

VIDEO EDITING SOFTWARE

Below are a few options for video editing. All of these are free to start, with some purchase options available for both DaVinci and Filmora. The programs we are featuring below are highly rated and packed with valuable editing tools. They all use the project-based editing system, where media is added to a library, then placed on a timeline within the editor. Various tabs, tools, and windows can be used to edit the media in the library or on the timeline. We featured these three because they range from basic and simple editing to complex and involved editing to suit a range of video styles.

WINDOWS VIDEO EDITOR

This video editor has a lot of valuable features for basic to advanced editing and is available for free on all Windows devices. Text and other effects can also be added to portions of the video or to the entire timeline, and audio can be adjusted. **Note:** There are also some editing tools built into the Photo editor as well. These are general editing features, such as trimming, drawing, and frame saving, but you can open Video Editor to do more complex tasks.

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DAVINCI RESOLVE

This program is free to use but does have a premium (Studio) version that you pay for to access the full range of tools. It is available for both Windows and Mac devices. This program boasts quite the line-up of users, including some big-name production companies that produce blockbuster movies. This application uses the project system packed with menus and tools that can be intimidating for first time editors. Different menus at the bottom of the program are devoted to video, audio, and color editing. One negative to this program is its size. It is a large program that may struggle to run on older computers or lightweight laptops.

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WONDERSHARE FILMORA X

Filmora is a popular, user-friendly program designed for both Mac and PC. It has a free trial version that applies a watermark to all projects. The program can be paid for annually at \$51.99/year or purchased in full for \$79.99. They also advertise an [Educator Discount form](#) that can apply a significant discount for faculty or students using the program for education. The program itself is clear and simple, with large menu items at the top of the window, and the standard project panels in the center. The timeline consists of various tracks that allow you to overlay multiple audio and video elements, along with text and effects.

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