#### **Sun City Summerlin Computer Club**

Seminar

# Video Editing With Pinnacle Studio 18

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#### Introduction

- This seminar updates and consolidates material l've presented over past 5 years on video editing.
- With the popularity of hand-held devices, there's a growing need for a way to produce movies in a convenient format (MP4) for playing on these devices.
- You may also want the MP4 format for a movie library on your PC that can be played / streamed to your HDTV.
- We'll use Pinnacle Studio 18 today as our main editing tool. Much of what we do can also be done in the free Windows Live Movie Maker.
- Along the way, we'll also touch on other useful tools.

## **Getting Some Useful Tools**

#### • Pinnacle Studio 18

- <u>www.pinnaclesys.com</u>
- Upgrade price is \$69.95 for Plus edition (all you'll ever need)
- DVDShrink (free)
  - Version 3.2.0.15 (converts a commercial DVD to an unlocked format)
  - <u>http://www.softpedia.com/get/CD-DVD-Tools/CD-DVD-Rip-Other-Tools/DVD-Shrink.shtml</u>
- HandBrake (free)
  - Version 0.10.1 (Converts videos & DVDs to other formats)
  - http://handbrake.fr
- iTunes (free)
  - Version 12.1.2 (media player + downloader to iPad, iPhone)
  - <u>http://www.apple.com/itunes/download</u>

#### **Overview of the Process**



#### **Pinnacle Studio Basics (1)**

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## **Pinnacle Studio Basics (2)**

#### • Media Library

- Links to media files on your hard drive (pictures, sounds, videos)
- Can also import to hard drive from external devices like camcorders
- Library contents available to all projects
- Time Lines
  - **PS 18** supports several parallel timelines (default is 4)
  - Useful for adding a sound track or voice-over
  - Can expand / contract the on-screen time scale to get finer resolution
  - Can add many clips in succession to the timeline
- Cutting / Cropping Video Clips
  - Use the razor blade tool to mark start and end cut points
  - Select the segment to delete or cut
  - To delete, press the Delete key. Or right click and select delete
  - To cut, press Ctrl+X or use Edit > Cut

## **Pinnacle Studio Basics (3)**

- Copy / Cut / Paste / Undo shortcut keys
  - Ctrl+C (Edit > Copy)
  - Ctrl+V (Edit > Paste)
  - Ctrl+X (Edit > Cut)
  - Ctrl+Z (Edit > Undo)
- Moving, Inserting and Deleting Clips
  - Can use drag and drop to move or use Cut or Copy and Paste
  - Place the time marker and then drag a new clip to that spot to insert it.
  - Select a clip and then just press the Delete key to remove it.
- Adding Titles
  - Select Titles in the Content section (there are hundreds)
  - Browse through and test to find ones you like.
  - Drag a title to where you want it on the timeline.
  - Edit the title's text, colors and other properties. Adjust its duration.

## **Pinnacle Studio Basics (4)**

#### Adding Transitions

- A transition bridges between two clips.
- May be very simple, like a fade or may be more animated wipes, dissolves. PS 18 offers many, many choices.
- Choose the Transitions in the Content section
- Browse to find one or more that you like.
- Drag that transition to the timeline between the first two clips.
- Right click and edit the transition's properties and adjust duration.
- When done, set the time marker before the transition and play the movie to see how it works. Then adjust as needed.
- You can right click on a transition and use Ripple to apply to all.

## **Pinnacle Studio Basics (5)**

#### Photo durations

- You can select one, several or all photos and set the duration each is to be displayed.
- Making Your Video Export
  - When everything is set up, click the Export button
  - Choose your export type: File, Disc, Cloud, Device
  - Choose the file type from the dropdown MP4
  - Choose a preset (e.g. 720P or 1080P) for the output format
  - Specify a Destination folder (click the small folder icon)
  - Click the Start Export button. Then provide a file name. and click OK.
  - Pinnacle Studio will write the finished MP4 file of your video.

#### **Video Movie Project**

- Combine 5 clips of the Tappers May 2013 Rehearsal into a single MP4 video with titles, transitions and credits.
  - 1. Import the 5 clips (use LINK) into the Media Library
  - 2. Drag and drop the 5 clips in sequence onto the time line
  - 3. Choose a Title and drag to the front of the time line
  - 4. Choose another (or the same) title and drag to the end of the time line
  - 5. Edit both Lead-in and Credits Titles to suit and set duration
  - 6. Preview the video
  - 7. Choose a simple fade transition and drop between each clip
  - 8. Configure each fade and set duration
  - 9. Crop any unwanted material from the start and end of each clip
  - **10.** Preview again to make sure everything is right
  - **11.** Generate (Export) the finished video as a 720P .MP4 file
  - **12.** Optional burn the video to a video DVD

### **Video Slideshow Project**

- Combine a set of photos into a slide show video, with titles, transitions, credits and sound track.
  - **1.** Import the photos into the Media library
  - 2. Import the sound file into the Media library
  - **3.** Drag and drop the photos in sequence onto the time line
  - 4. Choose a Title and drag to the front of the time line
  - 5. Choose another (or the same) title and drag to the end of the time line
  - 6. Edit both Lead-in and Credits Titles to suit
  - 7. Choose the dissolve transition and drop between first two photos
  - 8. Configure that transition and then ripple to all
  - 9. Select all photos and titles, right click and set duration to 5.5 seconds
  - **10.** Drag and drop the sound file onto a separate time line
  - **11.** Preview to make sure everything is right
  - **12.** Generate (Export) the finished video as a .MP4 file

#### **Downloading the MP4 to a Device**

- For an Apple Device (iPod, iPhone, iPad):
  - Start iTunes
  - Add the newly rendered MP4 file to your iTunes Library
  - Plug in your i-device via the USB adapter
  - iTunes will then offer to synch the MP4 file to the i-device
- For an Android Device (tablet or phone)
  - Plug in your Android device via the USB adapter.
  - Windows will open the device in Explorer with a new drive letter.
  - Use Copy / Paste or Ctrl-drag to copy the MP4 file to a folder on your Android device.
  - If your Android device has a SD card slot, you can instead plug the SD card into your PC's card reader or USB adapter and copy the file to the SD card.
  - Then plug the SD card into your Android device.

### **Transferring a Video to YouTube**

#### • Log in to <u>www.YouTube.com</u>.

- If you don't have a Google account, you will need to create one.
- Once you are logged in, you may need to create a public channel.
   That will allow you to upload video files and share them.
- Next, go to the Dashboard.
- Click the "Upload a Video" button.
- Navigate to the video you wish to upload and click OK.
- Youtube will upload the video and provide a hyperlink that you can send to others. (For example ...)
  - <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMUAxKibRp4&feature=youtu.be</u>
- \*\*\* Caution \*\*\*
  - Be careful uploading videos to YouTube that use commercial music in the background. You may run afoul of the copyright police.



# Final Questions and Answers

**Video Editing**