

An Introduction To Video Editing



Matthew J. Sudol, Media Developer for ProMedia, the Professional Media Services, Inc., will share his knowledge about video editing with us on Tuesday May 6th.

He will cover the basics of digital video editing from selection of hardware (encoders and capture devices) and software (video production suites like Adobe Premiere and ULead Video Studio) to editing techniques that you can apply to your specific application. He will cover input formats ranging from Mini DV, DVD, VHS and more to final formats, for example converting your old home movies on VHS to a DVD, or producing your footage from your digital camera for display on the web, such as YouTube.



Matt is a graduate of SUNY College, Cortland. During his tenure there Matt worked for Academic Computing Services as a computer technician and held a position as DJ on 90.5 WSUC-FM.

In 2001 Matt became the lead web designer for a nationally recognized outdoor sporting retail store. During his time there Matt became involved with photography and videography involving outdoor recreation, specifically whitewater kayaking.

In August of 2005 Matt joined Professional Media Services, Inc. as a Media Developer. Since then he has had the opportunity to work with and learn from top professionals in the video production and editing industry. Matt has since produced hundreds of television commercials, 30 minute television shows and several interactive and feature length DVD's. Matt attributes his ability and success in the industry to a versatile understanding of all aspects of video production, from cameras, camera equipment and filming to computer hardware, software and peripherals. ❖

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Whitesboro High School cafeteria



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The MVPCUG was founded in 1981 by individuals interested in IBM compatible computers. This non-profit organization consists of volunteers whose expertise range from novice to professional.

Regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm, usually at the Whitesboro High School, Route 291, Marcy NY. A typical agenda consists of discussion of business affairs and a demonstration of computer related products. Meetings are open to the public.

Initial membership fee for an individual is \$25. Annual renewal dues are \$20.

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Meeting Agenda

5:30	Meet and Greet
6:00	Business Meeting
6:30	Program, Part 1
7:10	Break
7:20	Program, Part 2
8:00	Drawing for Prizes
8:15	Adjournment

Editorial notes . . .

Adobe has launched a public beta of its web-based Photoshop Express image editor for those consumers who want to touch up their photos and share them with friends online. The service offers users 2 gigs of online storage, but limits photos to less than 4,000 pixels in height + width or 10 mgs.



Basic editing functions include red-eye removal, auto correct, crop + rotate. Filters add highlights, soft focus, saturation and sharpness.

You must set up an account to use the service, but once logged in you can allow the service to connect to sites like Picasa, Photobucket, and Facebook.

Image editing is Flash based, so you need to have that installed; also a computer running Windows XP or Vista or Mac OS 10.4.

www.photoshop.com/express

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Minutes of April 1, 2008
 — John Hunter, Secretary

The MVPCUG general meeting was held at the Whitesboro HS cafeteria. President Jerry Finkelstein called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM. There were 36 persons in attendance.

BUSINESS MEETING

President Jerry Finkelstein called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Jerry delayed the proceedings a bit to allow the Whitesboro High School Lacrosse Team meeting also meeting in the cafeteria to finish their business and leave.

After greeting the membership, Jerry informed them that the scheduled presenter, Jean Skahan, was ill and not able to attend the meeting. Jerry then announced that members **Donna Gorrell** and **Jim Pease** had volunteered to present the final program in our genealogy series in her place.

Bill Gorrell gave the treasurer’s report for two months since the meeting in March had been canceled due to weather. Bill reported that from February 1st to March 31st, the club received revenues of \$466.61 reflecting 22 renewals and one expired membership renewal, and accrued interest of \$1.61. Two months’ expenses totaled \$422.11 reflecting payments for Internet service, printing, door prizes, postage and office supplies. The resulting net income totaled \$44.50.

Account balances through March 31st for the checking account totaled \$213.76 and the money market account totaled \$2791.45. The GPO credit union account which totaled \$5.00 was closed due to a \$5.00 assessment charged to the account by the credit union.

Jerry then introduced member **Patty Bruno** who has agreed to serve as the new program chair. Patty asked the members for feedback so that she will be able to provide programs of interest to members. Jerry also announced that Patty will write a monthly newsletter column featuring local events of interest to members.

Patty then asked member **Nelson Robinson** if he could help establish a blog for members on the club web site. Nelson agreed to help.

Finally, Jerry reminded members that if the Whitesboro School District was closed for any reason on our regular meeting date, there would be no meeting. Jerry suggested that members tune to WKTV for notice of closings. Donna and Bill

Gorrell indicated that they sent e-mails to members announcing the meeting cancellation, but several members said that they had not received the e-mails and came to the school anyway.

At 6:32 Jerry turned over the meeting to Donna and Jim for their presentation.

PROGRAM

Jim spoke first demonstrating the genealogical software GenoPro. Jim said his version was a free one that he had downloaded from CNET.com several years earlier. Jim indicated he would share his copy with any member wishing to use this program. After a 45 minutes presentation, Jerry called for a break. Jim indicated that he started using this program to document family history for his children.

After the break Donna resumed the presentation with a demonstration of her genealogical research using Roots Magic. Donna demonstrated how she included photographs in her genealogical charts as well as her efforts to include other vital statistics in the charts. During her discussion, Donna urged members to take high resolution digital photos whenever possible since the high resolution allows for much clearer details in the resulting images. Donna finished her presentation at 8:10 p.m.

DOOR PRIZES

[furnished with club funds]

- 8 ½ X 11 Photo Paper **Tony Ciancio**
- 1 Gig Bit Flash Drive **John Hunter**
- 4 X 6 Photo Paper **Patty Bruno**

[donated by Que Books]

- Photo Pedia* **Joe Penabad**
- Power Point 2007* **John Dylis**

[donated by Peach Pit Press]

- My Space* **Robert Jones**

[donated by Judy Wenner]

- Word Perfect Office 12 **Helen Russell**

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

John Hunter, secretary



HELP HOTLINES

Corel Draw

- Patricia Bruno pbruno315@gmail.com

Hardware

- Bill Gorrell lwgorell@roadrunner.com

WordPerfect / Graphic editing

- Donna Gorrell donna.gorrell@yahoo.com

Word Processing Tips

— by Bob Schaffer

Placing file name and path in a footer

Headers and footers are areas in the top and bottom margins of each page in a document. You can add the file name and path of your document to the header or the footer in a Microsoft Word document.

Those people who prepare handouts, lessons, diagrams, certificates, etc . . . and can't find the file where the item is stored, will save time and trouble by simply placing the file name and path of the item in—I prefer—the footer. I'll also show you how to do this unobtrusively, which means making it smaller and placing it out of the way of the material on your page(s).

To add the file name and path to the footer in a Word document, follow these steps:

1. On the **View** menu, click **Header and Footer**. You will see that the header is outlined by non-printing dotted lines. Below the header you will see the blue Header and Footer toolbar.
2. If you want to add the file name and path of your document to the footer, click **Switch Between Header and Footer** on the **Header and Footer** toolbar. The third icon to the left of **Close** on that bar will do the job for you.
3. Click **Insert AutoText** on the **Header and Footer** toolbar, and then click **Filename and path**. If you haven't *first saved* the file, then **AutoText** won't give you your file name and path.
4. To make the file name and path less obvious on the page, select (highlight) the item and choose a smaller size font. I usually go as small as 8. I also choose a condensed font (Arial Narrow) to so to make the item even smaller in appearance.

So there you have it. Now if you want to use this pattern of steps, turn on your macro command and "record" each step above. Then, once your page is saved, simply run the macro and your filename will appear in the footer in a matter of a couple of seconds. What could be easier?

And here's an alternative to the above: To insert the file name and path into the body of a Word document (not in a footer), point to **AutoText** on the **Insert** menu, point to **Header/Footer**, and then click **Filename and path**. This will place the item wherever your cursor was.

Protecting text in the footer

To protect the text that is in the footer (or header) of a Word document from changes, follow these steps:

1. Open the Word document that contains the header and the footer that you want to protect from changes. **Do not** open the header or the footer of the document.
2. Make sure that you are at the top of your Word document. To do this, press **CTRL+HOME**.
3. On the **Insert** menu, click **Break**.
4. In the **Break** dialog box, click **Continuous** under **Section break types**, and then click **OK**.
5. On the **Tools** menu, click **Protect Document**.
6. Use one of the following procedures, depending on your version of Word:
 - In Microsoft Office Word 2003, follow these steps:
 - a. In the **Protect Document** task pane, click to select the **Allow only this type of editing** in the document check box under **Editing restrictions**, and then change the box to **Filling in forms**.
 - b. Click **Select sections**.
 - c. In the **Selection Protection** dialog box, click to clear the **Section 2** check box, and then click **OK**.
 - d. Under **Start enforcement**, click **Yes, Start Enforcing Protection**.
 - In Microsoft Word 2002 and Microsoft Word 2000, follow these steps:
 - a. In the **Protect Document** dialog box, click to select the **Forms** check box.
 - b. Click **Sections**.
 - c. Click to clear the **Section 2** check box, and then click **OK**.
 - d. Click **OK** to close the **Protect Document** dialog box.

How footers affect margin settings

If the footer (or header) becomes too large vertically to fit in the margin, it starts expanding downward (for the header) and upward (for the footer), reducing the amount of text that can be displayed in the body of the document. To prevent this:

1. On the **File** menu, click **Page Setup**.
2. Click the **Margins** tab.
3. Type a hyphen (-) before the **Top** or **Bottom** margin setting.

What's Happening !!!

— Patricia Bruno

Wireless Fidelity ~ we all know it as Wi Fi.

Today we are a traveling connected society, and we can't seem to go anywhere without that laptop hooked to our hip. If you are wondering, "How can I do that too?" I will try to explain.



Within the Mohawk Valley, we have a lot of restaurants and coffee shops that have free and fee **Wi-Fi**. Here are some free **Hotspots** (that's what they are called) near you.

- **Panera Bread** ~ Commercial Drive, New Hartford
- **Mojo'z Zaffe** ~ Albany Street, Utica
- **Kirkland Library** ~ College Hill Rd., Clinton
- **Herkimer Comm. College** ~ Reservoir Rd, Herkimer
- **Ilion Free Public Library** ~ West Street, Ilion
- **KOA** ~ Herkimer, Niagara Falls, Cooperstown, NY
www.Koa.com/wireless

If you are interested in finding more HOTSPOTS go to www.jjwire.com and check it out!!!

Free Wireless Internet Service (**Wi-Fi**) access is now available to motorists at all 27 Thruway Travel Plazas conveniently located along the 641-mile super-highway. Including I-84. The **Wi-Fi** system provides free Internet access to customers who visit the Travel Plazas with **Wi-Fi** enabled devices such as a laptop, cell phone, or personal digital assistant (PDA).

Now lets try to get you connected!!!

Let's presume your laptop is **Wi-Fi** ready ~ most new laptops are sold today with a **Wi-Fi** adapter. Connecting to your nearest Hotspot is relatively easy. Find a location near the back of the room, sometimes the **Wi-Fi** signal is weaker as you get closer to the door. Open your laptop ~ turn it on, (In Win XP) and depending on your adapter card, you should have a computer with 3 waves in the task bar. Right click on this icon in the taskbar. You should see > View available wireless networks. A list will appear unless you are using a 3rd party adapter card, and you are not using Windows to manage your network.> Then you must connect using the 3rd party software. In the list,

look for the SSID (access point name) for the location where you are trying to connect. There is usually a **Wi-Fi** sign posted stating the SSID.

Tip: This SSID will be unsecured. After you have selected the SSID > click connect > connected should appear. Check the icon in the taskbar for the connection status. Mac's are easier, you select the SSID from the airport menu ~ it's that easy!!!

You're not done!!!

Open a new window in the browser and this new screen should be a **login** screen. This login will allow you to agree to the terms of the location and walk you through any type of payment procedure if there is any. TaDa!! ~ Hopefully that worked!! And remember, it's YOUR JOB to secure your information; make sure your security methods are up to date.

The Utica Public Library is offering Free Computer Classes

Introduction to Computer Fundamentals

An introduction to using computers for those with no prior experience

[Saturdays] May 17th, 24th, and 31st 9:30-11:30 am
[Tues + Thurs] June 3rd, 5th, 10th, + 12th 10:30-12:00

Introduction to Word Processing

Learn the basics of how to use Microsoft Word to create documents

[Saturdays] May 10th 9:30-11:30 am
[Tues + Thurs] April 29th, May 1st, 6th, and 8th
10:30-12:00

Introduction to the Internet and Email

Learn the basics of how to use the internet as well email

[Saturdays] May 3rd 9:30-11:30 am
[Mon-Wed + Fri] May 12th, 14th and 16th 10:30-12:00

Introduction to Excel

Learn the basics of how to use Excel to create spread sheets and tables

[Tues + Thurs] May 20th, 22nd, and 27th 10:30-12:00

Call **Utica Public Library (735-2279)** or visit and sign up at the Information Desk!



Sites to Visit on the 'Net

— by John Hunter

If You're Irish and You Know It . . .

Want to show off your Irish heritage in a physical way? Click on www.shamrock-tattoos-online.com and enter a website devoted to Irish clover and shamrock tattoo designs for the ethnocentric exhibitionist. The site hawks an E-book that provides clover and shamrock designs and Celtic artwork for use by tattoo artists. All for only \$19. The offer includes \$77 dollars of extras. Hurry! Supplies are limited. Ouch!

It's Blowin' In The Wind

The hurricane season is just around the corner. Travelers wishing to keep abreast of the weather should visit www.nhc.noaa.gov. This website is the portal for the National Hurricane Center and provides visitors with current weather information. The center provides maps of the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans for those who wish to track individual storms. There is even an amateur radio station located on the campus of Florida International University in Miami [wx4nhw] devoted to sending out radio hurricane update alerts when necessary. On the day of my visit, winds were calm. Smooth sailing, all.

Dirty Air Hurts

For those of us suffering from COPD or other medical issues, the next site allows people to monitor air quality in the Northeast through live web cams and corresponding air monitoring reports of air quality conditions in urban and rural settings in the Northeast. Click on www.hazecam.net/ and view live pictures from Maine to Maryland. At my visit, air quality remained good except for a portion from Trenton and South Jersey.

When I clicked on the Acadia, Maine cam, I found a live picture of Mt Desert with air quality of low fine particles and low ozone. When I visited Blue Hill, Mass. I found a high resolution archived photo from the day before showing clear skies and the City of Boston with other area landmarks identified on the pictures. The landmark farthest away proved to be Mt. Monadnock in Maine 68 miles distant.

The Newark and New York City cam pictured medium fine particles and low ozone. A bridge in the foreground was clear, but the high rises in the distance were very hazy. The realtime [11:15 a.m.]

image was very impressive. Obviously, the website provides travelers a way to check for air pollution beforehand. Cool and helpful.

History is Good Except in School

Women comprise 51 percent of the population and nearly half of the workforce. Like other groups, however, the contributions made by women to our culture and our country are neglected by history textbooks. For those interested in finding out more about the contributions made by women, visit www.roadsfromsenecafalls.net.

The home page provides links to 2000 web sites related to women's history. These sites have been evaluated and categorized by educators. Retired SUNY Oswego history professor Judith Wellman and Joanne Silverstein of Syracuse University's Information Institute earned a \$213,000 grant from the U.S. Dept of Education for the project.

"Roads" resources may be used in classrooms, by small groups and by individuals of any age. The purpose is to help K-12 teaches incorporate women's history in history and social studies classes and to raise awareness in general of the many contributions made by women to American culture.

You can plan real field trips or take electronic field trips to important sites by clicking on "Field Trips" in a box located on the left side of the screen. When I typed in Sybil Ludington, 16-year-old girl who rode her horse through Dutchess County in 1777 warning citizens the British were coming, I found a short biography and a monument site in Danbury, Ct.

But when I typed in Jogansoseh, the Peace Queen, who lived in Ganondagon, a historic Seneca village, I ran into trouble. The site did not provide any information even though I could choose from colonial history, 17th century history, 18th century history and so on. I clicked on 4th grade level since NYS History is taught at that age and adult level to no avail.

For simple questions the site seems easy to navigate, but for more esoteric questions, you'll need some assistance.

Web Help

Do you know of someone who needs assistive electronic and information technology? If so, visit www.washington.edu/accessit/index for links to searchable databases and Q & As.

Until next time . . .



Did You Know . . . — Donna Gorrell

. . . that you could restore the underlined letters in menus in WindowsXP? That was a convenient feature of older versions of Windows and served as a shortcut for keyboard users. You could press the Alt key and the underlined letter to activate a menu item. It's still available, but you must restore the feature. Right click the desktop, choose Properties, then the Appearance tab. Click on Effects and uncheck "Hide Underlined Letters for Keyboard Navigation Until I Press The Alt Key". Whew, could Microsoft have made that a bit longer or complicated?

. . . that Word has some neat shortcuts for selecting sentences and/or paragraphs? Word uses terminal punctuation [!, ?, and .] to determine where the sentence begins and ends. Hold down the Ctrl key and click anywhere in the sentence. You can also move the cursor to the left margin next to the line and when the cursor changes from the usual "I beam" to an arrow pointing right, click to select the entire line. To select a paragraph, triple click anywhere in the paragraph. The Ctrl key doesn't work in WordPerfect, but the other two tips do. In WordPerfect to select an entire sentence merely double click anywhere within the sentence.

. . . that you can create folders/mailboxes within your email program to organize your mail? To do this in Eudora, right click the top folder "Eudora". Click New and name the mailbox [MVPCUG or Tips]. Click OK and the mailbox will appear under Eudora. You can then save the news from the club or tips, by month, if you want. Right-click the Tips mailbox and create mailboxes beneath it for each month. You can make this filing system as detailed as you like. I have several mailboxes with folders in each mailbox. My MVPCUG mailbox contains folders named; news-letter, thank you, business, and presenters. This allows me to sort emails into the various folders and I can find them easily.

If you're using Outlook or Outlook Express, the procedure is similar [Folders are used, not mailboxes]. In Yahoo, find the word Folders. Click Add. Hotmail is also easy. Click New | Folder. And AOL? Click the Read button. In the Mailbox window, click Manage Mail. Click Saved on My PC | Setup Folders | Create Folder. ❖

Byting Remarks — Jerry Finkelstein

A couple of days ago some teacher friends of mine were complaining to one another about their middle and high school students: "They don't know how to write." They can't write a carefully structured sentence. A carefully structured sentence? What's that? It seems that the students are too busy text-messaging in class even though text-messaging in class is forbidden. Indeed, in many local school classes cell and iPhones are also forbidden. The student, of course, with no respect for the rules of the classroom, bring them anyway. So much for the use of modern technology— it's the ruin of learning how to write "a carefully structured sentence." I don't get the reasoning but that's the complaint. Years and years ago the familiar complaint was also that kids couldn't write a decent sentence if their diplomas depended on it. There must have been a culprit, but text-messaging wasn't it; it was long before its time. But most of those kids did graduate and some of those poor sentence structuring students became teachers themselves, the current crop of complainers. When was the last time they looked, critically, at their own written work?



Some of the necessities of text-messaging are similar to those of email, but there's much to email that is peculiar to its own self. And these two methods of communication are quite different than those required for letter-writing. Once upon a time, a time before text-messaging, it was email that was corrupting our youth's ability to write well. After all, wasn't email the medium of bad writing? Poor word choices are the accepted norm. Lots of capital letters and exclamation marks and smilies give the email a kind of style, a tone that is sure to "inform, influence, inspire."

Let's be practical, when do you find time in your very busy day to write a carefully worded, exclamation-point free email? Our own Donna does. If you've ever received email from her consider yourself privileged. We'll have to get her to tell us how she does it. For most of us though email permits us to write fast and sloppy. One critic of email notes its function as "an instrument of speedy, heedless, communication." Perhaps the 12-year olds are indeed the masters of test-messages and email. Instead of complaining about them perhaps we can get them to give us a few practical lessons.

You might want to look up *Send: The Essential Guide to Email for Office and Home*, by David Shipley and Will Schwalbe. It promises to tell us "how to write the perfect email anywhere." ❖

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Tuesday ♦ May 6, 2008 ♦ 6:00 PM ♦ Whitesboro High School



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 1 st is Law Day, Loyalty Day, and National Day of Prayer V-E Day was declared on May 8, 1945 Armed Forces Day is May 17 th Peace Officers Memorial Day is May 15 th				1 Q & A SIG 6:30 PM Whitesboro HS Room 522	2	3
4	5	6 Monthly General Meeting 6:00 PM Whitesboro HS	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Mother's Day</i> 	12	13 Board of Directors Meeting 6:30 PM	14	15	16	17
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