

Get comments quickly with Clip Notes

From the experts at Adobe

Getting team and client feedback is essential to most video projects. Adobe® Premiere® Pro 2.0 makes edit reviews simple. You no longer have to export rough cuts to disc or tape, or try to match various comments to the shots. Your teammates and clients can mark your rough cuts directly by using free Adobe Reader® 7.0 software. You can import their comments directly into your project, where they appear as markers in the timeline.

Clip Notes makes it simple to get feedback on anything from a single clip in the timeline to a complete, edited sequence. This tutorial takes you through the process of sending a clip from Adobe Premiere Pro out for review, commenting on it as a reviewer, and finally, receiving the comments back into Adobe Premiere Pro.

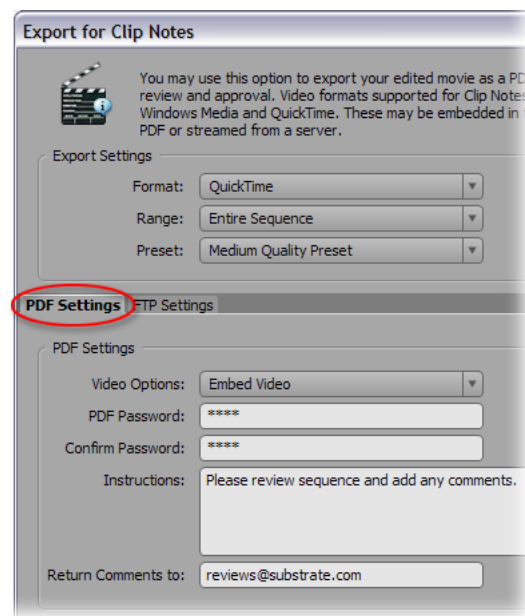
The files used in this tutorial are on Disc 2 of the Total Training Video Workshop included with Adobe Premiere Pro. Copy either the NTSC or PAL folder (depending on the television standard for your region) from the Adobe Premiere Pro 2.0 folder to your desktop. Alternatively, you can follow along using your own files. You'll need to start an Adobe Premiere Pro project, and import a video clip into it.

Export a sequence to PDF

- 1 Open ClipNotes.prproj in the folder you copied to your desktop, and click the Timeline panel to select it. A video clip is already in the timeline.
- 2 Choose Sequence > Export For Clip Notes.

3 In the Export For Clip Notes dialog box, choose QuickTime from the Format menu, Entire Sequence from the Range menu, and Medium Quality Preset from the Preset menu.

4 In the PDF Settings pane, choose Embed Video from the Video Options menu, type the same password in the PDF Password and Confirm Password boxes, and then add your own instructions to the default instructions in the Instructions box. Type your e-mail address in the Return Comments To box, and click OK.



Use the Export For Clip Notes dialog box to quickly set up the Clip Notes document for your reviewers, including password protection, instructions, and the e-mail address to which comments are automatically returned.

5 In the second Export For Clip Notes dialog box, type **Party_QT** in the File Name box, and be sure that Clip Notes Document (*.pdf) is chosen from the Save As Type menu. Choose Desktop from the Save In menu, and click Save.

Ordinarily, the next step would be to e-mail the Clip Notes file to your reviewers, but since you will act as a reviewer yourself in this exercise, there is no need to e-mail the file to yourself.

Review the Clip Notes document

In this section, you will work through the process as the reviewer.

1 As a reviewer, ordinarily, you would have received the PDF file by e-mail and saved it to your desktop. In this exercise, however, you have already saved it there. On your computer's desktop, locate and double-click Party_QT.pdf. The file opens in Adobe Acrobat® 7.0 or Adobe Reader 7.0 (depending on which application you have installed).

2 Type the password you set for the file, and click Play if the Manage Trust For Multimedia Content dialog box appears. Then click OK in the Instructions dialog box.

3 Type your name in the Reviewer's Name box, so that it appears automatically on each comment you add.

4 Click the Play button in the video controls for the PDF file, play the video for a few seconds, and then click the Pause button.

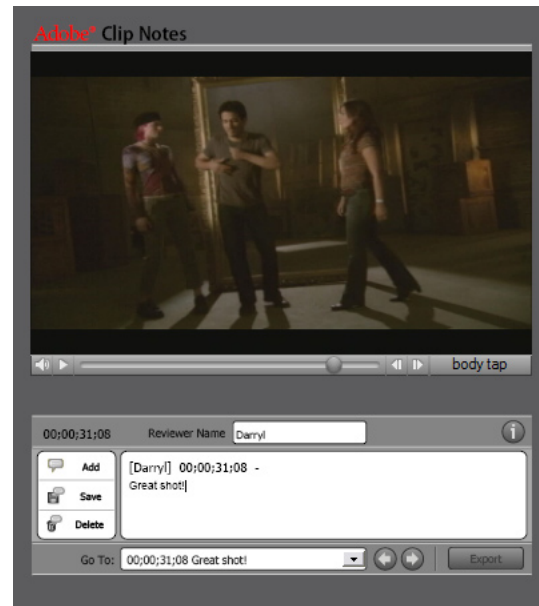
Note: If you click the Stop button, the video returns to the beginning.

5 Enter a comment in the comment box after your name and the timecode (which are entered automatically).

Note: To pause playback and enter a comment, you can click the Play/Pause button, or click the Add button.

6 Click the Play button, and let the video play another few seconds. Then click Pause, and enter a second comment.

7 Click Export. Leave the File Name and Save As Type menus at their default settings, choose Desktop from the Save In menu, and click Save. A small XFDF file is saved with your comments and attached to a new e-mail message, ready for sending back to the review initiator.



Clip Notes allows clients to review ongoing edits without having their own copy of Adobe Premiere Pro. All they need is Adobe Acrobat 7.0 or the free Adobe Reader 7.0.

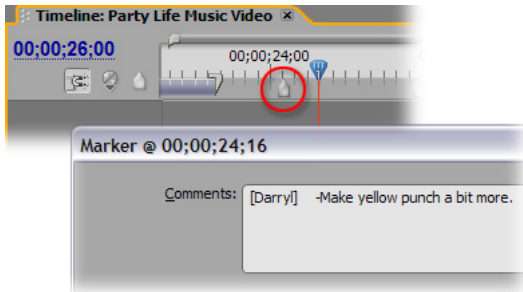
Import and review comments

The XFDF file attached to the e-mail message contains only the comments and appropriate information necessary for the file to be incorporated back into your video project. This means that the file is very small.

1 Open the e-mail message and save the attached XFDF file to your desktop. Start Adobe Premiere Pro and open ClipNotes.prproj.

2 Click in the Timeline panel, and then choose Sequence > Import Clip Notes Comments. In the Import Clip Notes Comments dialog box, locate the XFDF file you saved to your desktop, and click Open. Adobe Premiere Pro imports the comments from the XFDF file and adds a marker on the timeline for each comment.

- 3 Double-click the first new marker in the timeline. The Marker dialog box opens. The Comments box displays the reviewer's first comments.



Once you've imported the XFDF data back into your Adobe Premiere Pro 2.0 project, Clip Notes markers appear in its timeline at the appropriate points. Double-click each marker to easily review its comments.

- 4 Click OK to close the Marker dialog box and, if you wish, make the revision suggested. Then double-click the next marker to see the comments it contains.

Note: If you want to first review all of the comments before acting on any of them, use the *Previous* and *Next* buttons in the Marker dialog box to view all of the comments sequentially.

Go further with Clip Notes

- Choose Sequence > Export For Clip Notes, and experiment with the other settings in the Export For Clip Notes dialog box. You can format your Clip Notes file using Windows Media instead of QuickTime, export only the work area instead of the entire sequence, and choose from Low, Medium, and High quality presets to adjust the trade-off between file size and video quality.
- Experiment with the FTP Settings pane in the Export For Clip Notes dialog box. These options allow you to upload your Clip Notes file directly to an FTP server, complete with login and password protection. Using an FTP server allows you to upload Clip Notes files that may be too large to e-mail.

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