Cutting video and adding text with S-O-M

It's possible to edit the video you captured in Screencast-O-Matic immediately upon completion of the recording. After clicking 'Done' the option 'Edit Video’ will appear on your screen. This is where you can edit the video.

You can also edit your video later. When you open S-O-M, you'll see the recordings you previously made in chronological order. To edit, click the video icon first and then the Edit button. A video preview window will appear on the screen, and below it a timeline, in which the editing is done.

You can start and stop video playback with either the button at the beginning of the timeline or from the keyboard, by pressing the space bar. Functions you need for editing are located in the Tools menu.

The size of the background of the video should be adjusted at the start under Canvas. The recommended size is 1280x720 pixels. This ensures that your text is readable even on a smaller screen.

You can trim the video using the Cut function. Move the timeline cursor line to the beginning or end of the cut with your mouse, open Tools and select Cut. Click the red vertical line and select the area to be cut by moving the mouse sideways. After that, you can still fine-tune by clicking the edge of the area and moving it with the arrow keys. On the screen, you can see your exact position in the video. You can preview the effects of your edits with the play button on the toolbar. Finally, accept the changes with Ok.

If necessary, the cut part can be restored. The cut part will remain as a dotted line, which you can select. You can then undo the removal by choosing the scissors and Remove.

Adding Text

It is possible to add text to the video, either on top of the video or as a separately visible box. If you want the text to have a a motionless background, you can stop video playback for the duration. Drag the timeline cursor to the part where you want the text and click Insert Pause in the Tools menu. Then set the duration of the image and click OK. A blue area will appear on the timeline. You can then add the text.

Text can be added either as a text object in Screencast-O-Matic or a slide made for example in PowerPoint. Both are added from the Tools menu, by selecting Overlay. By selecting Image, you can upload a picture from your computer with the text. Here, however, we add a text object.

Write the text in the area that appears on the screen. Move it with the mouse to where you want it on the screen. Change the size of the text by dragging the circles at the edges of the area. In the blue window that appears on the screen, you can see multiple text object editing options. For example, you can lock text size from the Auto Size button, rotate the text with the Rotation button and adjust its opacity with the slider.

IN and OUT are used to set the visuals for when the text object comes in and goes out. The Style button allows you to make choices that affect the layout of the text and in the Background tab, you can decide the shape of the background.

In addition to these settings, check the duration and placement of the text in the video. You can specify the duration from the toolbar that appears above the timeline and placement by moving the vertical lines at the edges of the text area.

Finally, accept the selections with OK. You will later be able to continue editing the text by clicking the yellow T button in the toolbar.

Preview the edits and text by playing the video from the timeline. Once you are satisfied with the video, click Done.

After this, you can either save the video file, or return to the front page from the top left corner.