

Video Editing Software

If you've already been shooting videos and editing them on your computer, you probably won't need much advice. However, if you're new to digital movie shooting and editing, you need to know that there are several great programs out there, including free ones, that allow you to create cool movies with introductions and effects.

Here is a list of excellent editing software that you have to pay for. Most sell for less than US\$100:

- Adobe Premier Elements
- Corel VideoStudio
- Roxio Creator
- CyberLink PowerDirector
- Nero

Here is a list of my favorite freeware or shareware video editing software that you can download online:

- Microsoft Windows Movie Maker (easiest to get since it is built into Microsoft Windows XP Service Pack 3 or is available as a free download and is easy to use; Google "Download Windows Movie Maker")
- Apple iMovie (free if you buy a new Mac)
- Avid FreeDV (available for both PC and Mac)
- Wax
- Zwei-Stein

My Recommendation: If you are using a PC, try the free Windows Movie Maker. The TV advertisement shows a child assembling movies and pictures into a presentation. If you use a Mac, buy a new one and get iMovie, or check to see if you already have it on your newer Mac. You can purchase it from Apple if you don't. Both programs are easy to use. Google the names of the free stuff and give them a try, too.