

Camtasia Studio Video Getting Started Guide

Record your screen, edit and customize professional quality videos, and share them with anyone, on nearly any device. No matter what your situation is, Camtasia makes it easy to create great looking videos, and share them with ease.

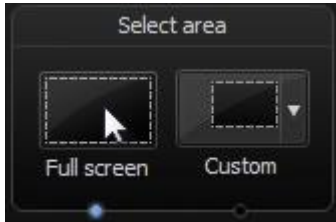
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This guide walks you through the basics on how to record, edit, and share your first video in Camtasia Studio.

Record the Screen

This section describes how to record any action on the screen for product demos, how-to's, etc.

1. Open Camtasia Recorder.
2. Click the **Full Screen** button.



3. Select the camera and audio options:

- **Record a web camera:** Click the Webcam button to turn on recording a camera such as a USB camera. Click the dropdown to select which camera device to record. A preview of the camera appears to the right of the Webcam button.



- **Record audio from a microphone:** Record voice narration or other audio from a microphone. This option is turned on by default.



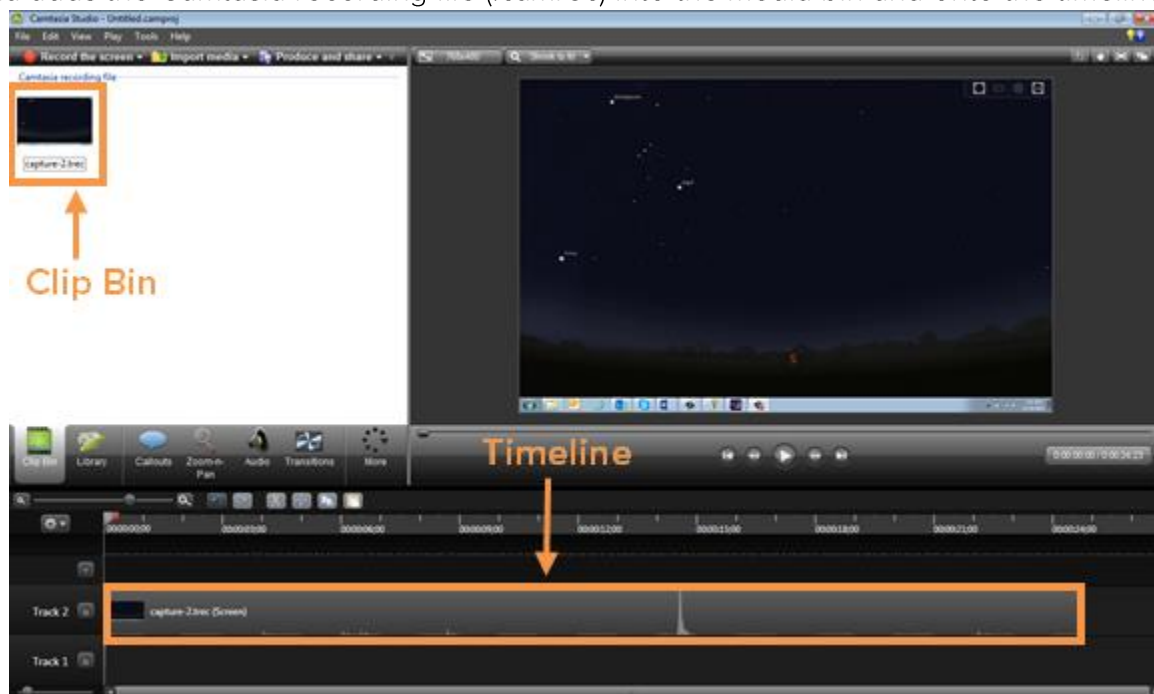
- **Record audio from a computer:** System audio is the sound from your computer including mouse click sounds, audio from your speakers, etc. System audio is turned on by default. To turn it off, select the Record system audio option from dropdown on the Audio button.

4. Click the **Record** button or press **F9** to start recording.

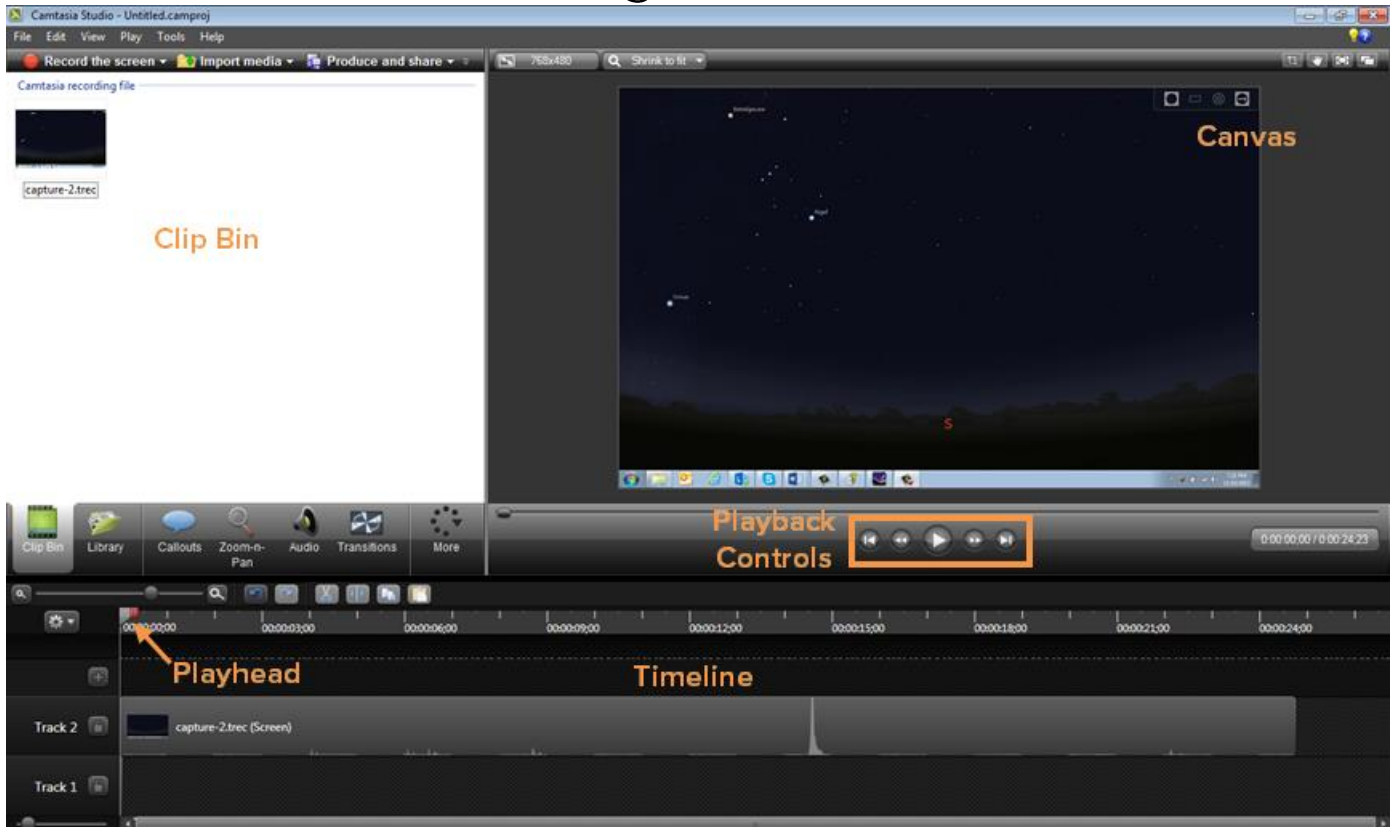


5. Press **F10** to stop recording.
6. The Preview Window appears.
 - Click **Save and Edit** to open your video in Editor where you can edit and enhance the video.
 - Click **Produce** to open the Production Wizard to create a shareable video.

Camtasia adds the Camtasia recording file (.camrec) into the media bin and onto the timeline.



Preview the Recording in Camtasia Editor



After recording, you can preview and playback the video in Camtasia Studio. Use the following:

- **Playback controls:** Click the Play button or press the spacebar on your keyboard to start playback.
- **Playhead:** Marks the position within the video that is shown on the canvas.
- **Timeline:** Represents the sequence of all media within a video. Drag media and assets onto a track on the timeline to include it in the video.
- **Canvas:** Displays a preview of the media within the video at the location of the playhead on the timeline.
- **Clip Bin:** Stores all source files for a video including recordings, video clips, audio clips, still images, and other assets. To add media to a video, drag the media from the clip bin onto the timeline.

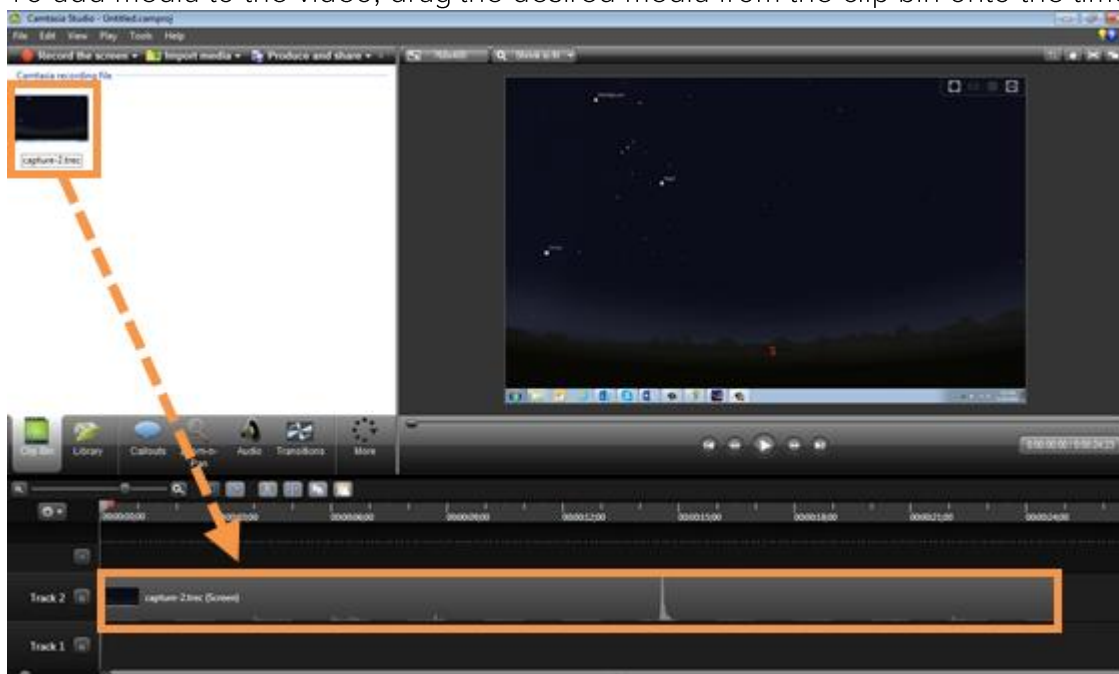
Edit the Video

This section describes how to complete basic edits in Camtasia Studio. For more in-depth help on editing, see the Camtasia Studio help file or online tutorials.

Add Media

In Camtasia Studio, you can add screen recordings, video clips, audio clips, still images, and other assets.

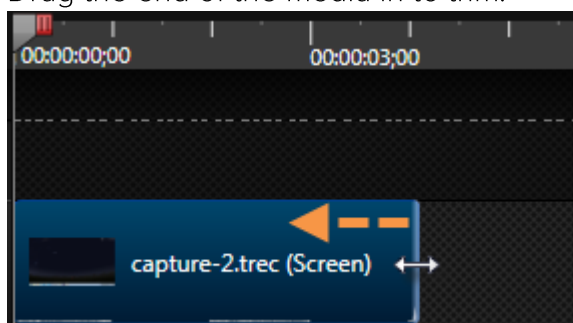
- To add recordings to a project, click the Import media button or click the Record the screen button.
- To add media to the video, drag the desired media from the clip bin onto the timeline.



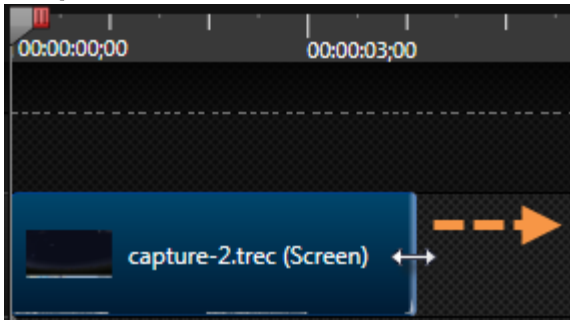
Trim out Unwanted Portions

You can trim out the beginning or end of media on the timeline. Trimming does not permanently delete any portion of the media.

1. Click to select the media on the timeline.
2. Drag the end of the media in to trim.



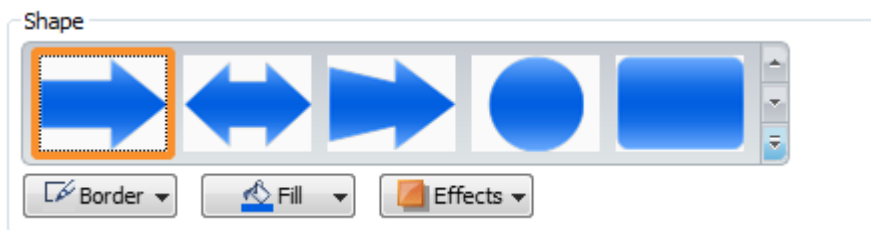
3. Drag the end of the media back out to restore the original media.



Add Callouts

Callouts are graphics that appear on top of a video to draw viewers' attention to important objects or processes in a video.

1. In Editor, click the Callouts tab.
2. Position the playhead on the timeline where to add the callout. Click the **Add callout** button.
3. Select a callout shape.



4. The callout appears on the canvas and on the timeline at the playhead. Select any border, fill, and effects settings.
5. Enter text into the text box. The text is updated to the callout on the canvas.

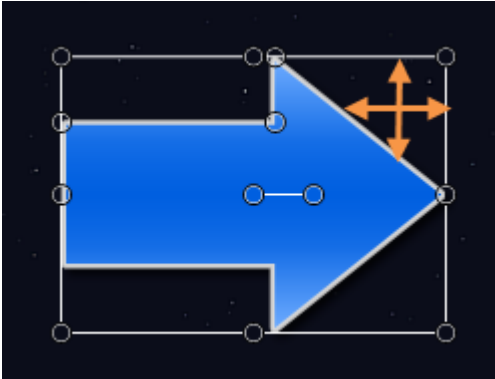
Edit Objects on the Canvas

You can edit the position, size, rotation, and appearance of any video clip, annotation, or image directly on the canvas.

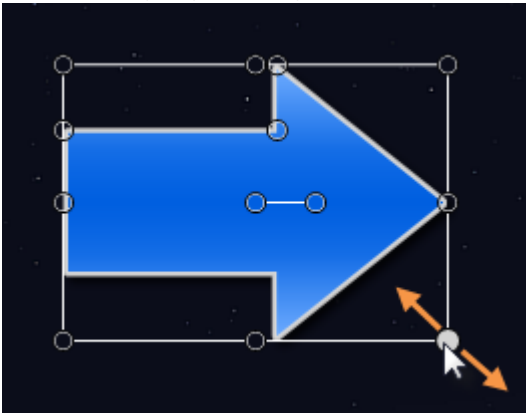
Note: Any portion of the media located outside the highlighted canvas area is not included in the final video.

Click to select the media on the canvas.

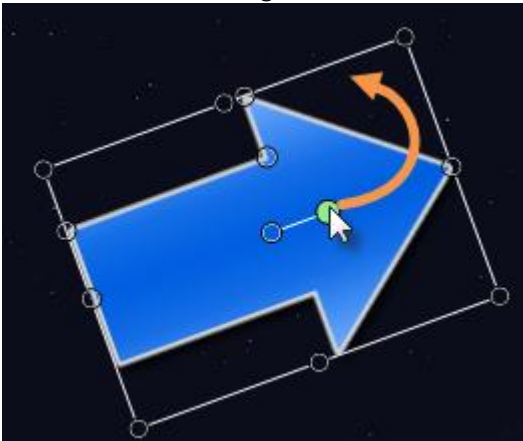
- **Position media:** Click within the media and drag it to the desired position on the canvas. As you drag, yellow lines appear to help align or center the media.



- **Resize media:** Drag a handle in or out. For precise editing, use the Scale control located within the properties pane.



- **Rotate media:** Drag the rotation control on the canvas around the anchor point.



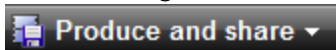
Share the Video

1. To share the video:

- After recording in the Preview Window, click **Produce**.



- After editing in Camtasia Studio, click **Produce and Share**.



2. The Production Wizard appears. The default setting is the recommended file format based on the recording dimensions, editing dimensions, and content on the timeline. You can select another option from the dropdown. Click **Next**.
3. Enter a name and location for the video.
4. Click **Finish**. The rendering process begins.
5. When the video rendering is complete, the Production Results appear which lists the details of the videos such as the files created, file size, etc. Click **Finish** to close the Production Wizard.

Additional Resources

Free Training and Support

The TechSmith website offers a range of help including video, written, phone, online, and in-product assistance. And it's FREE!

Online Tutorials

www.techsmith.com/tutorial.html - Go from novice to expert in no time flat with our library of product-specific training videos and documentation.

Technical Support

support.techsmith.com - A friendly, knowledgeable voice is just a phone call away.

U.S. and Canada - 1.800.517.3001

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feedback.techsmith.com - Join the community and interact with TechSmith employees and other users to get answers and send your feedback.

Resources within the Product

- **Camtasia Studio Help File** - Search and browse the in-product help file for quick answers.
Select Help > Camtasia Studio help.
- **Getting Started Project** – Select Help > Open Getting Started Project.