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# DaVinci Resolve 20



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# Introduction to DaVinci Resolve 20

DaVinci Resolve 20 includes more than 100 new features including an incredible collection of new-before-seen AI tools designed to speed up every stage of your post production workflow so you can focus more on the creative aspects of filmmaking.

This new features guide provides a quick overview of the new features.

# **General Improvements**

Among many new general improvements, DaVinci Resolve 20 has a new Al Voice Convert tool and several quality of life improvements.

# **AI Voice Convert**

DaVinci Resolve 20 adds an incredibly sophisticated Al-driven voice conversion tool that allows you to essentially swap one speaking voice for another. The use cases for this tool are wide reaching and even somewhat controversial, however this Voice Convert toolset can be an invaluable resource in a post production. It allows you to take a generated voice model that has been captured by DaVinci Resolve and "drive" that voice model using another voice recording as its foundation.

In simple cases, you can replace your own voiceover tracks with a voice that has more depth and gravitas to it, or even switch the gender of your own voice if you feel it's more appropriate for the subject matter. Perhaps you recorded audio in a noisy environment and wanted to make a pristine version instead by using your own voice as a model, to replace your original noisy tracks. In more complicated scenarios, you can train your own voice convert model on your actor's voice patterns and use that to change and replace their previous voiceover, without having to get them back into the recording booth. Finally, it is even possible to change the voice of an actor completely to another voice all while staying perfectly in sync with the picture. The inflection, pitch variations, and emotion of the original all remain; it just sounds like someone else.

Needless to say, using this powerful tool requires a certain level of responsibility on the part of the user. Privacy, copyright, and union laws and rules are all in flux at the moment around Al-generated content, and it's necessary to carefully navigate the ethics involved in its professional use.

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The Voice Convert tool

## **Using Voice Convert**

Like most of DaVinci Resolve's Al tools, using Voice Convert is very simple, with all of the complex processing involved handled by the voice model.

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Voice Convert analyzing a clip

### To use Voice Convert to change one voice to another:

- 1 Place the clip or clips you want to change the voice of in the timeline, and select them.
- 2 Right-click on the clip and select Voice Convert from the context menu, or select Clip > AI Tools > Voice Convert in the main menu.
- 3 Select the track that you want the new audio to appear in (including overwriting the original).
- 4 Select the file name you want the new audio to be named.
- 5 Select the Voice Model you want to use for the new audio (you can make your own custom voice models as explained below) and its parameters.
- 6 Click Render to start the Voice Convert process.

At this point the Voice Convert dialog will appear showing you the progress of the conversion. Depending on the length and number of clips selected, this can take some time. When the process is done, the new audio will appear in the timeline in the exact same place as the original audio (or on the same place in another track if that option was selected). The new audio clips will also appear in the Media Pool.

Simply play back the timeline to audition the new voice. You can change the audio back to the original by right-clicking on a clip and selecting Revert to Original Voice from the context menu.

**TIP:** While you can drive voices with different accents, Voice Convert generally can't recreate another accent. For example, if you have a voice model that is a speaker with a British accent and drive that voice with an American accent, you get more of an American version of the British-accented speaker. But if you speak with a British accent when driving the British voice model, it will work well.

## **Voice Convert Settings**

Each voice conversion requires selecting set up parameters to drive the model.

**Track:** Select which track you want the new audio to be placed on. The default is Render in Place, which will overwrite the original audio.

**File Name:** Set the file name for the new audio clip. You can enter a specific name or use the metadata variables to create a template for file naming. By default the name is ClipName-(Voice Model Name).

**Voice Model:** Select which voice model you wish to use for the new audio. There are some built-in options that come with DaVinci Resolve, and any custom options you create will also be available here.

**Tight Matching to Source:** Check this box to tightly follow the pitch, intonation, and volume variance of the source voice. Uncheck this box to have a looser interpretation using the Pitch Variance tool.

**Pitch Variance:** When the Tight Matching to Source box is unchecked, this tool becomes active. Lower values create a more monotone interpretation, while higher values have more variance in pitch.

**Pitch Change:** Use this slider to create a deeper (negative values), or higher (positive values) voice based on the model. The values are in semitones and can be adjusted in 100 cents (.1 semitone) increments.

## **Creating Your Own Voice Models**

It is possible to create your own voice models for use with Voice Convert. These can be of your own voice or even someone else's that you have the rights to. This section goes over some best practices to get a clean and usable voice model.

## Preparing the Voice Model Assets

You will get the best results using ten minutes or so of clean, high quality recordings of the voice to be modeled. The audio should be free of excessive ambiance and noise, with little to no dynamics processing. You will want consistent material that sounds natural. It can be useful to have a variety of emotions expressed as well, if you want to hear those results for the driven voice. Treat it like a voice over audition; show your range.

These voice assets do not necessarily need to be in one long clip, however if there are a lot of separate files, it can be helpful to consolidate them all in a single bin for organization. The multiple clips should be of consistent quality, without audio variations in the recorded sources.

## Creating the Voice Model

To generate your own voice model, select one or more clips for analysis in the Media Pool, right-click and choose AI Tools> DaVinci AI Tools Voice Training from the context menu. If this is the first time you've run this tool, DaVinci Resolve will open up the Resolve Extras Download Manager to install the required support files.

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Voice model generation

Initially a warning splash screen appears to ensure you assume full responsibility for how you will use this tool. Once you hit accept, The DaVinci Al Voice Training dialog appears, and there are two options to set.

Voice Model Name: Enter a descriptive name for your new model.

**Quality:** Choose Faster or Better mode for analysis. Better takes about 3x the time as Faster, and 10 minutes or so of material can take a few hours to complete, depending on your computer's power.

Initially creating a voice model launches a foreground process. Then once the initial analysis is complete, it will switch to a background process, allowing you to continue to use DaVinci Resolve for other purposes or other apps while it finishes.

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Voice model progress

**NOTE:** Creating a voice model will use a lot of CPU and GPU power, so multi-tasking while it's working may be challenging. You can also take the opportunity to test just how loud your computer fans are as they ramp up to cool your system from the massive AI work.

You can see the progress of the model in the Voice Model Generation Progress indicator in the bottom right corner, or by selecting Workspace > Voice Model Progress.

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Voice Model Generation Progress indicator will slowly fill blue as the voice model finished. Hover over the top to get an ETA and progress finished tooltip.

You can also alternatively choose to pause or discard the in-progress model instead. Quitting DaVinci Resolve will also pause the background process, and it will automatically start up again the next time DaVinci Resolve is launched.

Once the model is complete, the new voice preset will appear for use in the Voice Convert dialog.

# User Definable Location for Media Created in DaVinci Resolve

In DaVinci Resolve 20, when creating a new project, you now have the opportunity to choose a specific folder on your system to hold all generated media created for that project. Generated media includes things like new audio files created from the Voiceover tool and Voice Convert— essentially any type of new media created inside DaVinci Resolve. This allows you to make sure all the media for a project is in one common location, making it easier to hand off, move, or relink media, rather than have some media in DaVinci Resolve's internal file structure and some on a media drive.

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When creating a new project, you can set a folder for all generated media to be saved into using the Media Location field.

Proxy, Cache, and Gallery still retain their own separate media folders found in the Project Settings > Master Settings > Working Folders section, and you will now find this Project Media Location option there as well if you wish to change it. By default, the Media Location is still in the first media storage location set in Preferences > Media Storage, just as before.

DaVinci Resolve will automatically create new subfolders at your chosen media location based on media type, which makes it easy to send some or all generated media to another location.

![](_page_8_Figure_1.jpeg)

Inside the media location, DaVinci Resolve will create subfolders automatically to organize any media generated from within the program.

# **DaVinci Resolve Extras Download Manager**

As DaVinci Resolve evolves to incorporate more Al-based models, there is a tradeoff in file size. These AI models tend to be large datasets that not all users will want or need to use. To help with this DaVinci Resolve 20 has introduced the Extras Download Manager, allowing you to pick and choose which optional functionality you want to add to DaVinci Resolve.

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The Extras Download Manager can be found at DaVinci Resolve 3

The Extras Download Manager

To use the Extras Download Manager, simply view the packages available, and select download. You can remove a package in the same interface by clicking on the trashcan icon next to the package name. Downloads will happen in the background while you continue to work. From time to time these packages will be updated, and you will be notified here if your current package is out of date.

Currently the Download Manager contains packages for Extended AI Transcription Support Languages, as well as AI Voice Training.

# Remote Monitor Now Installs with DaVinci Resolve on macOS

The DaVinci Remote Monitor application, which allows users to see the output of a viewer streamed over the internet in DaVinci Resolve, is now automatically installed along with the main program in macOS.

# User Preference for Automatic Cache Management

A new User Preference allows you to automatically delete your local cache after a certain number of days to keep your drive from filling up with older projects. Of course, you can always manage these files manually from the Playback > Manage Render Cache menu, but this new preference lets you set and forget a cleanup operation.

DaVinci Resolve > Preferences > User > Cache Management> Delete cache older than xx days.

Check the box to automatically delete any cache files older than the number of days set in the field.

# **Enable Dual Screen Windows** in Ultrawide Displays

If you have an ultrawide monitor with an extremely horizontal aspect ratio, you can now enable DaVinci Resolve's dual-screen setup to take advantage of all your screen real estate, even though technically it's one monitor.

# Preference to Import All Clips with Multi Mono Audio Configuration

There is now a preference that allows you to import any multichannel audio in a multiple mono configuration. This lets you take any Stereo, 5.1, or other multitrack sources, and automatically convert them to multiple mono files with the same number of tracks when you add them to the Media Pool.

You can find this option at DaVinci Resolve > Preferences > User > Editing > General Settings > Configure clips as multi-mono on import.

# Popup Dialog to Show Connected Control Panels

In the lower-right corner of the DaVinci Resolve 20 interface, you will find a control panels popup box. Clicking on this icon shows you all currently connected control panels, how they are connected, and their battery status.

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The Control Panels pop up icon

# Ability to Filter Which Fonts are Visible in Text+

You can now explicitly limit the font options shown for your text elements. This lets you set a white list of fonts that you are cleared to use and hide all other fonts.

## To setup an allowed fonts list:

- 1 Check the box in Preferences > User > Editing > Text > Display Only Specific Fonts.
- 2 Select a font filter file.

A font filter file is any UTF-8 text file with a combination of explicit font names or text with asterisk wildcards to match multiple fonts, listed one entry per line.

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*Gothic* (any font name with Gothic in it)
Arial
Helvetica* (any font name beginning with Helvetica)
Open Sans
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# Data burn Option and Tag for Synced Audio Properties

From the Data Burn-in dialog, you can now enable on-screen synced audio timecode and synced audio file name displays to show a clip's synced audio properties instead of its source properties. Choose either the checkboxes for the synced audio timecode or name, or choose Custom Text, and type "%synced" to select the appropriate property.

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Audio Timecode and File name burn-ins

# Support for NVIDIA Blackwell GPUs with CUDA 12.8

DaVinci Resolve 20 provides full support for NVIDIA's new Blackwell series of GPUs and CUDA 12.8 features.

# Cut and Edit

DaVinci Resolve 20 has major new improvements to its editing capabilities across both the Cut and Edit pages. A newly upgraded Keyframe and Curve Editor, as well as several new Al tools for audio work highlight the release.

# **Upgraded Keyframe and Curve Editor**

The Keyframe and Curve Editors in DaVinci Resolve 20 have been upgraded with a new interface. Creating an entirely new panel for these operations, rather than confining them to the timeline, gives you a more efficient layout that makes precise keyframing adjustments easier. This new Keyframe and Curve Editor has fully replaced the older version.

The new Keyframe and Curve Editor is accessible from both the Cut and Edit pages as its own panel. Simply click on the Keyframes tab in the upper left to open it. By default, the Keyframe Editor is displayed, showing you all of the keyframable parameters in the Video Inspector and any existing keyframes that may have been added there. Clicking on the Curve icon in the upper left will take you to the Curve Editor

## The Keyframe Editor

The Keyframe Editor in the Timeline is the most powerful way of exposing all of a clip's keyframes and adjusting their timing and interpolation.

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The Keyframe Editor showing all the video attributes found in the Inspector

The Keyframe Editor exposes one keyframe track for each parameter that's possible to be keyframed on the selected clip. Initially this looks like a big list of complicated items to keep track of (no pun intended), but it does provide a good overview of everything that's animatable for your clip. However, the Keyframe Editor has several tools to help remove unnecessary clutter and only focus on the exact parameters you're interested in animating. These keyframe tracks let you edit keyframes in context of the actual clip durations in the Timeline.

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Keyframe tracks: Transform is the track group (shown by the disclosure triangle), Zoom and Position XY are tracks within that group. Selected keyframes are shown white with an outline.

The tracks are also grouped by parameter category. For example, all the Transform, Cropping, and Speed parameters are all encapsulated by group tracks. If you'd added keyframes to the Zoom and Position parameters, these keyframes also appear within a single keyframe track labeled Transform, while Crop Left and Crop Right adjustments appear on another group keyframe track labeled Cropping. Moving a keyframe on a group track will adjust the keyframes at the same position for all of its enclosed parameters at the same time.

Each group keyframe track has a disclosure arrow that lets you show or hide each individual parameter within that group. For example, clicking the Transform keyframe track's disclosure arrow shows the Zoom and Position tracks, so you can adjust those individual keyframes.

## Organizing the Keyframe Editor

While keyframing itself is a fairly simple process, the sheer number of keyframable attributes can be overwhelming, so unless you're planning on animating something incredibly complicated, it's probably a better idea to focus the Keyframe Editor's interface on just what you need.

## To show or hide tracks by parameter group

- Click on the small disclosure triangle next to the group track's name. For example, if you were only intending to keyframe parameters in the Transform group (Zoom, Position, etc.), you could close the disclosure triangles in the Cropping and Speed groups to hide the excess tracks.
- Click on the 3-dot option menu in the right of the Parameters column, and choose Expand All Parameters to open every group track to see their enclosing parameters.
- Click on the 3-dot option menu in the right of the Parameters column, and choose Collapse All Parameters to close every group track to hide their enclosing parameters.

#### To show only tracks that already have keyframes

 Click on the 3-dot option menu in the right of the Parameters column, and choose Display Parameters with Keyframes. This will show only tracks that have already at least one keyframe assigned to them, and their enclosing group tracks.

## To show only Video related tracks

 Click on the 3-dot option menu in the right of the Parameters column, and choose Display All Video Parameters. This will hide any keyframe tracks that control audio related functions from the Audio Inspector.

### To show only specific tracks only

 Click on the 3-dot option menu in the right of the parameters column, and choose Display Selected Parameters. You can then choose checkboxes for Video and Audio.
 Clicking on these will open up another set of checkboxes that allow you to specify exactly which tracks you want to show.

## To undock and resize the Keyframe Editor

• Click on the undock icon in the Keyframe Editor to open it as an independent window. You can then resize the window to expand the Keyframe Editor to any size that you need.

## Using the Keyframe Editor

Once the Keyframe Editor is open and the parameters you wish to animate are exposed, you have many ways to add, delete, and manipulate keyframes along these tracks.

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The Keyframe Track controls (L-R): Toggle Curve Visibility, Toggle Keyframe Lock, Track Color, Track Name, Keyframe, Reset Keyframes, Keyframe Position

## **Keyframe Track Controls:**

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### Methods of adding and selecting keyframes in the Keyframe Editor:

- To add new keyframes to the Keyframe Editor: Adjust the playhead to where you want the keyframe, then click on the gray diamond next to the parameter's name. The diamond will turn orange to let you know a keyframe has been added, and it will also appear on the parameter track at the playhead position. Subsequent keyframes can be added on this track by pressing Command [ to add another keyframe.
- To select a single keyframe: Click a single keyframe to select it.
- To select multiple discontiguous keyframes: Command-click all keyframes you want to select, whether they're next to one another or not.
- To select multiple contiguous keyframes: Drag a bounding box within the keyframe track around multiple keyframes to select them all at once.
- To move one or more keyframes: Select one or more keyframes and drag left or right.

#### Methods of Cutting, Copying, Pasting, and Deleting Keyframes:

- To cut or copy, and paste one or more keyframes: Make a selection of keyframes, and use the Cut (Command-X) or Copy (Command-C) key shortcuts. Then, move the playhead to where you want the first of the copied keyframes to start, and press Paste (Command-V).
- To delete one or more keyframes: Select the keyframe(s) you want to delete and press Delete.

**IMPORTANT:** Keyframes on the Timeline can exist past a clip's current extents.

For example, if you set several keyframes on a clip, then trim its duration on the Timeline past one of the keyframes, that keyframe is still there and fully functional, just not visible. You can still navigate to these invisible keyframes by using the Previous "[" and Next "]" keyframe commands or using the keyframe controls in the Inspector.

## **Keyframe Editor Controls**

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The Keyframe Editor controls (L-R): Curve Editor, Keyframe Editor, Detail Zoom, Full Extend Zoom, Zoom Slider, Expand, Option Menu

°₩	Curve Editor: Click this icon to open the Curve Editor.
>≡	Keyframe Editor: Click this icon to open the Keyframe Editor.
₽°Q	<b>Detail Zoom:</b> Zooms the Keyframe Editor in around the playhead position.
₩Q	Full Extend Zoom: Zooms the Keyframe Editor out to show the range of the whole clip.

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Zoom Slider: Lets you choose a custom zoom level for the Keyframe Editor.

**Expand:** Opens the Keyframe and Curve Editor in its own resizable window.

### **Option Menu:**

**Display Time Ruler in Seconds:** Shows the Time Ruler in HH:MM:SS:FF timecode format based on the timeline.

**Display Time Ruler in Frames:** Shows the Time Ruler as number of frames since the timeline start.

**Snap Keyframes to Grid:** When enabled in the Curve Editor, this snaps keyframe control points to the grid markings on the graph.

**Show Curve Tooltips:** When enabled in the Curve Editor, placing the pointer over a curve will show its track name and value at the given point.

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Parameters: Shows a list of keyframable parameters.

#### **Option Menu:**

**Display Parameters with Keyframes:** Only shows tracks with existing keyframes and hides all others.

**Display All Video Parameters:** Shows all keyframable tracks found in the Video Inspector and hides all others.

**Display Selected Parameters (Video & Audio):** Opens a checkbox to turn on or off individual track visibility. In addition, if you've added a keyframable Open FX or Resolve FX to the clip, you can select those parameters here.

**Expand All Parameters:** Opens every group track to see their enclosing parameters.

**Collapse All Parameters:** Closes every group track to hide their enclosing parameters.

## Opening the Keyframe Tray in the Timeline

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In addition to the dedicated Keyframe Editor panel, you can also expose a keyframe tray on the timeline by selecting the Show Keyframe Tray icon on the main timeline toolbar in both the Cut and Edit pages.

This keyframe tray shows all the keyframes of the currently selected clip on the timeline and operates in the same way as the Keyframe Editor.

You can open up the Keyframe Editor directly in the timeline by clicking on the Show Keyframe Tray icon (circled red).

## Opening the Keyframe and Curve Editor in Its Own Window

If you are doing extensive keyframing in the Edit page, you can open up the Keyframe and Curve Editor in its own resizable window to give you more space to work with. To do so, click on the Expand icon in the upper right of the Keyframe Editor.

![](_page_17_Figure_2.jpeg)

The Keyframe and Curve Editor can be expanded to its own resizable window.

## The Curve Editor

If you want to work with keyframes in even more detail, you can use the Curve Editor. When clicked, the the Curve Editor expands to accommodate a large graph in which you can freely adjust both the timing and value of selected keyframes, while also providing optional bezier spline controls used to create smooth curves with which to adjust the acceleration of animated changes from one value to another.

## To open the Curve Editor:

• Click on the Curve icon in the upper left of the Keyframe Editor.

When opened, any track that has keyframes will appear as a colored line on the graph, with control points along the line at the keyframe position. You can hover the pointer over a line to display its track name (and its current value) in a popup. The line color will also match the track color in the Keyframe Editor. You can open and close multiple parameters into the Curve Editor, using the Parameters menu that lets you choose which tracks are exposed via checkboxes. At the bottom of the Curve Editor is a keyframe track identical to the Keyframe Editor that displays the keyframes for the selected curve.

While you can only work on one curve at a time, you can choose which is selected for editing by clicking any dimmed curve in the Curve Editor. Using the control points exposed by each curve, you can edit parameters, alter keyframe timing, and change each control point's interpolation to create custom easing effects affecting the acceleration of change from one keyframe to the next.

![](_page_18_Figure_1.jpeg)

The Curve Editor showing the timing and values of selected parameters

## Methods of adding and selecting keyframes in the Curve Editor:

To change which curve you're editing: Click the Parameters menu and choose which curves you want to expose to work on. If multiple curves are open in the Curve Editor, click any dimmed curve in the background to highlight it for editing.

**To add new keyframes to a curve:** Option-click anywhere on a curve to add a new control point. You can also select the Add Keyframes icon at the top of the toolbar, which will let you add multiple keyframes to a curve, just by clicking on it.

**To duplicate one or more keyframes:** Make a selection of keyframes, then press Command-C to copy, move the playhead to where you want to paste them, and press Command-V. This can be a good way to quickly loop a repetitive animated effect you've created.

**To select a single keyframe:** Click a single control point to select it. You can perform the same operation on the keyframe track at the very bottom of the Curve Editor.

**To select multiple discontiguous keyframes:** Command-click all control points you want to select, whether they're next to one another or not. You can perform the same operation on the keyframe track at the very bottom of the Curve Editor.

**To select multiple contiguous keyframes:** Click the first keyframe you want to select, and then shift-click the last keyframe you want to select, and all keyframes between will also be selected, or drag a bounding box within the Curve Editor around multiple keyframes to select them all at once. You can perform the same operation on the keyframe track at the very bottom of the Curve Editor.

**To select all keyframes:** If the Keyframe Editor is open and it has focus (by clicking anywhere within it), then pressing Command-A will select all keyframes within that Keyframe Editor.

## Methods of adjusting keyframes in the Curve Editor:

To drag one or more keyframes freely on a curve: Select one or more control points and drag left or right to retime them, and up or down to change their value. A popup will display the track name and the updated value as you move it.

**To drag one or more keyframes on a curve in only one direction:** Select one or more control points, then hold the Shift key while dragging either vertically or horizontally to constrain keyframe adjustment within that single direction.

## Methods of changing keyframe interpolation/easing/smoothing:

To change one or more Linear keyframe to Ease In or Ease Out: Eased keyframes create animated changes that begin slowly and accelerate to full speed, or slow down gradually to decelerate to a stop. This only works when you have two or more keyframes creating an animated effect. Select one or more keyframes, then choose Ease In, Ease Out, or Ease In and Out from the toolbar, depending on which keyframe you're editing and the effect you want to create.

To change one or more eased keyframes to Linear: Select one or more keyframes, then choose Linear from the toolbar.

**To change the interpolation of multiple keyframes:** Select multiple keyframes by Commandclicking or dragging a bounding box, and then click one of the four Bezier interpolation buttons in the Curve Editor title bar to simultaneously change the interpolation of all of them.

To adjust a Bezier handle: Drag the Bezier handle in any direction to alter the curve.

## Methods of Cutting, Copying, Pasting, and Deleting keyframes:

**To cut or copy, and paste one or more keyframes:** Make a selection of keyframes and use the Cut (Command-X) or Copy (Command-C) key shortcuts. Then, move the playhead to where you want the first of the copied keyframes to start, and press Paste (Command-V).

To delete one or more keyframes from a curve: Select the keyframe(s) you want to delete and press Delete.

## **Curve Editor Controls**

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The Curve Editor controls (L-R): Curve Editor, Keyframe Editor, Parameters, Selection, Hand, Add Keyframe, Linear, Ease In, Ease Out, Ease In and Out, Detail Zoom, Full Extend Zoom, Zoom Slider, Expand, Option Menu.

₽	Curve Editor: Click this icon to open the Curve Editor.
>≡	Keyframe Editor: Click this icon to open the Keyframe Editor.
Para	<b>Parameters:</b> Opens a checkbox to turn on or off individual curve visibility. In addition, if you've added a keyframable Open FX or Resolve FX to the clip, you can select those parameters here.

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**Pointer Mode:** Returns to the standard mode where clicking on things with the pointer selects them.

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**Hand Mode:** Lets you click and drag to navigate through the Curve Editor when zoomed in. Useful in highly detailed and complicated animations.

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**Add Keyframes:** Turns the pointer into an Add Keyframe tool that will add a keyframe on any curve in the Curve Editor simply by clicking it.

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Show Handle: Toggles the Bezier handle controls on or off.

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**Linear:** Sets the curve to a direct linear progression from keyframe to keyframe.

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**Ease In:** Sets the curve to gradually intensify the curve from the starting keyframe.

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**Ease In and Out:** Sets the curve to gradually intensify the curve from the starting keyframe and gradually intensify the curve towards the ending keyframe.

![](_page_20_Picture_14.jpeg)

**Ease Out:** Sets the curve to gradually intensify the curve towards the ending keyframe.

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Detail Zoom: Zooms the Keyframe Editor in around the playhead position.

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**Full Extend Zoom:** Zooms the Keyframe Editor out to show the range of the whole clip.

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**Zoom Slider:** Lets you choose a custom zoom level for the Keyframe Editor.

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**Expand:** Opens the Keyframe and Curve Editor in its own resizable window.

## **Option Menu:**

- **Display Time Ruler in Seconds:** Shows the Time Ruler in HH:MM:SS:FF timecode format based on the timeline.
- **Display Time Ruler in Frames:** Shows the Time Ruler as number of frames since the timeline start.
- **Snap Keyframes to Grid:** When enabled in the Curve Editor, this snaps keyframe control points to the grid markings on the graph.
- Show Curve Tooltips: When enabled in the Curve Editor, placing the pointer over a curve will show its track name and value at the given point.

## Keyframable Open FX and Resolve FX

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The Open FX and Resolve FX can be adjusted in the Keyframe and Curve Editor by selecting it in Display Selected Parameters.

Keyframes added to Resolve FX parameters appear in both the Keyframe and Curve Editor. Using the Display Selected Parameters menu in the 3-dot option menu, you can expose individual keyframe tracks and curves for each keyframed parameter of an effect applied to a clip for smoothing, retiming, or editing.

# Import Blackmagic Cloud Shared Folders to Media Pool

You can now import and sync Blackmagic Cloud Folders into the Media Pool. This allows you to connect to one or more cloud media folders and selectively download media from them to your local machine. Blackmagic Cloud Folders are online common storage folders that are not tied to a specific project. This lets you create a pool of commonly used media assets, such as title sequences, credits, bumpers etc., and share them online without having to import them separately into each individual project.

![](_page_21_Figure_6.jpeg)

The Import Cloud Folder icon at the top of the Media Pool

#### To link a Blackmagic Cloud Folder to your project:

- 1 Sign into your Blackmagic Cloud account in DaVinci Resolve.
- 2 Click on the Import Blackmagic Cloud Folder icon at the top of the Media Pool in any page.
- In the Blackmagic Cloud Folder dialog, click select to choose a Blackmagic Cloud Folder. The choices here will show any Blackmagic Cloud Folder that you have created, or someone else has shared with you. Click the Add button.
- 4 In the Download Folder Location, select a file location on your local system that you want the media from the Blackmagic Cloud Folder to be stored in.
- 5 Choose whether you want to sync proxies only, or sync proxies and used originals.
- 6 Press Download to add the Cloud Folder to your Media Pool.

When you open the Blackmagic Cloud Folder in the Media Pool, it will be empty and populate one clip at a time as their clip names (not their media) are downloaded from the cloud. Also, the Blackmagic Cloud Folder is not actually linked to your project yet, it is only linked when the first media clip is "used."

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The Blackmagic Cloud Folder link dialog

A "used" clip is new terminology in DaVinci Resolve and simply means a clip that has been altered in any way inside the project. A clip can be used be by putting it on a timeline, certainly, but also includes other actions like applying a flag, altering its metadata, transcribing it, etc. Once a clip is used, its media will start to download to your local machine. Clips that are used are denoted by a red dot next to them in the Media Pool. Any unused clips will remain as virtual clips in the Cloud Folder until used. Once downloaded, clips in Cloud Folders can be used just like any other clip in the Media Pool.

# Al IntelliScript for Creating Timelines from Scripts (Studio Version Only)

DaVinci Resolve 20 has a powerful new AI powered IntelliScript tool, which uses the Transcription Engine to match and generate a timeline using an original script. This feature lets you quickly assemble rough cuts of scenes and even organizes multiple takes for you in the timeline. IntelliScript is smart enough to understand context, so if your actor ad-libs and uses a similar phrase rather than the exact phrase written in the script, it should still find it.

## To Use IntelliScript to generate a timeline based on a script:

- 1 Create a script file in plain text (.txt) format. IntelliScript will ignore simple formatting like character name and stage direction, and will only make its decisions based on spoken dialog.
- 2 Transcribe all the clips you want to use for IntelliScript in the Media Pool by selecting them and right-clicking and choosing AI Tools > Audio Transcription > Transcribe.

For more information on Audio Transcription, see the DaVinci Resolve Reference Manual, Chapter 40.

- 3 Once transcription is complete, select all the clips you want to use for IntelliScript again, right-click, and select AI Tools > Create New Timeline Using IntelliScript.
- 4 DaVinci Resolve will then prompt you to load the text script file. Press Open.

![](_page_23_Picture_8.jpeg)

A simple text file script to feed into IntelliScript

When the process is done, IntelliScript will create a new timeline, and on track one, lay out the best clips in order based on the dialog in the script file. Any alternative takes are automatically placed on additionally created tracks that are disabled by default. Once the timeline is set up, you can review the best take on track one and preview alternative takes for specific regions, enabling and disabling them as needed.

![](_page_24_Picture_0.jpeg)

The IntelliScript results in the Timeline. It places the best takes on track one, alternative takes on separate tracks and disables them by default. Here we overrode its choices at the end and manually enabled what take we thought was best.

**NOTE:** IntelliScript chooses the "best" take by matching the spoken dialog only. It does not use any good take metadata or make any judgments based on anything other than dialog matching.

## Al Dialogue Matcher (Studio Version Only)

Dialogue Matcher allows you to match one piece of dialogue to another, matching tone, level, and room reverberance/ambience. This can help with situations where new recordings may not match the environment of existing ones. Using the Al Dialog Matcher to match room tone is particularly useful. The Dialogue Matcher is a fully automated tool that only requires the user to capture a tone profile from a clip and then to apply it to another.

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Capturing a Dialogue Profile from a clip using the main menu

## To Use Dialogue Matcher:

- 1 Select a reference clip whose dialogue you want to match, right-click, and choose Clip > Al Tools > Dialogue Matcher > Capture Dialogue Profile.
- 2 Select the clip whose dialogue you want to change, right-click and choose Clip > AI Tools > Dialogue Matcher > Apply Dialogue Profile.
- 3 You can enable or disable the Dialogue Matcher on a clip by right-clicking and choosing Clip > AI Tools > Dialogue Matcher > Enable.
- 4 You can Remove the Dialogue Matcher on a clip by right-clicking and choosing Clip > Al Tools > Dialogue Matcher > Remove Applied Profile.

## Al Music Editor (Studio Version Only)

DaVinci Resolve 20 supports seamlessly extending or shortening music to the length of your edit. The new AI powered Music Editor can be accessed in the Audio tab of the Inspector. You can enter a desired duration and press the Retime button in order to shorten or extend the clip to that duration.

**NOTE:** Music Editor is an "intelligent edit" that works effectively with beat-driven music (pop, dance, etc.). It is not intended for free form, ambient, or non-beat-driven material.

Music Editor does not use time compression/expansion or alter the pitch of the music, but instead uses editing techniques like a music editor might to fit the material to desired length to picture. It will look for logical places to create transitions based on whether you're extending length (by repeating sections), or removing material, and attempt to use the ending or fade of the original composition if it times well. If the ending is abrupt, it's up to you to manually create a fade out.

![](_page_25_Picture_9.jpeg)

The Music Editor in the Audio Inspector

### To Use Music Editor to retime a music clip:

- 1 Select the clip on the timeline you wish to retime. This clip does need to be beat-driven music.
- 2 In the Audio Inspector under Al Music Editor enter a new Target Length for the music duration you want.
- 3 Press the Adjust button.
- 4 Alternatively, you can check the Live Trim box to use the trim tools to resize the clip and dynamically retime the music on the timeline. You can turn the checkbox off to return to normal editing (e.g., trimming) for that clip after the desired edit has been created.

Once the analysis is complete, four versions of potential edits you can use appear at the bottom, each with a different approach to the edit, numbered 1-4. Any subsequent editing can be done almost instantaneously. The edited pieces of music show indicators on the clip to show the portions where cuts and transitions occur.

![](_page_26_Figure_6.jpeg)

The initial music is too long

![](_page_26_Figure_8.jpeg)

The Music Editor has retimed the audio clip to match the length of the video. Note the jagged lines on the audio clip indicating where the original was cut. In the waveform you can see the end of the music is retained in the retimed clip.

**TIP:** While timings can be quite close, sometimes they may not be exact. If you need to get an exact timing after working with Al Music Editor, you might use the Elastic Wave tool on the Fairlight page and choose the algorithm for general purpose (music).

The edited clip is actually a specialized Music Editor clip, which allows you to further trim your edit. If you want to access the underlying edit, you can also right-click on the clip and decompose, exposing the edit points and any crossfades created. However, keep in mind that once decomposed, you can't trim the length of the clip as an entity as each editing snippet is now a separate clip.

# Al Animated Subtitles (Studio Version Only)

A new set of Fusion title templates, called Animated, has been added to DaVinci Resolve 20. These templates can be added to subtitle tracks, allowing you to easily create animated subtitle effects. These effects work in conjunction with DaVinci Resolve's transcription engine to match and highlight spoken audio with subtitle timing.

You can audition the prebuilt templates in the Animated section of the Titles tab, and, of course, using Fusion you can crate your own custom templates as well.

To animate your subtitles, simply drag the animated template from your Titles library on top of the header of the subtitle track. You can customize their parameters in the Inspector.

![](_page_27_Figure_4.jpeg)

The Word Highlight animated template has been applied, highlighting each word in red as it is spoken in the clip.

## Al Super Scale 3x 4x Enhanced (Studio Version Only)

For high quality upscaling of low resolution footage, Super Scale now includes 3x Enhanced and 4x Enhanced modes. The enhanced modes let you choose specific values for Sharpness and Noise Reduction, rather than just relying on low, medium, and high settings. Super Scale works amazingly well when dialed in correctly, but remains one of the most computationally intensive tools in DaVinci Resolve, so you may want to work with proxies or optimized media if you have a lot of Super Scaled footage.

# Al Beat Detector Displays Music Beats

DaVinci Resolve Studio 20 can now automatically detect beats for a piece of music on the timeline and supports snapping to these beat marker locations. This can be especially useful when trying to make edits to the beat.

Note The Beat Detector will only work effectively with beat-driven music and with 4/4 or 3/4 time signatures at this time.

To detect beats, right-click on the timeline audio clip and select Detect Music Beats from the context menu. Once analyzed, the timeline clip displays beat indicator overlays that you can snap other timeline elements to.

![](_page_28_Figure_4.jpeg)

A music track with the Beat Detector applied. The lined overlays match up with the beat of the music.

# **Optimized UI Layouts for Vertical Editing**

Optimized layouts for vertical timelines and projects are now supported in DaVinci Resolve 20. When a vertical timeline or project is loaded, the UI automatically switches to a layout optimized for vertical viewers on the Cut, Edit, and Color pages. Loading a normal landscape timeline or project then automatically switches back to the original layout. No additional user intervention is needed.

You can change this behavior in Preferences > User > UI Settings > Use optimized UI layouts for vertical video. Unchecking this box retains the normal horizontal layout, even for vertical video timelines.

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The UI now changes format to accommodate vertical video timelines automatically.

# **Custom Sort of Clip Thumbnails in the Media Pool**

You can now manually reposition Media Pool clips in Thumbnail view, allowing you to group clips together in any way that visually makes sense to you.

![](_page_29_Picture_4.jpeg)

You can turn on Custom Sort by selecting Custom in the Sort menu in the Media Pool.

Select Thumbnail view in the Media Pool, and from the Sort menu, select Custom. Then you can drag your thumbnails around in any order or grouping that you wish. If Snap to Grid is selected in the Sort menu, the icons will line up in neat rows and columns. Turn off Snap To Grid to enable freeform positioning. If two thumbnails are overlapping, the last one moved will show on top.

![](_page_30_Figure_1.jpeg)

With Snap to Grid deselected, you can rearrange thumbnails in any way (even overlapping) and it is retained throughout the Media Pool on all pages.

The position of your icon thumbnails are persistent in the Media Pools across all pages in DaVinci Resolve. The positioning is also retained if you temporarily choose another sort order, and then return to the Custom sort.

# New MultiText Tool with Text Layers and Easier Controls for Transform, Clip, and Wrap

Built on Text+, the MultiText tool in the Titles category gives you greater flexibility to add and format multiple text layers, all within the single tool. It introduces a Text List and a slight rearrangement of controls, prioritizing functionality based on editors' needs.

The Text List serves as a master panel, displaying all created text layers. The list and controls remain available across Inspector tabs, allowing quick access to tweak both text and its properties at any time. Directly below the Text List, the Add Text buttons offer three commonly used layout types: Point, Text Box, and Circle, making it effortless to add your preferred input style.

When Text Box is selected, the newly added Wrap to Text Box and Clip to Text Box checkboxes can be found under Layout tab. With Wrap to Text Box selected, your text will automatically continue on the next line when it reaches the edge of the text box. When Clip to Text Box is selected it ensures that any text extending beyond the text box's boundaries is visually cut off, preventing overflow while keeping the excess content intact.

There is also a new Page tab, which allows you to add a custom-colored background behind the text layers.

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The MultiText tool in the Titles section lets you create multiple text layers and styles and composite them all within a single interface.

# Subtitle Tracks Support Fusion Templates for Styling

In DaVinici Resolve 20, you can now style a subtitle track using a Fusion template. To style a subtitle track, just drag any Fusion title template from the Effects Library on the subtitle track header. The Fusion effects now override any track or per-caption styling applied to the track via the Inspector, allowing you to create fine-tuned text looks from the underlying Fusion compositions.

![](_page_31_Picture_4.jpeg)

Using a Fusion template to create stylized subtitles

# Sync Specific Media Originals in Proxy-Synced Cloud Projects

In Blackmagic Cloud projects where only proxies are being synced to Blackmagic Cloud, you now have the ability to sync originals for specific files in the Media Pool. This is useful in situations where you either need to upload or download originals for certain files, but not all of them. You can right click on the Media Pool clips you need the originals for and select Sync Original Media from the context menu.

![](_page_32_Picture_2.jpeg)

You can select individual media proxies and download the original files for just those clips.

# Split Photoshop PSD Layers into Individual Timeline Tracks

You can now right-click on an Adobe Photoshop document (.psd) in a timeline and select Split PSD Layers in Place to expand each layer of the file into its own track. The number of new tracks created will correspond to the number of layers in the file.

![](_page_32_Picture_6.jpeg)

You can split Photoshop PSD layers into individual tracks by right-clicking on them and selecting Split PSD Layers in Place.

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The results of splitting a PSD file

DaVinci Resolve reads and splits rasterized flattened layers, so some steps need to be taken when preparing the underlying PSD asset before import. Merging layers in Photoshop to create flattened layers is generally a manual process. The intention is to simplify the image structure, bake Photoshop-specific effects, and rasterize fonts to ensure compatibility with DaVinci Resolve. Here is a breakdown of the process:

#### **Rasterize transparency and effects**

If your layers/fonts contain effects like shadows or gradients, merging them can sometimes alter their appearance. Consider rasterizing before merging. To do this, select one or more layers, right-click and choose Rasterize Layer Style. This is recommended for text layers as well.

## Merge and flatten similar layers

Arrange similar layers together and select the layers you want to merge. Right-click on the selected layers and choose Merge Layers (Cmd/Control+E) to combine the selected layers into one 'flat' layer. Depending on the complexity of the Photoshop document, consider using the option: File > Scripts > Flatten All Layer Effects.

## Name layers

Rename the layers to describe the underlying image, effect, or element. Naming the flattened layers at this stage allows DaVinci Resolve to use the names in the split clips.

# Support for Alert Red Viewer Background Mode

To make it incredibly clear that you have issues with blanking, compositing, and other problems filling your frame, there is now an Alert Red option in the Timeline View Options > Viewer Background settings. Selecting this option fills any transparent part of the frame with the brightest, most saturated red our engineers could devise.

![](_page_34_Picture_2.jpeg)

The Alert Red Viewer background makes it blindingly obvious where you have transparency issues in your frame.

# Improved Transcription Quality and Support for Additional Languages

DaVinci Resolve 20 has improved its transcription quality and added transcription and automatic subtitling support for many more languages. Because all these language models are quite large, the Extended Transcription Language Support is one of the first tools to use the new Extras Download Manager, which allows you decide what tools you need on your system.

## To enable these additional languages:

- 1 Go to DaVinci Resolve > Extras Download Manager.
- 2 In the Extras Download Manager, click the Download icon next to the Extended Transcription Language Support package.
- 3 Once downloaded, go to the Subtitles and Transcription section of the Project Settings. and check the Enable Extended Language Support box.

The current transcription language options now include: Afrikaans, Arabic, Armenian, Azerbaijani, Belarusian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Catalan, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, Galician, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Icelandic, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Kannada, Kazakh, Korean, Latvian, Lithuanian, Macedonian, Malay, Marathi, Maori, Nepali, Norwegian, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovak, Slovenian, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Tagalog, Tamil, Thai, Turkish, Ukrainian, Urdu, Vietnamese, and Welsh.

Please note that some of these languages are still in beta.

## Smooth Cut Supports AI Speed Warp

The Smooth Cut transition in DaVinci Resolve 20 now automatically uses our Al-powered Speed Warp interpolation for extremely clean transitions for edits with jump cuts. Al Speed Warp is automatically enabled when you apply Smooth Cut transitions to edits. In situations where you would like the previous Smooth Cut behavior, uncheck the Al SpeedWarp checkbox in the Transition tab of the Inspector.

## **Export Audio Transcriptions with Speaker and Timecode information**

In DaVinci Resolve 20, when you export a transcription, the resulting text file will now include Speaker Name and Timecode information for each speech block. This useful information will make searching and navigating transcriptions much easier.

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<pre>[13:38:09:26 - 13:38:17:06] Speaker 2 Absolutely. So we're going to cook this together. I'm so excited to share with you this dish. One of my favorites is a prawn and basil spaghettini.</pre>	
[13:38:17:06 – 13:38:20:02] Speaker 1 Well, that sounds amazing. So shall we get started?	
[13:38:20:02 – 13:38:26:43] Speaker 2 Yeah, let's get started. OK, so I've got some water on to boil. So let's cook the spaghetti first, and then I'll talk to you about all the other ingredients.	
[13:38:28:02 - 13:38:28:46] Speaker 2 I'll put the salt in.	
[13:38:29:51 - 13:38:31:52] Speaker 1 And so how much salt are we actually supposed to put?	
<pre>[13:38:31:52 - 13:38:39:48] Speaker 2 OK, so I'm going to put about a tablespoon. I know it seems like a lot, but I say in Italy that the water should be about as salty as the Mediterranean Sea.</pre>	

Transcripts now include speaker and timecode information for dialog blocks.
# **Transcription Exports Improvements**

The transcription export has also been improved regarding the timing of phrase and sentence breaks.

# **Editable Spatial Video Metadata in the Inspector**

If you are using Apple Spatial Video clips, you can now adjust the Baseline, Horizontal Field of View, and Disparity Adjustment parameters of the clips in the File Inspector.

# **Cut Page**

Certain features in DaVinci Resolve 20 are native to the Cut page, such as a new Voiceover and Prompter tool, and now Live Overwrite capability without a Speed Editor.

## **Voiceover Tool**

The Cut page in DaVinci Resolve 20 has a new dedicated voiceover and teleprompter interface, easily accessible in the Viewer by clicking on the Voiceover icon. The Voiceover tool makes it simple to record perfectly timed scripts directly into the Cut page timeline. You can even apply Voice Isolation and the Dialog Leveler on the fly to get great results, even with substandard microphones and recording environments.



Recording a VO audio track directly into the Cut Page timeline using the Voiceover tool

## Using Voiceover on the Cut Page

At its most basic, you can quickly "punch in" a recording using only a microphone and an In point, but the Voiceover tool has a variety of features to make the process more precise and repeatable, including teleprompter support and Al-based audio tools. Below is a sample setup that makes the most out of the Voiceover features on the Cut page.

- 1 Connect an external microphone and headphones to your computer, then format a plain text (.txt) script for your VO.
- 2 Press the Voiceover tool icon in the Viewer.
- 3 In the Voiceover settings, select your microphone interface.

- 4 Select the Audio Track you want the voiceover clip to be recorded to. By default, the Cut page creates a new track called VO.
- 5 You have additional options for countdowns and to select the file folder that your voice recordings are saved into.
- 6 Determine where in the timeline this voiceover is needed. In a simple setup, just place the playhead at the location you want the VO to start. You can also set an In point in the timeline to serve as a cue point that the Voiceover tool returns to for subsequent takes.
- 7 You can optionally turn on the Voice Isolation and Dialog Leveler if you're recording in a substandard audio environment (for example, directly into your laptop microphone in an office environment) to clean up your audio as you record it.
- 8 Click the Record button to start the teleprompter and recording to the selected track. The interface will change to red to let you know you're "on the air."
- 9 Click Stop to end the recording. The playhead will automatically snap back to your start position, so you can then play your new voiceover in place.
- 10 If you need to try again, press the Cue button to automatically return to the In point, and press Record again to give it another take. The new voiceover will automatically overwrite the old take on the timeline. However, all of your previous VO takes will still be saved in the Media Pool, if you want to go back to them.

### Using the Prompter

The Voiceover tool has a build in Prompter toolset that lets you import a text (.txt) script, and during recording the text scrolls over the picture for accurate voiceover performance and placement.



The built-in Prompter in the Voiceover tool

#### To use the Prompter while recording voice over:

- 1 Open and set up the Voiceover tool, as described above.
- 2 In the Script settings, Enable the Prompter Overlay, and Load the Script File. You have additional settings for how the script is formatted in the Viewer.
- 3 You can set In and Out points on the timeline to mark the VO range for the teleprompter. The teleprompter will then adjust its speed automatically to start scrolling at the In point, and end at the Out point. By default, the script scroll length will cover the entire timeline, if no in or out points are set.
- 4 When you press Record, the text will scroll over the image while your voiceover is being recorded.

### **Voiceover Settings**

The Voiceover tool has several optional settings to fine tune your VO session.



Clicking on the Voiceover icon (red) opens the Voiceover toolset at the bottom of the Viewer.

Audio Input: Select which computer interface your microphone is connected to.

**Record Track:** Select which audio track in the timeline you want the VO to be recorded to. By default, the Cut page creates a new track labeled VO, but you can manually override it to another track in this setting.

#### Monitoring

**Timeline and Audio Input:** Lets you hear both the timeline audio and your voice input while you're recording.

**Audio Input:** Lets you hear your voice input only, and mutes the timeline while you're recording.

No Countdown: No visual countdown appears; when you press Record, start talking.

**3 Secs Countdown:** Puts a three second visual countdown on the Viewer before the recording begins, to allow a little time to get ready first. This is a visual cue only; there are no audio beeps.

**5 Secs Countdown:** Puts a five second visual countdown on the Viewer before the recording begins, to allow a little time to get ready first. This is a visual cue only; there are no audio beeps.

Voiceover Recording File Location: Select where your new audio files are saved to.

### Script Settings

Enable Prompter Overlay: Turns on or off the text overlay for the loaded script.

Load Script File: Opens a file selector to choose a text file to load into the prompter.

**Clear Script File:** Removes the text file from the prompter.

Font Size: Lets you choose the font size of the on-screen text.

Line Spacing: Lets you choose the line spacing of the on-screen text.

Side Margin: Lets you choose how big of a margin to use for the on-screen text.

Background Opacity: Lets you choose the transparency level of the on-screen text.

**Play Prompter Without Video:** This decouples the text script from the video, allowing you to record a VO free form, without having to worry about timing constraints. It also enables the following options:

- **Read Speed:** Adjust the scrolling speed of the text. You can set a speed percentage or manually enter a specific duration.
- Set Speed Using Search Dial: If you are using a Speed Editor, you can use the search dial to adjust the scroll speed of the text on the fly, similar to professional teleprompter systems.

Audio Meters: A miniature set of audio meters shows your microphone's audio levels.

**Audio Input Only:** A toggle to choose between hearing your voice only, or your voice plus all the timeline audio while you're recording.

**Cue:** Snaps the playhead back to the initial record In point.

Record: Starts the audio recording into the timeline.

Stop: Stops the audio recording.

**Voice Isolation:** Activates the Voice Isolation effect as you are recording, to minimize any background noise.

**Dialog Leveler:** Activates the Dialog Leveler effect as you are recording, to keep a constant volume for your track.

**Stereo Fixer:** Activates the Stereo Fixer effect as you are recording, to eliminate common channel errors involved in translating between mono and stereo sources.

## **Ripple Trimming Now Available on Secondary Tracks**

Before DaVinci Resolve 20, ripple editing in the Cut page was only available on the primary track. Now you can use the Cut page's ripple editing on secondary tracks as well, even when there is no underlying video on the primary track.



We want to delete the selected clip and close the gap, even though our clips are on a secondary track.



Previous to DaVinci Resolve 20, deleting the clip would leave a gap, even if the ripple trimming was turned on.



As of this release, you can now delete a clip and ripple the timeline, even on a secondary track.

## Multi Views Show Previously Used Camera Angles in a Replay Session

Previously used Replay angles are now indicated with a blue border for the duration of the replay. To clear the indicators, press Dump Session or exit Replay.

## Tapping Time Buttons Enables Camera Button Presses to Preroll Replays

You can control the preroll time of a camera before a switch by pressing a Time button.

Press a Time button (2 sec -7 sec) to select it. The Time LED lights up to indicate the preroll mode and duration. Press the Time button again to deselect it. With a Time button selected, press the Camera button to preroll for the set time and then perform the switch.

## Automatically Resync Media Files Supports Still Images and Frame Sequences

Syncing Media Pool bins with File System folders using the Automatically Resync Media Files command now supports syncing still images and frame sequences. Previously, it was limited to video and audio clips only.

## Live Overwrite from Source and Source Tape Using Edit Keys and Search Dial on Speed Editor

In DaVinci Resolve 20, new Live Overwrite functionality has been added to the Editing Tools keys of the Speed Editor. Pressing and holding on each of the Editing Tools keys, then rotating the Search Dial will now perform various Live Overwrite operations using the material in the Source and Source Tape on the Cut page.

**NOTE:** These new features are all "Press and Hold" operations. If you simply tap on a key, it will perform the originally listed function instead.

With the selected media in the Source Viewer or Source Tape, press and hold the following buttons and use the search dial to paint the source clip in.

- **SMART INSRT:** Live paints the source clip at the smart indicator, and ripples the timeline appropriately.
- APPND: Live paints the source clip at the end of the timeline.
- **RIPL O/WR:** Live paints and replaces the clip in the timeline with the source and ripples the timeline appropriately.
- The initial button press grays out the original timeline clip.
- When you rotate the dial, the original clip is replaced with a gap of the same duration, and the source clip is painted into the gap.
- If the painted clip is longer than the original, the timeline ripples out and creates space.
- On releasing button, any remaining gap where the original clip was is removed. The timeline then ripples in to adjust.
- **PLACE ON TOP:** Place source clip on top of current timeline clip at playhead with live paint. You can paint over multiple adjacent clips for longer inserts and roll back the search dial to restore before releasing.
- **CLOSE UP:** Places the source clip with smart zoom on top with a live paint. You can paint over multiple adjacent clips for longer inserts.
- **SRC O/WR:** Places a clip on top, matching the timeline clip's timecode. If no matching timecode can be found, the timeline playhead glows red as an indicator and no edit occurs. You can paint over multiple adjacent clips for longer inserts.

To undo the live paint operations and restore the original, rotate back to start and then release the button.

## Live Overwrite Camera Angles from Multi Source and Sync Bin Viewers with a Mouse Drag

If you don't have a Speed Editor, you can still use the paint on functionality of Live Overwrite on multicam material with your mouse.



By clicking and dragging on camera angle 1 in the Viewer, the angle is "painted on" to the timeline for the same duration as the drag. You can continue to click and drag multiple angles for a quick multicam production.

To do so, open all your multi camera angles, either in the Sync Bin or the Multi Source viewers. Then simply click on the angle you wish to use, then drag horizontally in the image to live paint the angle on the timeline at the playhead position. Then click on another angle and drag it to paint on the next camera.

Because of the unique syncing nature of the Sync Bin that keeps all your footage locked together, you can very quickly create an entire multicam production just using simple mouse drags.

## Trim with Safe Edit

Editing in the Cut Page timeline can be fast and furious, and if you wish to avoid accidentally overwriting an adjacent clip while trimming, you can turn on "Trim with Safe Edit" in the Timeline options.

With this mode enabled, you can trim and extend an edit point as normal until it intersects another clip. When the trim cursor reaches the next clip's bounds, it stops the trim and shows a small timer on the cursor rather than pushing on with the overwrite. If you actually do want to overwrite the adjacent clip, continue dragging with the mouse or rotating the Speed Editor dial to override the timer and overwrite the adjacent clip with the trim operation.



In the Timeline options, select Trim with Safe Edit to prevent accidental overshoots.



The safe edit cursor stopping you from overwriting the subsequent clip; continue dragging the clip to perform the overwrite anyway

## Metadata Display Palette in the Media Pool

When in the Source Tape or Source mode in the Viewer, a small tag icon becomes available directly to the left of the search bar in the Media Pool. Clicking on this icon activates the Metadata Display Palette at the top of the Media Pool. The display shows basic information about whatever clip is selected, in order for you to quickly review the details about selected clips.



Next to the search bar in the Cut page Media Pool is a small tag icon (circled red) that opens the Metadata Display Panel at the top of the Media Pool.

The information on the display includes, Camera Name, Scene/Shot/Take, Frame Rate, and Resolution.

## Copy, Paste and Remove Attributes from Timeline Clips

You can now copy, paste, and remove attributes from clips in the Cut Page timeline, similar to how the Edit page operates. To do so, right-click on the clip in the timeline you want to get the attributes from, and select copy. Then select the clip you want to modify on the timeline, right-click and select Paste Attributes. A check box menu will appear, allowing you to select the specific attributes that you want to paste.



You can cut, copy, and paste clip attributes from the Cut Page timeline, using the controls in the context menu.

# **Dynamic Trimming Using JKL Controls**

The Edit page's Dynamic Trim mode using the JKL controls on the keyboard has been added to the Cut page, for quick keyboard trimming.

The Dynamic Trim mode lets you resize selected edit points and clips using the JKL transport control keyboard shortcuts. This means that you can make an appropriate selection in the Timeline, then trim them during playback, all while monitoring audio and watching the video.

Trimming while viewing the selected clip or edit point playing back has the advantage of letting you get emotionally involved in what you're watching, as well as experiencing the timing of a clip as it plays, in order to help you get a better feel for how, exactly, you need to trim a particular cut.

While you're dynamically trimming, you see the same two-up display, the same Timeline overlays, and the same dynamically updating timeline that appear when you use the Trim tool with the mouse. The only difference is that you're trimming while your program plays.



The playhead turns yellow to show you are in Dynamic Trim mode. The green highlight shows that only the outpoint of the first clip is active. Using the JKL keys on the keyboard will then shift that edit point forwards or backwards

### To use Dynamic Trim mode to dynamically trim one or more selected clips or edits:

- 1 Select one or more edit points on the timeline that you wish to trim. Otherwise, the edit closest to the smart indictor will be selected for trimming.
- Press W to enter Dynamic mode, or select Trim > Dynamic Trim Mode, and click the Dynamic tool in the toolbar. Once you've entered Dynamic Trim mode, the playhead tool turns yellow to serve as a constant reminder that in this mode all you can do is trim clips.
- 3 The edit point will be highlighted in green to show which edges of the clip are selected for trimming. Press U to toggle through the available edit point types, or select Trim > Edit Point Type.
- 4 Use any combination of the JKL keyboard shortcuts to initiate playback and trimming, including:
  - J+K or K+L to trim in slow motion, with slow motion audio playback
  - Pressing K while tapping J or L to trim a frame at a time
  - Pressing J or L to trim with real time playback
  - Pressing J or L repeatedly to trim in fast-reverse or fast-forward, at a variety of speeds
- 5 As you dynamically trim, all audio clips in all audio tracks will play back as the playhead scrolls across them, so you can hear your entire mix as you're trimming.
- 6 After you've made a trim, pressing the Spacebar initiates Play Around Current Selection, so you can see how well that trim plays. In Dynamic Trim mode, the Spacebar only executes a Play Around Current Selection operation, rather than play forward as it usually does.
- 7 When you're finished, you can use the Up and Down Arrow keys to move both the selection and playhead to another edit point or clip you'd like to trim, or you can press W again to toggle Dynamic Trim mode off.

You always want to be sure to turn Dynamic mode off when you're done, because otherwise using the JKL keys will continue trimming selections whenever one or more edits or clips are selected, instead of playing the Timeline.

## **Full Featured Audio Mixer**

The Cut page can now show a full Audio Mixer, with access to all the tracks and busses of your mix, in addition to shortcuts to any audio Track FX, Dynamics, and Equalizer tools. To enable the Audio Mixer, select the Mixer tab at the top of the Cut page.



The Audio Mixer in action during Cut page playback

A unique feature of the Cut page Audio Mixer is the ability to expand it fully using the Expand icon in the upper left of the Mixer. This will replace the whole lower timeline with the Mixer, giving you plenty of room to monitor complex audio compositions, while still being able to access the editing functions of the upper timeline.



The Audio Mixer expanded, allowing you to see all audio tracks while still editing in the upper timeline of the Cut page.

## **Clip Context Menu Actions** for the Mini Timeline

In the Cut page, right-clicking on a clip in the upper mini timeline will now open a context menu, allowing you to perform the same actions as right-clicking on a clip in the Cut page's main timeline.

# **Edit Page**

Certain features in DaVinci Resolve 20 are native to the Edit page, such as Dual Timeline Editing, and the new Multicam SmartSwitch.

# Voiceover Tool with Record and Monitor Options

In DaVinci Resolve 20, both the Cut and Edit pages have the ability to record voiceover directly to a track in the timeline using a simplified interface. For serious and precise ADR work, the ADR toolset in Fairlight will be more appropriate, but for simple VO and scratch tracks, the Record Voiceover tool is quick and convenient.

To open the Record Voiceover tool, select Timeline > Record Voiceover, or select the Voiceover icon (the small microphone) on the Timeline toolbar.



The Record Voiceover tool

### **To Record Voiceover**

- **1 File Name:** Type in a descriptive file name for the new Voiceover file or just use the default name.
- 2 **Audio Input:** Choose which audio interface on your computer your microphone is connected to.
- 3 **Record Track:** Choose the audio track in the timeline you wish your voiceover track to be recorded to. Or select Auto to have DaVinci Resolve choose for you based on your current track layout.
- 4 Then adjust the playhead on the timeline where you want the audio to start.
- 5 Click the Record Icon to start recording directly to the track.
- 6 Click the Record Icon again to stop the recording.

When the recording stops, the playhead will automatically snap back to its original starting position for you to either play back the voiceover clip in place or to instantly record a new take by simply clicking on the Record Icon again. This new take will automatically overwrite the previous clip on the track. However, all previous takes will still be available in the Media Pool.

You can choose additional options in the 3-dot option menu of the Voiceover tool.

**Input Monitoring:** Turning this option on will playback the microphone audio as it's being recorded, albeit with some lag. This allows the voiceover artist or the audio engineer the ability to hear the audio as it's being recorded. Selecting this option will make a Mic Monitor Level slider appear in the main Voiceover tool, which allows you to control how loud the playback will be in the headphones.

**Enable 3 Seconds Countdown:** Turning this option on will present a visual three second countdown in the Timeline Viewer before the recording begins, allowing you talent a little time to get ready to speak. There is no audio beep for this countdown; it is a visual indicator only.

**Mute Timeline Audio While Recording:** Selecting this option will mute all audio tracks on the timeline while you are recording, so you do not hear any other sounds that could be distracting. If you want to mute just some of the tracks, you can do that manually using the Mute buttons in the audio track timeline header.

**Stereo Input:** Selecting this option will record to a stereo track instead of mono, if you're using a stereo microphone.

**Hide Options:** Selecting this option will remove the File Name, Audio Input, and Record Track fields from the Voiceover tool, leaving only the Record icon to click on or off. This is useful if you don't want your voiceover talent to accidentally change your settings.

## AI Multicam SmartSwitch for Automatic Angle Switching

DaVinci Resolve 20 has a new AI-powered multicam tool called Multicam SmartSwitch, which will analyze all multicam camera angles and automatically cut to the most appropriate angle, based on who is the active speaker. Multicam SmartSwitch doesn't just use the audio track to determine which angle is best but includes other video related traits, such as lip movement in the frame, and if the shot is a wide or close up. Trained on thousands of hours of multicam footage, Multicam SmartSwitch is great for giving you a good first pass and letting you finesse the rest.



Selecting a multicam clip to be used with Multicam SmartSwitch

#### To use Multicam SmartSwitch to automatically cut your multicam clip:

- 1 Create a multicam clip in the Media Pool of all the individual camera angle clips. For more information on creating multicam clips see *DaVinci Resolve Reference Manual* Chapter 42.
- 2 Edit the multicam clip into the timeline.
- **3** Right-click on the multicam clip, and select Multicam SmartSwitch from the context menu.
- 4 Select the appropriate settings and parameters from the Multicam SmartSwitch tool.
- 5 Click Analyze.

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Multicam SmartSwitch analyzing the multicam clip

At this point, Multicam SmartSwitch will analyze all your video angles and audio tracks and choose what it thinks the best angle is under the circumstances. This can take quite some time, depending on the length and number of cameras angles used in the multicam shoot.



Multicam SmartSwitch finished cut on the timeline

When it is finished, you will have a fully cut version of your multicam clip available in the timeline. If you don't like a choice that Multicam SmartSwitch made, you can easily switch the camera angle by right-clicking on it and selecting a new one from the Switch Multicam Clip Angle context menu, or using the standard trim tools to change the edit point.

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The Multicam SmartSwitch tool

### **Multicam SmartSwitch Settings**

You can set parameters for the Multicam SmartSwitch tool that modifies how it makes its cut decisions.

Angle Switching: Adjusts the timing of the edits.

**Minimum Edit Duration:** Sets the minimum length of an edit. Regardless of what happens in the cut, Multicam SmartSwitch won't change angles before the end of this duration.

**Edit Change Delay:** This lets you set the amount of time between the person speaking and the edit changing.

**Wide Angle Setup:** Just like a technical director, Multicam SmartSwitch will tend to use wide angles to cover things like people talking over each other and silences. You can tweak those settings here.

**Automatically detect wide angles:** Check this box to have Multicam SmartSwitch automatically choose what it considers to be wide shots.

**Wide Angle:** If you have a specific wide shot you want to use for coverage, you can manually select it here.

**Wide Angle Frequency:** How often should Multicam SmartSwitch cut back to the wide shot. Choices are Low, Medium, and High.

Use wide angle for intro and outro: Check this box to open and close the multicam clip on a wide shot.

Use wide angle for silence: Check this box to go back to the wide shot when no one is speaking.

SmartSwitch Setup: Determines what media types to use for the analysis.

**Switch:** You can choose for the cuts to be Video Only, or cut Video and Audio tracks together.

Quality: Lets you choose the tradeoff between Faster (speed) and Better (accuracy).

**Use Audio Only Fast Analysis:** Check this box to use an analysis that uses only the audio to make its decisions, rather than analyze the video as well. This runs much faster and is only available in certain modes.

## Source Tape in the Edit Page Source Viewer

The Cut page's Source Tape is now available in the Edit page Source Viewer. To enable it, simply select a bin and then click on the Source Tape icon in the upper right of the Source Viewer, or press Shift-Q.



You can now edit using the Source Tape in the Edit page. To do so, click on the Source Tape icon in the Source Viewer (circled red).

Using this option, every single clip in the currently open bin, and any subfolders in that bin, of the Media Pool is shown in the Source Viewer as a "stringout" in the scroll area at the bottom of the Viewer. In the scroll area, each clip appears one after the other in a long strip, with the order determined by the sort order. This makes it easy to scrub through a whole collection of clips while you're figuring out what you want to use. As you play through, whichever clip the playhead intersects is selected in the Media Pool, so you know which clip you're looking at, and you have the ability to set In and Out points for any clip in the Source Tape.

For watching and reviewing a large amount of footage, the Fast Review button is also now available in the lower left of the Source Viewer. Pressing this button will automatically adjust to a faster playback speed, depending on the length of the clip being viewed in the source tape.

For more information on using the Source Tape, see the DaVinci Resolve Reference Manual, Chapter 28.

# View and Edit Timelines in the Source Viewer

You can now work on two timelines simultaneously in the Edit page, one loaded in the Source Viewer and one in the Timeline Viewer. This allows you to easily compare two timelines or copy content between one timeline to another.



Enable Display Stacked Timelines in the timeline view options to use dual timelines

To get the best use from this feature, you should first enable Display Stacked Timelines in the Timeline View Options icon in the upper left of the timeline. Enabling this view will allow each timeline to appear in its own tab, and the Viewer will automatically switch focus, depending on which tab is selected.

Then, in order to load a timeline into the Source Viewer, right-click on a timeline in the Media Pool and choose "Open in Timeline with Source Viewer." The timeline will appear in the Source Viewer and as a new tab with the name and playhead turning blue to help you keep track of what timeline is in what viewer. The timeline in the Source Viewer is read only. You can switch between the timelines by clicking on the tabs, pressing Q or by clicking in the appropriate viewer.

You can change the timeline that appears in the Source Viewer either by right-clicking another timeline in the Media Pool and selecting the "Open in Timeline with Source Viewer" option, or by selecting one of the timelines in the dropdown menu at the top of the Source Viewer.



A dual timeline editing setup, with the Silent Natural timeline in the Source Viewer (blue), and the FX timeline in the Timeline Viewer. Switching tabs automatically focuses the appropriate viewer.

You can perform standard Cut and Copy operations from the read-only Source timeline to the actual timeline, as well as drag from the Source Timeline Viewer (left) into the Timeline Viewer (right) to make an edit.

There are also keyboard shortcuts that make focusing between viewers that much quicker:

- To toggle between the Source and Timeline Viewers, press Q.
- To turn on and off the Source Timeline view, press Option-Q.

**TIP:** You can also right-click on a normal media clip and select Open in Timeline with Source Viewer to load that clip into the viewer as a timeline. These "timelines" will be read-only, but will otherwise allow the same timeline to timeline editing operations currently possible. This mode is useful for very long clips, like interviews.

## Selecting a Single Reference Audio Track for Multicam Clips

Multicam clips in DaVinci Resolve 20 now support the use of reference audio sources. During the creation of the multicam clip, select Reference Audio/Angle 1 in the Multicam Audio selector.

This selection automatically identifies the first audio-only angle and sets it as the reference audio for all the other angles. For multicam setups without an audio-only angle, the first angle is automatically used as the reference audio for the multicam clip. When performing multicam cuts, you can access the underlying channels in the reference audio angle by Command right-clicking on the clip, similar to Source Audio multicam clips.

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Setting up the Reference Audio track in a multicam clip

# Matching Playhead Position in Compound Clip Opened from Timeline

In a nice quality of life improvement, DaVinci Resolve 20 now retains the relative playhead position in a compound clip opened from the timeline.

# Timeline Settings from Timeline Tab Context Menu

You can now access the Timeline Settings from a tab in a Stacked Timeline view, by simply right-clicking on the tab and choosing Timeline Settings from the context menu.

# Fusion

Fusion has received significant updates in DaVinci Resolve 20, including a Deep Image compositing toolset, along with Multilayer pipeline support.

## **Deep Image Compositing Toolset**

Fusion now supports a subset of tools to load, utilize, and save deep image data. Deep image data, particularly in formats like OpenEXR, stores multiple samples per pixel to represent data for objects at different depths in the same pixel. The Fusion Deep Image toolset can utilize this valuable information to layer complex 3D renders, particularly where multiple objects overlap, and integrate them with rendered 3D scenes.

The following tools can be found in the Deep Image subcategory with a d-prefix:

- **Image to Deep:** The Image to Deep node has an input for a 2D image. When connected, the image is given deep image data and can be composited in a deep environment via the dMerge node.
- **Deep to Image:** Deep to Image node converts deep data into a 2D image by flattening its depth samples. This outputs the deep composite ready for traditional 2D compositing.
- **Deep to Points:** Converts Deep images into a 3D point cloud. This tool is useful for visualizing depth samples and offers a way to see elements in Z when incorporating elements.
- **dCrop:** Crops Deep Image samples using specified min and max depth values. Also crops pixels with an Input mask.
- **dHoldout:** Uses a foreground Deep Image to occlude background Deep Image samples, either by removing them or computing the value after occlusion.
- **dMerge:** The dMerge node combines multiple data streams, merging their depth samples for seamless compositing. This tool has numerous inputs, similar to the Merge 3D tool.
- dRecolor: Combines Deep Image data with an RGB (multi-layer) image. This node has two inputs, one for Deep/depth and the other for Color. Use this node to recolor Deep Image samples with 2D RGB values.
- dResize: Resize a Deep Image's width and height.
- **dTransform:** The dTransform node allows you to adjust spatial positioning of deep image data while preserving its depth samples. Scale and translate DeepImages, including the sample Z values.
- Renderer3D: Can output deep image data.
- Loader and Medialn: Can import deep image data EXRs.
- Saver: Saver can export deep image EXRs.

All deep compositing tools (outside of Image to Deep and Deep to Image) can automatically convert 2D image inputs to a deep image.

Note that deep compositing requires a linear colorspace. Once merged, users can convert the results into their desired colorspace.

# Multi Layer Pipelining for OpenEXR, PSD, and Stereoscopic 3D

Fusion can now intelligently handle multi-layer image workflows with support for EXR, Stereoscopic 3D, and PSD assets. Users can see a list of layers on the Fusion viewers and interact with layers in each node in the Settings tab in the Inspector. As this layer structure is retained throughout the toolset, this means you can isolate a tool to work on an individual layer, while still passing through the other layers unmodified.

### Viewer

When loading a multilayer file, you can preview specific layers in the Viewer and select a layer from the dropdown list. Files without layer support will show only a ,default' option from the dropdown menu.





Using the Layer dropdown in the Viewer to select just the Asteroids layer from a multilayer file for viewing

### **Nodes and Inspector**

In the Settings Tab you'll find a Layer category where you have access to a number of controls to affect certain layers and to control layers from each tool input.

Process Layers: Select the layer to process for effects from:

- Default Layer (default) to apply the effect on the base/unnamed layer, not affecting other layers.
- All Layers to apply the effect on all available layers.
- Custom choice of other available layers to apply the effect on, not affecting other layers.

**Input Layer:** The Input Layer lists all layers available from the upstream node of the default input. The selected layer can be used by the current tool or further down the node tree in isolation.

**Effect Mask Layer:** If the tool has an Effect Mask input, this control lists the available layers that can provide mattes for the tool.



Connecting the multilayer file both directly to the BrightnessContrast Effect Mask (blue arrow) in addition to its input, allows you to quickly create perfect masks of any layer in the file.

Tools with other named inputs (like **Image**) can show additional layer controls with a corresponding name (like **Image Layer**).

## **Input Layer Controls**

For optimal performance, Fusion tools request only the processed layers from each input. The Input Layer, Effect Mask Layer, Image Layer and other input layer controls allow the user to customize this behavior. In each input control, you can select Auto, or Match, or select an explicit layer value to map:

- Auto: (Default) Requests the layer selected in the Process Layers selection. If the layer does not exist, the tool falls back to the default layer.
- Match: Requests the layer selected in the Process Layers selection. If the layer does not exist, the tool shows a failure.
- **Explicit Layer Selection:** Requests the explicit layer selection from one of the listed layers. This isolates the specific layer for use in the current tool or further down the node tree.

For Fusion plugins, the Process Layer and input layer controls are automatically generated in the Inspector's Settings tab. Creators of plugins can decide to define and place the controls explicitly in another place, similar to how the MultiMerge places the controls in the main controls section.

Some Fusion tools include controls to handle additional layer based decisions. For example:

- The Renderer3D shows a new Eye control > Layers option when using a stereoscopic camera, allowing the left and right eyes to be output as individual layers.
- When combining multi layered sources using composite nodes (e.g., MultiMerge), Channel Booleans, or a MatteControl, the Settings tab has additional controls to select Background or Foreground options to isolate and combine the selected layers.
- The Combiner tool can be used to create custom layers. Set the Mode to Layer. This exposes layer name fields, allowing you to name the new layers.

## Vector Warping Toolset for Image Patching and Cleanup

You can use the Smart Vector Warping 2D imaging toolset to map and warp a reference frame to all the other frames in the sequence. This is useful in face replacements, digital makeup, sign replacements, etc. to track and warp assets in tandem with the background. At its simplest, you:

- · Apply VFX changes—make-up, face paint, scars, black eyes—on one frame,
- Ensure the areas of the reference frame are visible in the frames you are tracking,
- Add Vector Warp, set reference frame, select Generate + Texture Map, and track the changes to the sequence using optical flow.

### **Vector Warp**

The Vector Warp node has a main image input sequence (the background) and the map input image (a still to be warped). The output is an RGBA image and may contain extra motion vector channels (Vx, Vy. BVx, BVy) with forward and backward tracking information for use in downstream tools.

### **Inspector Controls:**

**Reference Frame:** Set the reference frame for the Main sequence that the Map overlay was created for.

• Use the Set Frame button to use the current frame as reference.

#### Operation: Choose from:

- Generate to create a warp map from the reference frame to the current frame, saved in the vector channels.
- Generate + Texture Map to create a warp map from the reference frame to the current frame, and warp the map frame.
- Texture Map to warp the map frame from a previously generated texture map from input.
- Unmap to freeze the map at the reference frame and reverse warp the main current frame to resemble the reference frame.

**Smooth UV:** Set a non-zero value to smoothen tracking anomalies and jitter with neighboring frame warp maps.

Grid Overlay: Display the warping as a Viewer overlay.

Merge Over: Display the composited map image on the main image sequence.

## **Vector Transform**

Allows custom transforms on the vector channel information, allowing tracking information to be resized, rotated, and translated to be applied on another image or sequence. Use this to simulate transfer of kinetic energy, object responses, and difference in material properties in a dynamic scene.

### Inspector Controls:

**Smooth UV:** As with Vector Warp, use this to smoothen warp map results across neighboring frames.

**Smooth Vector:** Use this to smooth vectors across neighboring frames. Useful as a pre-processing step before a Vector Warp with texture map.

**Attenuate UV:** Amplify, decrease, or zero out the warp map effect from the vector magnitudes.

**Texture UV conversion:** Warp maps capture pixel deltas. Use these controls to convert between pixel and resolution independent values. Useful when working with assets of multiple resolutions.

## **Vector Denoise**

Allows for a general purpose averaging operation across neighboring frames. While similar to temporal noise reduction, the source pixels to average are motion vector compensated.

Define the temporal window in number of frames in the Average control, and an upper Threshold to ignore flashes and brief highlights when averaging pixel values.

## **Fusion VR 180 Support**

A number of Fusion's existing VR tools now support 180-degree angle of view. The 180-degree VR format allows you to produce immersive content and simplifies the production process for VR experiences by focusing on a forward-facing perspective.

### Tools:

**Spherical Camera:** The new option forces the camera to a 180 half spherical angle of view. When enabled, this will then force the Renderer3D to output a 1:1 180 LatLong. Stereoscopic support is also available in this format, creating Immersive material.

**PanoMap:** Use the VR180 options in the From and To controls. PanoMap can also be used to crop 360 LatLong to VR180 and rotate the source clip to fit the 180 framing.

**LatLong Patcher:** Use to extract and apply a patch to a VR180 image. This gives control to apply traditional 2D effects, like paint, to a 180 distorted clip.

Spherical Stabilizer: Use to stabilize 180 LatLong source material.

**Viewer 360 View:** Use the new VR180 option in the the Viewer's 360 view controls to preview 180 degree content and simulate headset movements.

# **3D Scene Dome Light**

A Dome Light for 3D scenes has been added to Fusion, similar in function to the USD Dome Light, but designed to work specifically with Fusion's 3D environment. A Dome Light uses SDR and HDR images and surrounds the entire scene in a sphere light mapped with the image, similar to environment light.



The center sphere is a Dome Light tool, being fed by another cityscape image.

# Support for Native Cryptomatte workflows

The new Cryptomatte tool in Fusion allows you to read embedded mattes rendered into an EXR. Instead of relying on manually assigned masks or color keying, Cryptomatte reads encoded IDs and isolates them in a way that allows for easy selection. This new tool allows you to create mattes for specific objects or materials in a 3D-rendered scene.



The Cryptomatte tool lets you read embedded mattes from EXR files.

## Controls

**Layer:** Change the layer and matte type to pick (Object, Material, etc.). This affects the type of matte you can choose with the Pick control.

Pick: Select mattes from the Viewer or from a list.

- Click to open a Pick window with a mattelist selection. Click and drag or use Cmd/Control-clicks to select multiple mattes from the list.
- Click and drag the control to get an eye dropper cursor to select mattes from the Viewer.

Mode: Add or remove mattes from the Selected Matte list

View Mode: Change the output of the Cryptomatte tool.

- Colors Shows the layer IDs as separate colors.
- Edges Shows the source EXR with outlined mattes overlayed the image.
- Beauty Shows the source EXR.
- Matte Outputs a black and white image of the selected matte.

**Selected Matte List:** The Selected Matte list displays the selected mattes in a List view. The selection is highlighted in yellow on the Viewer.

- Clear Click the bin icon to remove the selected mattes.
- · Clear All Click this button to remove all mattes from the Selected Matte list.
- · Clear Selected Layer Click to remove all mattes from the layer.

## View Color Page Grade in MediaOut Node

When previewing MediaOut in the Fusion viewer, you can choose to see the clip's subsequent color grade from the Color page.

None: (default) To preview only the composition output.

**Color Grade:** To preview the clip with composition and color grade adjustments from the Color page.

**Mix:** To preview the overall timeline snapshot of the clip context with color, background tracks, overlays, and transitions.



You can now preview your Color page grades in the MediaOut tool

## Faster GPU-based PanoMap and Spherical Stabilizer Tools

The PanoMap and Spherical Stabilizer tools have improved GPU acceleration.

# **Search Tool Based on Effects Category**

When searching for a tool, the results will now be separated by category, rather than just alphabetical order, making it easier for you to find exactly the tool you need.

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Searching for Material shows all results by Effect category, rather than simple alphabetical order.

## User-selectable Starting Frames for Compositions

Fusion now allows consistent frame numbering for all compositions, including trimmed clips. This means that any composition created in Fusion can start with the same start frame number. In new projects in DaVinci Resolve 20, you can change the default start frame for Fusion compositions in the Project Settings.

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In the Project Settings, you can change the Default Start Frame for Fusion compositions.

This helps with Visual FX workflows in three ways:

- Matching existing keyframes to the right frame offsets: When replacing an asset with mismatched frame offsets (e.g., a sub clip, different format, or round trip or VFX connect workflows with mismatching handles).
- Rendering to specific frame ranges: When aligning to delivery standards for commercial workflows (e.g., compositions should start at sequence frame 1000).
- **Consistent Referenced Comp behavior:** Essential when applying a referenced composition to different clips with different trims.

The legacy frame count behavior continues to anchor Fusion composition zero frames to the first frame of the source media for the composition.

# Color

The Color page in DaVinci Resolve 20 has seen major upgrades in the AI behind Magic Mask, and presents a new Chroma Color Warper, along with many quality of life improvements.

# Al Magic Mask v2 (Studio Version Only)

The underlying AI technology in Magic Mask has been entirely redesigned to provide dramatically better results over the previous version, and has been designated Magic Mask v2. In addition to better pattern and shape recognition, you will notice the benefits in difficult tracking situations, like objects passing in front of the mask and other depth related issues.

Magic Mask  $v^2$  user controls remain mostly the same from the original Magic Mask with the following new changes:

- There are no longer separate Person or Object modes. Magic Mask v2 can handle both on its own.
- Drawing Strokes is no longer necessary and has been replaced by simply performing Clicks on the object to make a selection.
- A simple Paint tool has been added to manually paint in or out additional regions from the mask on a frame-by-frame basis.

The Magic Mask palette uses the DaVinci AI Neural Engine to automagically create a mask to isolate one or more people or objects in the frame, guided by user-applied clicks to identify the subject for isolation. Masks can be generated for either an entire object, person, or for specific features of that person (their face, hair, arms, shoes, etc.). The following images show these two kinds of masks with Highlight enabled in the Viewer. A red onionskin overlay lets you see what Magic Mask is isolating.



Using Magic Mask to isolate just skin tones



Using Magic Mask to isolate just the apron. Note how the color of the apron and shirt are very close together, but Magic Mask understands the shape of the apron to generate the mask.

While the masks generated by Magic Mask can often be good enough to use directly for making high quality isolated adjustments, it won't always give perfect results. In these cases, the Matte Finesse controls let you make the resulting mask softer and looser, as necessary, to clear the edge of a difficult subject you're isolating with the help of another mask generation technique, such as a qualifier key or window. For quick touch up work on a frame, you can also use the Paint tool to manually include or exclude regions of the mask.

If you're isolating specific features of a person, you can also mix and match what you're isolating to create exactly the type of mask you require. In the above example, you might isolate the face, along with exposed skin on the torso and arms, to create a mask for creating an overall skin tone adjustment that doesn't include the subject's hair or clothes.

This whole process is guided by clicks you make to identify the subject. In a typical workflow, you'll make positive clicks (colored blue) over the person or feature you want to isolate. Then, if necessary, you can also make subtractive clicks (colored red) over parts of the image that are not the person or feature you're isolating, to correct any problems you see in the generated mask.



Blue clicks identify a person or feature to isolate, while red clicks identify things that shouldn't be included in the mask. In this example, we added a positive click (blue) to isolate the wood cutting board, and three subtractive clicks (red) on items that were also roughly wood colored (the wood serving dish and pepper grinder on the left, and her arm) to ensure they would never become part of the mask.

Ideally, both positive and subtractive clicks should be centered on the part of the person or object you're trying to add to the mask. If you don't like the result you're getting in the mask with a particular click you've made, you can drag it to another position without clicking again; clicks are live and can be selected using the pointer to move or delete them.



A single blue click on her back correctly masks her entire body including arms and hair. Note Magic Mask v2 correctly differentiates her from her reflection in the mirror, even when they are overlapping. As you work, each click shows up in the click list, which lets you select, enable/disable, delete, and otherwise manage the different clicks you create to guide automatic mask generation.

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The Click list keeps track of all clicks you've made.

## Tracking

After you've made one or more clicks to guide the analysis, you can motion track these clicks to follow the subject throughout that shot using the tracking controls within this palette. If you've made multiple clicks, they're all tracked at once, and each click automatically follows along with whatever image details immediately surround that click, so there's no set up necessary. You simply make one or more clicks, then press the track forward or backward button. When you track a click, the overall tracking bar shows you which frames have been tracked (tracked frames are blue).

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Controls let you track all mask analysis clicks forward and backward through the shot.

Once you've added the clicks that are necessary to isolate the subject, and you've motion tracked them to follow along with the motion of the shot, a mask is automatically generated live for each frame of the shot. This is important to know because any change you make, adding or removing clicks or moving them manually, will alter the resulting mask on the fly.

## Fixing Masks with the Paint Tool

Occasionally the Magic Mask might miss its mark over the course of tracking, and include something in the mask you don't want, or exclude something that you do. There is a simple Paint tool available in the toolbar to patch up holes in the mask, or remove masked areas from the selection. The Paint tool works on a frame-by-frame basis, and so won't track with the mask. It's great for removing short mask hiccups, but for anything more than fixing a few frames, you should go back and refine your mask using the Add and Subtract tools.

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The Plus and Minus Paint tools let you add or subtract strokes from the mask, as necessary, while the Paint Brush Size tool lets you grow or shrink the brush used to make the strokes.



The Add/Subtract Paint Stroke tools and the Brush Size control



In this frame, Magic Mask accidentally included the silver rings on her fingers in the mask. For most of the track it did not, so we just need to fix a few frames.



Selecting the Subtract Paint Stroke tool (green circle), and adjusting its size, we carefully paint a hole in the mask over her rings.



The final frame, with the rings correctly excluded from the mask

## The Magic Mask Interface

The Magic Mask palette is divided into three sets of controls: the Toolbar, the Click list, and the Mask Finesse panel. When you first open the Magic Mask palette, it's empty, and you're told to click in the Viewer to create a mask.

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The controls of the Magic Mask palette

### Magic Mask Toolbar

A toolbar at the top contains most of the interactive controls of the Magic Mask palette.

**Tracking Controls:** The following controls let you track all available clicks to follow camera or subject motion in the frame. From left to right, these include:

- Go To Reference Frame: Moves the playhead to the frame on which you initially made the clicks.
- **Go To First Frame of Tracked Area:** Moves the playhead to the first tracked frame of a range of tracked frames, in preparation for tracking backwards if there are untracked frames at the beginning of the clip.
- Track One Frame Reverse: Tracks one frame backwards and stops. Useful if you're tracking frame-by-frame to watch the progress of a particularly complicated bit of motion. If something goes wrong, you can back up to the last frame where the click was able to properly track the subject, and drag the click to a better location using the pointer to make it follow the subject properly. If necessary, you can go a frame at a time, dragging the click to a better position every time it fails to follow the feature you're using it to isolate.
- **Track Reverse:** Continuously tracks from the current frame all the way to the beginning of the clip.
- **Stop Tracking:** Stops tracking, in cases where there's a problem with the track and you want to make a change.
- Track Forward and Reverse: Tracks from the current frame all the way to the end of the clip, then returns to the original tracking point and tracks backwards to the beginning of the clip.
- **Track Forward:** Continuously tracks from the current frame all the way to the end of the clip.
- Track One Frame Forward: Tracks one frame forward and stops. Useful if you're tracking frame-by-frame to watch the progress of a particularly complicated bit of motion. If necessary, you can go a frame at a time, dragging the click to a better position every time it fails to follow the feature you're using it to isolate.
- Go To Last Frame of Tracked Area: Moves the playhead to the last tracked frame of a range of tracked frames in preparation for tracking forwards, if there are untracked frames at the end of the clip.

**Click tools:** Two tools at the right let you choose whether to make clicks to identify the feature you want to isolate or identify things that aren't the feature in order to eliminate unwanted excursions in the resulting mask. The Plus eyedropper adds an area to the mask; the Minus eyedropper removes an area from the mask.

**Paint tools:** The three paint tools let you do quick touchup work on a mask on a frame by frame basis. The Plus paint brush lets you add to the mask, while the Minus paint brush lets you subtract from the mask. The Paint Brush Size control lets you change the size of the brush.

**Invert Mask:** A button lets you invert the resulting mask in cases where you want to use the feature analysis of this palette to isolate everything except the feature or features being analyzed.

**Mask Overlay:** Turns on an onion-skinned overlay to see what parts of the image are being masked alongside which aren't, so you can continue to refine the result by adding, moving, or deleting clicks. The isolated part of the mask is tinted translucent red.
### Click List

Once you start making clicks to identify features for mask generation, they appear in this Click list.

**Click list header:** The header, at the left of the Click list, has controls for selecting, and deleting individual clicks.

**Click timeline area:** A Timeline Ruler shows the duration of the current clip you're creating a mask for. The Overall Track displays how many frames of each click have been tracked. There is a small colored mark (blue or red) on each click track to show where the reference frame is.

### Mask Adjustment Controls and Matte Finesse

There are two sets of controls for refining the mask that's output by the Magic Mask palette. The first set of controls, at top, let you adjust how the mask is generated based on the analysis data, which lets you refine the mask result based on characteristics of the image.

**Quality:** Two options let you choose a tradeoff between quality and performance. Faster lets you generate a lower quality mask more quickly, that's suitable for garbage matting. Better generates a higher quality mask with more detail, that's more processor-intensive.

A second set of mask manipulation controls are for manipulating the mask after it's been generated. Most of these are the same Matte Finesse controls that are available in the Qualifier palette, which are useful for trying to fix issues with problem masks, or soften the edges when you need to have a more feathered result.

For more information about the Matte Finesse controls, see Chapter 135, "Secondary Qualifiers," in the *DaVinci Resolve Reference Manual*. There is one additional control, however, that's unique to the Magic Mask palette.

**Consistency:** After you've tracked each click to follow the subject over the duration of the clip, this setting lets you choose how much temporal smoothing is necessary to ameliorate jitter in the edges of the resulting mask in areas of low confidence, such as frizzy hair or translucent clothing. Higher settings apply more smoothing to the edges of the mask but are more processor intensive and may affect how closely the mask follows motion in the image. Lower settings will be faster and more accurate but may allow more edge jitter in the resulting mask, which can be distracting in the final adjustment you're making. This parameter defaults to 0, so your first application of Magic Mask will always begin with the most accurate (and potentially most active) application of this feature's analysis.

**IMPORTANT:** Consistency requires a click to have a duration of at least a few frames in order to function correctly. This requires you to track each click to follow the motion of the camera and subject in order to extend the duration of each click. Because Consistency is trying to eliminate one or two frame "noise" in the shape of the mask, clicks of short duration may end up having their effect eliminated.

**NOTE:** The original Magic Mask is still accessible in DaVinci Resolve 20 by selecting Legacy Object Mask from the Magic Mask 2 options menu.

# **Chroma Color Warper**

The Chroma Color Warper is a new tool found in the Color Warper palette. Like the Color Warper, its purpose is to make smooth and precise changes between color ranges. The main difference is that the Chroma Color Warper uses strokes on a chromaticity diagram rather than adjusting the points on a mesh to make its changes. Both will give you great results, but you can only use one of these tools per node, either the traditional Color Warper or the Chroma Color Warper.



The Chroma Warper chromaticity diagram on the left, and toolset to the right

The main interface of the Chroma Color Warper contains a chromaticity diagram with the range of the current colors in the image overlayed on top in white (similar to a vectorscope representation, but not aligned to the traditional vectors), with the toolset to the left. The chromaticity diagram is perceptually uniform, meaning that the distances between points on the diagram closely align to the visual differences seen in the image when using the Chroma Color Warper. The Chroma Color Warper is exposure-independent, meaning once you've set a Chroma Color Warp, subsequent changes in luminance will not break your qualified selection.

The first decision to make is whether you want to use the Chroma Color Warper in Normal or Point to Point modes.

### Using The Chroma Color Warper in Normal Mode

Use this mode when you want to naturally transition from one color to another through the entire color range that lies between them; for example, changing the color of an entire sky to a deeper blue.

#### Select the color range you want to modify by:

- Clicking the original color using the Qualifier eyedropper in the Viewer, then dragging towards the direction of the new color in the chromaticity diagram. The Viewer will update as you drag through the color ranges, allowing you to easily dial in the exact change you want.
- Clicking on the color representation inside the chromaticity diagram itself, then dragging towards the color you wish to change it to.

In either case, the initial color selected will be represented by a blue dot on the chromaticity diagram, and the final color will be represented by an orange dot. They will be connected by an arrow showing the range of change. An orange outline around the vector shows the entire range of colors modified.

Dragging the points toward the white point (the small circle in the diagram), will desaturate the color, while dragging it toward the edges will increase a color's saturation.





The Chroma Warper in Normal mode, changing both the tonal range of the grass to more yellow and the sky range to deeper blue

## Using The Chroma Color Warper in Point to Point Mode

Use this mode to isolate and change a specific color to another color entirely; for example, changing the color of a shirt from red to blue without going through purple.

### Select the specific color you want to modify by:

- Clicking the original color using the Qualifier eyedropper in the Viewer, then dragging towards the direction of the new color in the chromaticity diagram. The Viewer will update as you drag through the colors, allowing you to easily dial in the exact destination color you want.
- Clicking on the color representation inside the chromaticity diagram itself, then dragging towards the color you wish to change it to.

In either case, the initial color selected will be represented by a blue dot on the chromaticity diagram, and the final color will be represented by an orange dot. They will be connected by an arrow showing the range of change. An orange outline around both dots shows the selection range of the original and final colors.

Dragging the points toward the white point (the small circle in the diagram), will desaturate the color, while dragging it toward the edges will increase a color's saturation.





The Chroma Warper in Point to Point mode, changing just the color of the shirt from blue to yellow

**TIP:** You can use multiple Normal and Point to Point selections concurrently for very advanced color changes within the same node.

### **Pin Points**

This tool allows you to set a pin designating a color range to be excluded from the selected range. For example, if you wanted to change the color of a sign from red to green, but it had yellow lettering that fell into the range between, you could add a pin point to the yellow text to exclude it from the color change. Another use case would be to put a pin point on the skin tones of an actor so that their skin remained the same regardless of the color changes happening around it. You can set a pin point just like the selection above, either by using the qualifier on a color in the image itself in the Viewer, or by clicking on the color in the chromaticity diagram.



Placing a pin point around the white point to keep neutral tones from tinting during a Chroma Warper operation

**TIP:** If using the tool is causing tinting issues, try placing a pin point on the white point of the chromaticity diagram (the center circle). This will remove all neutral grays from the color adjustment.

### **Chroma Warper Tools**

The Chroma Warper toolset are where you access the main color selection parameters of the Color Warper.

- Add Stroke (Normal): This puts the Chroma Warper in Normal mode to select a color range.
- Add Stroke (Point to Point): This puts the Chroma Warper in Point to Point mode to select a specific color.
- Add Pin Point: This allows you to set a pin designating a color to be excluded from the selected range.
- Select: Lets you click on an existing range and drag it around the chromaticity diagram.
- Delete Strokes or Points: This lets you delete specific strokes and points you have already set on the Chroma Warper. Simply click on one of the points of a range, then click on the Trashcan icon.

### **Chroma Warper Stroke**

The Chroma Warper Stroke tools modify and refine any selection you've made.

- **Chroma Range:** Adjust this slider to set the amount of adjacent colors included in the range. Lower ranges make the color selection more specific, while higher ranges encompass more of the adjacent colors.
- **Exposure:** Adjusting this slider darkens or brightens the selection in the ending circle only (the orange dot). Negative values darken, while positive values brighten.
- **Tonal Range Low:** Adjusting this slider lets you primarily affect the darker regions of the initially selected color for change, leaving the brighter regions unchanged. This adjustment is global and applies to all strokes in the chromaticity diagram.
- **Tonal Range High:** Adjusting this slider lets you primarily affect the brighter regions of the initially selected color for change, leaving the darker regions unchanged. This adjustment is global and applies to all strokes in the chromaticity diagram.
- **Tonal Range Pivot:** This slider lets you set the initial point between Tonal Range Low and Tonal Range High that those tools diverge from.
- Normal/Point to Point Toggle: Clicking on either of these icons changes a Normal selection to a Point to Point or vice versa.

# Remote Monitor Improvements (Studio Version Only)

There have been some significant improvements in DaVinci Remote Monitor, the tool that lets you stream the contents of your viewer to other devices over the internet.

- · You can now view Power Window overlays over the stream.
- You can now stream in H.265 4:2:2 from macOS.

# Samsung Log Colorspace

Samsung Log is now natively supported for color management operations. This allows you to use footage recorded in some Samsung Galaxy phones in professional color workflows.

# Support for ACES 2.0

DaVinci Resolve 20 now supports ACES 2.0 for color management operations. ACES 2.0 includes newly designed output transforms and many other features. For more information on ACES 2.0 *click here*.

# Ability to Generate HDR Light Level Reports

You can now generate HDR Light Level reports from the Media Pool. To do so, select a clip in the Media Pool, right-click it, and choose Generate HDR Report from the context menu. The tool will prompt you to select a location to save the HDR Light Level report in .pdf format.

The report analyzes all frames in rendered HDR clips and presents light level statistics including MaxCLL and MaxFALL. It also includes a snapshot of the frame containing the maximum luminance level with a box highlighting the point where the maximum values were found.



An HDR Light Level report exported from DaVinci Resolve

# LUT and Colorspace Context Options in Multi-User Projects

You can now adjust LUTs and Colorspace options from nodes in multi-user projects, just by rightclicking them and choosing the option you want from the context menu, similar to how it works in single user projects.

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# **Color Panel Improvements**

There have been some small quality of life improvements to the Advances and Micro Color Panels.

**DaVinci Resolve Advanced Panel:** You can now go to specific node layers using the Advanced Panel.

**DaVinci Resolve Micro Panel:** The sensitivity for the Lift, Gamma, and Gain rings has been improved.

You can update these panels by using the DaVinci Control Panels setup utility.

# **Resolve FX**

DaVinci Resolve 20 introduces new AI for Depth Map, as well as improvements to the Warper, and a new set of OpenColorIO tools.

# Al Depth Map v2 (Studio Version Only)

Using new AI, the Depth Map Resolve FX has been considerably improved under the hood in DaVinci Resolve 20. While the interface and usage remains the same as the original, you should get significantly more precise results from the tool.

The new Depth Map v2 has replaced the original, and is applied automatically when using the Depth Map effect from DaVinci Resolve 20 and above.



The original image



The Depth Map v2 analysis of the scene white for areas "closer" to the camera, and black for areas farther away.

Depth Map creates an Alpha channel based on the perceived distance of objects in your clip. By being able to isolate a specific depth region, the opportunities to manipulate the resulting image are greatly expanded. For more information on using the Depth Map FX, see the *DaVinci Resolve Reference Manual*, Chapter 159.

# **Resolve FX Warper**

The Warper has been redesigned in DaVinci Resolve 20 to include a new Curves mode, as well as a redesign of the tool's layout.

The Warper is a free-form image warper that uses points or curves to push and stretch features in an image as if they were on a sheet of rubber. While the Warper has a lot of options and settings, getting started is really easy.

# Warp Mode Points

To warp a feature of the image, just select Points as the Warp mode, click anywhere in the image to add a warp point, and drag to push that part of the image in the direction you want it to go. Warp points are gray. By default, warp points influence the entire image, which is pinned down at the corners. This system makes it simple to warp large regions of the image, such as when you want to warp an edge of the image to get rid of a boom dip.



(Left) The original image, (Right) The image warped with a single control point

To "pin down" parts of the image you don't want to warp, Shift-click to place limiter points (which are red). By combining warp points with limiter points, you can quickly create extremely specific warp effects to squish and stretch features in an image in any way you want.



(Left) The original image, (Right) The image warped with control (gray) and limiter (red) points

As you work, you can Option-click any unwanted warp or limiter point to delete it. To start from scratch, you can click the Reset Warp control in the Inspector. Warp and limiter points can be keyframed via the Positions and Warp Strength parameters.

## Warp Mode Curves

The Curves mode of the Warper lets you generate the warp around a curve or shape, instead of simple points on a grid. This lets you get more specific with your selection and make a more organic-looking warp on the image. The Curves mode adds more drawing tools and keyboard shortcuts to the Viewer.

To draw a curve, first select Warp Mode Curves, then click in the Viewer where you want the curve to start, then drag the line to where you want the next point in the curve, and click again. Then continue dragging lines and clicking points until you have the rough line or shape you need. Curves can be used open or closed into shapes.

### Add, Adjust, and Warp modes

When creating a curve, initially you will be in Add mode; this allows you to create your initial curve or shape, however once you've closed the shape or pressed Esc to stop drawing, by default the Warper will automatically shift you to Adjust mode, which allows you to manipulate your curve without adding more points to it. You then switch to Warp mode to move the initial curve points to another location, which actually performs the warp. You can have as many curves or shapes as you can draw, and if one curve intersects another, a point will automatically be placed at the intersection.

You can manually toggle back and forth between Add, Adjust, and Warp modes as needed.

### **Curve Drawing Commands**

While most of the curve editing is done intuitively by clicking and dragging in the Viewer, there are also some additional keyboard commands.

Esc: Stops drawing.

**Enter:** Closes the curve connecting the last point to the first point, or simply click on the first point again to close the shape.

Click: Anywhere in the image to start a new curve.

Click: Anywhere on an existing curve to add another point.

Click and Drag: To set a point and drag out its spline handles to adjust its curvature.

**Shift-Click:** Anywhere in the image to start a Limiter curve. A Limiter curve lets you define a shape or area where no warping will take place. A Limiter curve will be in red.

**Option-Click:** Creates a new line in Add mode, regardless of if you are currently in Adjust or Warp modes.

Delete: Removes a selected point or points.



Drawing curves in the Warper

In the above example, the Limiter (red) shape around the 1 ball prevents it from being warped. The straight line on the left is warping the table downward and to the left along its edge, as seen by the origin reference (dotted lines), showing where the warp began, and the solid line showing where the warp is. The curve over the group of balls to the right is showing the spline handles of the currently selected point.

### **Editing Splines**

By default, your "curves" will look more like sharp lines rather than graceful flowing curves. You can manipulate the smoothness of the curve by adjusting a point's spline handles.

A point's spline handle is seen by clicking directly on the point. If the handles don't appear, hold down the Command key and drag the handles out of the point. By default, spline handles are paired; as you move one, the other moves in the opposite direction. You can also manipulate one spline handle at a time by holding the Command key and clicking on the single spline handle you want to manipulate.

### Selection

To select curves and points for modification, you can click directly on them in Viewer. Click on the shape again to enclose them in a bounding box. You can select either the whole shape, a point, or drag to draw a selection box around certain points. Holding shift and drag to creates a freeform selection lasso instead of a box.

Once the box is in place, you can scale the points by dragging the bounding box from its edges. You can rotate the selection by hovering the mouse near the edge of the box until the Rotate tool appears, then click and drag to rotate. Holding Option and dragging scales the shape around the geometric center of the box.



Drawing a bounding box around a curve lets you scale and rotate it

### Warper Settings

Warp Mode: Choose which control mode to apply the warp, either using Curves or Points.

#### Curves

**Add:** With this mode selected, you can add points to create a curve or shape to warp around.

**Adjust:** With this mode selected, you can adjust the curve or shape that you've created, isolated from the warp.

**Warp:** With this mode selected, the image will warp around the curves or shapes that you've created, and update in real time as you move them.

**Render a Reference Grid:** Check this box to add a reference grid over the image, so you can see just how much the warp is affecting each area of the frame.

**Origin Reference:** Adjusting this slider will adjust the visible intensity of the original curve and point locations. Slide to the right to increase the intensity, slide to the left to make them transparent.

Position Keyframing: Keyframes the positions of the curve points.

Warp Keyframing: Keyframes the warps of the curve points.

Warp Strength: Adjust this slider to magnify or reduce the distortion effect of the warp.

#### **Selected Points**

**Symmetric:** Makes the selected point, or all points on selected curve, symmetric to the selected control point.

Corner: Makes the selected point, or all points on selected curve, hard corners.

**Rounded:** Makes the selected point, or all points on selected curve, rounded corners with spline controls.

**Reset Handle Adjustments (Warp mode):** Click this button to reset the spline curve adjustments of a point back to neutral.

**Reset Warp (Warp mode):** Click this button to reset the warp back to its original neutral state.

### Selected Curve:

**Show All Handles:** This checkbox toggles on or off all the spline handles for all the points on a curve.

**Open/Close:** Click this button to toggle closing a curve (connecting the last point to the first point), or opening a curve (removing the connection).

**Warper / Limiter:** Click this button to toggle a curve between a Warper or Limiter curve. A Limiter curve prevents warping in its defined area.

Delete: Deletes an entire curve.

#### Points

**Render a Reference Grid:** Check this box to add a reference grid over the image, so you can see just how much the warp is affecting each area of the frame.

Positions: Keyframes the positions of the points in the Viewer.

Show Origin Locations: Shows the original location of each point in the Warper.

Clear All Points: Deletes all added points, and returns the Warper to its neutral state.

**Reset Warp:** Resets the Warper to its neutral state, but retains all added points at their origin position.

Warp Strength: Adjust this slider to magnify or reduce the distortion effect of the warp.

#### **On-Screen Controls**

Show: Shows the on-screen controls in the Viewer.

**Auto Hide:** Shows the on-screen controls in the Viewer, but hides them only as they are adjusted, letting you see the final image while making adjustments.

Hide: Hides the on-screen controls in the Viewer.

**Warp Boundaries (Points Only):** This popup menu has three choices for letting you see which areas of the image will be locked off by limiter points you place in the image.

- None: Hides this information and is the default setting.
- As Border: Shows a red line at the boundary where warping becomes locked off.
- As Mask: Dims the area that's protected from warping by limiter points.

**Scale Controls:** This slider lets you shrink or grow the control points or warp vector handles to the most convenient size for the task at hand.

#### **Advanced Options**

**Limits:** A popup menu lets you choose how to treat the edges of the image when you're warping it.

- **Pin at Corners:** Lock the four corners of the image in place, but allow the sides to bulge in or out as you warp and allowing blanking to creep in.
- Around the Edges: Locks the full width and height of all four edges in place as you warp, preventing blanking.
- **Distant:** Locks parts of the image that are n pixels away, but the default setting is very permissive.
- Manual (Free-Floating): Allows the entire image to be warped without locking any part of it, allowing for extreme warps all along an entire edge of the image, but requiring you to place at least one Limiter point prior to adding a Warp point.

**Elasticity:** A popup menu lets you choose one of three methods of interpolating how the image bends around a Warp point: Fabric, Rubber (the default), and Jelly. Fabric produces the "most pointy" warps, while Jelly produces the most gently curved warps. Rubber strikes a balance between the two extremes.





Fabric

Rubber



**Edge Behavior:** A popup menu eliminates any blanking caused by warping that affects the edge of the image by filling black areas in one of several user-defined ways; options include Black (do nothing and leave the blanking), Reflect, Wrap-Around, and Replicate.

**Warp Detail:** A popup menu lets you choose from among three methods of calculating the warping effect you're creating: Faster, Default, and Better. Each choice is an obvious trade-off between image smoothness and performance.

**Effect Follows:** Allows you to choose whether the points stick to the scaled content (Input and Edit Sizing), or the original frame in the timeline (Timeline Frame).

**Auto Advance to Adjust Mode:** When this box is checked, after adding a point or curve, automatically switch to Adjust mode to edit it.

# **Resolve FX OpenColorIO**

A new category of OpenColorIO Resolve FX has been added to DaVinci Resolve 20. OpenColorIO (OCIO) is an open color management system created by the Academy Software Foundation. It is used by many professional vfx and editing programs (including DaVinci Resolve and Fusion) to ensure color accuracy throughout the production pipeline.

# **OCIO CDL Transform**

The OCIO CDL Transform FX lets you create, save, and apply standard Color Decision List (CDL) grades to or from the node. A CDL exchanges basic primary color information from one application to another.

**CDL File:** Clicking Load will allow you to load a Color Decision List (.cc or .ccc) file to the controls. CC is a single CDL and CCC is an archive of multiple CDL looks. If loading a CCC file, another CCID field appears and lets you chose the name or number of the index. Type the name or number and press Reload to load the new version.

**Reload:** Lets you reload a CDL after choosing another name or number from the index of a CCC file.

Export: Exports the current settings in Controls as a new .cc file.

#### **CDL Controls:**

These controls let you modify the basic color information of the node, which can be exported as a CDL file for other applications to read. These controls: Slope, Offset, Power, and Saturation are how the American Society of Cinematographers encode color information. The color controls are self explanatory, but without getting deep into the math, these controls allow you to adjust color in either a film- or video-based manner as below:

- Slope is essentially Gain
- Offset is essentially Exposure
- Power is Essentially Gamma
- Contrast is a combination of Slope and Offset
- Lift is a combination of Slope and Offset

Forward: Applies the CDL changes to the Node.

**Reverse:** Attempts to remove the CDL changes from the node. For example, if you receive some footage with a baked in color grade, reversing the CDL used will remove those changes back to the original ungraded source material. However, not all color correction can be undone.

Export: Exports the current settings in Controls as a new .cc file.

### **OCIO Color Space**

This effect allows you to to do color space transforms using an OCIO config file (.ocio).

OCIO Config File: Click Browse to load a .ocio config file for the color space transform.

**Source Space:** Based on the config file, the available source color spaces are listed here. The content of this list is based solely on the loaded profile and hence can vary immensely.

**Output Space:** Based on the config file, the available output color spaces are listed here. The content of this list is based solely on the loaded profile and hence can vary immensely.

**Look:** Installed OCIO Color Transform Looks appear in this menu. If no looks are installed, this menu has only None listed as an option.

Forward: Applies the Color Space changes to the Node.

Reverse: Attempts to remove the Color Space changes from the node.

# **OCIO** Display

This effect allows you to to view display transforms using an OCIO config file (.ocio).

OCIO Config File: Click Browse to load a .ocio config file for the display transform.

Source Space: Choose the color space of the source material from the list.

Display: Choose which monitor and type your viewer is on.

View: Choose which color space to view on your monitor.

### **OCIO File Transform**

This effect allows you to to load and apply Look Up Tables (LUTs) to the node.

LUT File: Click Browse to load a LUT from the file browser.

**CCC ID:** This is the ID key used to identify the specific file transform located within the ASC CDL color correction XML file.

Forward: Applies the LUT to the node.

**Reverse:** Attempts to remove the LUT from the node.

**Interpolation:** Allows the user to select the color interpolation to achieve the best quality/render time ratio.

# Fairlight

DaVinci Resolve 20 includes the following new Fairlight features and improvements.

# **AI IntelliCut**

Al Intellicut offers the following group of Al-driven functions.

### **Al Remove Silence**

To increase efficiency in your workflow, this feature offers a quick, non-destructive way to remove silent sections from your timeline clips.



Audio clip with silence indicators

#### To remove silences from a timeline clip:

- 1 Using the Range tool, select a clip or collection of clips on a track.
- 2 Right-click the selection and choose Remove Silence in the contextual menu.
- 3 The appearance of the selected audio will change to include vertical red stripes showing you the position and duration of the resulting silences based on the current parameter in the Remove Silence dialog.

	Remove Silence	
Threshold		-25.0 dB
Pre Head	•	2 mS
Post Tail	•	<b>10</b> mS
Minimum to Strip	•	<b>25</b> mS
Fade Head and Tail		
	Cancel	Remove Silence

Remove Silence dialog

### **Remove Silence Parameters**

**Threshold:** This determines the maximum signal level of your audio (in dB) that will be recognized as silence. Audio signals below the threshold value will be treated as silence and removed. Higher threshold values result in more audio being removed.

Pre Head: Sets the amount of silence or pre-roll before each audible section.

Post Tail: Sets the duration of silence or post-roll after each audible section.

**Minimum to Strip:** This parameter determines the minimum amount of silence (in milliseconds) to be stripped from selected timeline clips.

Higher values leave more silent sections in the audio. Lower values will result in more strips, but you may find that some of the remaining audio sounds "chopped up" because it abruptly cuts off.

Fade Head and Tail: When this checkbox is filled, fades are applied to the beginning and end of each remaining clip based on the Pre Head and Post Tail values.

### AI Checkerboard to New Tracks

This feature is useful in situations where, for example, multiple actors are recorded with a boom mic on a single track, and you would ideally like each voice on a separate track to make mixing your project a lot easier.

#### To split speakers to new tracks:

 Right-click the timeline clip and choose AI Tools > Checkerboard to New Tracks in the contextual menu.

	Al Tools	>	Dialogue Matcher	>
	Clip Color		Voice Convert	
Cache Audio Effects			Checkerboand to New Tracks	
	Bounce Audio Effects Export Audio Files		Create ADR Cues	
			Create ADR Cues with Speakers	

Ai Tools contextual menu

2 When the Transcribing Audio dialog opens, Fairlight will use AI to analyze the audio and identify each voice.

Transcribing Audio	
Analyzing clip	
Analysis Speed: 10.6x	00:00:06 Remaining
	Cancel

Transcribing Audio dialog

3 A new track is created for each speaker, containing their new clips. The source track will be muted, leaving the original timeline clip intact.



New track timeline clips for each speaker

# AI Create ADR Cues

To enhance your ADR workflow, this AI feature analyzes and transcribes a selection of timeline clips on a track and generates individual ADR cues.

**NOTE:** The dialogue must be spoken in one of the supported languages listed in the Project Settings under Subtitles and Transcriptions > Language. For more information about audio layering, see Subtitles and Transcription in Chapter 6, "Project Settings," in the *DaVinci Resolve Reference Manual*.

Create ADR Cues offers the following output options which are explained below:



Timeline clip contextual menu for creating ADR cues

### Create ADR Cues

Right-clicking a selection of timeline clips on a track and choosing Al Tools > Create ADR Cues from the contextual menu opens the Transcribing Audio dialog, showing the progress of the analysis and transcription. Once the dialog closes, the transcribed cues are added to the List page in the ADR panel, along with their Cue ID, Time In/Out, and Durations.

Cue ID	Character	Dialog	Time In/Out	Duration
1		This is a half-calf double-talk, two shots sugar-free vanilla mocha latte. With whip! Here, go pass these out.	► 01:00:00:22 ◄ 01:00:08:16	00:00:07:18
2		Who are you?	► 01:00:09:20 ◄ 01:00:11:04	00:00:01:07
3		l'm new, but l'd follow you.	► 01:00:11:01 ◄ 01:00:13:04	00:00:02:02

New ADR cues

### Create ADR Cues with Speakers

Right-clicking the timeline clip selection and selecting Al Tools > Create ADR Cues with Speakers in the contextual menu adds the transcribed cues to the List page as described above, along with the Speaker name in the Character column.

Cue ID	Character	Dialog	Time In/Out	Duration
1	Speaker 1	This is a half-calf double-talk, two shots sugar-free vanilla mocha latte. With whip! Here, go pass these out.	► 01:00:00:22 ► 01:00:08:16	00:00:07:18
2	Speaker 1	Who are you?	H 01:00:09:20 H 01:00:11:04	00:00:01:07
3	Speaker 2	l'm new, but l'd follow you.	► 01:00:11:01 ► 01:00:13:04	00:00:02:02

New ADR cues with speaker names added to the Character column

# **Al Dialogue Matcher**

Al Dialogue Matcher is helpful when you need to match the ambient quality of one timeline clip to another. For example, in a dialogue replacement scenario, you may need to make the newly recorded dialogue sound like it was recorded in the same room as the rest of the on-location dialog.

In this situation, Al Dialogue Matcher helps you apply the room characteristics of the original onlocation audio to the newly recorded dialogue.

AI Tools		Dialogue Matcher	> 0	Capture Dialogue Profile
Clip Color	>	Voice Convert		Apply Dialogue Profile
Cache Audio Eff	ects	Checkerboard to New Tracks		Enabled Remove Applied Profile
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### To apply AI Dialogue Matcher:

- Right-click the timeline clip you want to match and choose AI Tools > Dialogue Matcher > Capture Dialogue Profile from the contextual menu.
- 2 When the audio has been analyzed, right-click the timeline regions you want to apply the profile to and choose AI Tools > Dialogue Matcher > Apply Dialogue Profile from the contextual menu.

Once the dialogue profile is applied, you will see a checkmark next to the Enabled option in the Dialogue Matcher contextual menu. Clicking this checkmark toggles the dialogue profile on and off. Selecting Remove Profile removes the profile from the clip entirely.

# **AI EQ Matcher**

Al EQ Matcher can be used in situations where, for example, you need to quickly apply the tonal characteristic (EQ Profile) of on-location dialogue recorded with one type of microphone to newly recorded dialogue recorded in post using a completely different microphone.

### To capture and apply an EQ Profile:

 Right-click the timeline clip you want to match and choose Clip Operations > EQ Matching > Capture EQ Profile from the contextual menu.

Clip Operations	>	EQ Matcher	>	Capture EQ Profile
Elastic Wave	>	Level Matcher		Apply to Clip EQ
Al Tools	>	Analyze Audio Levels		Apply to Track EQ Apply to Automated Track E(
		Normalize Audio Levels		

Timeline clip EQ Matcher contextual menu

- 2 Apply the captured EQ Profile to new audio clip in one of the following ways:
  - Apply to Clip EQ: This applies the same EQ setting to the Equalizer plugin for each selected clip on the destination track.
  - **Apply to Track EQ:** Applies the EQ profile to the whole track and the applied EQ curve will appear in the EQ section of the corresponding Mixer channel strip.



New EQ curve displayed in a Mixer channel strip

• Apply to Automated Track EQ: This option is useful when you have multiple clips on a track, each requiring its own unique EQ setting to maintain a correct tonal match during playback. This selection lets you quickly write automation data, which adjusts the Track EQ curve for each clip, as required.

#### To apply the EQ profile to an automated track EQ:

- Right-click the timeline clip you want to match and choose Clip Operations > EQ Matching > Capture EQ Profile from the contextual menu.
- Ensure the Toggle Automation button to the right of the transport control is active (red), then select an EQ parameter from the Automation dropdown in the destination Track Header, for example, EQ > Band 3 > Gain.
- Right-click the first clip you want to apply the EQ profile to and choose Clip Operations
   EQ Matching > Apply to Automated Track EQ. Repeat this step for subsequent clips on the track.

As you repeat the previous step, you will notice the automation curve changing with each application of the EQ Profile.

During playback, the EQ Curve display in the corresponding mixer channel strip will change based on the automation data and Playhead position.

# **AI Level Matcher**

Al Level Matcher lets you match the clip volume of disparate timeline clips quickly and accurately to each other.

#### To match your clip levels with the Level Matcher:

1 Right-click on the timeline clip you want to match and choose Clip Operations > Level Matching > Capture Level Profile.

Clip Operations		EQ Matcher	>	
Elastic Wave		Level Matcher		Capture Level Profile
Al Tools	`	Analyze Audio Levels		Apply Level Profile

Timeline clip Level Matcher contextual menu

Right-click on a timeline clip you want to adjust and choose Clip Operations
 > Level Matching > Apply Level Profile. Repeat this step for any other timeline clips you want to change.

# **AI Music Editor**

The DaVinci Resolve AI Music Editor lets you lengthen or shorten music cues by creating seamless, intelligent edits like a human music editor would do. This is achieved without using time compression or changing the pitch.

This technology works best with beat-driven music (rock, pop, hip-hop, etc.), rather than ambient or more free-form music.

#### **Using AI Music Editor**

1 Select the timeline clip of your music and go to the Al Music Editor in the Audio Inspector



Ai Music Editor dialog

2 Once you have determined how long the cue needs to be, enter the length of time in the Target Length box and click Adjust.

An Al Music Editor dialog will open, displaying a progress bar with the option to cancel the process, if needed.

Al - Music Editor	
Analyzing clip	
Analysis Speed: 5.8x	00:00:01 Remaining
	Cancel

The process will try to get as close as possible to the desired length, while delivering four musically seamless edits you can switch between using the buttons in the Versions section.

• Live Trim: Activating this function lets you dynamically trim the clip length on the timeline. When you have created an edit you like, you can remove the checkmark if you want to go back to editing (trimming) the clip normally.

**TIP:** If an edit ends abruptly, it can be fixed by manually creating an appropriate fade-out.

If the duration of an edit isn't exactly the length you need, you can use the Elastic Wave tool and select the general purpose (music) algorithm.

Ai Music Editor progress

# **AI Audio Assistant**

With the new Al Audio Assistant, DaVinci Resolve can automatically organize and color code your tracks, even out your dialogue levels, and adjust the Fairlight mixer faders to create a professional-quality mix of your music, sound effects, and dialogue.

During this process, your dialogue will also be cleaned up, and if needed, Voice Isolation and De-Essing will be applied. Ducking will be applied to music tracks, any required automation will be written, and the appropriate mastering and finalizing plugins will be added and adjusted to help achieve the correct loudness level for your chosen delivery standard.

### To use Al Audio Assistant:

- 1 Open a timeline containing unmixed audio. The initial fader levels really don't matter as Audio Assistant will handle all fader adjustments during the mixing process.
- 2 Ensure that you do not have differing audio elements on the same track.
- 3 To begin the automatic mixing process, choose AI Tools > Audio Assistant from the Timeline menu, select the Delivery Standard for your mix from the dropdown menu, and click the Auto Mix button.

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<ul> <li>✓</li> </ul>	Music Mix	
0	SFX and Ambience Mix	
0	Final Mastering	
		Cancel

Audio Assistant dialog

4 The Audio Assistant dialog changes to display the progress of the mixing process with an option to cancel it.

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~	Dialogue Mix
~	Music Mix
0	SFX and Ambience Mix
0	Final Mastering
	Cancel

Audio Assistant dialog - Mix progress

5 When the mixing process has concluded, you can play back the mix and, if needed, make further adjustments or completely undo it.

**NOTE:** If a track is in the wrong category, right-click the corresponding track header and choose the correct category from the Track Category section of the contextual menu.

# **Clip EQ Improvements**

The Clip EQ in the Audio Inspector now support six bands, with the ability to copy and paste setting between other Clip EQ instances.

# **Miscellaneous Improvements**

Improved clip gain display for multichannel clips on the timeline.

Improved responsiveness when drawing clip waveforms for timelines with lots of clips.

New Hairline display mode for timeline markers.

Tracks and busses can be rearranged in the Timeline by dragging the Header color up or down.

Automation Improvements:

- Automation now supports per channel mode switching.
- Trim automation now remains active through a mix pass.

# Deliver

DaVinci Resolve 20 has added several codec and export options to the Deliver page.

# **Quick Export Dialog Improvements**

The Quick Export dialog in DaVinci Resolve 20 has been improved, allowing you to add your own custom user preset listings and see all export options in a List view.



The Quick Export dialog showing a custom preset

### To Create a New Custom Preset and Add it to Quick Export:

- 1 On the Deliver page, select Custom Export from the Render Settings, and adjust the Video, Audio, and File settings for your new preset. Only Single Clip settings can be made Custom Presets, not Individual Clips.
- 2 In the Render Settings 3-dot option menu, select Save as New Preset.
- 3 Type in a name for your new Preset, and choose a preset icon to represent it.
- 4 Check the Add to quick export box.
- 5 Click Save.

Your preset and icon will now be added to the Quick Export dialog across all pages of DaVinci Resolve and also be added to the Render Settings in the Deliver page.

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	YouTube	L			
2	Vimeo				
4	TikTok				
	Presentations			Cancel	Export

The List View icon (circled) in the Quick Export dialog

### To View the Quick Export Options in List View:

- 1 Open the Quick Export dialog.
- 2 Click on the List View icon in the Render Settings.

# **Assign Icons to User Presets**

When you create a new Custom Preset in the Deliver page, in addition to entering a name, you can now choose an icon from the list to represent it in the Render Settings and Quick Export dialog.

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Enter preset name:		
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Choose a preset icon:		
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Add to quick export		
Cancel		Save

Creating a new Custom Preset in the Deliver page

# Interlaced Rendering for Frame Based Formats

By default, frame-based media sources (image sequences, etc.) are rendered progressively. You can now optionally render them as interlaced media instead in the Deliver page.



The Interlaced rendering checkbox appears when using frame-based source material.

### To Render Interlaced Deliverables from Frame-Based Sources:

- 1 In the Video tab of the Render Settings, check the box: Interlaced rendering.
- 2 Select the Field Order to encode, either top or bottom field first.

# **Codec Support**

As always, each new version of DaVinci Resolve adds new codecs to support the latest cameras and technologies.

ProRes encoding support is now available on Windows and Linux systems.

Encode MV-HEVC without spatial video metadata.

MV-HEVC encode support on Nvidia systems.

Support for side-by-side stereo 3D media decode.

Side-by-side display mode for stereo 3D clips in Source Viewer.

Editable spatial video metadata properties in Inspector.

GPU-accelerated H.265 4:2:2 encodes on supported Nvidia systems.

GPU-accelerated H.265 4:2:2 decodes on supported Nvidia systems.

Support for growing TS, MTS, and M2TS files as media streams.

Support interlaced rendering for frame-based formats.

HT JPEG 2000 decode support for EXR.

Quick Export dialog with custom user preset listings and List view.

Ability to assign custom icons to user presets in the Deliver page.

Support for Sony Burano 2.0.

Support for RED SDK 8.6.

Support for audio normalization for Dropbox presets.