

DIGITAL CONTENT CREATION

Day 9: Video Essentials

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RECAP AND REFLECTION







Week 2

Podcasting Day 1

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Video Essentials Day 2

Virality & Pre-production





Video essentials: light & composition

Visual storytelling

Video creative formats

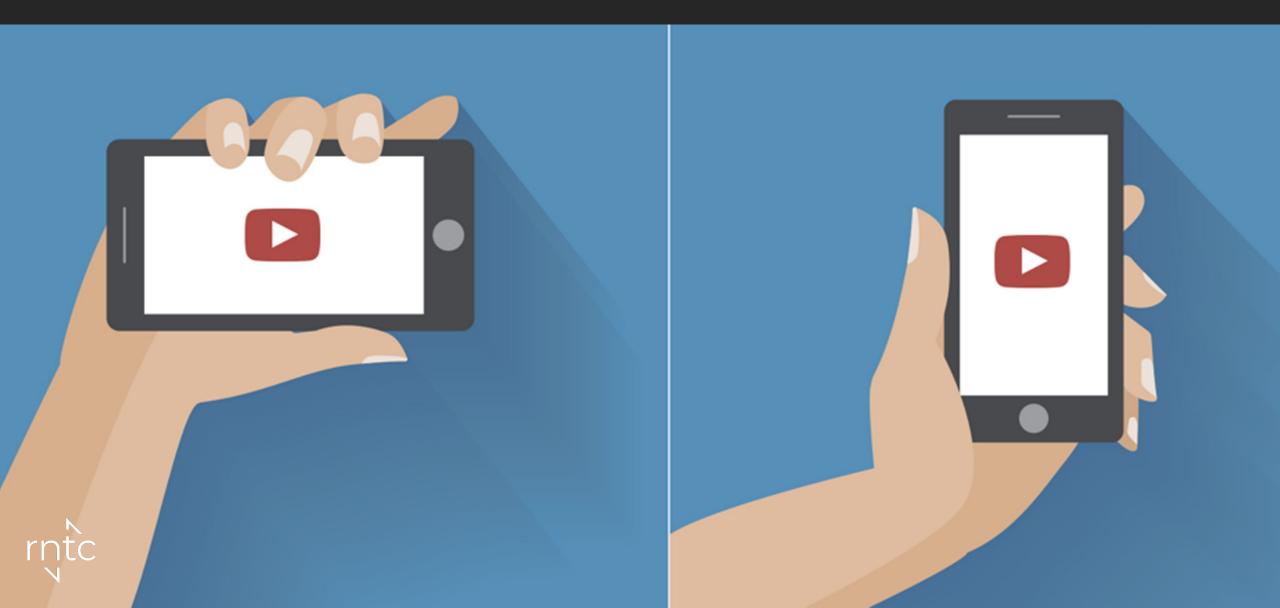
AGENDA DAY 8

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Shots & Angles

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Horizontal vs vertical



Shots





Medium



Ext. Close-up



Close-up



Over-the-shoulder



Creative angle

Extreme close up

frame a subject closely, capturing minute detail not seen in normal circumstances.

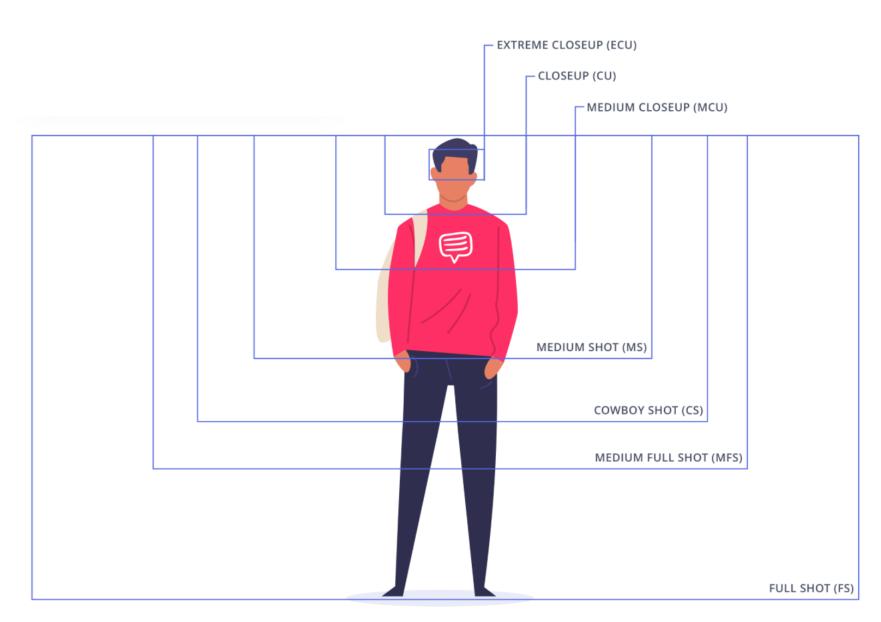


Close up

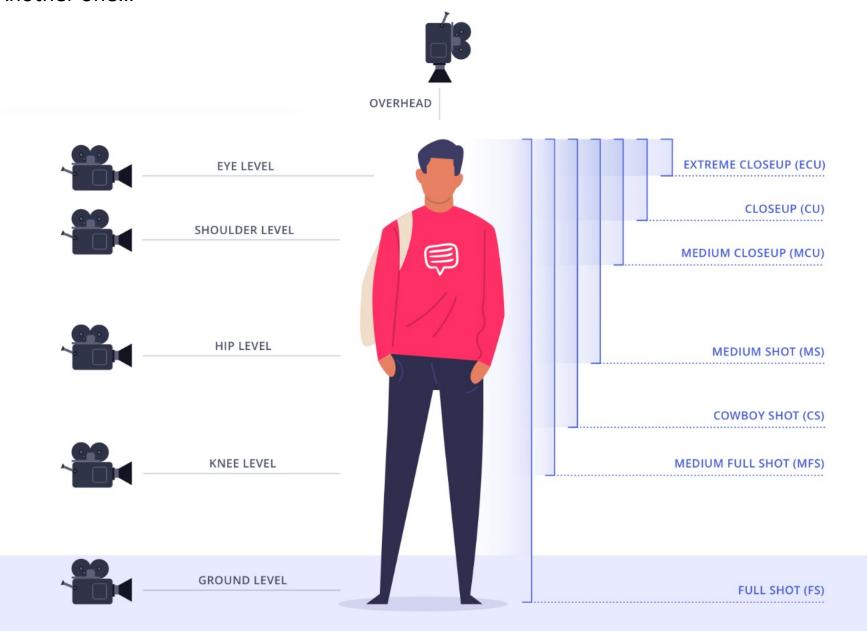
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A shot taken at close range that displays greater detail to the viewer. While the image will be intimate, you should be able to recognize the imagery in the composition. – Used for emphasis on the subject or emotional reaction

If it wasn't clear enough....



Another one...



Medium shot

The classic conversational shot. informational, and you will be able to register all your subject's details from the upper torso; sets the tone; viewer perspective; retains the interest on the scene even with busy

background

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Wide/Long shot

The wide shot allows the audience to absorb all scene information in a single shot.

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All about your location. It minimizes your characters and lets the location do the speaking for them.

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Video on shot angles

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AyML8xuKfoc



ASSIGNMENT

Work on composition: Take 3 extreme closeu'ps videos

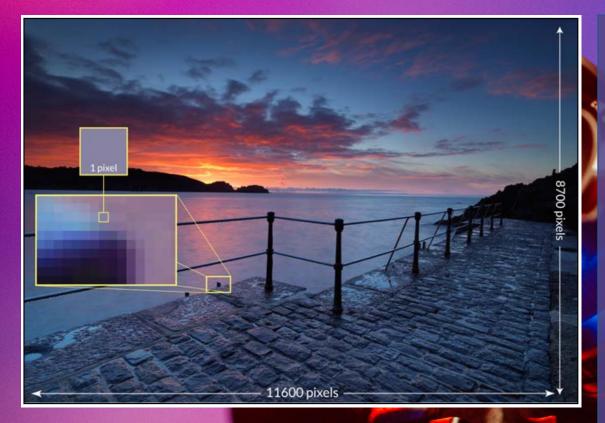




CHARACTERISTICS

- Format / Content
- Assets
- Audience
- Length

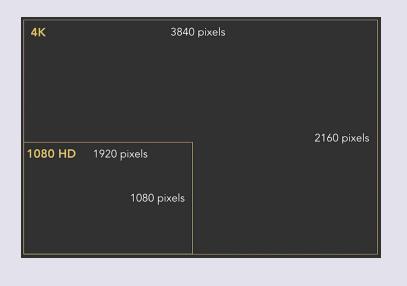
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TECHNICAL SPECS

Video Resolution
Aspect ratio
File size
Tech format





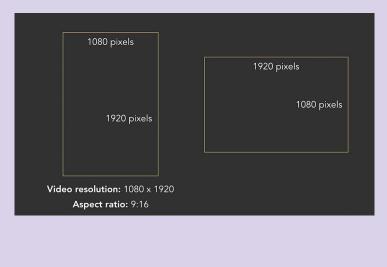
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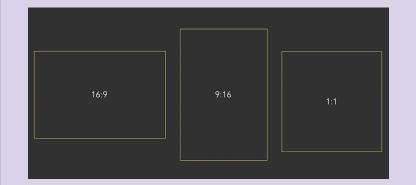


VIDEO ASPECT RATIO



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TECHNICAL SPECS

- Video Resolution
- Aspect ratio
- File size
- Technical format

CAMERA MOVEMENTS

Move with intention





Pan

First up is the pan. A pan is when you move your camera from one side to the other. Panning generally is helpful to reveal a larger scene, like a crowd or to reveal something off-screen.

Step your speed up a notch, and you get the whip pan, which is handy for transitions showing the passing of time or travelling a distance dramatically or comically. We cover this in more detail in our last episode, so if you want to learn how to execute a whip pan, <u>go check it</u> out.

TILT

To tilt, imagine your camera is your head nodding up and down. Tilts are helpful as <u>a 'reveal' technique</u>, either to unveil something from top to bottom or the reverse.



'Zooming' is probably the most commonly used camera movement; it lets you quickly move closer to the subject without physically moving. But be careful with these, as zooming lessens your image quality.

When you give zooming a go, keep the movement as smooth as possible.

A 'tracking shot' is one in which the camera moves alongside what it's recording. Tracking shots are sometimes called dolly shots, but they can be differentiated by the direction they take.

Tracking shots will generally follow along the horizontal axis as the subject moves. You're probably familiar with walking and talking scenes where a tracking shot stays on the subjects as they move.

Tracking shots are also helpful for showing a stretch of road or scenery.



A 'dolly shot' is when the camera moves toward or away from the subject you're shooting. Instead of using the zoom to get closer, the camera is physically moving relative to the subject.

Using a dolly to push in slowly helps build drama or tension in a scene or simply some significance to the subject it's moving in on.



The 'following' shot is a tracking shot in which the camera continuously follows the subject's action.

If you want to achieve a smooth, seamless following shot, Steadicams and gimbals are your friends. Otherwise, shaky, <u>handheld shots</u> give a sense of realism or unease.

Long following shots, if executed well, are genuinely impressive and mesmerising cinematic feats.



ASSIGNMENT

Work on camera movements:

choose one of the camera movements and use it to record a video. Make sure that the movement that you choose has an intentional meaning







The future of formats in video

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- DOCUMENTARY
- VIDEO ESSAY
- VLOG/SOCIAL
- MEDIA
- FICTION
- INTERVIEW
- EDUCATIONAL
- INFORMATIVE



• A video blog

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- A vlog is a video that documents a person's life, opinions, interests, and thoughts
- The primary goal is to communicate on a personal level with an audience
- The person vlogging is called a vlogger





What is the most important element of a vlog?

THE STORY!









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Do you watch any vloggers? Why? Why not?

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO VLOG?





A story/idea

A smartphone or camera Internet connection



How do you attract an audience?

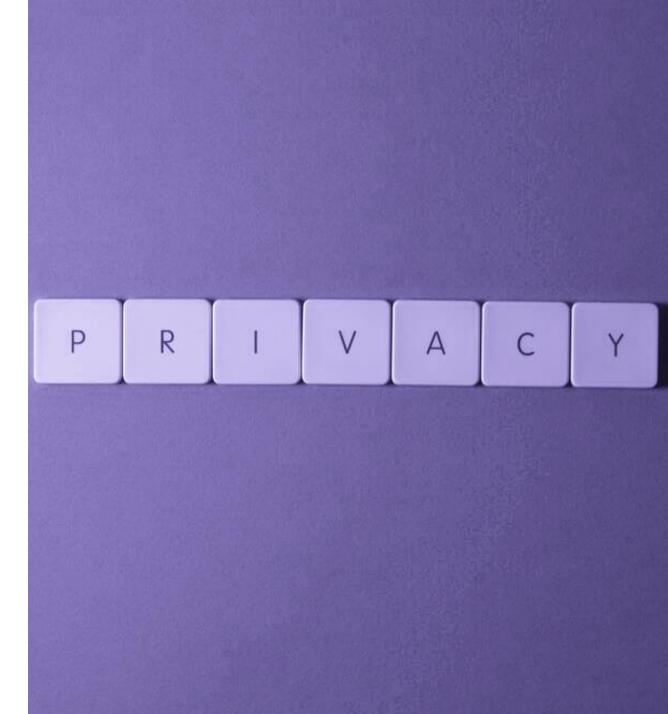
Don't try to appeal to everyone. Choose a specific target audience.





What goes on the internet, stays on the internet.

Assess risks and be cautious.





TIPS

- Starting is as simple as getting your smartphone from your pocket and pressing record.
- The more you vlog, the better you will get at it.
- If you want to vlog to make money, don't.
- If you want to vlog because you want to share your stories, opinions, experiences with others, you can make money



INTROS & OUTROS

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- INTROS: Intros for videos exist for a number of reasons. They establishes the identity of the show, and familiarizes viewers with the locations and content. On top of that, the music used in an intro is a great way to mentally prepare people to leave the stresses of the real world behind for a short period and enter the world of your content. A great intro can get your viewers excited for your video. As they start to recognize the music and the visuals, they may even begin to look forward to seeing your intro every time you release a new video. This helps to generate buzz and build loyalty among your viewers.
- OUTROS: outros are the ways in which videos can end, often their purpose is to credit the people doing the work (from writers, cameraperson, producers, editor, director, assistants, etc.) and institutions that support the project (funding, government, etc.).
 - Another good reason to have an outro is to create some expectation about the future videos; in Youtube for example, often the presenter would come to video and say what might come in the next videos, or suggest some engagement strategies like asking people to comment, suggest, share, subscribe, or even just say goodbye until next time. Outros come in all shapes and sizes but generally have some things in common: they're short! You only have a few seconds to make a last impression on your viewers, so make sure you make the most of it.
- Both should last about 5 to 20 seconds However, not clear rule depends on the signature of the creator.



INTROS & OUTROS





VLOG INTROS What do you think is important to consider when making an intro of a vlog?





VLOG OUTROS What do you think is important to consider when making an outro of a vlog?





ASSIGNMENT

Brainstorm about your final products (video, podcast and blog) and discuss it with trainers and peers.





HELPFUL TIPS





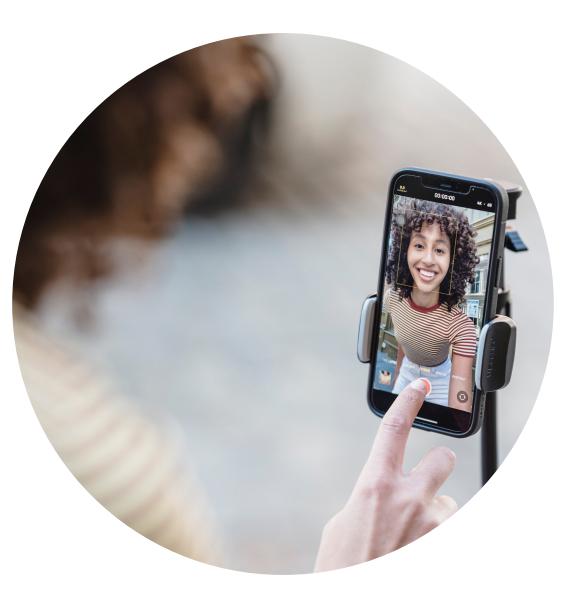
What are your key takeaways form this session?

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ASSIGNMENT

Film an intro & outro of a vlog:

Composition and light should be considered.











THANK YOU!