Digital Video Camera Tips and Tricks

* FIRST Make a folder in your NESTORAGE and save a copy of your video files here! This is where we recommend you save all your video and project files. Because Netstorage is limited to 10gb of space total, saving to a personal external hard drive may be necessary for larger projects / video files.*

If your video files are AVCHD file format:

Handycam's, when set to record in HD, will save files in this format. If recording in SD, the files will save as MPG's.

- Premiere Pro:

file > import > navigate to your video files in your netstorage

-Premiere Elements: keep camera plugged into computer

get media > flip AVCHD Cameras and Phones > navigate to your video files on your camera > "save in" by clicking on folder icon, and navigate to your netstorage folder

- If you must use iMovie: keep camera plugged into computer

file > import from camera. After your videos have imported, click on the "group events by disk" icon in the events panel. From there, you can click and drag your event into your netstorage. Make sure that your new project is also saved in netstorage.

If your video files are on a memory card:

Mac computers will not read memory cards straight from a camera if an HDD (hard disk drive) is in the camera. Take the card out and stick it straight in the Mac.

Use iMovie at your own risk. We recommend only using iMovie if you are editing a clip or two in a single sitting.

ALWAYS make sure your files are saved on Netstorage or your own device before turning your camera back into equipment checkout.

Model	File format(s)	Premiere Elements?	Premiere Pro?	iMovie?	Additional Notes
Sony Handycam SR11	AVCHD	☺	☺	😐	Handycams seemed the most likely to crash programs
Sony Handycam CX550/CX560	AVCHD, MPG	☺	☺	😐	(^^^ They still work though)
Canon Vixia HF S100	AVCHD	☺	☺	😐	Camera has to have AC power to transfer vids to computer
JVC Pro HD	MOV, MP4	☺	☺	😐	Most options in terms of video size, framerate, etc
GoPro Hero3	MP4	☺	☺	😐	Fisheye lens! UI very hard to navigate