# **From watching NBA highlights to making them**

*DECK: Senior picks up video editing in order to delve deeper into his interest in basketball and other passions.*

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In 2017, the craze for NBA highlights and basketball mixtapes was at its peak. These mixtapes often consisted of flashy passes, dunks and crossovers, showcasing each athlete's strengths and entertaining viewers like huge basketball fan Adhitya Nair.

Over time, these mixtapes inspired Adhitya to create his own videos and post them on his YouTube channel, [“Dit’s Docs,”](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVu4w3uZt_1ZarStkqtS2vA/videos) starting in early 2021. Some of his recent mixtapes include Derrick Rose, Jimmy Butler and complete 2016 NBA highlights videos.

Adhitya began his journey with the editing software DaVinci Resolve, and he had almost no video editing experience. At first, he stumbled through the dark, oblivious to common editing procedures, taking around 10-30 hours to edit 2- to 17-minute videos due to technical difficulties and inefficient methods.

“Since I was new, I didn't know that these editing software programs crash super often, so I pretty much lost all my progress, and I almost quit video editing before the whole thing even got started,” Adithya said. “Now, hitting command-s has become a subconscious behavior whenever I edit.”

Through these troubles, Adithya stuck with editing because of the positive feedback he received from friends and family.

Since starting his YouTube channel, Adithya has expanded from basketball content to other topics he is interested in. One video, for example, advocated for stopping Asian and Pacific Islander hate, featuring a compilation of news clips over a background of music. As of the beginning of May 2021, Adithya’s channel has 13 videos and 1,000 views altogether.

Adithya’s interest in video editing has expanded past his own personal channel, as he has helped edit a variety of other projects, including students’ YouTube videos, TikToks, a portion of a virtual band show and the All Male Dance of the school’s annual Bombay in the Bay performance.

In pursuing a pre-med track at Baylor University, Adithya hopes to keep running his YouTube channel and helping others with his editing skills, with the goal of creating videos for a wider range of audiences.

“Video editing has really allowed me to expand my interests, and I hope to continue it in the future,” Adithya said.