



# Final Cut Pro for Beginners

## Course Outline

**Course length:** 4 days over 2 weeks  
9.30am - 5.30pm

**Required knowledge:**

Basic computer skills and preferably an understanding of Mac OS systems.

### Day 1

**TOOLS OF THE TRADE:**

Basics of Digital Video  
Tapes and timecode  
Setting up your system  
Navigate Mac OS  
Connect a DV deck – identify cables

**NEW PROJECT:**

How to open/save a new project  
System settings – scratch disks, device control  
AV settings

**LOG & CAPTURE:**

The Log & Capture Window  
Reel Numbers  
Timecode  
Clip/Batch/Now capture  
Project files and Media files – what's what

## **Day 2**

### **BASIC EDITING:**

How to use the interface  
Targeting tracks  
Drag and drop  
3 point editing  
Keyboard shortcuts  
Insert/Overwrite edits  
Practical Exercise

## **Day 3**

### **BASIC EDITING:**

Editing in the timeline  
Using the timeline tools  
Audio tools  
Transitions and basic effects  
**PRACTICAL EXERCISE**

## **Day 4**

### **FINISHING AND OUTPUTTING TO TAPE:**

Finish practical edits  
Adding Filters  
Audio and video mix down  
Finish & Output to tape  
Review exercises  
Discussion of people skills needed when editing – relationship between director, commissioner etc.

### **After the course you'll be able to:**

- Capture video in the most efficient manner.
- Edit a short sequence of digital video using the various editing tools in FCP
- Print an edited video from the computer to a DV deck.
- Understand the people skills needed to effectively work with directors and commissioners, etc.

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