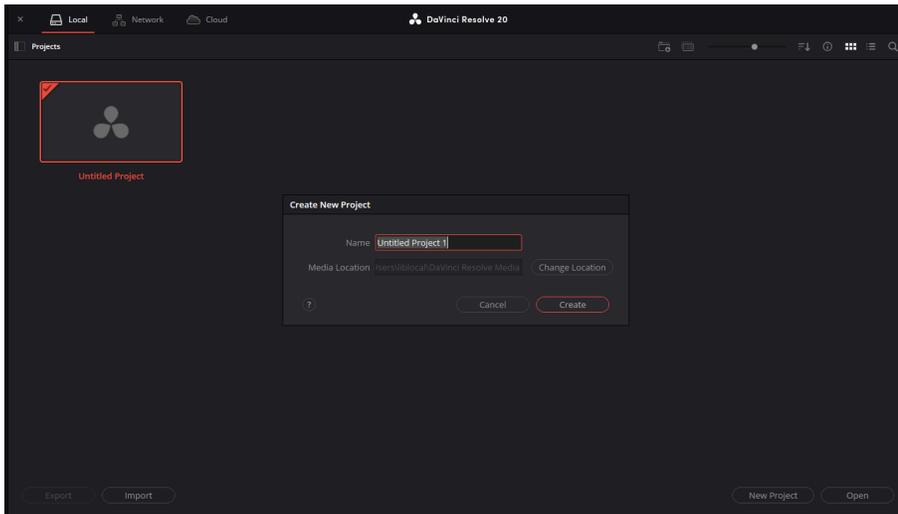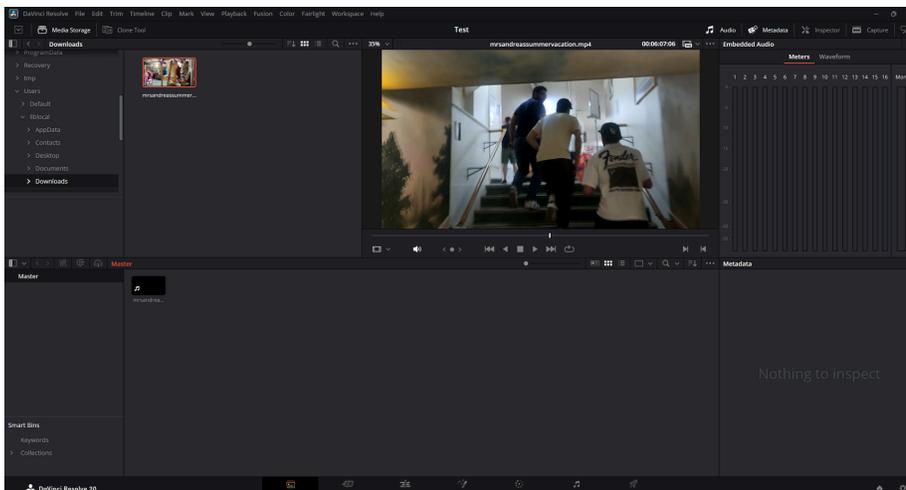# DaVinci Resolve Instructions

Getting Started

When opening Davinci Resolve, click the "New Project" button on the bottom right. Type in a name for your project and click "Create".
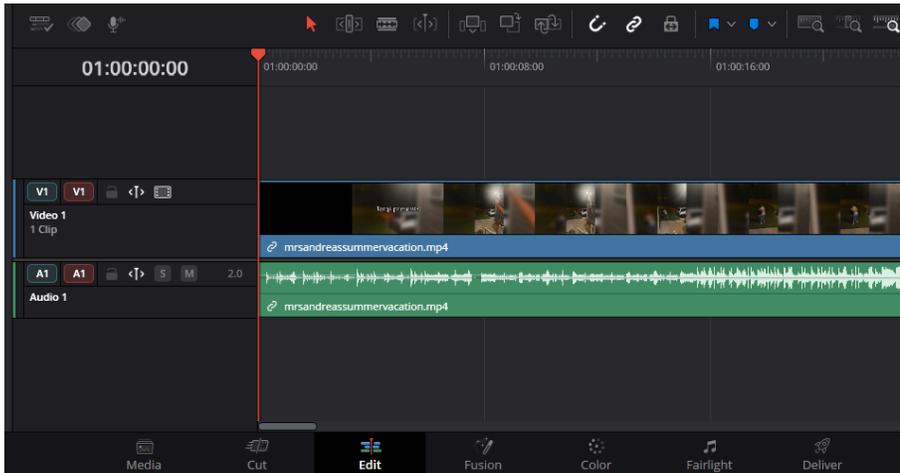

To import footage, click the "Media" tab on the bottom. The panel on the left will display a directory of the files on your computer. Navigate to your video files and click and drag them into the "Media Pool" on the bottom. If you are prompted to match frame rate, it is recommended to click "Change".
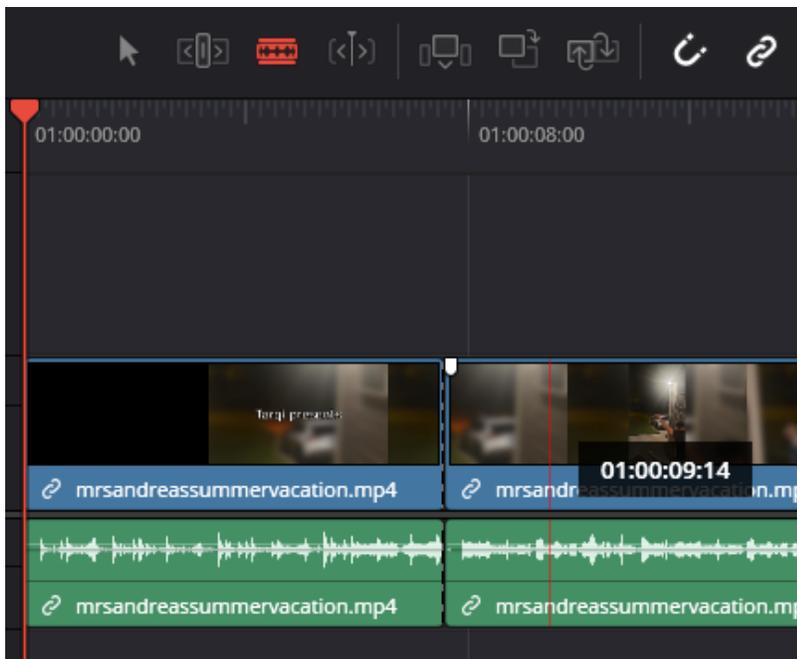

You will now be ready to edit.

Editing

Click the "Edit" tab on the bottom to bring up the editing page. Drag your first clip from the left and into the timeline. Two tracks (Video Track and Audio Track) will be created.
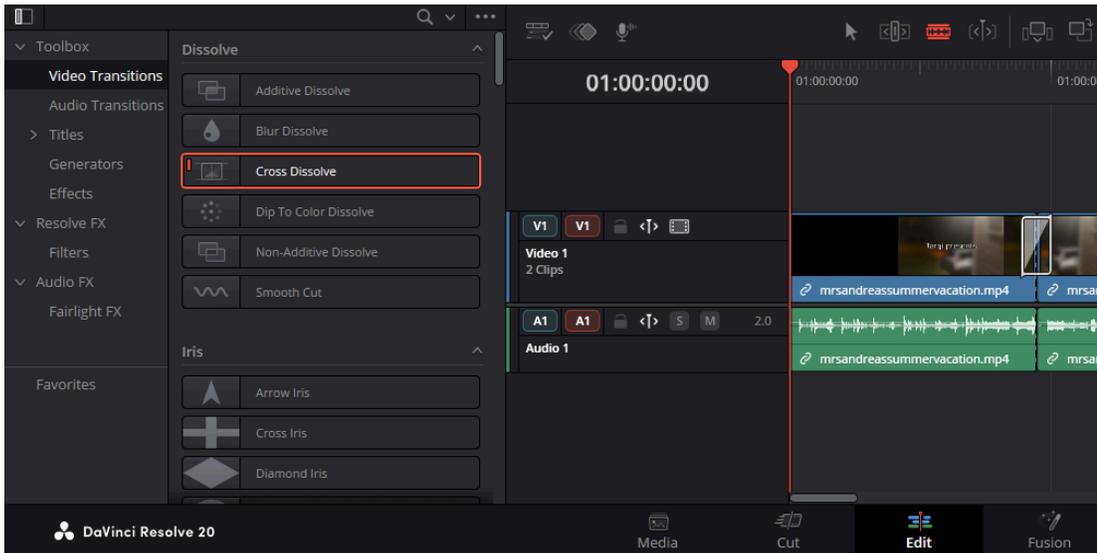

To trim clips, hover over the edge of the clip on the timeline and click and drag it inward to shorten it. If you want to split a clip at a certain point, click the razor icon or press B to use the blade tool. Click where you want to cut the clip, then press A to return to the selection tool. You may now select the unwanted clip and press Delete to remove it.
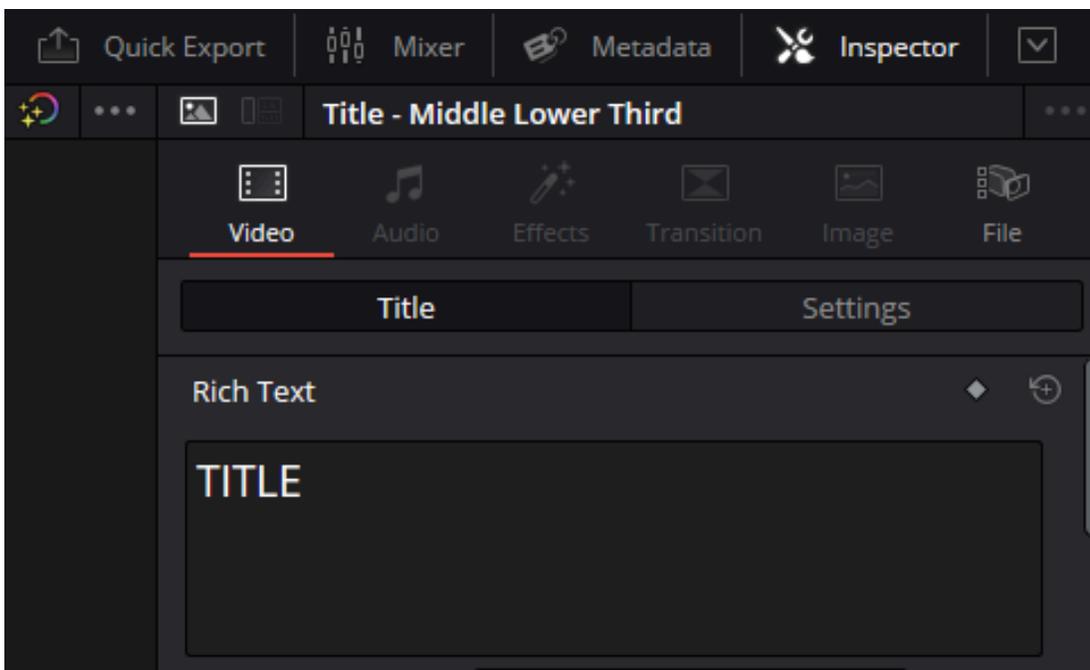
To add transitions, click "Effects" in the top left, then click "Video Transitions". Drag a transition between two clips to add it. If you wish to adjust the duration, click on the transition and drag its edges.
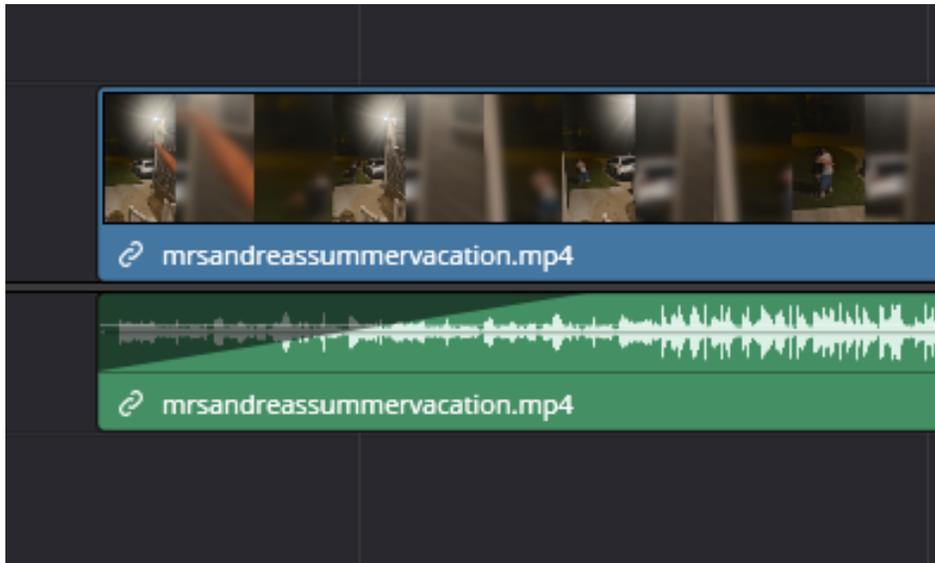

To add Titles, click on "Titles" in the Effects Library. Drag a title onto the timeline and select it. Click "Inspector" in the top right to edit the text, size, and position.
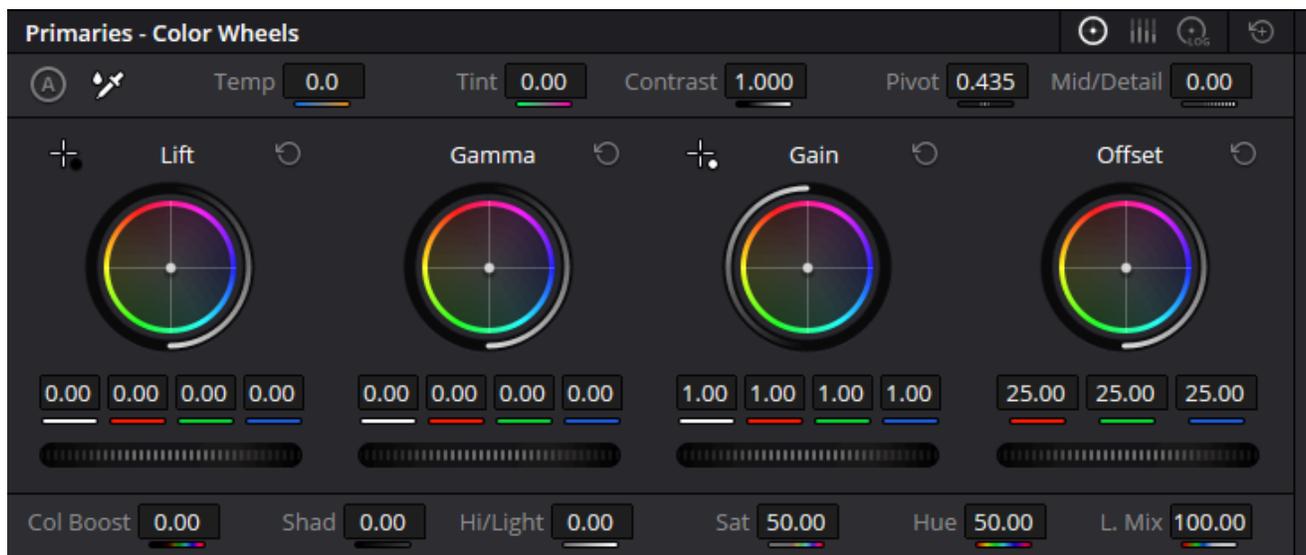
Editing (Continued)

To adjust the volume on video clips, drag the horizontal line in the middle of the audio track's waveform up or down. To fade the audio in or out, Hover over the top right or left corner of the audio track and click and drag inwards.
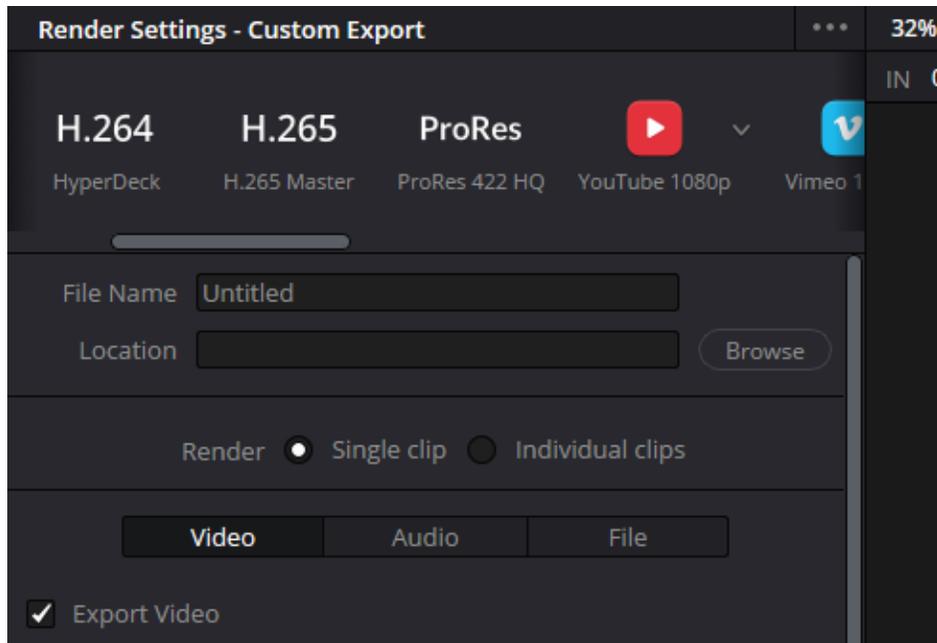
Color Correction / Color Grading

Click the "Color" tab on the bottom to open the color grading page. You will see on the top right a Node belonging to the selected clip.
Select a clip to begin color correcting. Lift affects the shadows, Gamma affects the midtones, and Gain affects the highlights. You can also adjust the exposure, contrast, and saturation of each clip. It is recommended to keep color corrections subtle. To reset color correction on a clip, right click the node and click "Reset Node Grade".

Exporting Your Video

Click the "Deliver" tab on the bottom to open the rendering page. Choose an export preset that fits your desired video resolution and settings, like "YouTube 1080p". Once you have set the file name and the location the file will be saved to, click "Add to Render Queue" in the bottom left, then click "Render All" on the right. Your video will export to the selected file location.

Supplementary Information

Below are keyboard shortcuts to help your workflow:
A – Selection tool
B – Blade tool
Ctrl + Z – Undo
Ctrl + S – Save
Spacebar – Play/Stop
I – Set start point
O – Set end point

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