

COMPARATIVE TECHNOLOGY MIDTERM REPORT

Looking back from the first class meeting, I proposed the idea that I desired to improve my film editing skills and until now I finished my first project, which is a trailer for Cinema Pacific 2014. I am confident that I can reach my project goal in this course. In the beginning, I was struggling with selecting which software I should utilize as I read the articles on the diigo list. I also asked around friends from the film industries and finally decided that Final Cut Pro is a better fit for me. Despite I have been a Mac user for nine years, Final Cut Pro has plugin from little money to free and also it still prevails in the film industry around the world.

During the past few weeks, I truly enjoyed doing my project and familiarized with the layout and keyboard shortcuts of Final Cut Pro. It is no doubt that to become more sophisticated in a software, I need to dedicate my time. It is extremely important for me to manage my time on this project, because we only meet once a week. In this way, I need to drive myself to make time for this project and make progress every week. I appreciate taking the advantage of an online resource on which I found many helpful tutorials that helped me go through the basic functions and questions of Final Cut.

At this stage of my project, I already finished my first assignment. I have explored different effects and transitions and also tried multiple title styles. I discovered that Final Cut Pro is indeed user friendly and easy to pick up. What I truly appreciate is the libraries' function that can be efficiently organized and shared the medias. Another function that I feel helpful is the magnetic of the timeline, which makes all the clips stick together without leaving blank among the videos.

For my final project, I would like to explore more effects in Final Cut; my project is to create an highlight video for CinemaPacific Film Festival, a combination of photos and footages. I would like to pay more attention to the audio functions that I have not touched down on my first project. Meanwhile, I would like to discover more plugins and try to be more creative in this final project.

In conclusion, I am pleased that I am a little bit ahead on my schedule and that gives me more time to work on my final project. I will start to collect the photos and videos from this year's festival and generate a story or an idea. I am looking forward to the next five weeks and producing a fun and memorable highlight video for Cinema Pacific.