

Comptech Final Project Summary

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At the end of Spring term 2015, I finish my touring video editing and harvest a lot. At the beginning of this class, I had no idea what project I want to do, what specific software I want to learn. Eric shows us some samples in the class, and combine marketing field I am interested in, I decided to make a touring video to introduce my hometown, which has very different culture from the USA.

After the first class, I write a proposal, while something is always changing. Because I didn't plan to use both Imovie and Final Cut Pro X at the beginning, when I using Imovie to finish my video I found it is not enough to me. There are some problems I cannot solve by just using Imovie, like I need adjust rhythm of pictures and audio; titles are not easy to see, Eric suggests me if add black bold outline will be great, while Imovie cannot helps me to slove them. So Final Cut Pro X is my another choice, but it is totally new for me, I started to learn from basic knowledge from Internet. It is about week 5 I decided to learn Final Cut, obviously time is limited for me. Nearly Between week 6 and week 7, I watched some teaching video about Final Cut and started to try to use and familiar with it. There are always some challenges that I cannot predict. Firstly, I didn't know how to output editing video from Imovie to Final Cut, because every time I tried I

cannot change titles in Final Cut. Then I made a decision, I deleted all the titles by using Imovie, output it and then input to Final Cut, using Final Cut do all titles again. After finish titles, I began to adjust rhythm, while maybe because my computer is not high configuration, it is too slowly to change tempo. So what I should do is output video first when finish titles work, then input again to Final Cut to continue rhythm change. In the process of editing, there are many problems I never think before, when I solve them by myself, I really feel good.

I am really thankful to Eric who always gives me useful help and suggestion. He pays attention to me, even sometimes I have language barrier. Every time I get feedback from him, I always know some attention points of editing video. It is really helpful to my future study and work. After editing 6 versions, I finally finish my video. I know there are also many things I should to learn in editing field. I will keep learning it.

Weekly Updates Reports from the Midterm

WEEK 6

After get feedback in midterm report, I started to use Final Cut Pro X to continue my editing. I should change all the titles, because they are not easy to read to viewers. Unfortunately, I used Imovie template title, which cannot change their size and cannot add black bold outline. So I must to delete all of them, and then

put them in Final Cut to add new title. Then I adjusted the video's rhythm.

WEEK 7

This week I finish the fifth version video, and bring it to the class. Eric watched video and helps me points out some grammar mistakes that I need to change.

Thanks for his patience.

WEEK 8

This week is a little frustrated to me. I thought change some wrong titles are easy, but the truth tell me I am wrong. Because I firstly make title, secondly I output it to video, then I use the new video to change tempo, because if I don't output it, my computer works slowly and cannot editing its rhythm. So when I want to change video's title, I must edit its rhythm again. I have no choice, this time I editing carefully, checking titles many times and make sure there is no mistake.

WEEK 9

Finish the last version of video. Write project summary and update weekly report. In the same time, I put my video to You Tube and prepare my final presentation.

WEEK 10

Final presentation.