

# Adobe Premiere Elements

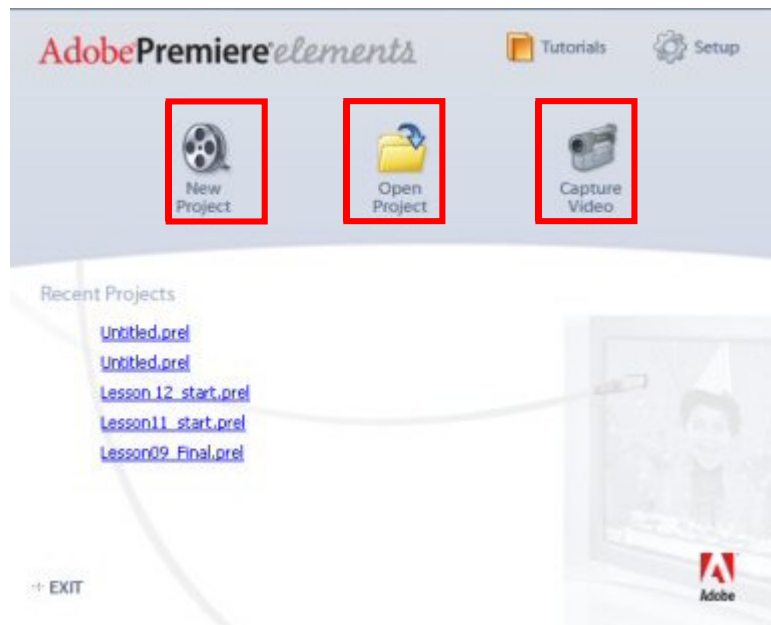
## Introduction

Using Adobe Premiere Elements, you will be able to produce videos using a combination of still images, video clips, voice-over narrations, music soundtracks and an amazing array of effects and transitions. You will be able to export them as stand-alone movies that can be played on a computer or a DVD player, compressed movies suitable for emailing or the web, or full-blown DVDs complete with menus and scene selections. The order of events will be:

1. Capture video and digitize other elements of your movie
2. Import your media into Premiere
3. Edit your clips, including stills
4. Add effects and transitions
5. Add a voice-over narration
6. Add a music track
7. Export your movie

Almost all of these tasks can be accomplished within Premiere Elements, including editing still images, since Premiere works seamlessly with Photoshop Elements to import and export edited stills. The tasks for which you will need additional software include digitizing still images (scanner needed), voice-overs (recording software required) and digitizing music tracks (ripper required). By the time you get to this tutorial, you should have been through the digital derby and learned “How to Capture Almost Anything.” If you need help digitizing other elements of your movie, please consult the complete set of tutorials at <http://millie.furman.edu/tutorials>.

Let’s take a quick tour of the Premiere screen to orient ourselves to these tasks and where they are located within Premiere. When you launch Premiere, the welcome screen looks like this:

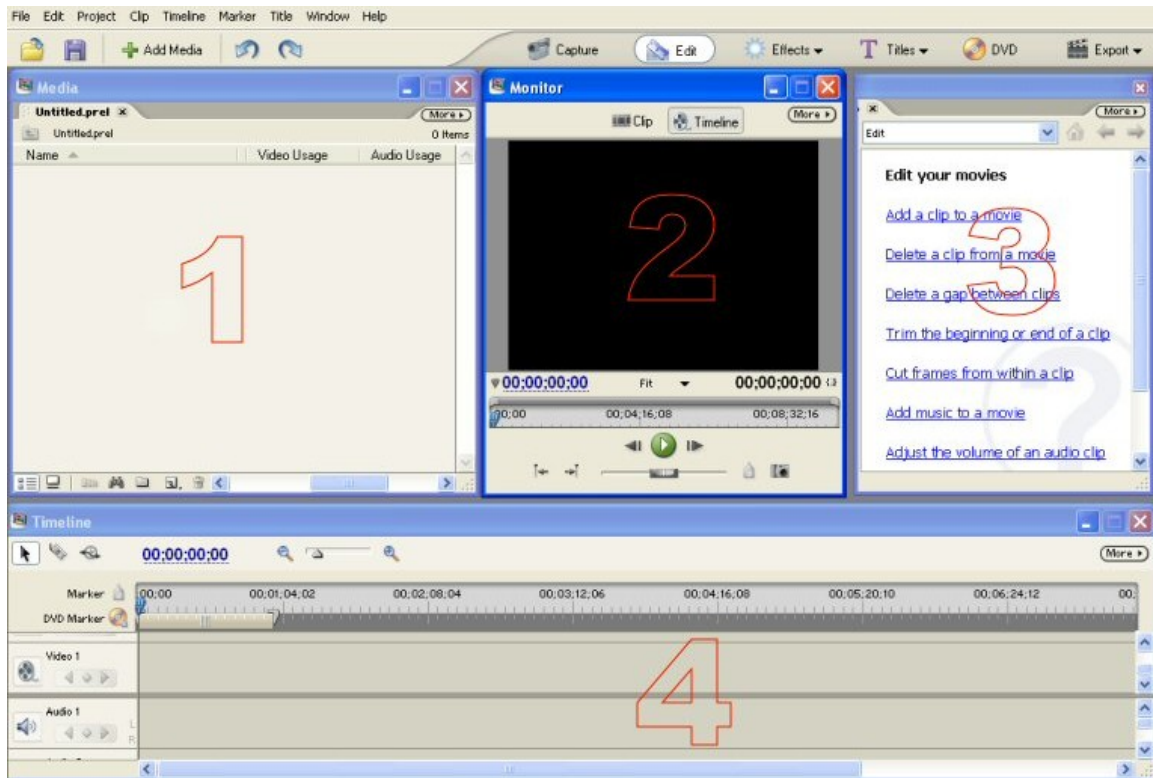


You have three choices:

1. Begin a new project
2. Open an existing project
3. Capture video

For this tutorial, we will assume that you have already captured your video. We will therefore click on “New Project” to start our first lesson.

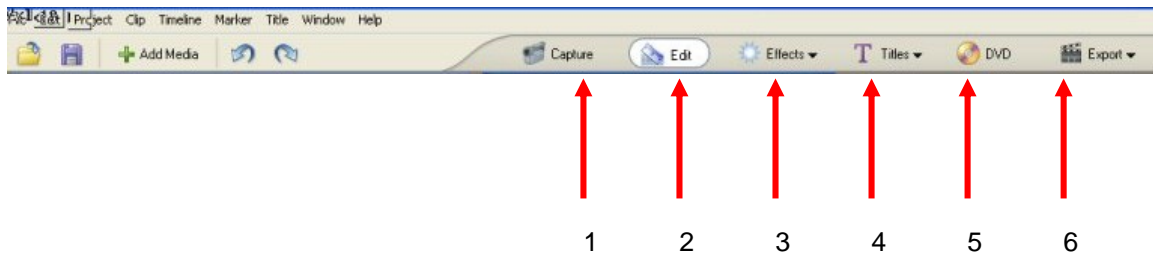
When you click on “New Project, the Premiere workspace opens up:



The four main areas of the screen are:

1. Media window (as you add clips, they will appear as thumbnails in this window)
2. Monitor (you can watch your video in real time as it progresses)
3. How To (need help? Task-related help tips are located here)
4. Timeline (you will add clips and images to the timeline to create your video)

The basic tasks run across the top of the screen in a taskbar:



This is the order in which we will make our movie: capture video (or digitize other elements) and import them into our media window, edit our clips, add effects and transitions, add a title screen, create a DVD menu and then export our video.

So, let's get started.