

How to create a basic video presentation in the video creation platform – Camtasia.

[Camtasia is a video editing and creation platform that is developed and supported by TechSmith.]

Hello, my name is Laurie Ward, and I will be guiding you through the basic steps necessary to create a voice recording in Camtasia.

If you haven't downloaded Camtasia for your personal computer, you will need to do that before you continue with this video. Feel free to pause, review, and skip to various sections throughout this video as necessary for your training needs.

After you have downloaded Camtasia, open the application. You will see the option to create a "New Project." Click this button.

Once you have selected the new project option, a blank Camtasia template will open for you.

This blank template can be intimidating, but after watching this video you will be able to record a voice narration and know how to do basic edits to the voice narration.

Let's start.

On the left side of your screen are several editing options such as Media, Library, Favorites, and so on. Look for the "Voice Narration" option.

Once you have selected "voice narration" a new panel will appear on your screen that has a red "Start Voice Recording" button.

When you are ready to record you will press this button. There is not a countdown to recording with this option, the voice narration immediately begins narrating, so make sure you have a script or your talking points prepared.

You can copy and paste your script into the "paste or type script here" box above the voice recording button if you choose. I will be doing that for this training.

[copy and paste the following text]

*Have you ever wondered what it would be like to have all your decisions made for you? What you wear, how much you can eat, or even what job you will have?*

*Able Smith is about to turn sixteen, and this means the Life Line Marking process is close at hand. In this society, young people's place in society is decided by the Tree of Life.*

[model how to do the voice recording]

Now that we have our recording we are ready to do some editing.

To edit your voice recording, select the voice recording by clicking on the section. You will know what sections you have selected as they will be outlined with a yellow box.

Next, you will go back to the left side of your screen where you selected “voice narration” earlier and select the “audio effects” option.

When selected, this option will bring up several tools to manipulate the sound of your voice recording. For the purposes of this video, we will only be using the “noise removal” option. Select this option and drag it onto the highlighted portion of your voice narration. This will remove a majority of background noise from your video allowing it to sound more professional.

Lastly, let’s say that you decided there was a portion of the voice narration you no longer wanted to include. Instead of doing the recording over again, you can use the ripple delete option.

Making sure the correct section of your voice recording is still selected with the yellow box, move the red portion of the play marker to the right until you have selected the section of the voice recording you want to remove. This section will appear darker than the rest of the voice recording selection.

Then on the bottom left of your screen you will see a scissors icon. Select that icon and Camtasia will complete a ripple delete of your voice narration. A ripple delete means that the selection you wanted to remove will be deleted, and the remainder of the voice section will be moved over, like a ripple effect, to the left so that there is a “seam” in the recording. This seam is fluid and when sections are removed carefully, it is difficult to know that any editing occurred.

There we have it! The basics of creating a voice narration and editing a voice narration in Camtasia. Thanks for joining!