Movavi Video Editor Plus 2020

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Save your video without a watermark and use the program after 7 days.

**Make a quick video**
Have your video ready in just 5 minutes using the new Montage Wizard.

**Make a video from scratch**
Learn how to do basic editing using the Timeline.

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#### Activating Video Editor

When you first start Movavi Video Editor Plus, it will be running in TRIAL MODE. To use the program without the trial restrictions, you will need to buy the full version and activate Movavi Video Editor Plus. If you don’t have the activation key yet, click the button below to visit the site and purchase the key.

[Buy Activation Key](#)

**Activate the program**

1. Launch the program.
2. Go to the **Movavi Video Editor Plus 2020** menu and select **Activate Software**.
3. Copy the activation key from your e-mail and paste it in the activation window.
4. Click **Activate**.

   ![Activation Window](image)

**Activating without Internet access**
If the computer you have installed Movavi Video Editor Plus on is not connected to the Internet, you can activate the program via e-mail. [See detailed instructions](#).

If you haven’t received your activation key within the hour:
- Check the **Spam** folder of your mailbox
- [Contact support](#)

I bought Movavi Video Editor Plus, but my videos already have a watermark
After you have activated the program, you can open the movie project and re-export the movie without the watermark. [How to export videos](#)

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1. Click the button below to buy an activation key. After the purchase is completed, the key will be delivered to you via e-mail. If you already have a key, skip to the next step. [Buy Activation Key](#)

2. Open the program and go to **Movavi Video Editor Plus 2020** menu > **Activate software**
3. Enter your activation key and select the **Activate offline** option. Click **Activate**.

![Activation Window](image)

4. In the next window, click **Copy** and transfer this information to a computer or device with an Internet connection.
5. When you have access to the Internet, paste the information you copied into a new e-mail and send it to reg@movavi.com. You should receive a reply within an hour. Copy the activation key from the reply and transfer it to the computer with Movavi Video Editor Plus.

6. Return to the window with offline activation. If you've closed the window, repeat steps 1-3 and enter the same activation key you used before. Then, paste the registration key into the box and click Activate.

If the activation is not happening
• Make sure that you have used a correct activation key. There should not be any additional symbols or spaces after the last digit of the key.
• Also make sure that the key you're using is meant for the Movavi Video Editor Plus.
• Before attempting the activation, stop the antivirus software and the firewall of the computer.
• Check that your user account has the administrator rights.
• If nothing helps, e-mail the support team.

Managing subscription

If your subscription has expired, you need to renew it to continue using the program.

To renew your subscription, click the **Renew Subscription** button. A web page will open, where you can buy the license. Once you've made a purchase and received the activation key in an e-mail, copy the key and paste it into the program window. Then click **Activate**.

**Have troubles renewing the subscription?**
• If you haven't received an e-mail with the activation key within an hour, check the Spam folder in your e-mail box.
• Contact our support team. Our experts will help you figure out and solve any of the related problems.

Activating and installing packages

Expansion packages are sets of additional content, which include transitions, titles, stickers, backgrounds, and music. The packages help you achieve your creative goals, broaden your freedom of expression, and save time choosing the right artistic tools.

**Acquiring a package**
1. Go to **Movavi Effects Store**. You can also find this link in the **Help** menu > **Movavi Effects Store**. Or by clicking a cart icon in effect, transition, title or sticker collections.
2. On Movavi Effects Store web-page choose and purchase the packages you like. After the purchase is processed you will receive an e-mail with an activation key, a link to download the package, and an instruction on how to install it.

**Installing a package**
1. Click the link you received with the e-mail and download the package.
2. When the download is finished, open the package as you normally would open your project: double-click the file or drag and drop it in the Video Editor. The program will run the installation process.
3. In the **Installing Package** window click **Install** and follow the instructions on the screen.
Activating a package
1. Copy the activation key from your e-mail.
2. Paste it in the Activating Package window.
3. Click Activate.

Wait until the installation is finished. The new elements will appear in the corresponding categories. The categories with the new elements will have a yellow dot on them and the elements will be marked with the NEW label.

Cannot install or activate the package? Make sure that:
• The Video Editor you have installed on your system supports the packages;
• You use the key that was sent to you after the purchase of a package and there are no additional symbols after the key;
• You have enough free disk space to install the package.

Quick Video mode
How to make a video using the Montage Wizard
You can use the Montage Wizard to automatically build a video for you in minutes. All you need to do is provide the Wizard with some video clips or photos, choose a music track, and let the Wizard cut and build the video for you. You can also use the Montage Wizard to make slideshows.

1. Click Quick Video to open the Wizard.

2. On the Files tab, click Add Files or drag and drop your files over the window. To remove files, click the \( \times \) in the upper right-hand corner of each file, or select the files you want to delete and click Delete Selected on the bottom panel.
3. Switch to the **Templates** tab or click **Next**.
4. Choose a theme or a transition template.
   - *No transitions* template does not add any transitions to your video, but your pictures will still have a Pan and Zoom effect applied by default.
   - *Transitions* template puts some kind of smooth transitions between the slides.
   - *Theme* template uses the sample music tracks, a set of different transitions for each of the themes and various title styles.
5. Switch to the **Music** tab or click **Next**.
6. Add music. Choose from the built-in tracks* or add music of your own. You can also add more than one track.
   *The audio tracks are royalty-free so you can upload these videos to YouTube and other services.*

7. Switch to the **Preview** tab or click **Next**.
8. Customize the **opening** and **ending titles**, change text and click **Apply**.

9. Under the **Advanced** tab make other necessary changes.
   - **Video duration**
     You can set your video to be the same length as the audio by selecting the **Fit to music length** option or use the slider to set how long you want the video to be. If you opt for a shorter video, some clips may not appear in the end result.
   - **Fill black bars**
     If the resolution of the project and the files you’ve added to the video are different, black bars will appear. You can remove them by checking the **Fit to frame** option – the image resolution will be automatically fitted to the frame size.
     [Learn more about frame size](#)
• **Volume balance**
By bringing the upper slider to the right end you will turn the volume of the added video up to maximum. And by bringing the bottom slider to the right end, the volume of the background audio track will have its maximum volume.

• **Arranging clips**
If you have a lot of pictures and want to change their order in the video, click the **Shuffle** button. The Wizard automatically mixes your files and puts them in a different order.

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**Tip:** You can also set a desired order of appearance of your files by returning to the **Files** tab and dragging the file icons in a desired order.

10. Watch the finished video in the player on the **Preview** tab and switch to the **Export** tab.

11. Select what you want to do next with your video:
- **Save the video** – save the video to your disk.
- **Continue editing** – add final touches to your video by adding effects, more titles, animation and more.
- **Upload online** – save the video to your disk and upload it to YouTube, Vimeo, Google Drive or Movavi Cloud.

12. To save the video, choose a video format and pick a folder to save the video file.
   If you’re uploading the video to YouTube, sign in with your YouTube account and fill in the details about your video. Then click **Start** to begin saving the video.

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Learn more:
- Adding filters
- Adding titles
- Color adjustments
- Removing black bars

**New Project mode – quick start**

*How to make a movie from scratch*

In this mode you can use all the tools that the Video Editor has to offer and create professional-looking videos without complicated software.

You can create a new video by creating a new project or a quick video.

1. In the **File** menu select **Create New Project**.
2. Add media files that will make up the video. Click Add Files or drag and drop your files over the import area.
3. Change the clip layout on the Timeline, crop images, cut videos, using the toolbar.

4. Add effects, transitions, titles, and more by changing the tabs on the left-hand side of the screen.

5. To add items to the project, drag them to the Timeline.

6. Save your video:
   1) Click the Export button.
   2) Choose file format.
   3) Name the video, select a folder to save the video to and set the quality.
   4) Click Start and wait until the processing is finished.
Creating and managing projects
How to create, save, and open projects and finished videos

A project keeps all the work on your video or slideshow. You can save the project to finish your work later, or restore your work if you need to edit something after you've finished. A new project is created automatically when you start working on a video.

Creating a new project
1. On launching the Video Editor you can start making a video right away.
2. To start a new project while working on another project, go to the File menu and select Create New Project or Create Quick Video.

Saving projects
1. Go to the File menu and select Save Project. Or use a keyboard shortcut ⌘+S.
2. Name your project. All projects are stored in the "/Movies/Movavi Video Editor/Projects" folder of your user.
3. Click Save.

You can later open the project file and continue working on it. To avoid losing your editing progress, make sure to save your project every once in a while. To save a project, open the File menu and select Save Project.

After that, you can save your project as a file in the *.mepx format on your computer and open it later to continue editing your movie.

Viewing videos
Project files cannot be viewed in a regular video player, and can only be opened with Movavi Video Editor. To view the final video in a player, you need to first export your project to a common video format.
Learn how to export your project

Opening projects
1. Open the File menu and select Open Project.
2. Find the project file, select it and click Open.

You can also open projects in several different ways:
A. Find your project in Finder and drag it onto the Video Editor window or double-click it.
B. In the Import area click Add Files and select find your project.

Restoring a project from an autosave
If your computer malfunctions and you cannot save the project, some of your work may be restored using an autosave file. Rename the "autosave.mepx" file and open it in the Video Editor to continue working on your project.
Restoring media files
When you open a recent project, you may see a message saying that a file is missing from the project. This may happen if one of the files used in the project has been moved somewhere else or deleted from disk. In this case, click Specify Folder in the message box to find the files in their new location, or click Skip to open the project without the missing files. You can also click the magnifying glass icon and specify location of a single file. We recommend to copy all the files to your hard drive before editing.

Project settings
How to change the video's resolution
You can adjust the parameters of your video, such as bitrate, video resolution and frame rate. These settings affect the quality and the size of a final file. You can change them when saving your video or at any other time.

In the Export window click the Advanced button.

Video settings
The video settings apply to all videos and photos used in the project.

Video codec
Codec is a program that encodes and decodes data. Codecs, as well as bitrate, use data compression and affect the size of a final media file, so it is easier to store and manage the file.

Resolution
The frame size or resolution determines the videos width and height in pixels. Open the Resolution list to select from the most common resolutions. For your convenience, each resolution is marked with its respective aspect ratio. Ideally, the frame size should match the resolution of the videos and photos you plan to use in your project, and should not exceed the resolution of the largest video. Smaller
resolutions allow you to make the output video smaller and thus save your disc space, however, this will sacrifice some video quality due to downscaling.

To set your own resolution configurations, select the **Custom** option.

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**Frame rate**

Frame rate or FPS defines the frequency at which frames appear on a display per second. Frame rate affects the smoothness of the video being played. Standard frame rate in most types of videos is 24-30 frames per second. The video plays smoother at a higher value, but the file size rises as well.

**Bitrate**

Bitrate is the amount of digital information contained in one second of a media file. It is measured in kilobits per second (Kbps). You can control the output file size by changing the bitrate value. There are three types of bitrate available in the video editor:

- **Auto bitrate (CBR)** is a constant value set by the program and calculated according to other already set quality options such as video codec, resolution and frame rate.
- **Custom bitrate** is a constant manually entered value which is then used to process the entire video. This type of bitrate allows to predict the size of a final media file.
- **Variable bitrate (VBR)** is an automatically picked value that is set within the set quality requirements for the video. VBR will adjust to the image using the optimal values to save the quality: lower values for a static image and higher values for a more dynamic one. But in this case it is impossible to predict the output file size.

**Audio settings**

**Sample rate**

The **sample rate** affects the quality of digital sound, and defines the maximum frequencies that an audio stream can contain. The default sample rate is set to 44100 Hz, which exceeds the maximum frequencies of human hearing and is used to record Audio CDs and most music tracks.

**Channels**

- **Stereo** sound contains two channels and has the capacity to convey the relative location of sound sources, which makes it best for recording music; **mono** sound has only one channel and produces sound without differentiating left and right channels. Stereo is the generally preferred number of channels, however, some mobile devices record sound only in mono mode.
- **Surround sound (5.1)** has the capacity to produce sound using six channels (usually 5 speakers and a subwoofer), which allows it to create the so called participation effect. This technology is often used in home cinema systems, as well as in some game consoles and PCs.

### Appending a project

If you work on a big project, you might want to separate it into several smaller ones for a more convenient editing process. Then, to combine them back together, append other projects to the major one.

1. Open a project or create a new one.
2. Open the **File** menu and click **Append Project**.
3. In a new window, find and open the project you want to combine with your current project. The project you append will be added at the end of all other clips in the current project.

You can combine several projects in just one. To do this:

1. Open a project or create a new one.
2. Open the File menu and click **Append Project**.
3. In a new window find and open the project you want to combine your current project with. The project you append will be added at the end of all other clips of the current project.
To begin working on your video project, you first need to add some media files. Use your own files or any of the built-in media.

**Add your files**

1. On the **File import** tab click **Add Files**.
2. Select the files and click **Open**. They will appear on the **Media bin** tab.
3. From the **Media Bin** tab drag and drop the files onto the Timeline. You can remove the selection of all files by clicking on an empty space within the bin area, or by selecting a single file.

**Add built-in media**

1. On the **Import** tab select the type of media you want: **sounds**, **music**, **sample video** or **backgrounds**.
2. Switch to a tab.
3. Click the file icon to download and see it or to listen to it.
4. Choose a media file and drag it onto the Timeline to add to the project.

**Arrange the files**

Once you've added the files, they will appear on the **Timeline** at the bottom of the window. The Timeline allows you to arrange the clips in the order you want. To reorder the clips, select the clips you want to move and drag them to the new position.

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**See also:**
- Working with video
- Working with audio

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**Creating an intro**

How to create intro videos
Intro videos are specifically designed short video clips that use visual elements and text and can be edited or customized. If you don’t know where to start in making a unique intro, you can use the ones that are already made and pre-installed into the program. You will only need to change the text.

Create a new intro
1. In the Titles collection go to Intro videos.
2. Find the New intro clip and drag and drop it onto the Timeline.

Edit the intro
1. Click on the clip and the Timeline will switch to the intro editing mode.
2. Add your own media files (video, audio or pictures), effects, titles and other. Work as if you’re working with a usual project, but keep in mind that your making a special introductory video.
*Before you start editing, delete the instruction clip that the new intro contains.

Save changes
Click on the toolbar to save changes and go back to the main editing mode.

To save the intro and use it in other projects, select the intro clip and click . The intro will be saved with all the other items in the collection. You can edit the intro at any time while working on the project.

Preview and organize clips
Use the player in the upper right-hand part of the window to preview your project.

Current position
Your current playback position can be controlled using the position marker under the player and on the Timeline.

For precise positioning:
• To move in 0.5 second increments, open the Playback menu and choose Skip Forward by 0.5 Seconds (###) or Skip Backward by 0.5 Seconds (###).
• To move precisely from frame to frame, use the Previous frame (#) and Next frame (#) buttons in the player. This will move the position marker exactly one frame backward or forward.
• Use the Scale slider to zoom in on the Timeline to make positioning easier.

Playing the video
1. Move the position marker to where you want to start playback.
2. Click Play or press the Space Bar key.
3. Click the Pause button or press the Space Bar again to pause playback.

Arranging clips
By default, media files will appear on the Timeline in the same order in which you've added them. To rearrange the clips, drag them with your mouse and drop them onto the desired position. To select multiple clips, use ⌘+click or click and drag to draw a selection on the Timeline.

Working with two monitors
If you have more than one monitor, you might want to detach the player into a separate window to have more room for editing. To do that, click the Unpin player button under the player:

The player will then open in a separate window. When you want to return the player back into the main window, click the Pin player button in the detached player or close the player window.

Edit and enhance clips
Arrange, edit and enhance clips with the tools that you can find on the toolbar and on the More tab.

In a table below see what tools you can use on clips and how to apply them.

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Crop
- Set on the player the space you want to keep and cut the borders.

Adjust color
- Make the necessary color changes using presets or set them manually.

Turn the sound up or down
- Click Clip properties and use the Volume slide to change audio loudness.

Normalize the video sound
- Select the Normalize checkbox in the Clip properties to make the sound smoother.

Change video speed
- Click Clip properties and use the Speed slide to make the video faster.

Reverse the video
- Select the Reverse checkbox in the Clip properties to play the clip from the end to the start.

Change opacity
- Move the Opacity slide to make the clip transparent.

Change clip length
- To change the clip length move the borders of the clip on the Timeline or use the Speed slide to make the clip faster.

Make clip fade in or out
- Use the Fade in and Fade out slides to make the clip appear and disappear smoothly.

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**Edit videos and images**

Photos and videos aren't always perfect from the beginning. Use the buttons on the toolbar to fix and adjust the clips.

**Picture in picture and overlays**

To overlay one video or image on top of another, select the clip you want to show on top and drag it up, towards the top of the Timeline to create an extra overlay track. Then, double-click the upper clip to set up where the overlay will be shown on the video.

Learn more about overlays

**Rotating videos and images**
Nobody likes vertical videos! But don't worry, in just a few clicks, you can turn any photo or video around without having to crane your neck.

**Rotating by 90 degrees**
1. Select the clip you want to rotate
2. Click the **Rotate** button on the toolbar to rotate the clip by 90 degrees clockwise. Click the button again to rotate the video more.
   Learn more: [Removing black bars](#)

**Fixing the horizon level**
1. Select the clip on the Timeline.
2. Click the **Crop** button on the toolbar.
3. Use the Angle slider to slightly rotate the clip inside the frame, until the horizon is level with the guides in the player.

**Cropping**
Cropping a video can help you remove black bars, cut away the edges of the video, or permanently zoom in onto an object inside the frame.

1. Select the clip on the Timeline.
2. Click the **Crop** button on the toolbar to open the Crop tool, and a cropping frame will appear inside the player.
3. In the player, set the frame so that the parts you want to cut are outside it. Drag by the corners of the frame to change its size, and drag by the center of the frame to move it.
Use the **Angle** slider in the **Crop and Rotate** section on the left to rotate the crop frame.

4. Click **Apply**. A star icon will appear on the clip once you've applied cropping.

**Removing crop**

1. Click the star icon on the clip to show the list of applied effects and filters:

2. A tab will open above the toolbar. Find the **Crop** effect and click the cross button next to it to discard the effect.

**Color adjustments**

**Change color settings**

1. On the Timeline, select the clip that you want to adjust.
2. On the toolbar, click the color adjustments button to open the adjustments tool.
3. Select **Easy** mode to use color presets for quick and simple adjustment.

Or select **Advanced** mode to set your own settings.

—if made your own adjustments to the image and want to save them for future use, click **Save Adjustments** and name your preset. The new preset will appear on the **Auto Adjustments** tab.
Once you have used the adjustments, the clip will be marked with a star icon, denoting applied tools or filters.

### Video speed

Speed up or slow down a video or audio clip with the Speed slide. This can be useful if you’re working on a music video and you want the video to match the tempo of the music.

1. On the Timeline, select the clip you want to edit.

Note that slowing down videos works best on videos with a frame rate of 60 FPS (frames per second) and above. You can also change the speed of any audio clip. If you modify the speed of a video with built-in audio, the audio speed will also be changed.

2. Click the **Clip Properties** button to open the editing tools for the selected clip.

3. Drag the **Speed** slider to set the necessary video speed.
The clip's length on the Timeline will change to reflect the new speed. If you've changed video speed, the video clips will be marked with a star icon:

Reversing video

Reversing the video will play the clip and its audio backwards. You can combine reversing the video with increasing speed and the VHS filter to create a cool rewinding effect.

1. On the Timeline, select the clip that you want to reverse. You can reverse both video and audio clips.
2. On the toolbar, click the **Clip Properties** button to open the properties for the selected clip.
3. In clip properties, select the **Reverse** option.

When you apply reverse, the clip will appear with a reverse icon on top of it:
Image duration

You can change how long each image appears in your video or slideshow either using the clip properties or you can set all images to the same length.

Changing one image's length
1. On the Timeline, select the image clip that you want to edit.
2. Click the Clip Properties button to open the properties for the selected clip.

3. In the Duration box, enter the new length of the image. Use the following format: hours:minutes:seconds.milliseconds. Changes will be applied instantly.

You can also change image duration by selecting an image clip on the Timeline and dragging its borders left or right. The longer the clip appears on the Timeline, the longer it will play in your movie or slideshow.

Setting the same length for all images
To set all of the project's images to the same length:

1. Click the Transition Wizard button on the toolbar.
2. In the Transition Wizard window, enter the preferred length into the Image slide duration box. If you don't want to use transitions to join your clips, select No transitions in the box at the top.
3. Click OK to set all the images to the selected length.
Fading video

In the editing tools, you can add smooth fades to the beginning or the end of a clip. For videos and images, you can use fading simultaneously with animated transitions. For audio clips, you can create a smooth crossfade effect between songs.

1. On the Timeline, select the clip that you want to fade.
2. Click the Clip Properties button on the toolbar. The clip properties will open in the Tools panel above.
3. Set the fade length using the sliders on the Video tab.

- **Fade in** – how long in seconds it will take to fade in to full opacity at the beginning of the clip.
- **Fade out** – how long in seconds it will take to fade out from full opacity at the end of the clip.

See also:
- Adding transitions
- Fading audio

Creating overlays

How to create picture in picture and split screen effects

Overlays are video or image clips that are shown over the main video. You can use these to create a split screen or picture in picture effect, add a logo or watermark, create a Chroma Key effect, or insert a short clip without cutting the main video.
Picture in picture and split screen effects creation

1. You'll need to add both the main video (the video that will be the bottom layer) and the overlay video or image to your project. You can use images in PNG format to add transparent logos.

2. Select the clip that you want to make an overlay and drag it up, towards the top of the Timeline.

3. Drop the clip onto the overlay track, where you want it to be shown relative to the main video track. Note that a blue line now connects the overlay clip to the main clip. This means that the overlay clip is linked to the main clip: if you move, cut, or delete the main clip, the overlay clip will also be edited.

You can also layer several overlays at once!

4. Double-click the overlay clip to set it up. An options panel will appear in the player.

5. Open the drop-down box on the overlay panel and choose how you want it to appear on the video.

Picture in picture
This is the default overlay mode. Using picture in picture mode, you can show the overlay video over any part of the screen. This also works for logos.

1. Choose Picture in picture mode from the drop-down box.

2. In the player, move the overlay to where you want it to appear in the frame.

3. To resize the overlay, drag at its corners.

4. Deselecting the Constrain proportions option will allow you to resize the overlay to any proportions, but a drastic change in proportions may make the overlay look distorted.

Picture in picture overlay

Side by side
Side by side mode works best for creating split screens.

Choose Side by side mode from the drop-down box. You can set the selected clip on the left, right, top or bottom part of the screen using corresponding Side by side effect.
Overlap
In Overlap mode, the video on the overlay track will cover the main video completely. This can be used for a whole bunch of things:
- For videos with transparent areas.
- Cutting out the background with the Chroma key effect Learn more: Chroma key
- Inserting a short clip over the main video without having to cut it.

Adding a watermark
Adding a watermark to your videos will protect your ownership even if it’s shared all over the Internet. You can add an image overlay with your own watermark or logo, or make a new one using text.

Image watermark
1. On the Import tab, click Add Files and add the image or video that you want to use as the watermark. For the best look, use images with transparent areas.
2. Drag the watermark clip up to the overlay track to make it appear on top of other videos.
3. Double-click the watermark clip to edit the overlay, which you can move and resize in the player.
4. To change the opacity or duration of the watermark, click the Clip Properties button.
5. To set the opacity use Opacity slide in the properties. To make the watermark show over the whole length of the video, enter your project length into the Duration box, or drag the right edge of the overlay clip until the end of the video track.
Text watermark
1. Click the Titles button on the left and pick a nice title style for your watermark.
2. Drag the titles you like onto the beginning of the Titles track at the top of the Timeline.
3. Double-click the titles and enter your watermark text. Pick a cool font and color on the panel above the player. Click Apply when you’re done.
4. To make the watermark show over the whole length of the video, drag the right edge of the text clip until the end of the video track.

OR: Double-click the text clip to enter text editing mode and enter the length into the Duration field. You can find the length of your whole project at the bottom of the window.

Creating a freeze frame
A freeze frame is a single frame of a video that repeats for some time, creating an illusion of pausing the video. You can use freeze frames to emphasize a moment or create a pause to explain things to the viewer.
1. Move the position marker over the frame of the video that you want to freeze. To skip by precisely one frame at a time, use the Previous frame and Next frame buttons under the player.

![Previous frame and Next frame buttons](image)

2. Once you're on the right frame, open the Edit menu or right-click on the clip and choose Insert Freeze Frame from the menu.

![Insert Freeze Frame menu option](image)

3. By default, a new freeze frame is four seconds long. To change the duration, drag the edges of the clip to make the clip shorter or longer. Learn about changing image duration

![Frame duration](image)

### Removing black bars

Sometimes, when you use videos of different aspect ratios, or if the project is set up incorrectly, some videos may have black bars around them. You can remove black bars from videos using one of the ways below.

![Black bars on video](image)

**Use filter**

1. On the Timeline, select the clip with black bars around it.
2. Click the Filters button on the left sidebar to open the Filters tab.
3. Find the Vertical fill filter in the Adjustments group and drag it onto the clip.

Learn more about filters

![Vertical fill filter](image)
Manual crop
If black bars appear only on one or several clips, you can cut off the edges to make the video fit better inside the frame.
1. On the Timeline, select the clip with black bars around it.
2. On the toolbar, click the Crop button.
3. A frame will appear in the player. Set this frame on the part of the video that you want to keep. Parts that are outside the frame will be cut off.
4. In the Tools tab on the left, click Apply to accept the changes.
Learn more about crop

Fading effects
Make effects and filters fade in using the overlay track.
1. Copy the clip and paste it onto the Timeline.
2. Drag the copy of the clip on the track right above the original. Now you have two identical clips right on top of each other.
3. Double-click the clip on the overlay track and choose Overlap mode in the panel above the player.
4. Apply the effects or filters you want to use onto the upper, visible clip.
Learn more: Applying filters

5. With the overlay clip selected, click the Clip Properties button and select General settings. There, use the Fade in and Fade out sliders to set the fading time. Here you can also set Opacity if you want to reduce the effect’s strength for the whole clip.

The clip with the effect will gradually appear and disappear, exposing the underlying original clip.

Adding and editing audio

Add an audio
1. To add music or other sounds to your project, open the Import tab.
2. Select File import category.
3. Click Add Files or just drag your files on the panel.

Also you can use one of the built-in music or sound tracks:
1. Click the Music or Sound category and take your pick from our royalty-free music collection.
2. Drag the tracks you liked on the Timeline.
Edit an audio
To edit the audio file, double-click the audio track, the settings panel will appear.

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Recording audio

How to record an audio
1. Connect a microphone to your computer.
2. On the Timeline, place the position marker to where you want the recording to start.
3. Click the microphone button on the Import panel to open recording options.
4. Set up your recording device and volume.
5. Click Start Recording and record the audio.
6. When you're finished, click **Stop Recording**. You'll find the recording on the Timeline.

![Record audio interface](image)

**Set start time for audio clips**

After you've added the audio files, they will appear on the audio track of the Timeline as green clips. To change when the audio clip starts playing, drag it along the Timeline, using the ruler at the top for time reference.

![Timeline with audio clips](image)

**Extracting audio from videos**

If you want to use a sound track from a movie, you can extract it from a video file and use it in your project.

On the **Import** tab, click **Add Files** and choose the video or just drag a video on the panel. The file will be added to the video track on the Timeline.

![Import tab](image)

How to trim the parts of the video if you don't need to extract the whole audio track:

1. Move the position marker to the beginning of the fragment you want to keep and click the **Scissors** button on the toolbar. This way you will cut off the beginning of the video.
2. Now, move the position marker to the end of the fragment you need. Click the **Scissors** button again, and the fragment will now be in a separate clip.
3. If you don't need the other fragments, select them on the Timeline and click the trash can button on the toolbar to delete them.

![Trimming video](image)

3. The audio that belongs to a video is shown right underneath it on the video track. To separate it from the video, drag the audio stripe down onto the audio track. If you don't need the video clip anymore, just delete it.
You can now work with the extracted audio clip separately.

If you want to save the audio clip for later use, you can export it as an audio file:
1. Click the Export button at the top of the program.
2. In the Export window, switch to the Save Audio File tab.
3. Select an audio format.
4. In the Save to field you will see where on the disk the file will be saved by default. To change that folder, click Browse and select a new folder.
5. Finally, click Start to save the audio file.

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**Looping audio**

If the music file is shorter than your video, you can loop the audio and have the file play over again until the end of the video.

1. To copy the audio clip, right-click the audio clip on the Timeline, and choose Copy from the pop-up menu.
2. Paste the audio clip onto the Timeline right next to the first clip. The clip will be inserted right after the position marker. Repeat until the audio length is greater or equal to the video length.
3. Now, the audio track may be longer than the video track. To trim the audio, hold your mouse pointer over the right edge of the clip, and drag it to the left.

**Volume curves**

Volume curves allow to control the volume for each part of the clip and smoothly increase or decrease the volume.

Each clip has its own volume curve that starts out at 100% volume for the entire clip, and two points at its beginning and at the end. The white line on the image below is the volume curve before you add any points.

**Set the volume level**

1. Drag the white line up or down to the necessary level. The top of the clip is 100% volume and the middle of the clip is 50%.
2. Points on the audio curve represent the volume peaks and lows. To add a point, right-click on the audio curve and choose *Add Volume Point* from the pop-up menu.
3. Drag the audio point to the necessary volume level. You'll notice that the surrounding parts also move with the point to make the transition smoother.
4. Make as many points as you need for each part of the clip where you'd like a peak or a drop in volume.

5. To set the volume level for a part of the clip, you'll need at least two points. Create a point at the beginning and at the end of the fragment:

6. Create as many volume points as you wish to make a necessary effect.

**Linking audio**

To make audio clips to stay in sync with videos or images as you edit your project, link it to each other.

**To link an audio**
1. Select an audio clip on the audio track at the bottom of the Timeline.
2. Drag the track under the video clip you want it to link to.
3. On the left side of the Timeline click the Link button to create the connection between audio and video clips.

**Fading audio**

In the editing tools, you can add smooth fades to the beginning or the end of a clip and create a crossfade effect between audio tracks.

- **Fade in** – how long in seconds it will take to go from silence to full volume at the beginning of the clip.
- **Fade out** – how long in seconds it will take to go from full volume to silence at the end of the clip.

**Set up the fading effect**
1. Select the clip on the Timeline.
2. Click the *Audio Properties* button on the toolbar.
3. Set the fade length using the sliders on the *Clip Properties* panel.
Equalizer

Using the equalizer, you can boost or reduce the levels of specific frequencies.

**Set the equalizer**
1. Select the audio clip that you want to edit. This can also be a built-in audio clip on the video track.
2. Click More on the left sidebar and find Audio Editing to open Equalizer.

3. Choose an equalizer preset to set the effect quickly. If you want to set more advanced configuration drag the volume bars to adjust the frequencies to the necessary level.

4. To save your own equalizer presets for their further use, click the Save button. In the new window enter a preset name and click OK. The created preset will appear in the presets list.

Noise removal

1. Select the audio clip that you want to edit. This can also be a built-in audio clip on the video track.
2. Click **More** on the left sidebar and find **Audio Editing** to open **Noise Removal**.

![Noise Removal](image)

3. Use the **Noise suppression** slider to set the amount of noise you want to remove.

Don't set the noise suppression too high if there isn't much noise because it can start muting other sounds.

![Noise Removal slider](image)

### Audio effects

Audio effects can transform the sound of an audio clip.

1. Select the audio clip that you want to edit. This can also be a built-in audio clip on the video track.
2. Click **More** on the left sidebar and find **Audio Editing** to open **Audio Effects**.

![Audio Effects](image)

3. Click the box in the **Audio Effects** section and choose an audio effect you like.
Removing effects
When you've applied an audio effect to a clip, a star icon will appear on it:

Click on the star to see a list of applied effects. Then, select the effect you don't want and click the cross button to discard the effect.

Beat detection
To make your video more dynamic, use the Beat Detection audio tool to automatically mark audio beats on the Timeline and then adjust your video to the beat of the music.

1. On the Timeline, select the music that you want to detect beats for.
2. Click More on the left sidebar and find Audio Editing to open Beat Detection.
3. In the Beat Detection tool, click Detect Audio Beats. The program will analyze the music and place beat markers on the Timeline.
After the beat markers have been placed, you can modify their tempo. Use the **Min time between beat markers** slider to make the beat slower or faster.

4. Adjust your clips to the beat. When you trim or drag clips, they will now snap to the beat markers, making it easy to keep to the beat.

**Removing beat markers**

1. To remove beat markers for a specific audio clip, right-click the clip on the Timeline and select **Remove Beats** from the pop-up menu.
2. To remove all beat markers from your project, right-click the Timeline ruler and select **Remove All Beats** from the pop-up menu.

**Filters**

**Add filters**

1. Click the **Filters** button.
2. Choose **All** to see every filter in the collection or choose the specific category you need. To see the filter’s preview in the player, click on it.

To find a specific filter, enter its name into the search box above the filters. Click the heart icon to add the filter you liked to the Favorites group.
3. To add a filter, drag it onto the clip you want to apply the filter to.

You can apply a filter to several clips at once. Hold the Ctrl key, select the clips on the Timeline and drag a filter onto any of the selected clips. The filter will be applied to all the clips you've selected.

Once you've applied a filter, a star icon will appear on the clip, indicating applied filters and tools.

Remove filters
1. To see the list of applied filters and tools, click on the star icon on the clip.
2. In the list, find the filter that you want to remove.
3. Click the cross button to discard the effect.
Transitions

Transitions are short animations that use geometric shapes and transparency to connect two clips.

**Add a transition**

1. Click the **Transitions** button on the left sidebar to open the list of all transitions. Click on a transition to preview it in the player.

2. Pick a style you like and drop it between two clips on the Timeline. Click the heart icon to add it to your favorites list if you like it.

A transition icon will appear between the two clips.

**Change transition length**

1. Double-click a transition on the Timeline to open transition properties.
2. Enter the new transition length in the **Duration** field. By default, each transition will be set at 2 seconds long. The format is `seconds:milliseconds`. If you want all transitions that are currently in the project to have the same length, select the **Apply to all transitions** option.
3. Click **OK** to apply the changes.
There are more options to fill the transitions with, such as:

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**Remove a transition**

1. Right-click the transition on the Timeline and select **Remove Transition** from the pop-up menu.
2. If you want to delete all the transitions in your project, choose **Remove All Transitions**.

**Titles**

**Add text to your video**

1. Click the **Titles** button on the left side of the window to view the titles collection.
2. Click on a title style to preview it in the player and choose the titles you want to use. To add titles to your favorites, click the heart icon.
3. Pick a title style and drag it onto the title track of the Timeline. Put it right above the video track, onto the time where you want them to appear. You can link titles to the clip by clicking the link button on the left side of the title track, the titles will move with the clip. You can separate the titles from the clip with the help of the same button.

**Edit titles**
To change the titles, double-click the title’s clip on the Timeline. The setting panel will appear.

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<td>New Preset</td>
<td>Create a new preset with your personal settings and save it for further use. Your title will appear in the My titles collection.</td>
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<td>Color</td>
<td>Choose an object on the player and change its color.</td>
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**A timer**
Add a timer
1. Click the **Titles** button on the left sidebar to open the list of available text styles.

2. Find the "**Timer**" title style. Use the search bar or click the **Basic** group to filter the styles.
3. Drag the Timer titles onto the title track of the Timeline. To change the length of the timer, drag the edges of the clip.

Edit the timer
To open the timer settings, double-click the timer clip on the Timeline.

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Stickers

Add stickers
1. Click the Stickers button on the sidebar to open the list of stickers.

Click a sticker to preview it in the player. If you liked a sticker, click the heart icon to add the sticker to your favorites list.

2. Select the sticker and drag it onto the title track of the Timeline. All titles, callouts, and stickers go on the title track. Change the length of the sticker to make it fit the clip.

Edit the sticker
1. Double-click to open the sticker settings.
2. Select the duration of your sticker.
3. Click Apply to save the changes.
4. To change the sticker’s position on your video, double-click the sticker clip. In the player, drag the corner of the frame around the sticker to change its size, and drag the center of the frame to move the sticker. To rotate the sticker, click and drag the white dot at the top of the frame.
5. Click Apply when you’re finished.

Transitions cannot be applied to stickers, but you can animate them. Learn more: Animation

Animation

You can move objects any way you want and make creative appearances.

Add animation
1. Add the background onto the main video track.
2. Add the object you want to animate.

3. Click More and in the Video Editing choose Animation.
4. Select **Easy** mode to add quick and simple animation. To use the preset, just drag it on the clip.

To create your own unique animation, select **Advanced** mode.

**Advanced mode**

1. Select the clip you want to animate and place the position marker where you want your animation to be started.
2. In the Animation panel, click **Add Animation**.

3. In the player, you will see a frame appear around the object. Use it to set the position of the object.

![Frame around object](image)

On the Timeline, two points will appear on the clip. They are called **keyframes**. The **first** point is the original position of the object. The **second** point will be its end position after the animation. The **distance** between the two points determines the animation speed.

**Edit the keyframes**

On the Timeline, double-click a keyframe to edit it. This table will help you to achieve an awesome result:
You want to | To make it happen
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Move the object on the player | Use the frame of the object
Change the size | Drag the corners of the frame
Rotate the object | Drag the white dot at the top of the frame
Make it spin | Use the Angle box on the Animation panel
Make the object fade in or out | Use the Opacity slider on the Animation panel
Change the speed of your animation | Move the keyframe point on the clip:
• Make the animation go faster.
• Move the points farther away from each other to make it go slower.

Pan and zoom
You can control the camera movement using two keyframes and smoothly move from one frame to another.

Add the Pan and Zoom tool
1. On the Timeline, select the clip that you want to zoom.
2. To open the Pan and Zoom, select More on the left sidebar and find the Pan and Zoom tool in the Video Editing.

Reset a keyframe
To make a keyframe go back to its original position, right-click the keyframe point on the clip and select Reset Keyframe in the pop-up menu.

Remove keyframes
1. To remove one keyframe, right-click the keyframe point on the clip and select Remove Keyframe in the pop-up menu.
2. To remove all keyframes and delete the animation, right-click any of the keyframe points and select Remove All Keyframes.

To add another keyframe, move the position marker to where you want to place it in the clip and click Add Keyframe on the Animation panel. If you add it between two existing keyframes, it will create an intermediate position.
3. Select one of the presets and drop it on the Timeline. To see how an effect works, select it and click Preview. This will add two keyframes to the clip. The camera will move between these two keyframes and you can set up camera movements from one point to another.

4. To change the beginning keyframe, double-click the first point on the clip. Then, use the frame in the player to set the zoom level for the starting point of the camera movement.

5. To change the ending keyframe, double-click the second point on the clip. Then, use the frame in the player to set the zoom level for the ending point of the camera movement.

To change the length of the zoom effect, move a keyframe left or right. To move the zooming effect on the clip without changing its length or other settings, move it along the clip.

If you want to add more camera movements, repeat steps 2-4 to combine other camera movements in one clip. For example, you can zoom in on an object, pan across the frame with the same zoom level, and then zoom back out to 100%.

Add the Pan and Zoom effect to all the image clips automatically
1. Select necessary images on the Timeline.
2. Click Transition Wizard button on the panel above the Timeline.
3. Select the Pan and Zoom checkbox.
4. Click **OK** to apply the effect to the clips.

### Remove zoom

To remove a pan or zoom effect, right-click a keyframe and select **Remove All Keyframes** to clear all zoom effects from the clip. To remove only the selected keyframe, select **Remove Keyframe**.

### Stabilizing video

If you're filming with a handheld camera, it's likely that there might be some unwanted camera shake visible on the video, especially if you walk or move while filming.

#### Stabilize a video

1. On the Timeline, select the clip you need to stabilize. To the process shorter, you can cut the video into smaller segments.
2. On the left sidebar, click the **More** button select Stabilization from the pop-up list.

3. Click **Stabilize** to open stabilization options. The Stabilization window will open.
4. Set up stabilization with the following parameters:

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To open the Advanced settings, click the Arrow button and set up stabilization with the following parameters:

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<td>Radius</td>
<td>When a video is stabilized, each object is adjusted using the pixels from the surrounding area. The radius affects how large that area will be. Use a smaller value for more dynamic videos to avoid mixing objects together and to preserve more detail.</td>
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<td>Smoothing</td>
<td>Limits camera acceleration. Higher values work best for more or less static videos. Excessive smoothing may limit panning.</td>
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| Edge Cropping | Eliminates distortion artefacts like blurred areas from the video. There are several options such as:  
  • None: the edges will remain as they are. Best results if there is little shaking on the video.  
  • Fixed: the video is cropped to one size to cut off some of the edges.  
  • Adaptive: whenever there is a lot of shaking, the video will zoom in so that the distorted edges are not shown. |

5. Click Stabilize to start processing the video. This may take a while depending on the length of your video and the selected parameters.

6. To save the result, click Apply and you will replace the clip on the Timeline with the stabilized video.

A stabilized copy of the file will be created under "\My Videos\Movavi Video Editor\Stabilized". This copy will be used in the project. If you delete the stabilized copy, you will lose all the changes made.
If you don't have enough space to save the stabilized copy, you can free some disk space and try again, or save stabilized copies on another disk:
1. Open the Settings menu and choose Preferences.
2. Switch to the Files tab.
3. Find the "Store stabilized videos in" box and click the button on the right to choose another folder on a drive.
4. Click OK to accept the changes.
5. Try stabilizing the video again.

Highlight and conceal

This tool will help you to control the focus in the frame, and blur or darken parts of the video.

Apply the Highlight and Conceal tool to the video
1. On the Timeline, select the clip that you want to edit.
2. To open the Highlight and Conceal, click the More button on the left sidebar, and choose Highlight and Conceal in the Video Editing tab.

3. Choose Conceal if you want to hide an object, and Highlight if you want to make an accent on the object.

4. Choose a shape for the mask: you can use a rectangular or an elliptical one.
5. Choose a masking effect: Blur, Matte (black cover-up) or Pixels. Use the options below to set up the mask:
   - **Opacity** – makes the mask more transparent (for matte and blur);
   - **Feathering** – makes the edges of the mask softer (for matte and blur);
   - **Size** – changes the size of the pixels (for pixel masks only);
   - **Outline** – adds a white outline around the mask.
6. To change the size and shape of the mask drag its corners in the player, drag by the center of the mask to move it on top of the object.

7. Click **Apply** on the Highlight and Conceal panel to save the changes.
Chroma key
How to replace a video's background

The Chroma key effect allows you to remove any color from the image or video, leaving the background transparent.

**Add Chroma Key**
1. Add the video or image clips that you want to use as the foreground and the background.
2. Select the foreground video and move it up, onto the **Overlay track**.
3. Double-click the foreground video to open Clip Properties.
4. To make the foreground video completely cover the background video, select the **Overlap** mode.
5. On the left sidebar, click the **More** button and in the **Video Editing** list find Chroma Key.
6. Once you open the **Chroma Key** tool, move your mouse cursor over the player and click on the color that you want to remove. The color you’ve picked will become transparent.

Use more settings for the better result:

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<td>Noise</td>
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<td>Edges</td>
<td>Choose how thick the object’s edges should be.</td>
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<td>Opacity</td>
<td>Set the transparency of the background</td>
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7. Finally, click **Apply** to accept the changes.
Exporting videos

When you’re done with your project, you’ll need to export it as a media file to be able to play it on the devices. This section will guide you through the process of exporting your project to a popular video format. If you want to find out more about other ways of saving videos, see the following guides:

- Saving videos for devices
- Uploading videos online

Export a video

1. To start saving the video, click the **Export** button under the player. The export settings window will open.

2. Choose a format for saving the video in.

   Some formats allow you to choose between video codecs. If you don’t know which format to choose, try using **MP4**. The MP4 format is supported by most platforms and operating systems.

   At lower resolutions, the file will be significantly smaller, however, the video will lose some quality due to the limitations of digital data compression.

   The **GIF** format is different from other formats in the list. It allows saving video as a mute animated image, which can then be played in some image viewing programs or in any web browser.

Advanced settings

If you want to change the resolution, aspect ratio, or other settings, click the **Advanced** button to view and edit the project settings.
If your project is heavy on small details and filters, you can select High or Highest quality to export the finished video with a higher bitrate. This will increase the output file size but will preserve better quality. For most other projects, Good quality will provide a nice result at a small file size.

3. Name your file and choose a destination folder.

In the ‘Save to’ field, enter the folder where you would like to store the file. By default, this will be the directory for saving output videos specified in the preferences. To set a different folder, click the Browse button and choose the folder in the Windows Explorer window, or enter the path manually into the box. Name your video in the Title field: the project’s name will be filled in for you by default.

4. Click the Start button to begin processing the video file. This may take up to a few minutes.
Export only audio

This section will guide you through exporting just the audio track of your project.

Export an audio

1. Click the Export button in the bottom right-hand corner of the Editor to open the export settings window.

2. Click on the Save Audio File tab in the left part of the Export window.

3. Select the format you’d like to save the audio in.
While MP3 is the most commonplace format, supported by almost all media players and devices, FLAC format allows you to preserve high audio quality, albeit taking up considerably more disc space. When choosing an output format, it is important to note the quality of the original files: due to data compression limitations, digital audio cannot be restructured from very low quality files by saving them as FLAC audio, and vice versa – high quality files may lose some of that quality when saved to MP3 format which is limited to 320 Kbps.

4. Name your file and choose a destination folder.

In the 'Save to' field, enter the folder where you would like to store the file. By default, this will be the directory for saving output videos specified in the preferences. To set a different folder, click the Browse button and choose the folder in the Windows Explorer window, or enter the path manually into the box. Name your video in the Title field: the project’s name will be filled in for you by default.

5. Click the Start button to begin processing the video file.

Export for devices

This guide will help you export your video project for playing on mobile phones, tablets, and other devices.

1. Click the Export button under the player to open the export settings window.
2. In the left part of the Export window click on the **Save for Devices** tab.

3. Choose a format.

   ![Image of Export window with various devices and quality options]

   On this tab you will find a number of different types of devices for which you can choose a format. You can choose between devices running iOS (iPhone, iPad, iPad mini) or Android, Samsung Galaxy S6 and Galaxy S7, Google Nexus 6 and Google Pixel, as well as Playstation and Xbox consoles. If your device is not on the list, choose **Other**.

   ![Image of Export window with device options selected]

   You can select **High** or **Highest** quality to export the finished video with a higher bitrate. This will increase the output file size but will preserve better quality. For most other projects, **Good** quality will provide a nice result at a small file size.

4. Name your file and choose a destination folder.

   ![Image of Export window with file naming and destination folder options]

   In the ‘Save to’ field, enter the folder where you would like to store the file. By default, this will be the directory for saving output videos specified in the preferences. To set a different folder, click the **Browse** button and choose the folder in the Windows Explorer window, or enter the path manually into the box. Name your video in the **Title** field: the project’s name will be filled in for you by default.

5. Click the **Start** button to begin processing the video file. This may take up to a few minutes.
Export for TVs

This guide will help you export your video project for playing on Smart TVs.

1. In the bottom right hand corner of the Editor, click the Export button to open the export settings window.

2. In the left part of the Export window click on the Save for TVs tab.

3. Choose your TV brand and the necessary resolution. If your TV is not on the list, choose Other 1080p TVs or Other 4K TVs.
If your project is heavy on small details and filters, you can select **High** or **Highest** quality to export the finished video with a higher bitrate. This will increase the output file size but will preserve better quality. For most other projects, **Good** quality will provide a nice result at a small file size.

4. Name your file and choose a destination folder. In the ‘**Save to**’ field, enter the folder where you would like to store the file. By default, this will be the directory for saving output videos specified in the preferences. To set a different folder, click the **Browse** button and choose the folder in the Windows Explorer window, or enter the path manually into the box. Name your video in the **Title** field: the project’s name will be filled in for you by default.

5. Click the **Start** button to begin processing the video file. This may take up to a few minutes.

**Uploading online**

After you finish your video, you can share it to YouTube, Vimeo or Google Drive right from the export window.

**Upload online**

1. Click the **Export** button to open the exporting window.
2. In the left hand part of the Export window click on the **Upload Online** tab.

3. On the Upload online tab select the service you would like to upload your videos to: YouTube, Vimeo or Google Drive.

4. Click **Sign in**. The authentication page will open in your browser. Sign in to your account and click **Allow** to let Movavi Video Editor Plus upload videos.
5. In the Export window, open the Resolution list and choose a resolution that suits your project.

**Upload to YouTube**
1. Fill in the title and description for your video.
2. Add some tags to help users find videos by relevant topics. Separate tags with commas and add a number sign (#) before each one.
3. Choose a category to help viewers find relevant content.
4. Open the Privacy box and choose who you want to see the video:
   - **Private** – videos can only be seen by you and the users you choose.
   - **Public** – videos can be seen by and shared with anyone.
   - **Unlisted** – videos can be seen and shared by anyone with the link.
5. Click Upload to export your video.

**Upload to Google Drive**
1. Fill in the title for your video.
2. Select a Google Drive folder where you want your video to be uploaded. You can create new folders in your Google Drive storage straight in the export window.
3. Open the Privacy box and choose who you want to see the video:
   - **Private** – videos can only be seen by you and the users you choose.
   - **Unlisted** – videos can be seen and shared by anyone with the link.
4. Click Upload to export your video.
Upload to Vimeo
1. Fill in the title and description for the video.
2. Set the level of privacy:
   **Anyone** – any person can watch the video.
   **Only people I follow** – only people you're subscribed to can watch the video.
   **Only me** – nobody, but you can access the video.
3. Select the resolution of the video and add tags.
4. Click **Upload** to export your video.

Save and upload the video
Before uploading, the video will be saved as a file on your computer.
1. To change where the video file is stored, click **Browse** and select a folder.
2. Click **Upload** to begin saving and exporting the video.

Video Editor preferences

To open the preferences:
1. Click the **Settings** menu
2. Select **Preferences**.
The Preferences window will open. The preferences are organized into tabs. Click on a tab to open the relevant options.

3. When you're done, click **OK** to close the window and apply the preferences.

See also:
- General preferences
- File preferences
- Sharing preferences
- Acceleration preferences

**General preferences**

**Interface Language** – to change the interface language, simply select the necessary language from the list and click **OK** to apply the changes.

**Automatically check for updates** – select this option and you'll be notified whenever a new version is available. Updates within your version are absolutely free (e.g. 1.0 to 1.1), while new releases are offered with a hefty discount to registered users.

**Download updates in the background** – select this option to download the updates of the program in the background.

**I give consent to send anonymous usage stats to Movavi** – check this box to let the program send usage statistics to our development team and help us to fix all the problems in the program much faster. The data contains no personal information, will not be disclosed to third parties and will be used for software improvement purposes only.

**Play notification sound when exporting is finished** – when saving a project as a media file, you'll be notified as soon as the process is completed. A web page will open, where you can buy the license.
File preferences

On the Files tab, you can find the options for storing and saving different kinds of files. You can change any of these folders to a different location.

Save project files to – a folder for saving and opening projects. This folder will also store any autosave files for new projects. You can use the autosave file to restore your work in case of an error or force close.
Save output videos to – a folder for exporting media files.
Store audio recordings in – a folder for the audio clips that you record in the Editor.

If you delete these audio files, the audio recordings in the project will also be unavailable.

Store stabilized videos in – a folder for a stabilized copy of the original when you stabilize a video.

Don't delete these files while you are working on the project, or you'll have to stabilize the files again.

Changing where the files are stored
Using a different folder might help if you don't have much disk space on your primary drive, or if you want to organize your media files in another way.

1. Click the button with three dots next to the folder you want to change.
2. A Windows Explorer dialog box will open. Choose the folder you want to save the files to.
3. Click Select Folder to use this folder.

Sharing preferences

On the Sharing tab of the Preferences window, you can manage your social network accounts for uploading videos.

To sign in:
1. Click Sign In. The authentication page will open in the browser.
2. Sign in to your account.
3. On the next page, allow Movavi Video Editor Plus to upload videos to your account.

4. Return to Movavi Video Editor Plus. Your name will be shown in the Preferences window.

**To sign out or use a different account:**
Click **Sign Out**. After this, you will need to sign in again to upload videos.
Fast Track HD acceleration
Fast Track HD acceleration lets the program work with HD files faster. Tick this option so the editor can make smaller copies of the original files and use them in the project. For the proper work of this acceleration it's necessary to have free space on the driver. As soon as you start export, working copies will be changed back to the original ones.

Help and support
Didn't find what you were looking for? Need help with a problem? Have a suggestion? Contact our support team and we'll help you right away.

How to reach us
By e-mail: support@movavi.com
Fill out a support form
We guarantee a response within 3 business days!
If you ran into a problem, please describe it in as much detail as possible; any screenshots, log files, or information about your system will allow us to help you faster.

Frequently Asked Questions
How to remove the trial watermark
What are the system requirements for using Movavi Video Editor Plus?
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System requirements
Note that Movavi Video Editor may also run on slower machines, however, we cannot guarantee stable performance if the minimum requirements are not met.

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Processor: Intel® HD Graphics 2000, NVIDIA® GeForce® series 8 and 8M, Quadro FX 4800, Quadro FX 5600, AMD Radeon™ R600, Mobility Radeon™ HD 4330, Mobility FirePro™ series, Radeon™ R5 M230 or higher graphics card with up-to-date drivers.

Display resolution: 1280x800 screen resolution, 32-bit color

RAM: 256 MB RAM, 1 GB RAM

Free disk space: 200 MB for installation, 1 GB for ongoing operations, 500 MB for ongoing operations

Other: Sound card for audio recording and playback, Administrator permissions are required for installation.

Supported formats

Here you can view the list of formats and codecs supported by Movavi Video Editor.

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You can view the full list of supported devices [here](#).

**Codec activation**

Some video and audio codecs are patented by other companies, and it is required that new users activate the codecs they use to comply with patent law.

**Activate codecs on demand**

1. When you open a media file or export your project with one of these codecs, you may see a Codec Activation message.
2. Select the **Activate other codecs without asking** box to activate all codecs automatically in the future. The codecs will be activated automatically, but an Internet connection is still necessary.
3. Click **Activate** to complete the codec activation.

**Codec could not be activated**

If you see a codec activation error, make sure that you have a working Internet connection. Without Internet, the codecs cannot be activated even if you’ve chosen to activate them automatically. After you’ve restored the network connection, please restart the application.

**What kind of data is being sent?**

The data we send does not contain any information that can personally identify you. We only receive information about which codecs were used.

**Glossary**

Here’s a list of some terms that you may come across while working with video and audio. You won’t need to know all of these to use Movavi software, but if you want to learn more about the specifics of media file processing, you can start here.

**Aspect ratio**

A video’s aspect ratio is the proportion of its width to height, e.g. 16:9 (read as *sixteen-by-nine*). Usually, you might encounter the 16:9 or 4:3 aspect ratios, but most recent displays and videos have the 16:9 aspect ratio. You might encounter 4:3 resolutions in some older TV videos. Here’s how different they look:
If you join videos with different aspect ratios, you might see black bars around the edges. Think of a video’s frame like a box: if you put a square peg into a rectangular hole, you might have room left over at the sides. This can happen in your project if you’re mixing videos and photos, or if you’re using videos from different sources. This is how it might look if you’re adding 4:3 videos to a 16:9 project and vice versa:

To remove the black bars, try using the crop tool, or change the project settings.
Learn more: Removing black bars

Bitrate
Bitrate is a property of digital video and audio files. It means the amount of data in bits contained in each second of the file. Higher bitrate allows to preserve more detail, but also requires much more disk space for the output file. Bitrate also depends on your video resolution, because you need much more data to store a large HD video frame compared to a tiny 360p video. If your video has lots of small details or fast action, you can choose a higher quality when saving the video. The output video will have a larger file size, but you’ll be able to see detail better.

Codec
Video and audio information is processed or encoded to shrink the size of the file. However, your computer needs to have a decoder installed in order to open the file. There are many different codecs, each compressing video in different ways. Many video formats can store multiple video formats. For example, you can save a video with the .mp4 extension, but you can use the H.264 or MPEG-4 codecs. If you don’t know what codec works best for you, go for H.264 – it is supported by most players and platforms.
Hint: Don’t download codecs from suspicious websites. They may contain malware.

Format
Usually when someone mentions formats, they mean container formats, namely, the way of storing a video or audio file’s information inside a file. You can spot container formats by file extensions. A container format contains video and audio streams, that are be encoded with a codec. The figure below shows how a standard video file may look like.

Frame rate, FPS
A video’s frame rate is the number of frames or still images in each second of the video (also called FPS or frames per second). Most movies have a frame rate of 24 frames per second, but most cameras and mobile phones shoot video at 30 frames per second. More modern cameras even allow you to film with 60 FPS and above. If you have a higher frame rate, you can slow down the video to make a slow-motion effect without making the video look choppy.

*.mepb files
Movavi Video Editor project files are saved with the MEPB extension. You can open the file in the Editor and continue working on your project. If you upgrade to the Plus version, you will need to save the project file as a MEPX project.

*.mepx files
Movavi Video Editor Plus project files are saved with the MEPX extension. You can open the file in the Editor and continue working on your project.

Resolution (frame size)
A video’s resolution is basically its width and height in pixels. Usually it is written as the width multiplied by height, e.g. “1280x720”, or sometimes you might only see the height listed, e.g. “720p”. Usually, videos with high resolution have better quality because there are more pixels available for storing information. However, if you convert a low-quality video to a higher resolution, it will not instantly look better.
because there is nowhere to restore the extra information from, so you will end up with the same quality with a much larger file size. You can change the resolution of your output video in project settings.

Sample rate
The sample rate affects the quality of digital sound, and defines the maximum frequencies that an audio stream can contain. The default sample rate is set to 44100 Hz, which exceeds the maximum frequencies of human hearing and is used to record Audio CDs and most music tracks.

Stream
A video file contains the video and audio information in separate streams, which simply means that their data is stored separately inside the file. When you play the file, these streams are played simultaneously, just like a stream of water.

Export troubleshooting
Here you will find the most frequent problems with file export and instructions on how to solve them.

Unknown export error / Artifacts appear on video
Try another video format.
To deal with the export problem try to change the format of your video in the export window and click Start.

Movavi watermark
In order to get rid of the Movavi watermark across your video, you'll have to acquire a license on our website and activate the program with your activation key. You can learn how to activate the program here. Once you do that, follow the steps below:
1. Open your project file by clicking File - Open project and select Export.
2. Export the video. The watermark won't be there anymore.

Please note that it is impossible to get rid of the watermark from a video, which you have already saved, but if you have a *.MEPX (or *.MEPB, *.MEPS) project file, you can re-save it after activating the program and then your video will not contain any watermark.

Video and audio are out of sync
If video and music in your project are out of sync, try to select another video format:
1. Click Export under the player.
2. Select the format of your video (We recommend using MP4).
3. Change other necessary settings.
4. Click Start to export your video.

Creating an Instagram video
Instagram videos have specific format and aspect ratio settings, here you will find a guide for creating Instagram video posts.

Regular Instagram video posts creating
1. Add your video to the Timeline.
2. Click the clip and change its length moving the borders. Change the length of all clips if you want to. Note that your whole video can be from 3 seconds to 60 seconds.
3. On the player panel find an Aspect ratio button, select the format from the list or set your own proportions by clicking x:y and setting new ratios in the opened window. For the Instagram videos a minimum aspect ratio is 1.91:1 and a maximum is 4:5.
If the black bars appear, you can remove them using the special filter:
1. Click the Filters tab on the left sidebar.
2. In the Featured filters find Vertical fill.
3. Drag the filter to the clip on the Timeline to blur the edges.

Exporting the video
Unfortunately, you can’t share your video to Instagram directly from the video editor. Firstly, save your video to the computer and then upload it to your Instagram account.
1. Click the Export button under the player.
2. Select the MP4 format from the list on the left.
3. Enter the name of your video and click Browse to choose a folder to save your video.
4. Select the quality of the video.
5. Click Start to save the video.
Instagram does not limit file size, but your videos should be under 50MB.

**Creating videos for Stories**
1. Add a video on the Timeline
2. Set the suitable length, moving the borders of the clip. Videos must be a maximum of 15 seconds long.
   On the player panel find an Aspect ratio button, select the format from the list or set your own proportions by clicking \(x:y\) and setting new ratios in the opened window. Videos should have portrait (not landscape) orientation with an aspect ratio of 9:16.

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2. Select the MP4 format from the list on the left.
3. Enter the name of your video and click Browse to choose a folder to save your video.
4. Select the quality of the video.
5. Click Start to save the video.

Videos should have a minimum frame rate of 30 FPS (frames per second) and a minimum resolution of 720 pixels. The maximum file size is 4 GB.

**Creating videos for Instagram’s IGTV**
IGTV is an Instagram video format, which can be longer than a regular video post.

**How to edit a video to post it on the IGTV**
1. Add a video on the Timeline
2. Set the suitable length, moving the borders of the clip. If your account is not very big, you can upload a video lasting from 15 seconds to 10 minutes. If your account is verified and has a tick, your video can be up to 60 minutes long.
3. On the player panel find an Aspect ratio button, select the format from the list or set your own proportions by clicking \(x:y\) and setting new ratios in the opened window. Vertical videos should have an aspect ratio of 9:16, while landscape ones should be 16:9.

**Exporting the video**
Unfortunately, you can’t share your video to Instagram directly from the video editor. Firstly, save your video to the computer and then upload it to your Instagram account.
1. Click the Export button under the player.
2. Select the MP4 format from the list on the left.
3. Enter the name of your video and click Browse to choose a folder to save your video.
4. Select the quality of the video.
5. Click Start to save the video.

**Maximum sizes:** 650 MB for videos that are shorter than 10 minutes; 3.6 GB for videos up to 60 minutes.