

# VIDEO EDITING APPS FOR A "WINDOWS.." COMPUTER

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# SUMMARY

We tested various software apps for doing video editing and ran various tests to rank them from the simplest and least capable to the most complex and most capable

# TOPICS

- Video Editing Apps That Passed Our Testing Process
- Costs of the Video Editing Apps
- How Much RAM Does My Computer Need?
- Installing the Video Editing Apps
- Appendix:  
Video Editing Apps That Failed Our Testing Process

# VIDEO EDITING APPS

The following video editing apps passed our testing process:

- "Video Editor" bundled in "Windows 10" from Microsoft (inside "Photos" in "Windows 10" it is called "Video Projects")
- "VideoPad Video Editor" by "NCH"
- "Adobe Premier Rush"
- "Adobe Premiere Elements 2020"
- "Adobe Premiere Pro"

# COSTS OF APPS FOR VIDEO EDITING

- "Video Editor" is bundled for free in "Windows 10" from Microsoft
- "Adobe Premiere Rush" (\$10 per month)
- "VideoPad Video Editor" by "NCH" (free for non-commercial home use)
- "Adobe Premiere Elements 2020" (\$70 one time cost)
- "Adobe Premiere Pro CC" (\$31 per month)

# HOW MUCH RAM DO I NEED TO RUN VIDEO EDITING APPS?

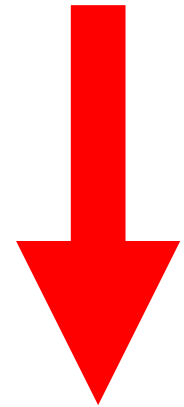
- The amount of RAM that you need to successfully run depends on two things:
  - ❑ The amount of RAM that your specific video editing app needs
  - ❑ The size and duration of the video, photo, and audio files that you will be importing into the video editing app

# HOW MUCH RAM DO I NEED..?

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- "Video Editor" bundled in "Windows 10"
- "Adobe Premier Rush"
- "VideoPad Video Editor" by "NCH"
- "Adobe Premiere Elements 2020"
- "Adobe Premiere Pro"

LESS  
RAM  
NEEDED



MORE  
RAM  
NEEDED



# RUNNING VIDEO EDITING APPS IN A "WINDOWS.." COMPUTER

- If you try to run any video editing app while Microsoft's "Windows Update" is busy updating your computer, your video editing app will probably either fail to start up or freeze after it has started:

Prior to running any video editing app, it is a good idea to go to "Settings" in "Windows 10" and do a manual update of your computer

# RUNNING VIDEO EDITING APPS IN A "WINDOWS.." COMPUTER

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- Video editing apps are very sensitive to the level of optimization/defragmentation of the hard drive where your C: drive partition is located:  
Prior to using any video editing app, optimize/defragment your hard drive. Do not rely on Windows.. to automatically do it for you.

# RUNNING THE BUNDLED

## "VIDEO EDITOR" IN "WINDOWS 10"

- Two ways to start up bundled "Video Editor" in "Windows 10..":  
Method 1:  
Locate "Video Editor" in the "Start Menu" and click on it  
Method 2:  
Locate and click on "Photos" in the "Start Menu"; then click on "More"; then click on "Video Projects"

# INSTALLING THE FREE VERSION OF "VIDEOPAD VIDEO EDITOR"

- Start a Web browser
- Go to <https://www.nchsoftware.com/vidopad/vpsetup.exe>
- Locate the vpsetup...exe file in the "Downloads" folder and double-click on it.

# INSTALLING THE 30-DAY FREE TRIAL OF "ADOBE PREMIERE ELEMENTS 2020" INTO A "WINDOWS.." COMPUTER

- Start a Web browser.
- Go to <https://www.adobe.com/products/elements-family.html?promoid=V2XYKZ3B&mv=other>
- Page down or scroll down to the bottom of the page
- Click on "Download Photoshop Elements 2020"

# INSTALLING THE 7-DAY FREE TRIAL OF "ADOBE PREMIERE PRO" INTO A "WINDOWS.." COMPUTER

- Start a Web browser.
- Go to <https://www.adobe.com/creativecloud.html?promoid=ZP46FD38&mv=other>
- Click on "Start your free trial"
- Etc..

# APPENDIX: APPS FOR VIDEO EDITING THAT FAILED OUR TESTING PROCESS

- "Minitool Movie Maker": Timeline will not display
- "Blender": Stuck in Arabic
- "OpenShot": Will not import 2.5-hour MP4 video clip
- "Shotcut": Will not import 2.5-hour MP4 video clip

APPENDIX (continued)  
APPS FOR VIDEO EDITING  
THAT FAILED OUR TESTING PROCESS (continued)

- "DaVinci Resolve 16": App will not start. Complains about my gamer's Nvidia graphics card.
- "VSDC": Will not import 2.5 hour MP4 video clip. Unable to split timeline.