

Editor's Note.

Well, it's that time of year again.

New logo must mean a new release of PDR. We are on to PDR17 now, it is available as both a stand-alone and a subscription version, as far as I can see. If you want the whole Director Suite then that is only available as a subscription version.

Here's some snippets from the press releases:

"It comes in 3 versions, Ultra, Ultimate and the new PowerDirector 365 subscription option. Along with significant updates to PowerDirector's creative design tools, PowerDirector 365 adds unlimited access to a vast collection of premium add-ons, bundled with the flexibility of subscription pricing. While it continues to exceed the needs and expectations of casual users, this new release introduces a number of professional-level features that will satisfy the most advanced video creators."

"PowerDirector 365 is the center piece of CyberLink's new Professional Series of creative tools. It is the ideal solution for advanced video creators who want to always have access to the latest and most advanced tools."

I've tried to take a brief look at some of the Menu changes in this edition of PDN, but no doubt more detail will be developed over the next few weeks! Perhaps the next edition can get to grips with some of the workings of PowerDirector 365, time will tell.

This edition of PDN was planned to have an interview with a CyberLink executive the week after the PDR17 launch but the logistics proved too difficult. It should be scheduled for the next edition towards the end of the month.



New Features

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MultiCam Designer <small>IMPROVED</small>
Use the intuitive MultiCam Designer to synchronize and switch between footage shot on different cameras.• Advanced Motion Tracking <small>IMPROVED</small>
Ensure 100% accurate object tracking accuracy with complete frame-by-frame motion tracking.• Multi-key Sampling <small>IMPROVED</small>
Perform green screen edits via an improved Chroma key engine & multi-key sampling. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nested Video Editing <small>NEW</small>
Add and edit multiple projects in the same video project for greater efficiency and creativity.• Video Pre-cut <small>NEW</small>
Pre-cut long clips into short, reusable segments that you can use in multiple projects.• Best Matched Profile <small>NEW</small>
Select the video profile that best suits your video based on the source clips and produce high-quality videos with ease. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• True360™ Editing
Import equirectangular footage, create True360™ projects, edit with a range of design tools and export in 360 formats.• Customizable Design Tools <small>IMPROVED</small>
Utilize great customizable tools that allow you to edit, adjust & add effects with full control.• Professional Color Correction <small>IMPROVED</small>
Utilize look-up tables to quickly match footage from one source to another in order to achieve a particular effect in your video. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AI Style Plugin & Packs
Transform your videos into living artworks with the addition of our intuitive AI Style Engine• Creative Design Packs
Add a range of themed title effects, transitions, PiP objects, or project templates to your videos.• Professional Effects & Sound Packs
Bring a cinematic tone to your videos with numerous 3rd party plug-ins and sound effects. |
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Useful Links

[Version Comparison](#)
[Subscription Agreement](#)
[EULA](#)
[UserGuide](#)
[Maliek's Intro Video](#)



PDR17 Install

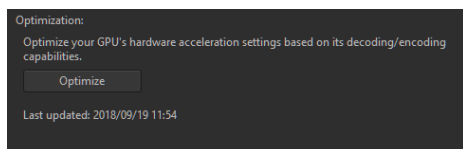
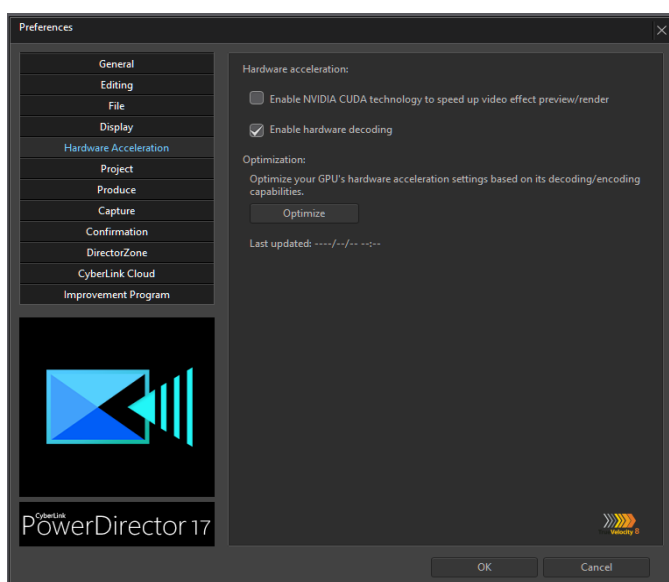
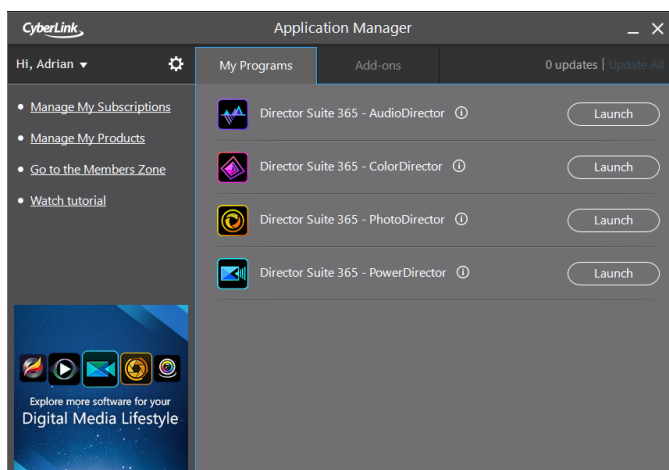
OK, so you pay your money for the subscription for Director Suite 365 and download the CAM—what next?

The CAM downloads and installs the Suite and you can then launch the suite components. Simple? Might take a bit of time, depending on connection etc. But simple enough.

We'll only look at PDR17, so when you launch the first time, you then get the updated splash screen with an extra pop-up about optimising your GPU.














If you don't want to optimize, you can always do so under Preferences later.














Can't say I know exactly what it does, but no doubt others will explore that over the next weeks!!













While we're on the subject—take a look at the other aspects of CAM :

As well as Managing Products and Subscriptions there is a tab for Add-ons.

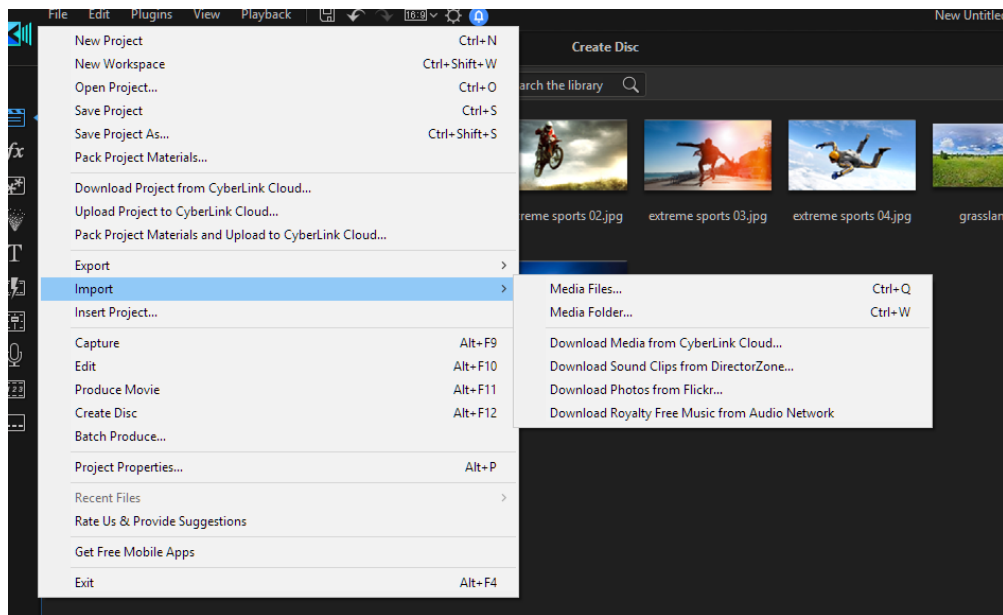
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	Director Suite 365 - Chinese Traditional Paintings AI Style Pack ⓘ	350 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Comic Express Layer Pack ⓘ	72 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Galaxy Express Layer Pack ⓘ	86 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Holiday DVD Menus Pack Vol. 2 ⓘ	144 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Holiday DVD Menus Pack Vol. 3 ⓘ	285 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Holiday Magic Style Pack ⓘ	767 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Holiday Pack Vol. 4 ⓘ	827 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Holiday Pack Vol. 6 ⓘ	170 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Holiday Pack Vol.5 ⓘ	175 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Holiday Pack vol.7 ⓘ	186 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Holiday Pack vol.8 ⓘ	198 MB

	Director Suite 365 - Holiday Pack vol.9 ⓘ	206 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Impressionist AI Style Pack Vol.1 ⓘ	399 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Impressionist AI Style Pack Vol.2 ⓘ	362 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Lines & Shapes Express Layer Pack ⓘ	29 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Mosaic AI Style Pack ⓘ	8 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Oil Paintings AI Style Pack ⓘ	6 MB
	Director Suite 365 - PowerDirector Content Pack Premium 2 ⓘ	261 MB
	Director Suite 365 - PowerDirector Content Pack Premium 3 ⓘ	
	Director Suite 365 - Romance Pack Vol.3 ⓘ	285 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Sketches AI Style Pack ⓘ	20 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Teenage Express Layer Pack ⓘ	80 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Travel Pack 2 ⓘ	435 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Travel Pack 3 ⓘ	181 MB

	Director Suite 365 - Travel Pack 4 ⓘ	112 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Travel Pack 5 ⓘ	210 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Travel Pack 6 ⓘ	199 MB
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	Director Suite 365 - Watercolors AI Style Pack ⓘ	15 MB
	Director Suite 365 - Wedding Pack ⓘ	265 MB
	Director Suite 365 - proDAD Adorage 10 32bit ⓘ	1,411 MB
	Director Suite 365 - proDAD Adorage 10 64bit ⓘ	1,422 MB
	Director Suite 365 - proDAD VitaScene V3 LE 32bit ⓘ	130 MB
	Director Suite 365 - proDAD VitaScene V3 LE 64bit ⓘ	131 MB



File Menu



There is an extra option on Import, we can download from Audio Network which is a paid for service with several price plans.

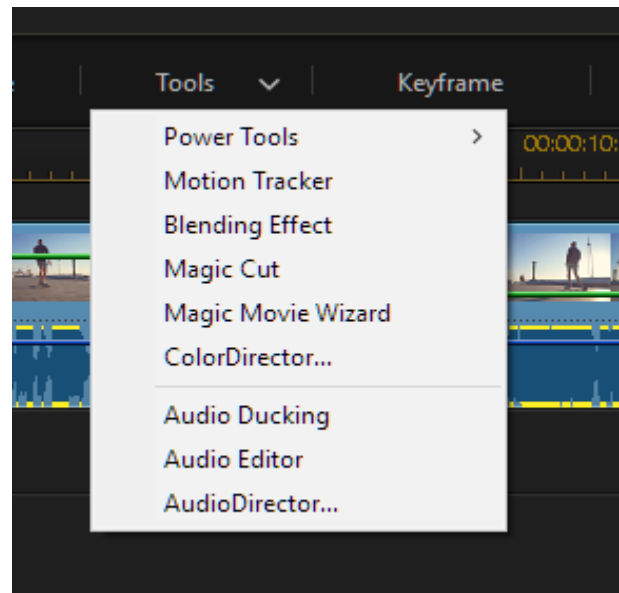
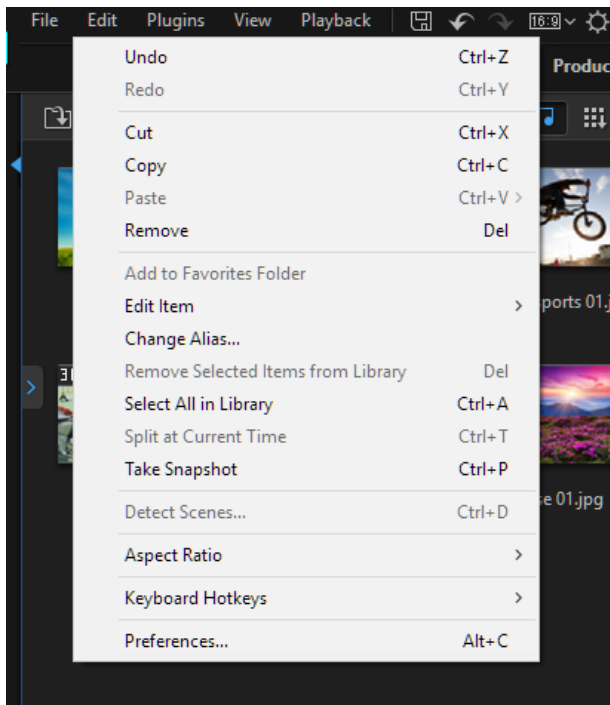
Audio Network and Cyberlink

Incredible music,
liberated for content creators around the world



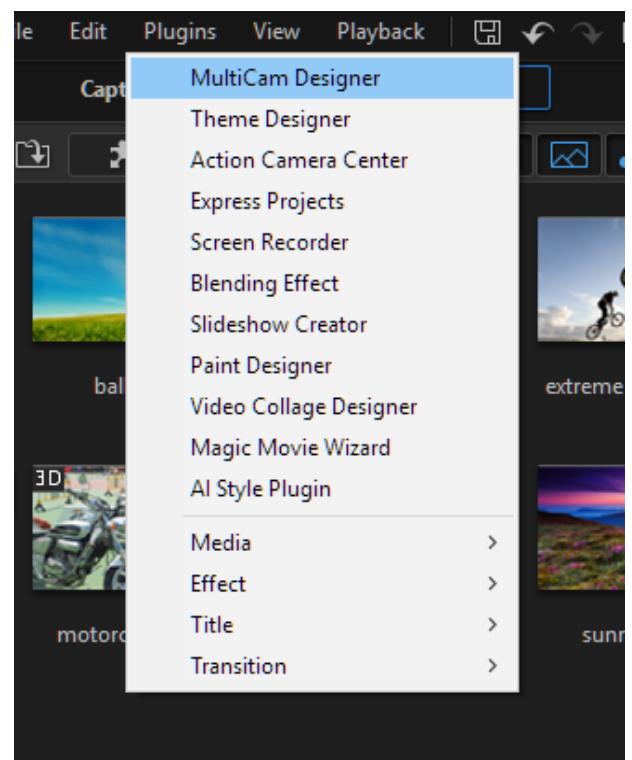
Edit Menu

Magic Tools have disappeared from Edit and are now in the Tools menu on the timeline



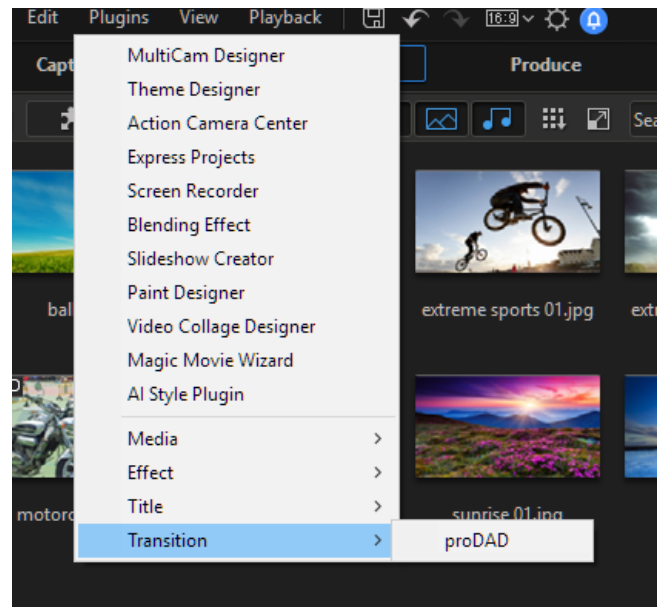
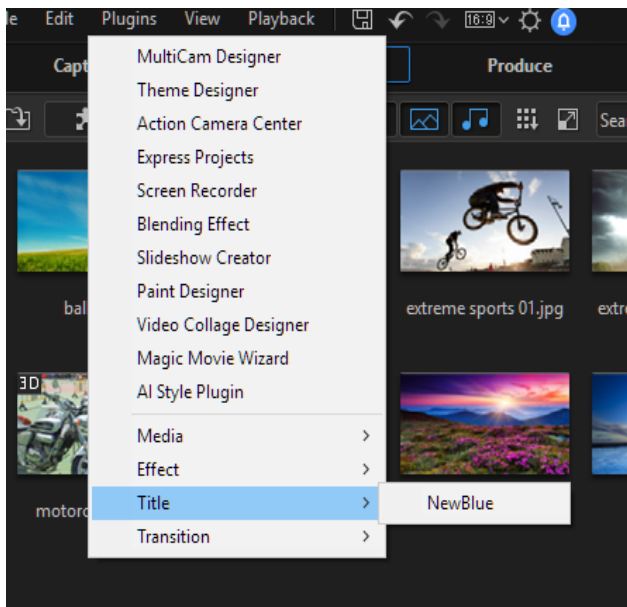
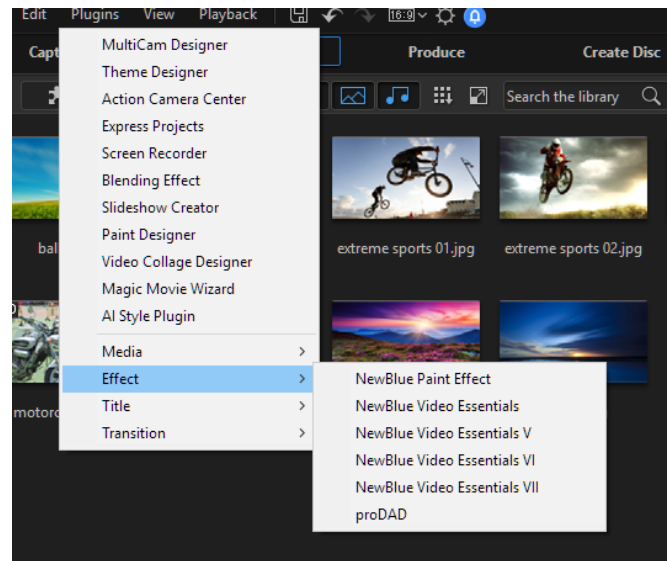
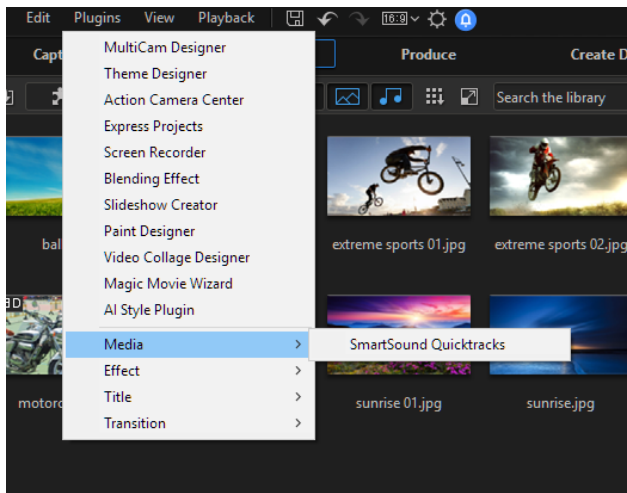
Plugins Menu (New)

A new top line menu item that has several more choices than in PDR16



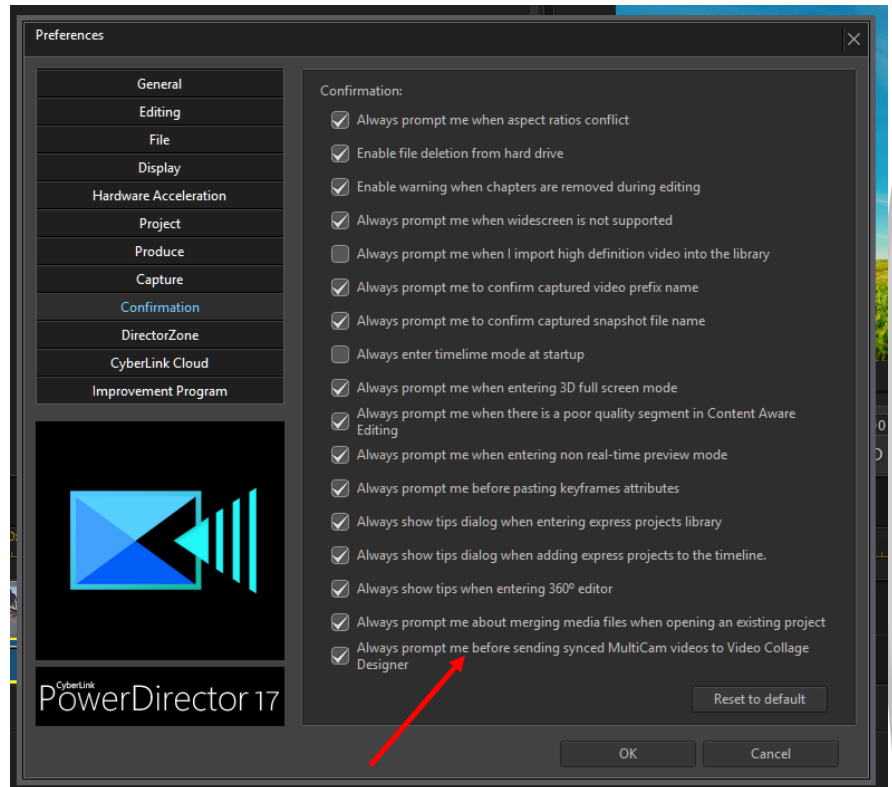


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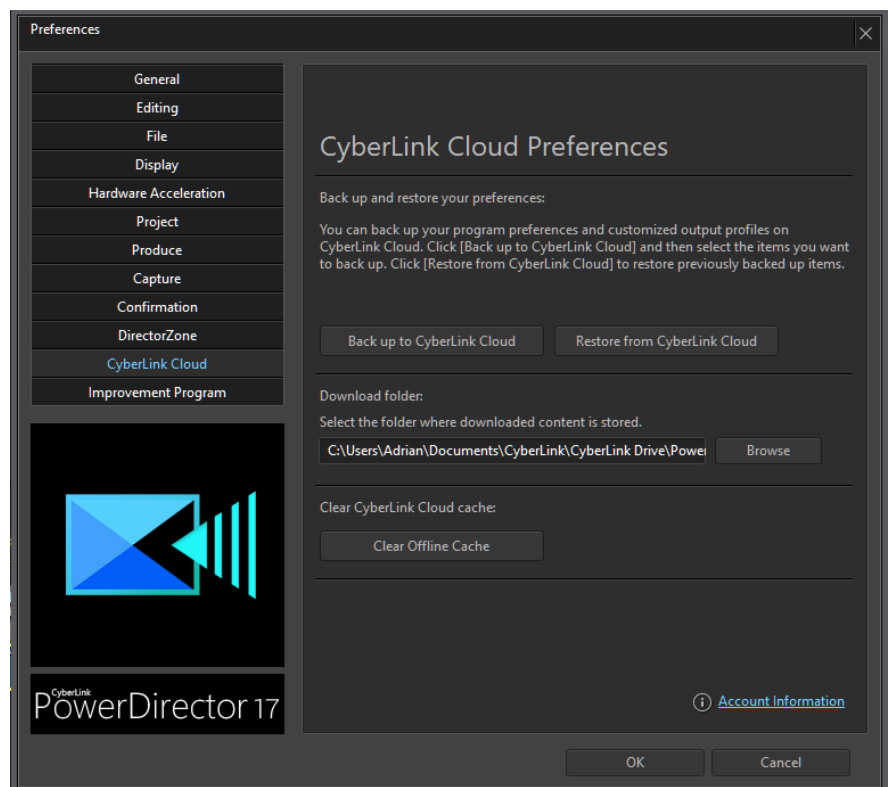


Preferences Menu

Multicam video collage confirmation

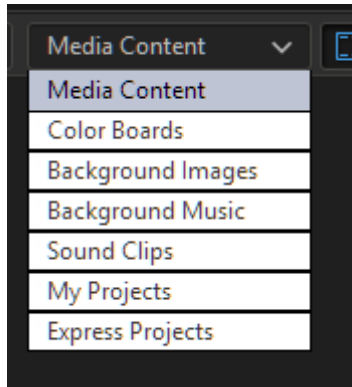


No sign out from cloud service



Media Library

Another 2 choices for us! Background Music and Sound Clips



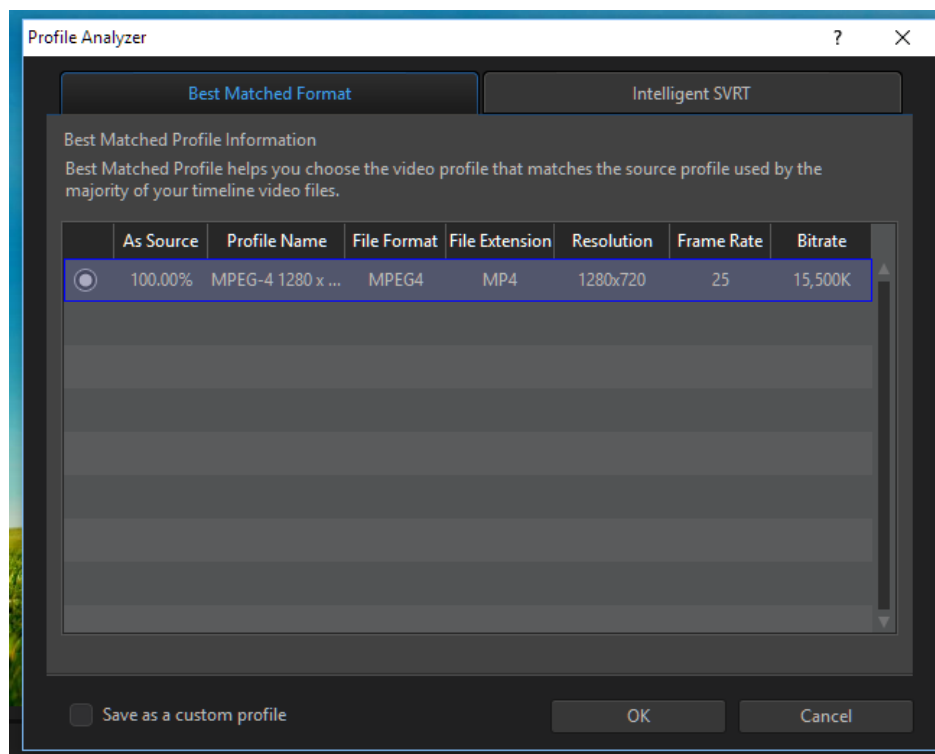
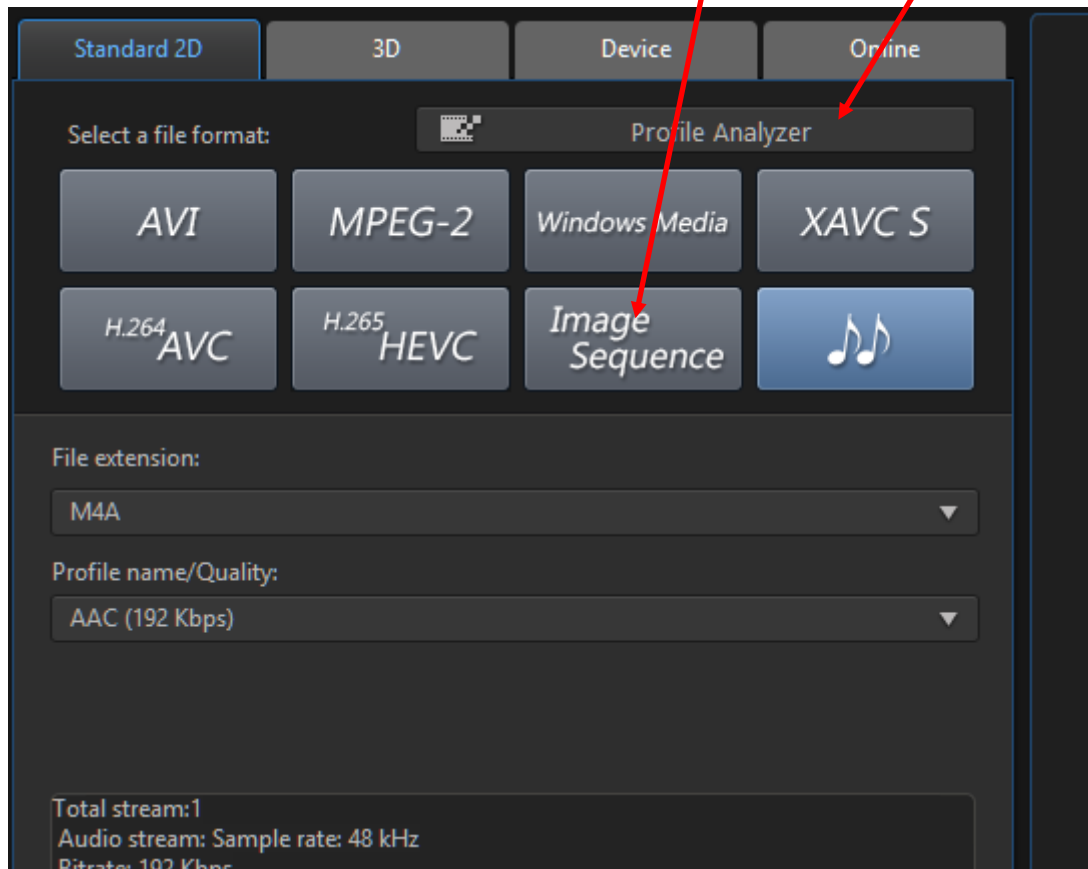
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	Ryujin	Rock	00:02:21:00	5.38 MB	18/08/23 01:00	↓
	Nima	Pop	00:02:21:00	5.39 MB	18/08/23 01:00	✓
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	Gratitude	Piano	00:02:16:00	5.20 MB	18/08/23 01:00	↓
	Opening	Orchestral	00:02:20:00	5.36 MB	18/08/23 01:00	↓
	Whisky Boogie	Jazz	00:02:02:00	4.67 MB	18/08/23 01:00	↓
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	The Turkish March	Classical	00:03:43:00	8.54 MB	18/08/22 01:00	↓
	Pink Sand FULL MIX	Pop	00:02:19:00	5.32 MB	18/08/01 01:00	↓
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	Busy as a Bee (s)	Pop	00:01:52:00	1.72 MB	18/08/01 01:00	↓
	Take My Hand	Pop	00:03:20:00	7.65 MB	18/08/01 01:00	↓

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	Evil laughter	People	00:00:03:00	55.46 KB	18/08/21 01:00	↓
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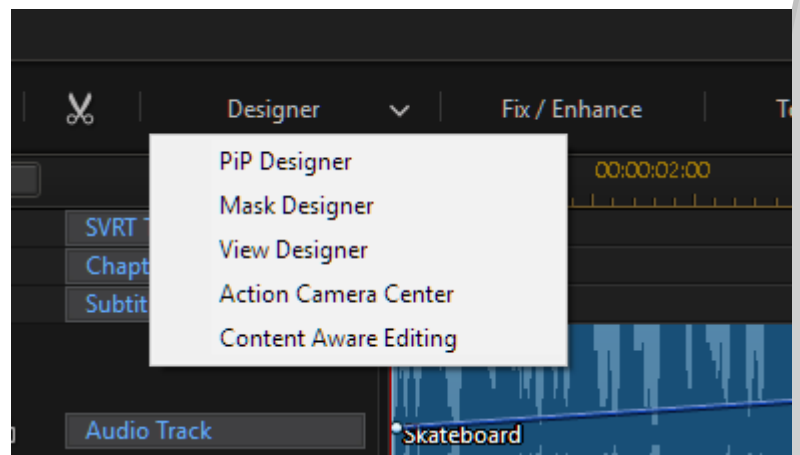
Production Menu

The obvious main changes are the new choice for Image Sequence and Profile Analyzer



Time Line Menus

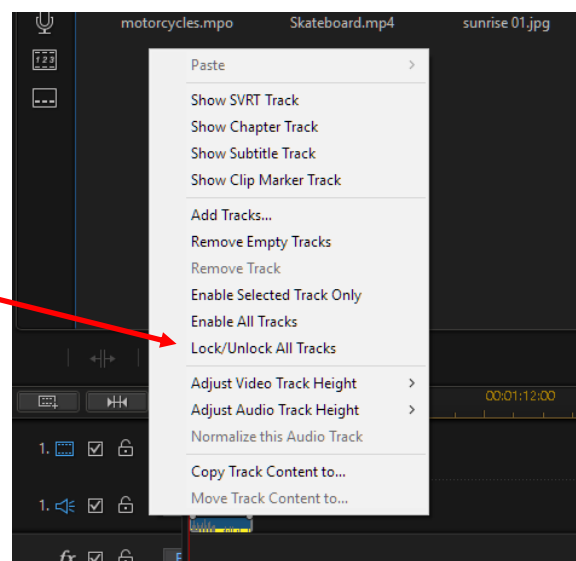
The Designer drop down has added choices previously in tools.



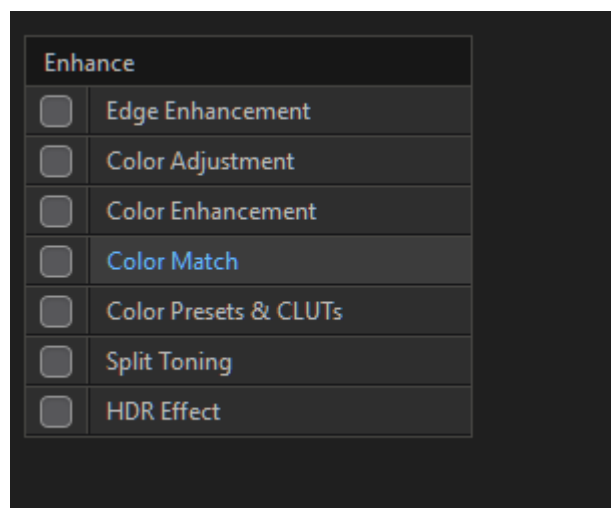
What about Lock/Unlock all tracks!

I've been wittering on about that function for a while now.

Rt Click on the track Index column and you'll find it there.

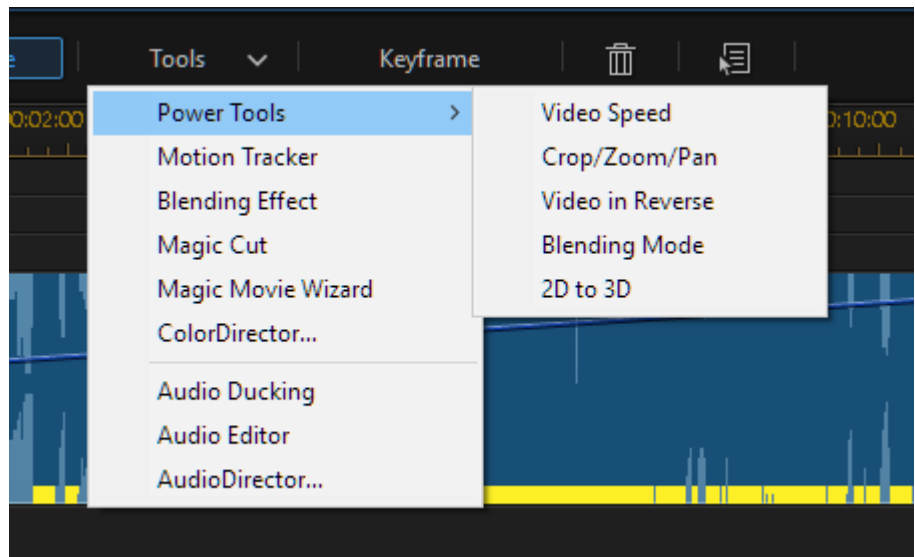


Look-up Table is now in with Color Presets



Time Line Menus (cont.)

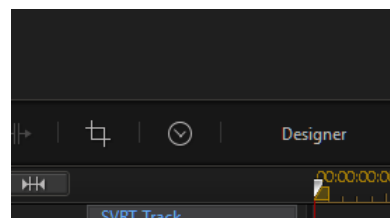
Tools has a different look and Power Tools are available from a fly-out



There is no Edit Audio menu, it has been incorporated into the Tools menu.

Also the exact options are context sensitive if video or image clips are selected.

There is no Duration button, it is replaced by a clock icon.



Format Support



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Video File Importing

- H.265/HEVC
- MOD
- MVC (MTS)
- MOV (H.264/alpha PNG)
- MPEG-1
- MPEG-2
- MPEG-4 AVC (H.264)
- FLV (H.264) MP4 (XAVC S)
- MKV (multiple audio streams)
- TOD
- 3GPP2
- VOB
- AVCHD (M2T, MTS)
- DVR-MS
- Top-under Video
- Side-by-Side Video
- Dual-Stream AVI
- DivX
- WTV in H.264/MPEG2 (multiple video and audio streams)
- DV-AVI
- DSLR video clip in H.264 format with LPCM/AAC/ Dolby Digital audio
- VRO
- AVI
- WMV
- DAT
- WMV-HD
- WebM (VP9) **NEW**

360° Video

Equirectangular format MP4 (H.264/265). Supports up to 4K resolution in 2:1 aspect ratio.

Audio Importing

File: WAV, MP3, WMA, M4A, FLAC, AAC
Format: AAC, Dolby Digital, Dolby Digital Plus, DTS, WAVE, MPEG-1 Layer III, FLAC, ALAC, Opus **NEW**

Photo File Importing

- JPS, MPO, RAW, GIF, BMP, JPG, TIF, PNG, Animated GIF, HEIC **NEW**
- 360 Photo: Equirectangular format JPG/TIF in 2:1 aspect ratio.

Video File Exporting (Production)

- High-Definition: AVCHD, AVCHD 2.0 (3D/ Progressive) MPEG-2 HD, WMV-HD
- 2K/4K resolution: H.264 AVC, WMV, MPEG-4, MKV
- MKV
- MPEG-2
- MPEG-4
- MPEG-4 AVC
- WMV
- DV-AVI
- AVCHD2.0 for SD/SDHC/SDXC/MS memory card or flash memory
- 3GPP2 for 3G mobile phones
- 3D Video: MVC, Side-by-Side, Anaglyph/LPCM **NEW**
- Image Sequence (JPG/PNG) **NEW**
- 360 Video: Equirectangular format MP4 (H.264)

Audio File Exporting (Production)

- MP3, AAC (.M4A), WMA, LPCM (WAV)

Formats Supported for Disc Creation

- 3D Disc Burning: DVD/AVCHD/BD
- DVD
- BD Burning: BDMV
- AVCHD disc burning
- DVD & BD disc burning with DTS audio

Odds and Sods—noticed but need to be confirmed

Opacity keyframes on the Time Line now function like the audio keyframes—hold Ctrl to activate.

Opacity keyframes can be set every frame.

Opacity and Volume keyframes on the timeline can be deleted without dragging outside the borders—check it out.



Places to visit

Tutorials—inc. PDR16

- [Official CyberLink Tutorials](#)
- [PD University](#)
- [Hans van Kempen's Starter Course \[for Dutch users\]](#)
- Also many of [PDtoots tutorials](#) are useful to PD users.
- [Jimlowa's Tutorials](#) <http://sharperturtle.com>
- [PowerDirector Tutorials](#)

Members Resources Websites

- GodfreyZA's Templates: <http://oneclickmobi.com/powerdirector-templates/>
- Barry Gill's resource page: http://www.bgillcyberstudio.com/barry_gill_cyber_studio_002.htm
- Eric Matyas music page: <http://soundimage.org/>

Useful Documents

- Future Suggestions:
- Guide to Good Posting : [Before Posting](#)

Resources

- DirectorZone
 - [Effects, particles etc.](#)



Request for sample video files

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HE NEEDS MORE SAMPLES TO KEEP THE COLLECTION
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