

Video Editing – Handout 2

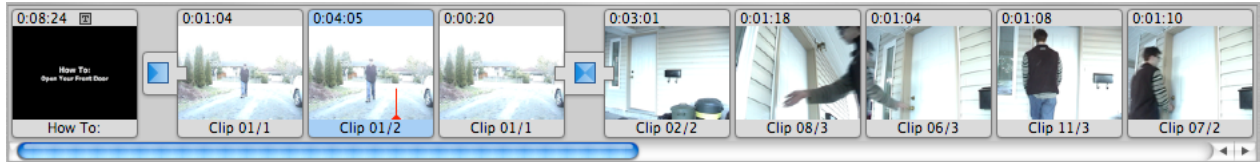
Editing is the process of arranging your video clips into a desired order and trimming your video so that it conveys your intended message concisely.

Know Your iMovie Parts

Clip Viewer



The **Clip Viewer** below the iMovie monitor displays clips in the order they will appear in your movie. This is a simple view of the clip sequences used in your movie.



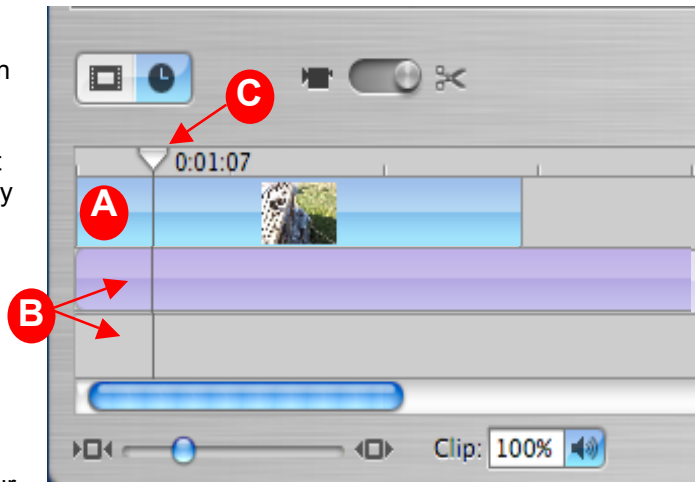
The Timeline Viewer

The **Timeline Viewer** displays your video in relative length. Clips that are longer in duration appear longer on the timeline.

The video track **A** holds all the video clips that make up your movie. Clips turn blue when they are active or selected.

The two audio tracks **B** contain all your audio clips, such as imported music files or sound effects. Audio clips, when active, turn a deeper shade of purple than when inactive.

The **Playhead C** is the inverted white triangle with the line dropping through each track. It moves frame by frame through the clips of your movie as it plays. Drag it to determine where you want a clip to begin playing.



The Scrubber Bar and the iMovie Monitor Window

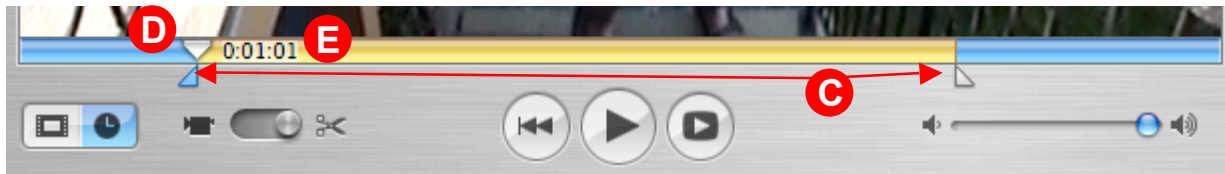
The current frame of your clip appears in the iMovie **monitor window A**. Click the Play button or Press the space bar to watch your clip, and press it again to stop.

The **scrubber bar B** is the shiny blue bar underneath the Monitor window. This is where you'll do all your editing using the **clip markers** and editing commands to cut, copy, and paste your clips.



The **clip markers C** are the pair of smaller triangles that you can bring up by clicking under the **scrubber bar B**. You can then drag the clip markers

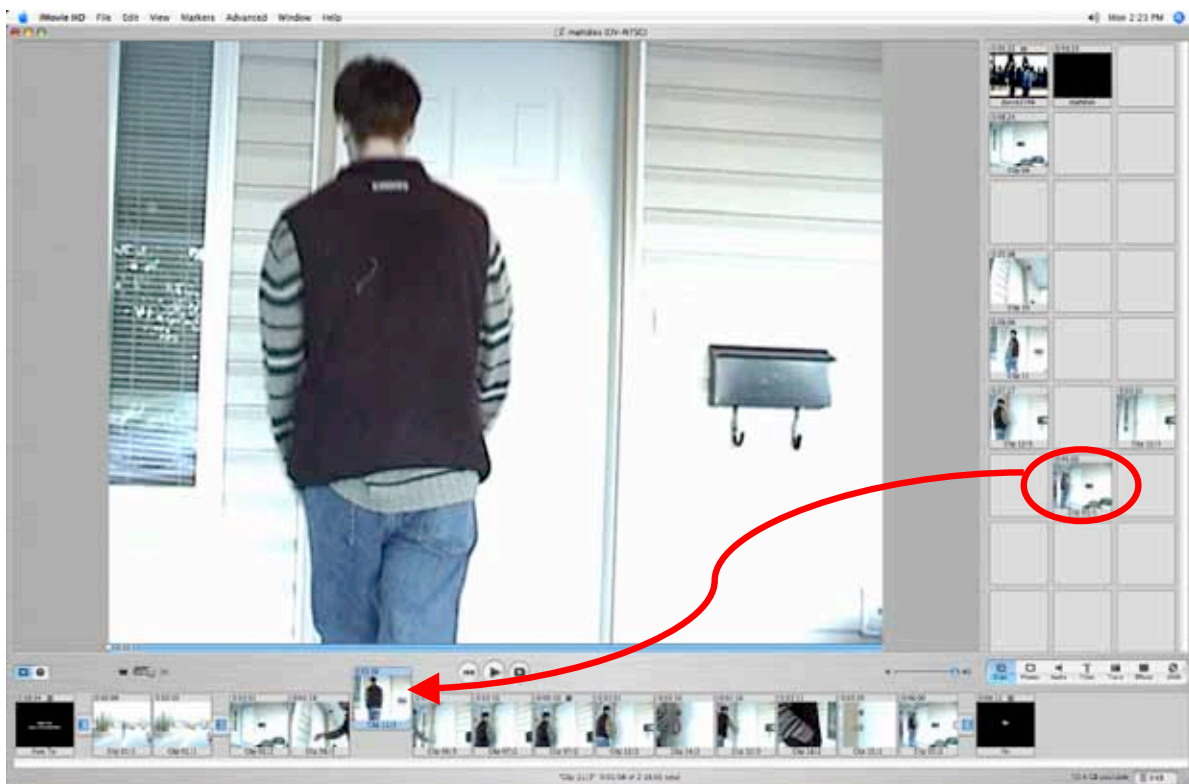
to the beginning and end of the section that you want to cut or copy. The Scrubber Bar has a triangular **Playhead D** that works like the one in the **Timeline Viewer**. The **time code E** next to the **Playhead** shows that we are exactly 1 second and 1 frame into the clip.



Editing Video

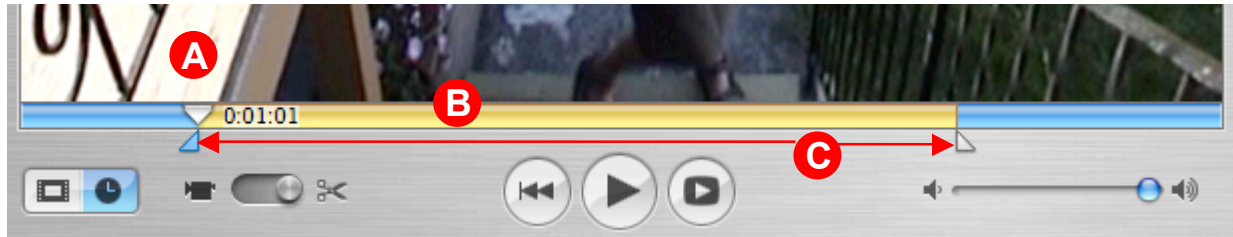
Arranging Your Video Clips

1. Drag your video clips from the **Clips Shelf** into the **Clip Viewer** in the order that you would like them to be played with the first clip on the left of the timeline progressing forward in time to the right. You can rearrange the order by clicking and dragging the clips in the viewer at any time.
2. Unwanted clips can be deleted by selecting them with the mouse and pressing the delete key on the keyboard.



Trimming Your Video Clips

You have a perfect clip, except for a few frames at the beginning during which you hear someone talking out of turn. Here's how to cut out the offending video and audio.



1. Click on the clip, it will become active and it will appear in the **Monitor window A**.
2. In the **scrubber bar**, with the **Playhead** placed at the beginning of the clip, with your mouse under the scrubber bar, drag the **clip markers C** to the desired start and end points of your clip, the section between the markers will turn yellow **B**.
3. To trim your clip (the yellow will be kept and the blue deleted) select **Edit → Crop** [or Command K].

TIP: If you're not happy with your change, don't worry. Simply choose **Edit** from the **Command** menu and select **Undo Cut** or press **Command-Z**. You can undo changes up to 10 times.

The same technique for trimming your clip works in reverse if you'd like to **delete** part of the clip (the yellow will be deleted and the blue kept). Just drag the **clip markers** to the beginning and the end of the part of your clip that you don't want and click **Edit → Clear** or press the delete key.

TIP: Dragging the **Playhead** in the **scrubber bar** allows you to move through the action in your clip, but you gain much more control over your edits when you use the keyboard arrow keys to move through your clip one frame at a time. Tap the arrow keys and watch the **Monitor window** to find the exact frame you want. Press the **Shift** key while you use the arrow keys to move ten frames at a time.

Splitting a Video Clip

1. Select the clip you would like to split (it will highlight the clip in blue). Drag the **Playhead** to where you would like the video to be split. You can use the cursor keys on the keyboard to move the **Playhead** forwards and backwards one frame at a time to fine tune your editing.
2. Click **Edit → Split Video Clip at Playhead**. This creates two clips, both are highlighted blue.