

Adobe Premiere Elements – Part II

Adding Transitions

In our first movie, we totally ignored transitions. It's time to put them in. Transitions refer to the transitions between clips or images (whereas effects are applied directly to a single clip). Premiere Elements comes with a variety of transitions to choose from. However, don't get carried away – too many transitions or too many different transitions will detract from your video. Keep it simple!

We're going to apply a simple fade (known as a cross dissolve in Premiere Elements) between all our clips. You can experiment later with your own personal preferences for transitions.

1. Click on the **Effects** button in the taskbar at the top.
2. In the text box that says "Contains," type *dissolve*. The effects window will look like this:



Click on the icon for a cross dissolve and drag it onto the timeline between the first and second clip.



Repeat this process for all the remaining clips so that there is a cross dissolve transition between every clip.

3. If you want to see all the available transitions, delete the word "dissolve" from the text box. You will now be able to open up all the categories of transitions by clicking on the purple arrows on the left.