Edit Decision List (EDL)

What is an edit decision list?

An edit decision list, or EDL, is an itemized list of video footage and associated time codes that work to either:

- Edit a long, unedited (or “raw”) video file into a shorter, finished video piece.
- Edit multiple videos together to create a finished video piece.

Purpose

The purpose of an edit decision list is to assist the person who is making decisions for the content of a video (usually the subject matter expert or faculty) help relay that information to the person who will be editing the video (media team).

Examples:

**EDL using one source video**

If an interview with a subject matter expert is shot, the client can take the “raw” or unedited video piece and make an EDL using time codes to select the desired portions of the interview for the final video.

**EDL using multiple source videos**

If the client has multiple videos they wish to include, the EDL would include multiple source video names and corresponding time codes from each video to ultimately create one final video from the various sources.
Special notes about multi-source editing

- Media externally produced by ASU can not be incorporated into these types of videos. Only media that is internally produced by ASU or is available under certain Creative Commons or Public Domain licenses is acceptable material. **Example:** Asking that a YouTube video be edited into a video is not possible with respect to copyright law.
- Written permission from a copyright holder is needed in order to incorporate externally produced media into a video.

How to get started with your EDL

1. Duplicate the **EDL template** to your Google Drive. **Must be signed in to Google Apps with your ASURITE**
2. Add the video/project name and your name
3. Enter the in information such as media name, location, in/out points, along with any other notes
4. Share your EDL document with your media editor

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These time points say take this portion and add it into the final video.