

# DaVinci Resolve quick start

## Download the free version

<https://www.blackmagicdesign.com/products/davinciresolve/>

Ubuntu compatibility: see e.g. <https://www.linuxuprising.com/2018/06/how-to-install-davinci-resolve-15-in.html>

## Quick start

- In **Media** tab, add video clips or images.
- In **Edit** tab, create a timeline by right-clicking inside **Media Pool/Master** (change **Start Timecode** to 00:00:00:00 if needed) and add several clips and/or images and/or text (in **Effects Library**) if needed (drag and drop them in the timeline at the place where they should start) and in **Inspector**, crop or transform them if needed...
- Warning: the last number in the **Timecode** (after the seconds) is the frame number, not hundreds of seconds...
- Fullscreen preview of the video in **Edit** or **Delivery** tabs: CTRL+F keys.
- To remove audio, in **Edit** tab, right-click on the audio track and unselect **Link Clips**, then select only audio track and right-click **Delete Selected**. In **Delivery** tab, it is also possible to choose to not export audio data in **Render Settings > Custom**.
- In **Cut** tab, use the scissor button to cut the track at the current place of the cursor and press DEL key to remove the selected part (or right-click on the track and select **Cut** to remove)
- In **Fusion** tab, right-click inside **Nodes** and e.g. choose **Add Tool > I/O > Media In**, **Add Tool > Transform > Transform**, **Add Tool > I/O > Media Out**, link the nodes and select **Transform** node (hovering on the nodes shows options to select what is shown in the left and right views) and edit its parameters in **Inspector** to apply a processing on the current clip of the **Edit** tab timeline.
- In **Deliver** tab, change video format and settings if needed and **Add to Render Queue**, then **Start Render/Render all**.

## Tips

- To export the project for later use (possibly on another computer), choose **Export Project with Stills and LUTs** (available when right-clicking on the desired project in the **Projects** window that appears when opening **DaVinci Resolve**). If you want the original videos to be included, choose **Export Project Archive**.

## Issues

- No .avi, .wmv support?->Use e.g. the **Video Editor** in **Microsoft Photos Legacy** (still available from the **Settings** of the **Microsoft Photos** app in 2025) or **FormatFactory** apps to convert to .mp4...
- Where is the projects folder?->Need to export...
- Why 1:00:00 in **Timeline**?->To change it, right-click the timeline name, choose **Timelines > Starting Timecode**
- Cannot hide tracks?