

Fastrack Tutorial

This tutorial has been designed to help you to become familiar with Fastrack and to quickly begin basic editing. In most cases, the tutorial will present one of several different ways to accomplish the same task. There are many shortcuts to accomplish frequently-used tasks that are not necessarily presented in this tutorial. Complete information on Fastrack operation is found in the Fastrack Operators Guide and in the Fastrack Help files.

Conventions used in this Tutorial

- Keystrokes are shown enclosed in brackets. Upper/Lower case will be the same as it is on the key. For example: [Enter].
- Commands specific to the Windows 2000 menu structure are shown in mixed Upper and Lower Case and in parentheses. For example, to open a new file you would click on the Windows File menu, then click on Open: This would be shown as “[Click] on (File / Open).”
- The [Shift] key, the [Alt] key, or the [Control] key are to be held down while a second key is pressed. Keys pressed simultaneously are shown close together. For example: [Shift][ASGN] or [Control][INIT].
- When keys are to be pressed in sequence they are separated by a comma. For example: [DISS], [Enter]
- When describing mouse actions, [Click] means pressing the left button, [Right Click] means to press the right button and [Double Click] means to press the left button twice, quickly.

- [Click and drag] means to hold the left button down while moving the mouse.
- The word "Event" starting with a capital E always refers to an editing Event—the graphic representation of a clip or other source that has been placed on the Timeline.
- The word "Track" starting with a capital T always refers to a Fastrack source Track.
- The word "Timeline" starting with a capital T always refers to the Fastrack Timeline, which includes all active Tracks. When the Timeline plays out, all Events on all Tracks play out synchronously.

Before you begin the tutorial

You will need to know the basic configuration of the Fastrack including which devices are assigned to which Tracks. Complete Installation and Setup instructions are found in the Fastrack Operators Guide and in the Fastrack Help files.

For Video Server-based Fastrack editing, you will also need to know the paths and clip names on the server that you will be using for this tutorial. In some cases, you may need to set up the server so that the path to your clips is the default directory.

You may also need to save any active work and setup information that you or another person may have already created.

We will then ask you to follow a few specific setup instructions to ensure that you get the expected results from this tutorial.

1. Before You Begin

Clear the current project, and make sure you can restore the Fastrack setup and any ongoing work to the current state.

ACTION

RESULT



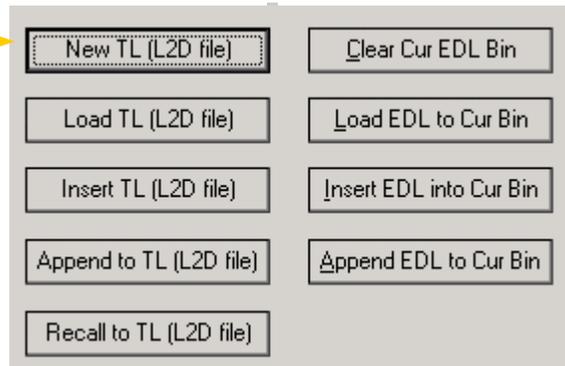
[INPUT] to bring up the Timeline load/save dialog.



The Timeline load/save dialog opens.



[Click] on "New TL (L2D file)" in the load/save dialog.

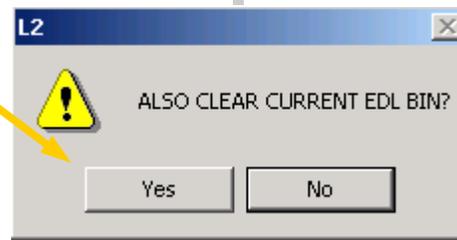


A prompt appears, allowing you to choose whether to clear the current EDL bin or not.

The EDL is a text-based version of the complete project. It may or may not be visible on your monitor depending on your Fastrack options. The EDL is saved along with the Timeline.



[Click] on "Yes".



When the Timeline is cleared, the EDL window will be also cleared. At this point, the "Save & Load a new File" dialog opens (see next page).

1. Before You Begin...continued

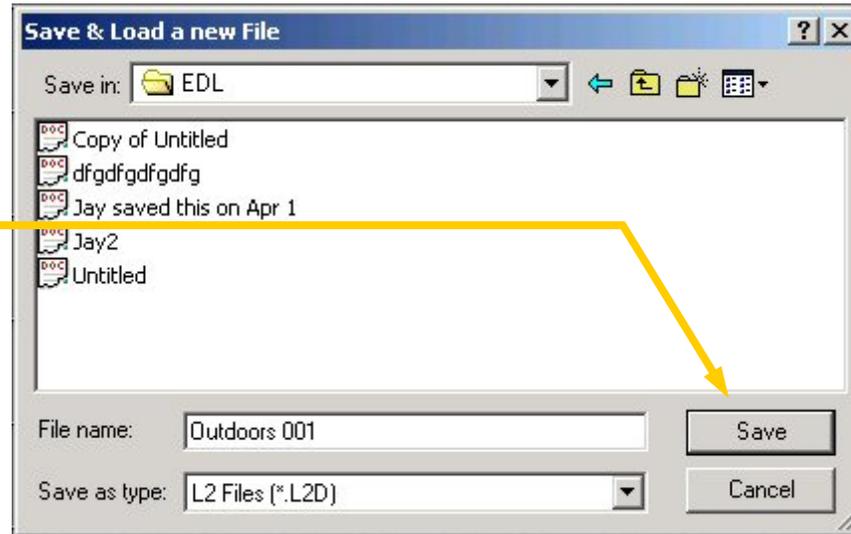
Specify a file name for the saved Timeline and EDL, then save the Fastrack Configuration file (ftconfig.ini).

ACTION

RESULT



[Click] on "Save" to accept the prompted File Name (or type a new name and then [Click] on "Save".)



The existing Timeline data and EDL are saved. The Timeline and EDL are now cleared for a new project.



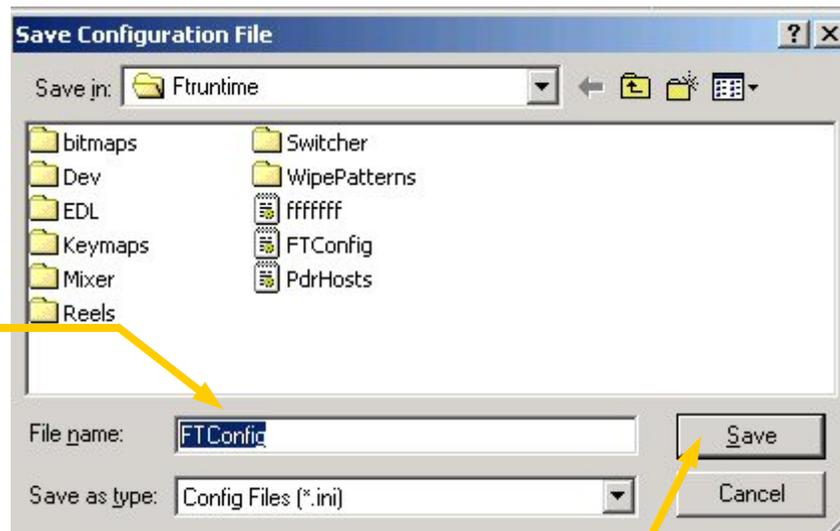
[Alt][OUTPUT] to save the current configuration file (config.ini)



[Click] on an existing name to use or modify in the "File Name" field, or type a new name.



[Click] on "Save".



The "Save Configuration File" dialog opens.

Changes to Fastrack setup options are saved immediately in the FTConfig.ini file.

A copy of the current FTConfig.ini file is saved with a new name.

1. Before You Begin...continued

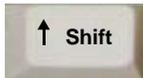
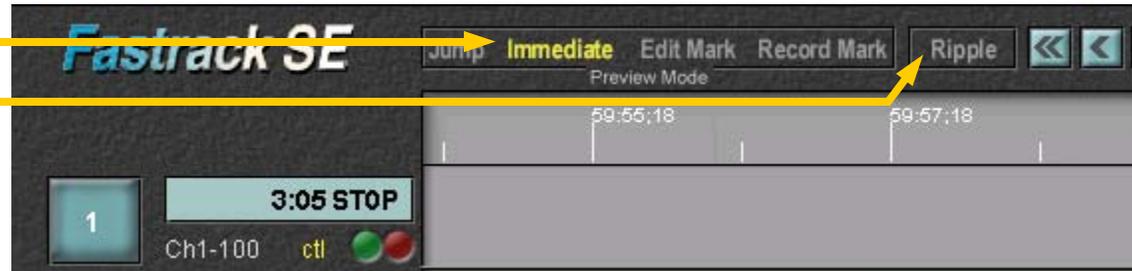
Several settings on the main Fastrack screen and in the Assignment page can affect how the Fastrack responds to certain commands. This tutorial works best with the following settings.

ACTION

RESULT



[Click] if necessary to ensure that:
"Immediate" is highlighted.
"Ripple" is not highlighted.

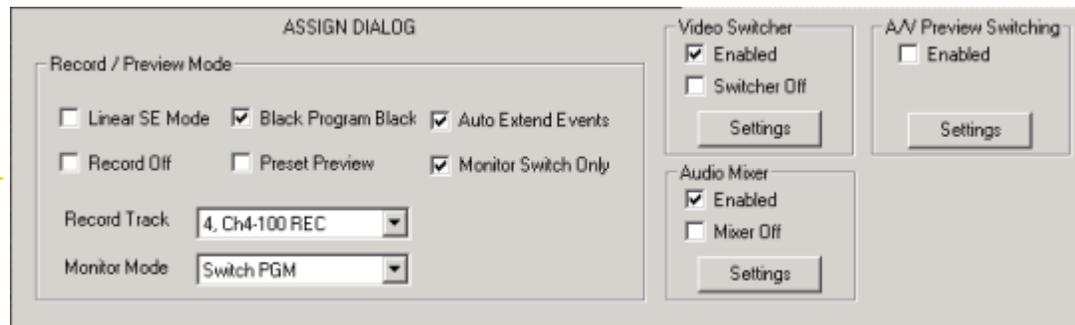


[Shift][ASGN] To display the Assignment page.

The lower left section of the Assignment page is shown below.



Confirm that:
Linear SE Mode is unchecked
for Server-Based editing
or checked for Linear editing
Record Off is unchecked
Black Program Black is checked
Auto Extend Events is checked
Video Switcher is Enabled
Audio Mixer is Enabled
Record Track specifies the correct
Linear Record Track



[ESC] to return to the main screen.

After following the steps in this chapter, you can restore the Fastrack to its previous state, with all setup parameters and work in progress.

2. Quick Start to Server-based Editing

Creating an Event — Make sure the Timeline mode is OFF, then select a source Track. Many functions have different results depending on whether Timeline mode is ON or OFF. Unless specified otherwise during this tutorial, keep Timeline mode OFF.

ACTION

RESULT



[TL] (Timeline) OFF Make sure that the Timeline is not highlighted.



Each time [TL] is pressed, the Timeline mode toggles between ON and OFF. The Timeline timecode area is highlighted in light gray when Timeline mode is ON and is dark gray when it is OFF.

Alternate Timeline mode selection method:



[Click] in the Timeline bar to turn Timeline mode ON (light gray).



[Click] in the light blue CTI timecode area to turn Timeline mode OFF (dark gray).

The horizontal bar with timecode tick marks above the Tracks indicates when Timeline mode is ON or OFF. There will also be a vertical blue line through all tracks when Timeline mode is ON.



[Click] to select a source Track.



The “Current” Track is highlighted in light gray. Subsequent actions now apply to this Track, and the switcher and mixer crosspoints associated with this Track are “on-air”.

2. Quick Start to Server-based Editing...continued

Creating an Event (continued) — After selecting a source Track we will assign (load) a clip to the Track.

ACTION

RESULT

ASGN

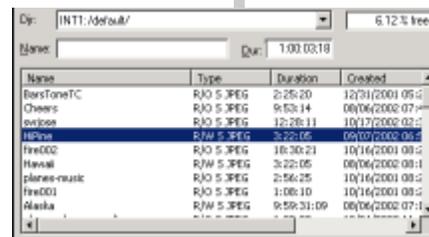
[ASGN] To open the server clip name browser window.



The server clip browse window opens in the lower right corner.



[UP ARROW] and [DOWN ARROW] to highlight the desired clip.



| Name | Type | Duration | Created |
|---------------|------------|------------|-----------------|
| BestStoneTC | RJO S JPEG | 2:25:20 | 12/21/2001 09:5 |
| Chassis | RJO S JPEG | 9:53:14 | 08/04/2002 07:1 |
| expose | RJO S JPEG | 12:26:11 | 10/17/2002 02:2 |
| HPlane | R/W S JPEG | 2:22:05 | 09/07/2002 06:5 |
| fire002 | RJO S JPEG | 18:30:21 | 10/16/2001 09:5 |
| Hawaii | R/W S JPEG | 2:22:05 | 08/06/2002 08:1 |
| planes-russia | RJO S JPEG | 2:56:25 | 10/16/2001 09:5 |
| fire001 | RJO S JPEG | 1:08:10 | 10/16/2001 09:5 |
| Alaska | R/W S JPEG | 9:59:31:09 | 08/06/2002 07:1 |

Different clip names in the list are highlighted.

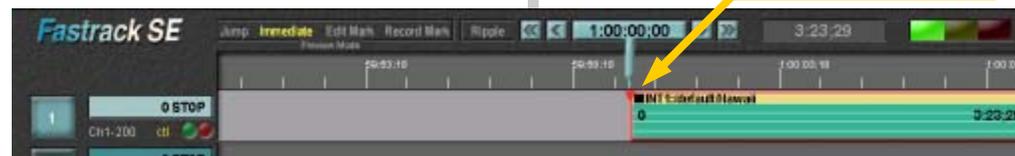
You can also use the mouse to select a clip.



[Enter] to load the selected clip.



An Event consisting of the entire selected clip is placed on the current Track, at the Timeline Current Time Indicator (CTI). In this example the CTI is at 1:00:00:00.



2. Quick Start to Server-based Editing...continued

Adjusting an Event — How to play an Event, and adjust it by marking Event IN and OUT points.

ACTION

2X
PLAY

[PLAY] begins playout of the clip. We say the clip, rather than the Event, is playing. [PLAY] and other media control functions operate on the clip beyond the Event boundaries.



RESULT

The clip plays from the Event IN point. The red Current Position Indicator (CPI) for the clip moves to the right, indicating the “play head” position.



MARK
IN

[MARK IN] to define the IN point of the Event.



The Event stays at same Timeline location and the IN point timecode is updated to the point the CPI had reached. The CPI continues playing from the start of the Event.

MARK
OUT

[MARK OUT] to define the OUT point of the Event.



The Event is truncated at the OUT point and the OUT point timecode is updated to the point the CPI had reached.

2. Quick Start to Server-based Editing...continued

Previewing the Timeline – *Positioning the Timeline for “Immediate” mode preview, and use [PVW] to play out a completed Event.*

ACTION



[ALL STOP] (Space Bar) to stop the clip playing.



[LEFT ARROW] (twice) to move the Event IN point to the CTI at the center of the visible Timeline.

RESULT

Unless it has reached the end, the clip from the previous step was still playing. The red CPI kept moving past the end of the Event, and may be off the screen to the right.

The CTI is aligned with the next IN or OUT point to the left. Since the CTI stays in the center of the screen, the Event moves to the right.

The blue CTI is where things happen on the Timeline.

The red CPI represents a play head on each source clip.



PVW

[PVW] Preview to play through the Timeline (which in this case is a single Event.)

PVW cues the clip to the CTI and plays through to the Event OUT point. *As you add more Events you will see that PVW is very different from PLAY. PLAY operates only on the clip represented by the “hot” Event on the selected Track.*

2. Quick Start to Server-based Editing...continued

Understanding Fastrack Preview —

Preview is one of Fastrack's most useful functions. There are four preview modes, explained below.



The Fastrack preview is how the editor reviews or plays out what has been programmed. Another way to describe preview is that it is the PLAY function for the entire Timeline, which can include sources and effects on as many as 80 tracks. There are four types of Fastrack Previews: Jump, Immediate, Edit Mark and Record Mark. The Preview that will take place is determined by which of the four is highlighted.

Jump This preview always starts at the CTI. The sources are cued to their IN positions and “jump started” rather than synchronized. Once started, the preview will continue regardless of frame inaccuracies or imperfect synchronization. Jump is most useful when a videotape has little or no content available for preroll or there is broken timecode .

Immediate (The most frequently used preview type) This preview always starts at the CTI. All sources are synchronized. Once started, the preview will continue unless frame inaccuracies or synchronization errors are encountered.

Edit Mark To start a preview at the same place each time without having to move the Timeline, use the Edit Mark mode. Position the CTI at the spot where you wish the preview to start then press [EDIT MARK]. You will see a yellow “Edit #1” marker appear on the Timeline. This preview will always begin from the nearest Edit Mark to the left of the CTI. All sources are synchronized.

Record Mark The preview will always begin at the at the existing “Record Mark”. A record mark appears after recording a clip or a sequence of clips. The record mark will move to the end of the recorded clips, in position for a pickup edit. All sources are synchronized. *(The record function is similar to preview, except that one or more predefined record devices are synchronized and put in record during the Timeline payout.)*

2. Quick Start to Server-based Editing...continued

Adding a second Event — *Placing Events back-to-back on a single Track is the simplest way to do cuts-only editing.*

ACTION



[LEFT ARROW] or [RIGHT ARROW] to move to the OUT point of the Event.

RESULT

The CTI is aligned with successive IN and OUT points until one extreme or the other is reached. *These stop points are called "Points of Interest" (POI).*

The CTI stays in the center of the screen while Events are moved in the opposite direction to effectively move the CTI in the direction of the arrows.



ASGN

[ASGN] (Assign) to display the clip list.



[UP ARROW] and [DOWN ARROW] to highlight desired clip.

| Name | Type | Duration | Created |
|-------------|-----------|------------|------------------|
| BassToneTC | RJO S.PEG | 2:25:20 | 12/01/2001 09:00 |
| Chorus | RJO S.PEG | 9:55:14 | 08/06/2002 07:00 |
| expose | RJO S.PEG | 12:28:11 | 10/17/2002 02:00 |
| HipHop | R/W S.PEG | 3:22:05 | 09/07/2002 06:00 |
| fire002 | RJO S.PEG | 18:30:23 | 10/16/2001 08:00 |
| Hawaii | R/W S.PEG | 3:22:05 | 08/06/2002 08:00 |
| plane-music | RJO S.PEG | 2:56:25 | 10/16/2001 08:00 |
| fire001 | RJO S.PEG | 1:06:10 | 10/16/2001 08:00 |
| Alaska | R/W S.PEG | 9:59:31:09 | 08/06/2002 07:00 |



[Enter] to load chosen clip.

A second Event consisting of the entire selected clip is placed on the current Track at the CTI, which was positioned at the end of the first Event.



2. Quick Start to Server-based Editing...continued

Previewing Back-to-Back Events — *This is basic non-linear editing, performed directly on a Video Server*

ACTION

RESULT



[PLAY] to see clip.

There are now two Events back-to-back on the selected Track. The second Event is “hot”, so it is the clip that plays.



[MARK IN] to pick new IN time.

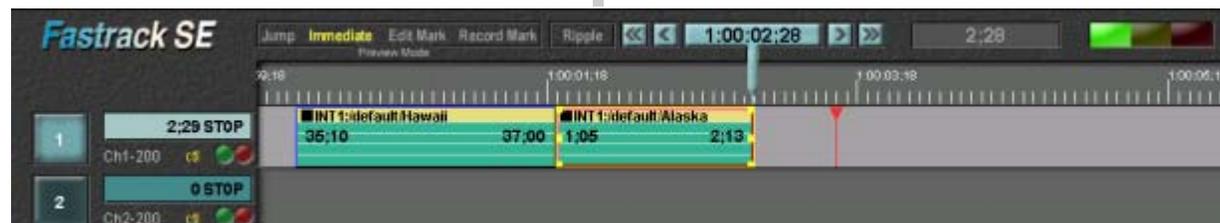
There is a maximum of one “hot” Event, indicated by a red border, on a Track. The hot Event is the one that is acted upon by media control commands, including [PLAY], and Event adjustment commands, such as MARK IN.



[MARK OUT] to pick new OUT time.



[ALL STOP] to stop the clip playback.



[LEFT ARROW] or [Click] on the double left arrows on the top of your Fastrack screen to move to the IN point of the first Event.

When there are multiple Events, you may need to press the left arrow repeatedly in order line up with the IN point of the first Event on the Timeline.



[PVW] To view the edited two-Event sequence.

The first Event cues and plays as the CTI moves from left to right. At the end of the first Event there is a cut to the next Event as a clean cut is performed within the Video Server.



2. Quick Start to Server-based Editing...continued

Adjusting Events Numerically – *Entering frame or timecode numbers.*

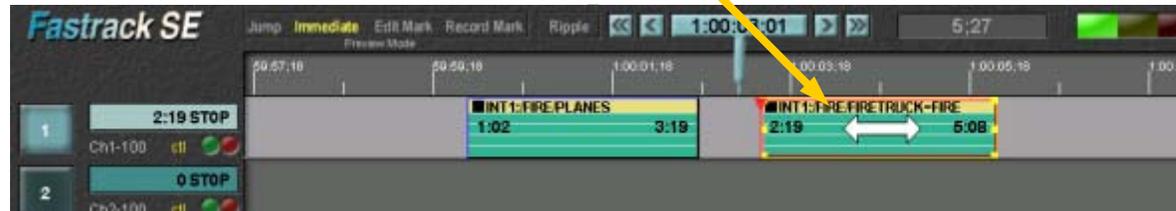
ACTION



[Click and drag] the second clip to pull the two Events apart.

RESULT

You may need to move sharply to “unstick” the second Event from the first.



**TRIM
IN**

[TRIM IN] to numerically adjust the IN point of the second Event.



[1], [0], [ENTER]

The number 10 is displayed in the numeric entry field near the center of the Fastrack display. Your IN time will now be 10 frames later. The OUT point will remain the same, which means the duration will be 10 frames less.

2. Quick Start to Server-based Editing...continued

Adjusting Events with the Mouse — *The Fastrack Graphical User Interface (GUI) provides more ways to adjust source IN and OUT points and position on the Timeline.*

ACTION

RESULT



[Click and drag] near the right edge of the first Event and drag to change the OUT point.



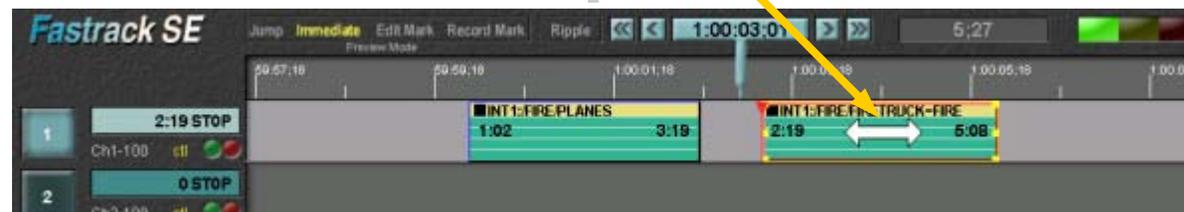
Turn TrimSrch ON (highlighted) to monitor the result of dragging the OUT time.



The media will follow your movement and you will be able to monitor the OUT point as it changes.



[Click and drag] near the center of the second Event to bring the two Events back together.



2. Quick Start to Server-based Editing...continued

Starting a Preview from Any Point on the Timeline — *You may want to review only the last few seconds of an Event. This describes how to quickly move to any point on the Timeline.*

ACTION



[Click] on the double left arrows to jump back to the beginning of the sequence.

PVW

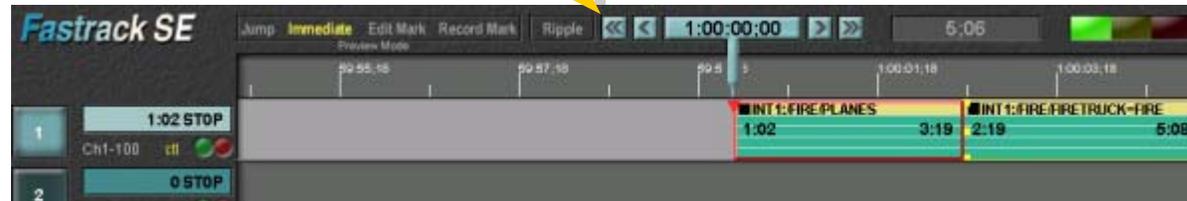
[PVW] To view your sequence.

RESULT

The CTI jumps to the IN position of the first Event.

This is a good way to set up for a preview of an entire show.

You will see the revised edit point between the first and second Events after the first Event plays back.



Another way to specify where a preview starts.

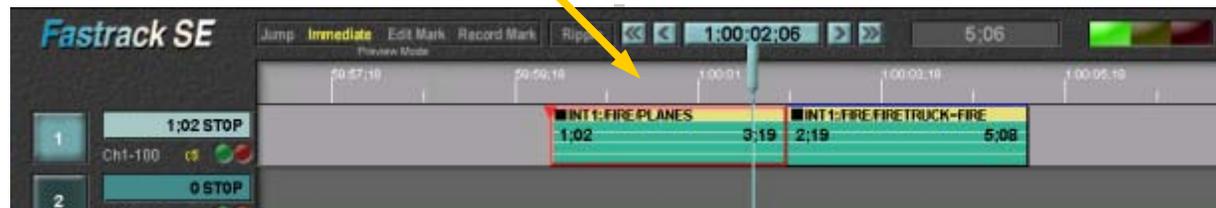
[Click and drag] on the Timeline timecode bar to move the Timeline relative to the CTI.

PVW

[PVW] To view your sequence.

The Timeline moves so that the point at which you want to start a preview is at the CTI. Note that you are now in Timeline Mode (The timecode bar is light gray.)

You will quickly see the revised edit point between the first and second Events.



TL

[TL] (Timeline) OFF Make sure that the Timeline is not highlighted.

The Timeline timecode bar is now dark gray.

2. Quick Start to Server-based Editing...continued

Editing with Multiple Tracks — *Every server channel or other source device is assigned to its own Track.*

ACTION

RESULT



[Click] on the Double right arrows to go to the end of your sequence on the Timeline.



[Click] on Track 2 (or your second available server channel Track).

ASGN

[ASGN] To display the clip list.

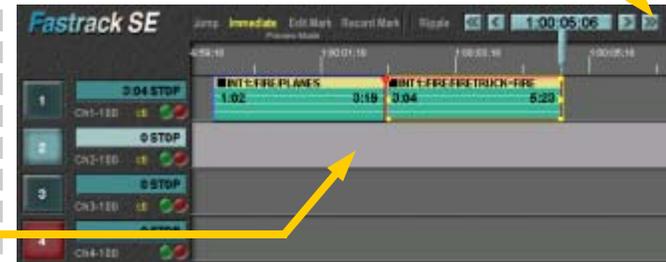


[UP ARROW] and [DOWN ARROW] to highlight desired clip.

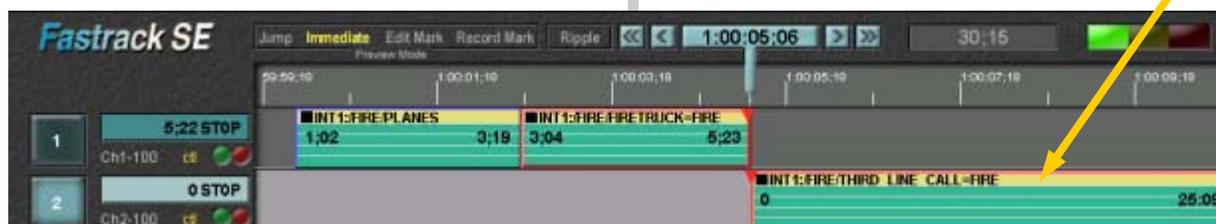


[Enter] to load clip.

| Name | Type | Duration | Created |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------------|
| BarStoneTC | R/O 5 JPEG | 2:25:20 | 12/31/2001 05:00 |
| Cheers | R/O 5 JPEG | 9:53:14 | 08/04/2002 07:00 |
| evision | R/O 5 JPEG | 12:20:11 | 10/17/2002 02:00 |
| Alaska | R/O 5 JPEG | 3:27:09 | 10/10/2001 02:00 |
| fire002 | R/O 5 JPEG | 18:30:21 | 10/14/2001 09:00 |
| Hawaii | R/W 5 JPEG | 3:22:05 | 08/04/2002 08:00 |
| planes-music | R/O 5 JPEG | 2:56:25 | 10/14/2001 09:00 |
| fire001 | R/O 5 JPEG | 1:08:10 | 10/14/2001 09:00 |
| Alaska | R/W 5 JPEG | 9:59:31:09 | 08/04/2002 07:00 |



A third Event consisting of the entire selected clip is placed on the current Track at the CTI, which was positioned at the end of the second Event.



2. Quick Start to Server-based Editing...continued

Previewing Events on Multiple Tracks — *This step demonstrates control of the video switcher and audio mixer during [PVW].*

ACTION



[PLAY] to see the clip.



[MARK IN] to define the Event IN point.



[MARK OUT] to define the Event OUT point.



[ALL STOP] to stop the clip from Playing.



[LEFT ARROW] (two or three times, if necessary) to align the first Event with the CTI.



[PVW] To view your three-Event sequence.

RESULT

These actions are a review of the basic steps followed to adjust and review an Event. This is a good time to experiment with other ways of adjusting and marking IN and OUT points, including using the Jogger to jog through the source clip.

You will now see your three Events played back to back. This time you will see that your video switcher cuts between the crosspoints associated with Tracks 1 and 2 at the third Event.



2. Quick Start to Server-based Editing...continued

Adding Transitions — To finish our first program we will add a dissolve between the second and third Event and then fade to black. This concludes the Quick Start to Server-based Editing. Later chapters add more detail, and more advanced features.

ACTION

RESULT



[Click] on the third Event to make it the “hot” Event.

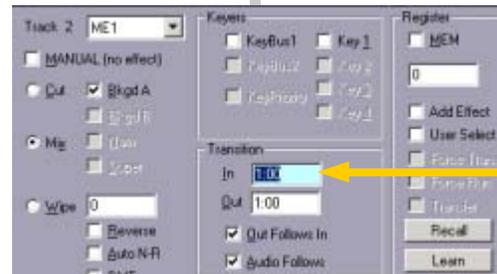


DISS

[DISS] to create a dissolve transition.



[3], [0] on the numeric keypad to set the transition rate.



The Effects dialog opens, ready for a numeric rate entry.

The rate is displayed in the “In” field. The default setting is “Out Follows In” so the Out time is also set to 30 frames (1 second in NTSC).



[ENTER] to accept the rate.



The dissolve icon appears on the third Event.



[LEFT ARROW] (two or three times, if necessary) to align the first Event with the CTI.



[PVW] To play out the entire sequence from the CTI.

This time when you preview you will see a cut between your first and second Events and a dissolve from the second Event to the third Event. You will also see that the sequence fades to black at the end.

Chapter 3. Quick Start to Linear Editing



Chapter 3 provides the information and hands-on practice a new user needs to do basic linear editing with Fastrack. Once you have completed this chapter, you can go into more depth in specific areas in later chapters. If your primary mode of operation is to edit directly on a video server, the best place to start this tutorial is at Chapter 2, Quick Start to Server-Based Editing.

Much more information is available in the Fastrack HTML Help File and in the User's Manual. Recent information about updates and fixes is found in the Fastrack Release Notes. All of these can be found at www.editware.com.

The Fastrack Linear Mode is a way to operate Fastrack that is optimized for Linear Editing, usually involving a VTR as the record device, and one or more VTRs as sources. Server channels may also be used as sources in Linear Mode. Facilities that have video servers may alternate between server-based editing and linear editing, or may choose to use server channels as linear sources.

This chapter begins with a few "housekeeping" steps that are needed to set up a Linear Record Track (LRT) to begin editing. These usually need to be done only once during an editing project.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Turn Timeline Mode OFF — *Many functions have different results depending on whether Timeline mode is ON or OFF. Unless specified otherwise during this tutorial, keep Timeline mode OFF.*

ACTION

RESULT



[TL] (Timeline) OFF Make sure that the Timeline is not highlighted.



Each time [TL] is pressed, the Timeline mode toggles between ON and OFF. The Timeline timecode area is highlighted in light gray when Timeline mode is ON and is dark gray when it is OFF.

Alternate method for turning Timeline mode ON and OFF with the mouse:



[Click] in the Timeline bar to turn Timeline mode ON (light gray).



[Click] in the light blue CTI timecode area to turn Timeline mode OFF (dark gray).



The horizontal bar with timecode tick marks above the Tracks indicates when Timeline mode is ON or OFF. It is light gray when it is ON, dark gray when it is OFF. There is also a vertical blue line at the CTI through all tracks when Timeline mode is ON..



3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Turn Timeline Mode OFF — *Many functions have different results depending on whether Timeline mode is ON or OFF. Unless specified otherwise during this tutorial, keep Timeline mode OFF.*

ACTION

RESULT



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Alternate method for turning Timeline mode ON and OFF with the mouse:



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[Click] in the light blue CTI timecode area to turn Timeline mode OFF (dark gray).

The horizontal bar with timecode tick marks above the Tracks indicates when Timeline mode is ON or OFF. It is light gray when it is ON, dark gray when it is OFF. There is also a vertical blue line at the CTI through all tracks when Timeline mode is ON..



3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Set Up the Linear Record Track — *You will need to know the Reel ID and the IN time on the Record VTR at which you will be starting this project. In the NTSC environment, you will also need to know whether the Recorder is in drop or non-drop code.*

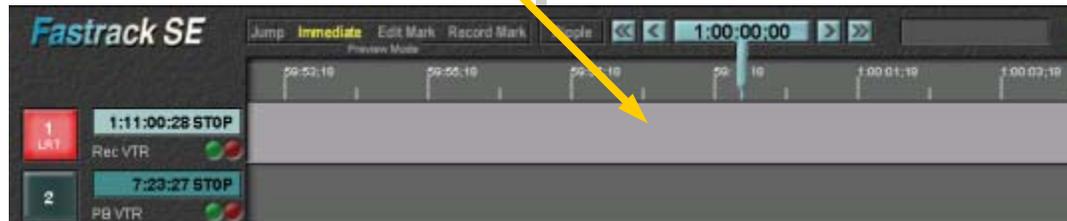
ACTION

RESULT



[Click] to select the Linear Record Track (LRT).

The LRT is now the “Current” Track, highlighted in light gray. Subsequent actions now apply to this Track, and the switcher and mixer crosspoints associated with this Track are “on-air”.

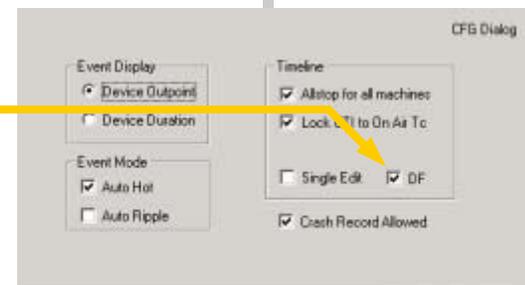


[CONFIG] to set Timeline parameters.

The Config dialog opens.



[Click] on the “DF” checkbox if your Record VTR contains dropframe timecode. Make sure it is unchecked if the timecode is non-dropframe.



3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Set Up the Linear Record Track (Continued)

INIT

[INIT] to set up the Reel ID for the Linear Record Track.

ACTION

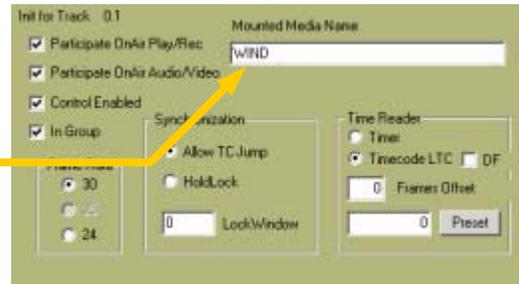


RESULT

The Track Properties dialog opens.



[Click] on the Mounted Media Name field and type in a reel ID for your new record tape.



INIT

[INIT] to close the Track Properties dialog.

The Track Properties dialog closes.

TL

[TL] (Timeline) ON Make sure that the Timeline IS highlighted.



The numbers appear in the Timecode Window. IN time where this project will begin recording to the record VTR.

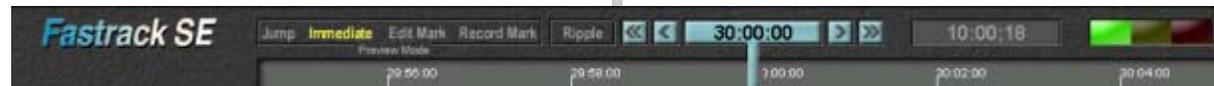


Type an IN time where this project will begin recording to the record VTR.

OUT SRCH

[SRCH] to set the CTI to the Record VTR start time.

The Timeline now matches the R-VTR timecode.



3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Set Up the Linear Record Track (Continued)

ACTION

RESULT



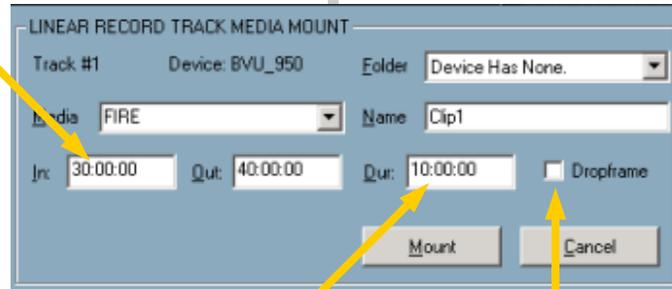
[ASGN] to set Track parameters.



The LINEAR RECORD TRACK MEDIA MOUNT dialog opens.



[Click] on the "In" field.



The "Media" field contains the name you entered in the previous step. The "Folder" and "Name" fields are not currently used.



Type an IN time where this project will begin recording to the record VTR.



[Click] on the "Dur" field and type a duration that is equal to or longer than your project is planned to be.



[Click] on the "Dropframe" check box to select "Dropframe" if your Record VTR has dropframe timecode. Make sure the box is not checked if you have non-dropframe timecode.



[TL] (Timeline) OFF Make sure that the Timeline is not highlighted.

The next few steps require that Fastrack not be in Timeline ON mode.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Mounting the Record Machine

ACTION



Click on Mount when all settings are correct.

RESULT

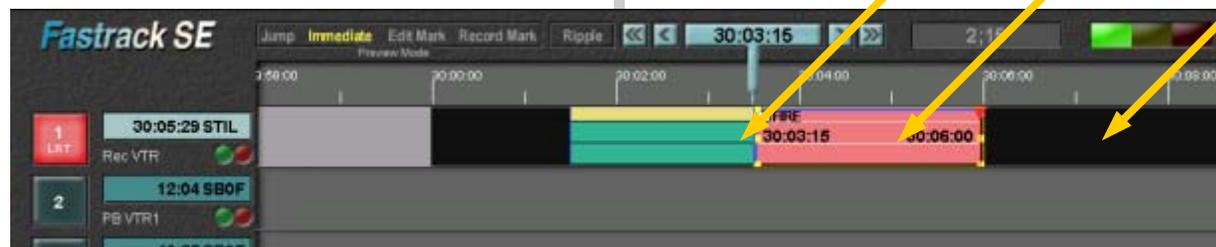
A Record Event is placed on the LRT, positioned at the Timeline Current Time Indicator (CTI). In this example the CTI is at 1:00:00:00.



Fastrack is now ready to start a Linear editing session.

Linear Record Track Elements

The "Black Track" designates areas that are still unrecorded in this edit session. Red designates a "Record Event". This is where the next recording will occur. Yellow/green designates areas that have been recorded in this session.



3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Setting up a Playback Track

ACTION

On the previous pages you have assigned a Record Track and mounted a named Record Tape.

RESULT

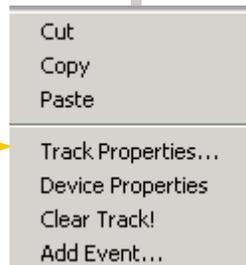


[Right Click] on the Playback Track.

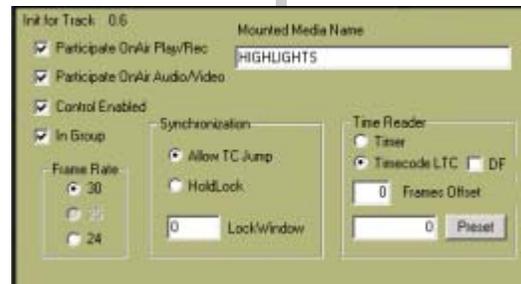
The Track turns light gray to show that it is selected and the Track "Pull Down Menu" opens.



[Click] on Track Properties.



The Track Properties dialog opens.



3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

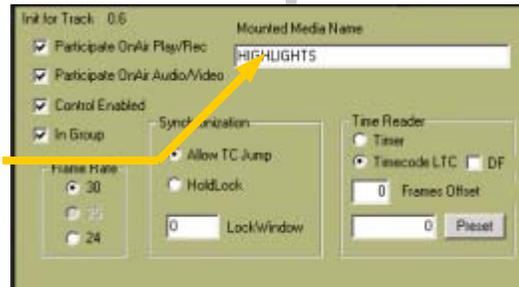
Creating a Source Event — Turn Timeline mode OFF, then select a source Track. Many functions have different results depending on whether Timeline mode is ON or OFF. Unless specified otherwise during this tutorial, keep Timeline mode OFF.

ACTION

RESULT



[Click] on the text field below "Mounted Media Name" and type the reel ID of your playback videotape.



This names the videotape in the VTR. *All Events involving this playback track will be associated with this reel ID, until a new reel is mounted and you change the name.*



[Enter] to confirm the settings.

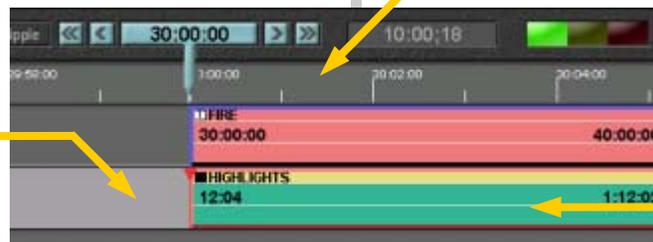


[TL] Confirm that the Timeline is OFF.

Timeline is OFF — the Timeline timecode bar is dark gray and there is no blue line extending from the CTI down through the Tracks.



[CLICK] Make sure that your playback Track is highlighted.



The playback Track is light gray when it is selected.



[MARK IN] to create an IN Point on the Event.

A yellow/green playback Event is created on the selected Track. The position on the Timeline is at the CTI. The IN point is the time code position of the VTR. The Mounted Media Name you gave the videotape earlier now appears on the Event.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Adjusting an Event — How to play an Event, and adjust it by marking Event IN and OUT points.

ACTION

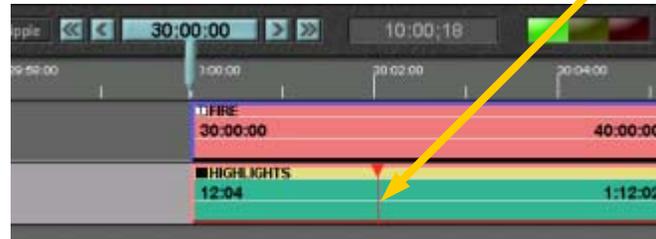
2X
PLAY

[PLAY] begins playout of the source tape. *We say the tape, rather than the Event, is playing. [PLAY] and other control functions operate on the tape beyond the Event boundaries.*



RESULT

The tape plays from the Event IN point. The red Current Position Indicator (CPI) for the tape moves to the right, indicating the "play head" position.



MARK
IN

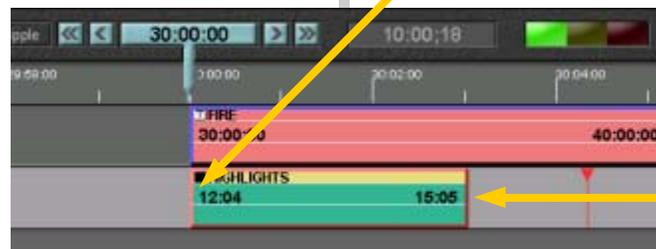
[MARK IN] to define the IN point of the Event.



The Event stays at its Timeline location and the IN point timecode is updated to the point the CPI had reached. The CPI continues playing from the start of the Event.

MARK
OUT

[MARK OUT] to define the OUT point of the Event.



The Event is truncated at the OUT point and the OUT point timecode is updated to the point the CPI had reached.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Previewing the Timeline – Positioning the Timeline for “Immediate” mode preview, and use [PVW] to play out a completed Event.

ACTION

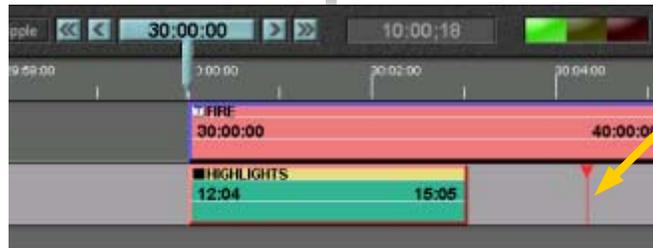
RESULT



[ALL STOP] (Space Bar) to stop the clip playing.

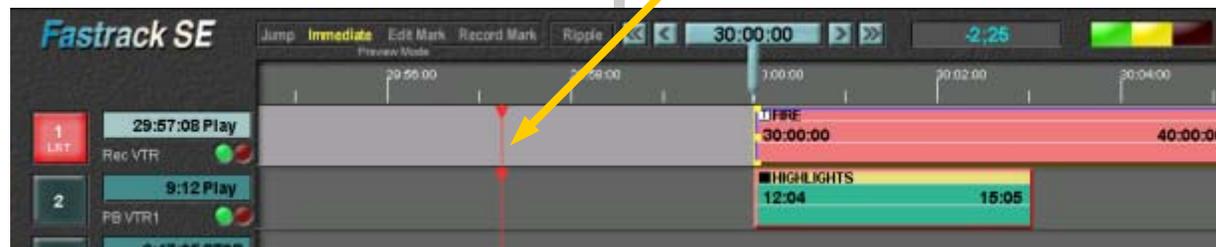


Unless it has reached the end of the tape, the playback Track is still playing from the previous step. The CPI moved beyond the Event, probably off the screen to the right.



[PVW] Preview to play through the Timeline (which in this case is a single Event.)

PVW cues the tapes to a preroll point a few seconds before the CTI and plays through to the Event OUT point. *PVW* is very different from *PLAY*. *PLAY* operates only on the media represented by the “hot” Event on the selected Track.



3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Previewing the Timeline – Positioning the Timeline for “Immediate” mode preview, and use [PVW] to play out a completed Event.

ACTION



[ALL STOP] (Space Bar) to stop the preview.



[LEFT ARROW] (twice) to move the Event IN point to the CTI at the center of the visible Timeline.

RESULT

Unless it has reached the end of the record tape, the preview is still going.

The CTI is aligned with the next IN or OUT point to the left. Since the CTI stays in the center of the screen, the Timeline moves to the right.

The arrow

The blue CTI is where things happen on the Timeline.

The red CPI represents a play head on each Track's active source.



3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Understanding Fastrack Preview — *Preview is one of Fastrack's most useful functions. There are four preview modes, explained below.*



The Fastrack preview is how the editor reviews or plays out what has been programmed. Another way to describe preview is that it is the PLAY function for the entire Timeline, which can include sources and effects on as many as 80 tracks. There are four types of Fastrack Previews: Jump, Immediate, Edit Mark and Record Mark. The Preview that will take place is determined by which of the four is highlighted.

Jump This preview always starts at the CTI. The sources are cued to their IN positions and “jump started” rather than synchronized. Once started, the preview will continue regardless of frame inaccuracies or imperfect synchronization. Jump is most useful when a videotape has little or no content available for preroll or there is broken timecode .

Immediate (The most frequently used preview type) This preview always starts at the CTI. All sources are cued to their preroll point and synchronized. Once started, the preview will continue unless frame inaccuracies or synchronization errors are encountered.

Edit Mark To start a preview at the same place each time without having to move the Timeline, use the Edit Mark mode. Position the CTI at the spot where you wish the preview to start then press [EDIT MARK]. You will see a yellow “Edit #1” marker appear on the Timeline. This preview will always begin from the nearest Edit Mark to the left of the CTI. All sources are synchronized.

Record Mark The preview will always begin at the at the existing “Record Mark”. A record mark appears after recording a clip or a sequence of clips. The record mark will move to the end of the recorded clips, in position for a pickup edit. All sources are synchronized. *(The record function is similar to preview, except that one or more predefined record devices are synchronized and put in record during the Timeline payout.)*



3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Making the first Recording — *When working in the linear mode, a simple approach to editing is to define the IN Point on both your record and playback sources, then “bump out” interactively as you watch the recording progress.*

ACTION

RESULT



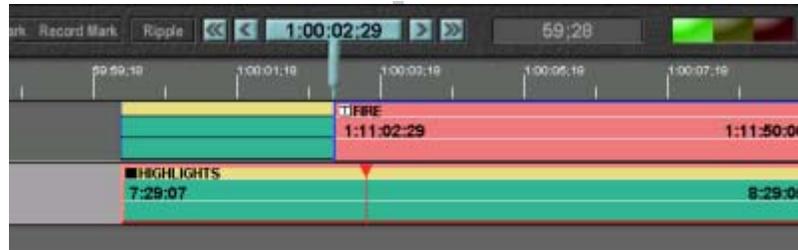
[RECORD] To start Recording.

The two VTR's cue, preroll and synchronize, then at the edit IN point, the Record VTR starts recording.



[RECORD] to end (bump out of) Recording.

The section of the Record Event up to where [RECORD] was pressed a second time, changes to yellow / green. This shows that you have made a recording and that the Record Event has been updated.



If you see during the edit that it will need to be re-done, you can press [ALL STOP] to stop the Record process. That will end the Record without updating the graphical timeline or entering the edit in the EDL.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

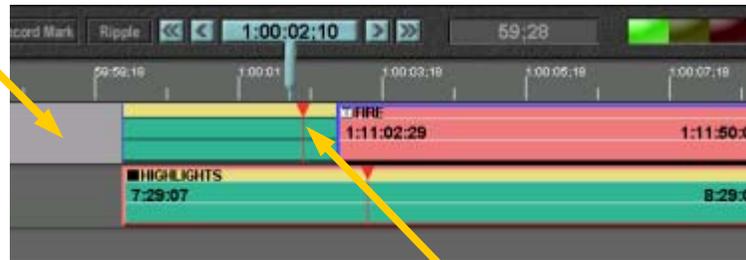
Marking the next Record IN Point

ACTION

RESULT



[CLICK] To select the Linear Record Track.



The Timeline should *not* be turned ON during this operation.



[JOG] (using the inner knob) to locate the point on the Record Event where you wish to make the next edit.

While you are reviewing your video as you jog, the red CPI is tracking the VTR position frame-by-frame.

The red CPI is the point on an Event that matches what is seen on the monitor. It can be outside the Event boundaries.



[MARK IN] to create a new IN-Point on your Record Event.



[There is now a new IN-Point on your Record Event.

A thin blue line marks the OUT points of the previous recording.

Fastrack marks all edit points so that you can find them later if necessary. Earlier edits are also saved in the EDL.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Marking IN to create a second Playback Event

ACTION



[Click] on the Playback Track, and search for the new IN point.



[PLAY] begins playout of the source tape.



[MARK IN] to create a new Event on your Playback Track.



[RECORD] To start Recording.



[RECORD] to end (bump out of) Recording.

RESULT

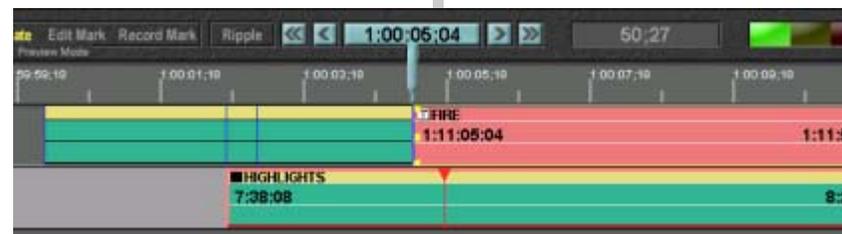
Once the Playback Track has been selected, search may be accomplished using [PLAY], [REW], [FF] or the Jog/Shuttle knob.



The IN point changes to the source frame. The CPI jumps to the IN Point of the source Event and continues playing.

The two VTR's cue, preroll and synchronize, then at the edit IN point, the Record VTR starts recording.

The section of the Record Event up to where [RECORD] was pressed a second time, will now change to yellow / green. This shows that you have made a recording and that the Record Event has been updated.



You are now on the way to creating your edit master. By continuing these steps it is easy to create a finished project.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Defining an edit OUT Point — *We will add another edit, this time with a pre-defined OUT point. Sometimes it is necessary to define an OUT Point on your Record Event so that you don't record over existing material.*

ACTION

RESULT

MARK IN [MARK IN] while viewing your Source tape to create a new IN Point on your Playback Event.

MARK OUT [MARK OUT] on your playback Event where you wish it to end..



The IN Point changes to the source frame. The CPI jumps to the IN Point of the source Event and continues playing.

The Event is truncated at the OUT Point and the OUT Point timecode is updated to the point the CPI had reached.

We now have a Source Event Out Point. This does not normally determine the end of a recording.

We will now establish a Record OUT Point, which normally IS the end of an edit.

TL [TL] Timeline On.

The blue CTI line appears and the Timeline bar is light gray.

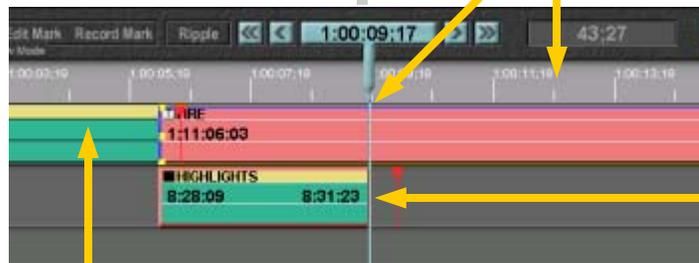
 [RIGHT ARROW] to move the Event OUT point to the CTI.

All Event adjustment functions, including MARK, SET, TRIM, take effect at the CTI, not the CPI, when Fastrack is in Timeline mode.

 [CLICK] to select the Record Track..

The CTI is aligned with the end of the Source Event.

The Record Track is selected.



3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Defining an edit OUT Point (continued) — *Recording with an OUT point allows provides a postroll and sets up for the next edit at the pre-defined OUT point.*

ACTION

MARK OUT [MARK OUT] to pick the OUT Point on the Record Event.



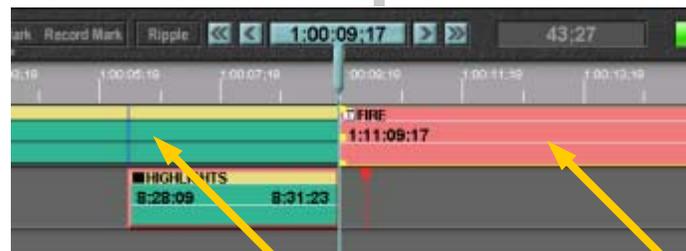
RESULT

The Event is truncated at the CTI and the OUT Point timecode is updated.

Since we are now in Timeline mode, the red CPI is ignored, and the OUT point is determined by the CTI.

The part of the Record Track that is unrecorded is black..

RECORD [RECORD]



Fastrack cues and synchronizes the Playback and Record VTRs and records from the Record Event IN Point to the OUT Point. Playback stops after a few-second postroll.

After the Event has been recorded, the completed recorded Event changes to yellow/green.

A new open-ended Record Event is placed at the end.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Trimming a Playback Event — *Earlier Events IN and OUT points have been specified by Marking IN and OUT. Now we will use some of the Event adjustment tools, beginning with trimming by a specified number of frames.*

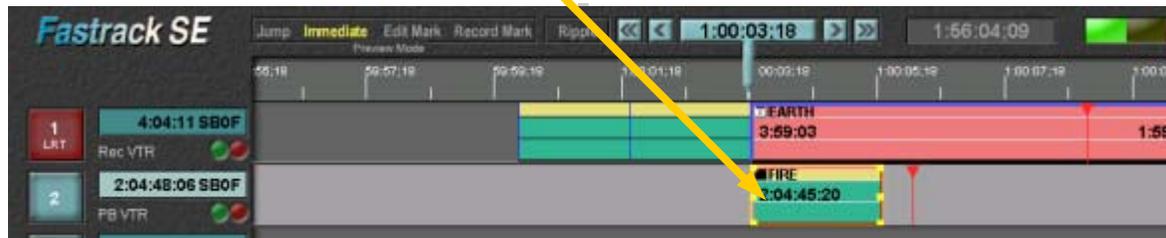
ACTION

RESULT



[CLICK] On the Playback Event to make it the "Hot" Event.

[The Event is outlined in red, and its Track is selected.]



**TRIM
IN**

[TRIM IN] to numerically adjust the IN Point of the Playback Event.



[1], [0], [ENTER]

The number 10 is displayed in the numeric entry field near the center of the Fastrack display. The IN time is now be 10 frames later. The OUT point remains the same, which means the duration is 10 frames less.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

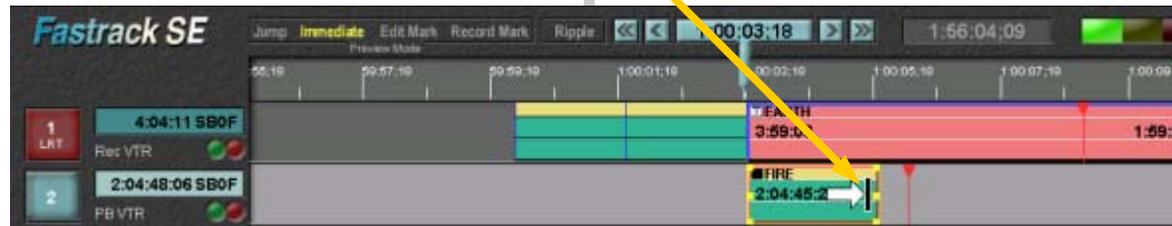
Adjusting Events with the Mouse — *The Fastrack Graphical User Interface (GUI) provides more ways to adjust source IN and OUT points and position on the Timeline.*

ACTION

RESULT



[Click and drag] near the right edge of the playback Event to change the OUT Point.



[CLICK] TrimSrc to turn on the "Trim and Search" function. This allows you to monitor the OUT Point video while dragging the OUT time.



The media follows and you will be able to see what you are doing on the video monitor.

There is much more that can be done to trim and change clips. This can be found in chapter two of this tutorial.



[PVW] To see the results.

Starting from the preroll point, you will see what has previously been recorded, the new incoming video, and at the Out-Point, the recorder again.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Starting a Preview from Any Point on the Timeline — *You may want to review only the last few seconds of an Event. This describes how to quickly move to any point on the Timeline.*

ACTION

RESULT



[Click] on the double left arrows to jump back to the beginning of the sequence.

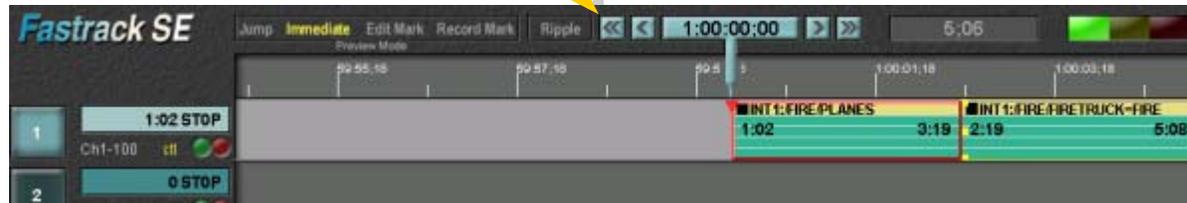
The CTI jumps to the IN position of the first Event.

This is a good way to set up for a preview of an entire show.



[PVW] To view your sequence.

You will see the revised edit point between the first and second Events after the first Event plays back.



Another way to specify where a preview starts.

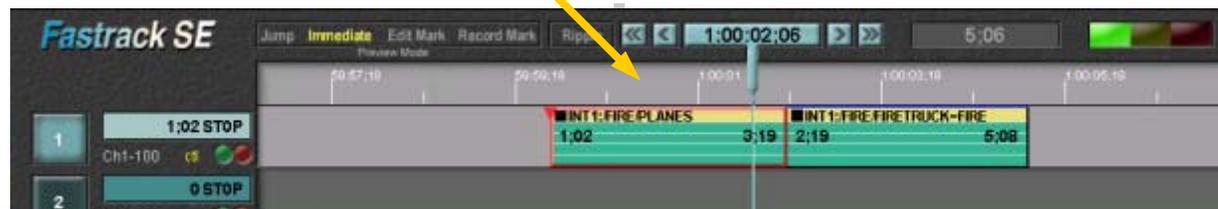
[Click and drag] on the Timeline timecode bar to move the Timeline relative to the CTI.

The Timeline moves so that the point at which you want to start a preview is at the CTI. Note that you are now in Timeline Mode (The timecode bar is light gray.)



[PVW] To view your sequence.

You will quickly see the revised edit point between the first and second Events.



[TL] (Timeline) OFF Make sure that the Timeline is not highlighted.

The Timeline timecode bar is now dark gray.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Inserting an Event — *How to go back to an earlier point in the program and insert a new Event.*



[TL] Timeline OFF

ACTION

Remember:

- *When the Timeline is OFF, the effect of MARK IN or MARK OUT is determined by the red CPI, representing the play head on the "hot" Event on the selected Track.*
- *When the Timeline is ON, the point the effect of MARK IN or MARK OUT is determined by which frame of the "hot" Event is graphically aligned with the CTI.*

RESULT

Make sure that the Timeline is OFF.



[CLICK] to select the Record Track..

The Record Track is selected.



[REW] to rewind the Record VTR back near the point where you want to insert an Event.

The Jog knob in Variable or Shuttle mode is another way to navigate through your source material.



[PLAY] to play the Record tape.

You can view the video to select your new Record IN point.

You can also use FF, REW, or Jog to control the VTR to set up the next edit.



[MARK IN] to mark the new IN-Point on your Record Event.



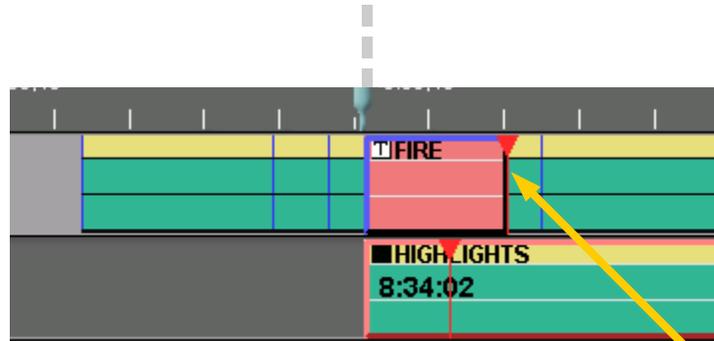
The IN Point changes to the frame that is playing when you press [MARK IN]. The Record VTR continues playing.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Inserting an Event — *How to go back to an earlier point in the program and insert a new Event.*

ACTION

MARK OUT [MARK OUT] to set the OUT-Point on the Record Event.



RESULT

The Record Event is truncated at the OUT Point and the OUT Point timecode is updated to the point the CPI had reached.



[CLICK] to select the playback Track..



The playback Track is selected.

2X PLAY

[PLAY] to play the Record tape.

You can view the video to select your new Source IN point.

You can also use FF, REW, or Jog to control the VTR to set up the next edit.

MARK IN

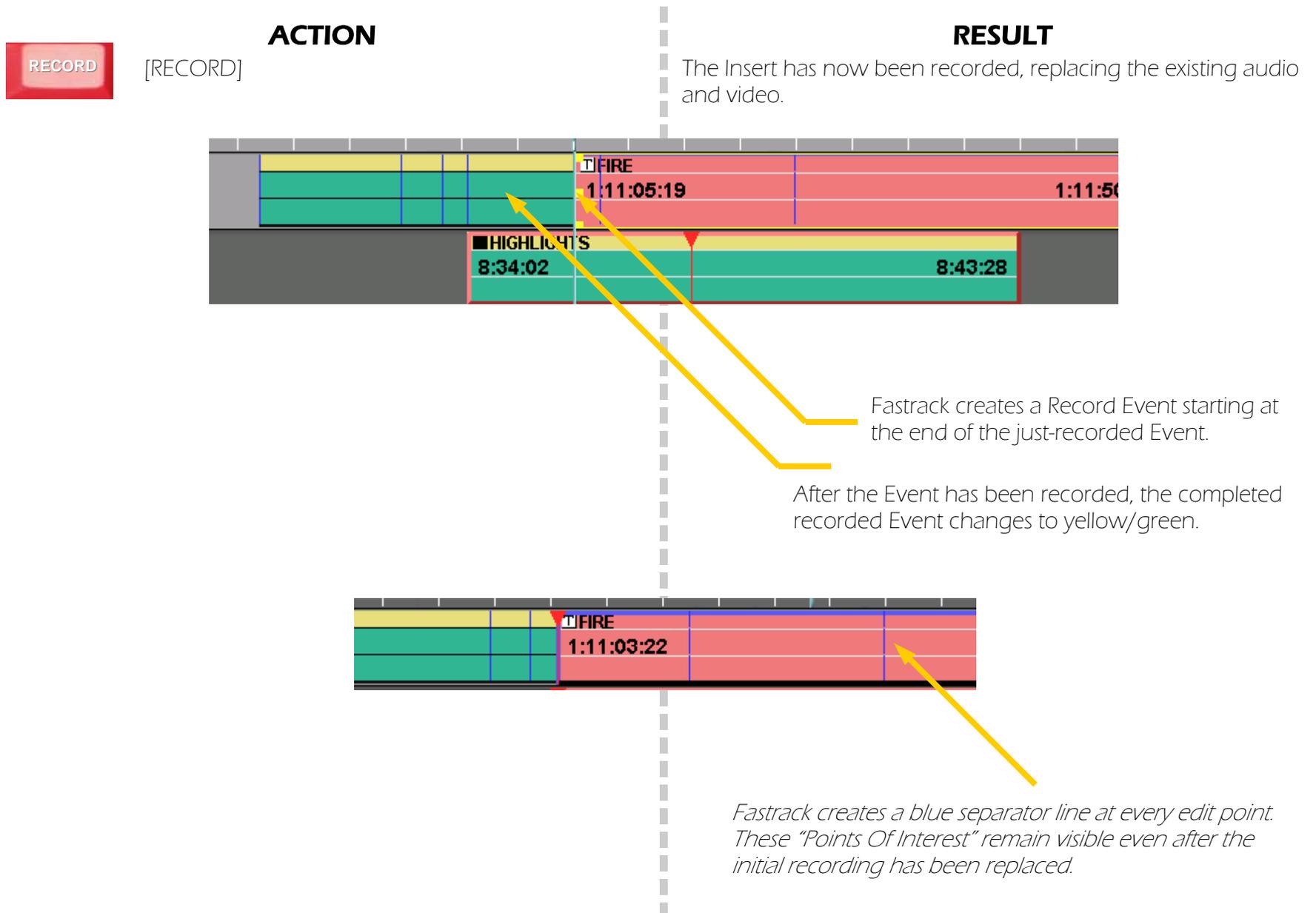
[MARK IN] as you see the beginning of the scene you want for your new edit



The IN Point changes to the frame that is playing when you press [MARK IN]. The Source VTR continues playing.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Inserting an Event — *How to go back to an earlier point in the program and insert a new Event.*



3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

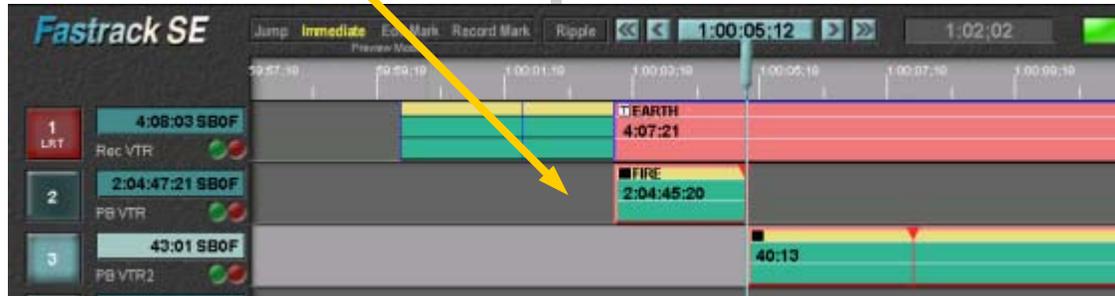
Editing with Multiple Tracks — Every VTR or other source device is assigned to its own Track. To make transitions and other effects, it is necessary to have a second Playback Track.

ACTION

RESULT



[CLICK] To highlight the “from” VTR Track in a transition.



[PLAY] To find the frame you want to transition from..

You will be able to see your source media to select the transition



[MARK OUT] to create an OUT Point on the “from” Event.

The “from” Event now has an OUT Point

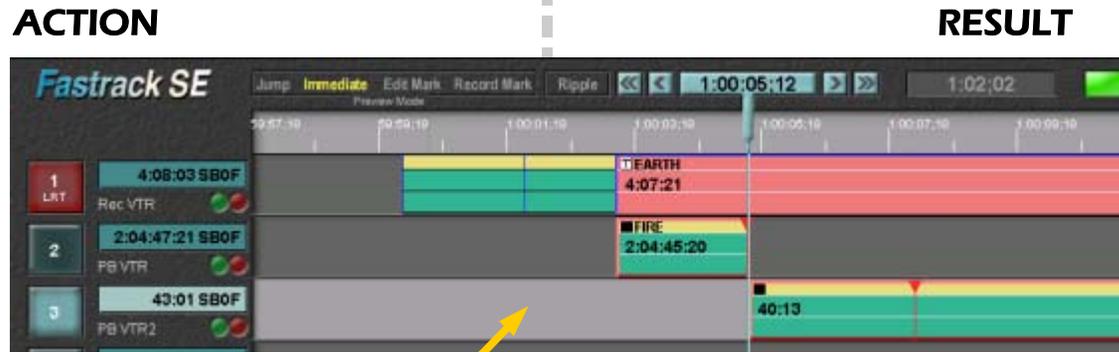


[LEFT ARROW] to move the Event OUT point to the CTI.

The CTI is now at the point where you want to begin the “to” Event.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Editing with Multiple Tracks — Every VTR or other source device is assigned to its own Track. To make transitions and other effects, it is necessary to have a second Playback Track.



[Click] To highlight a second Track that has a VTR assigned.



[PLAY] To find the IN-Point for your second VTR.



[IN] To place the Event on the Timeline at the CTI.



[PVW] To see the results.

You can view the video to select your new Record IN point.

Event on the Timeline at the CTI. The IN time is the current frame playing at the time the [IN] key is pressed.

We use [IN] here, not [MARK IN]. [MARK IN] would place the Event at the start of the Record Event..

Starting from the preroll point, you see what has previously been recorded, then a cut to the video from the first VTR, then at the end of the first Event, a cut to the video from the second VTR.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

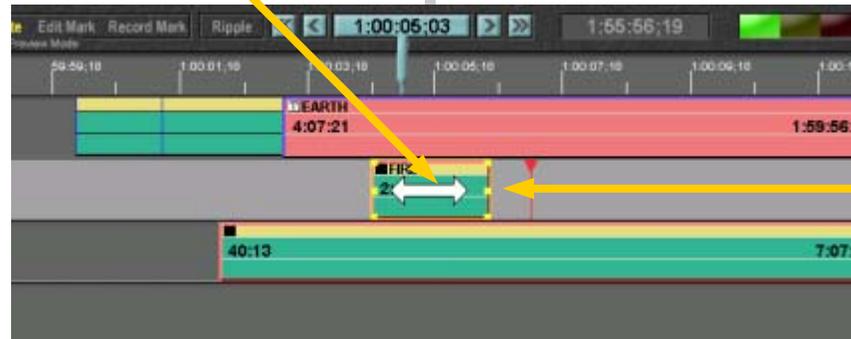
Moving Playback Events — *Playback Events may be moved on the Timeline without changing the Record IN or Out points*

ACTION



[Click and drag] near the center of the source event.

RESULT



In this example the Event on Track 2 was moved over the Event on Track 3.

As a result, the Event on Track 2 becomes an Insert into the Event on Track 3.



[PVW] To preview the results.

Starting from the preroll point, you see what has previously been recorded, then a cut to the Track 3 VTR, then a cut to the Track 2 VTR, then at the end of that Event, a cut back to the Track 3 VTR.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Match Frame Editing — *There are many times when it is necessary to locate a point in your program, either to extend an Event or add an effect. Use the Fastrack EDL to MATCH back to any previously recorded Event.*



[SYNC] Brings up the Match dialog and the Match Function Keys.

ACTION

RESULT



[CLICK] on "Match to Device Position".

Edl Match Options
 Match to Device Position
 Match to Event IN Time



[CLICK] on "OUT=Matched Event OUT".

Matched Record OUT Point Options
 OUT = Matched event OUT
 OUT = Original Rec OUT
 Use matched event Duration
 Use default event Duration

DONE



[CLICK] on "DONE" when your settings are the same as this dialog.

The Function Keys retain the Match functions.

If you change to another Function Key menu and the "F" Key's functions change, [SYNC] will bring them back.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

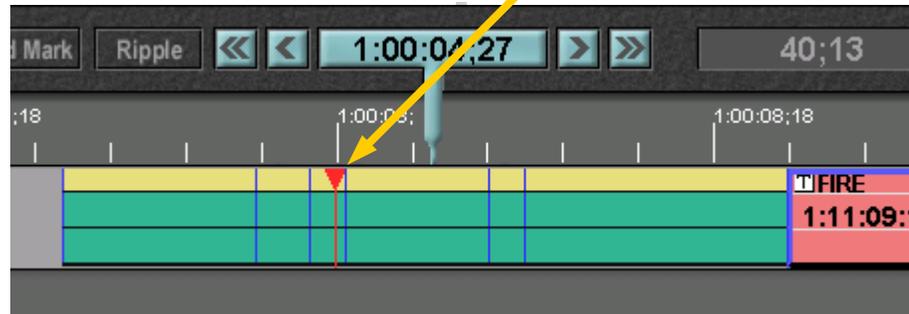
Match Frame Editing — *There are many times when it is necessary to locate a point in your program, either to extend an Event or add an effect. Use the Fastrack EDL to MATCH back to any previously recorded Event.*

ACTION

Using a previously recorded sequence, locate a point on the Record Track where you wish to Match to existing video.

RESULT

The red CPI is always at the current frame on your



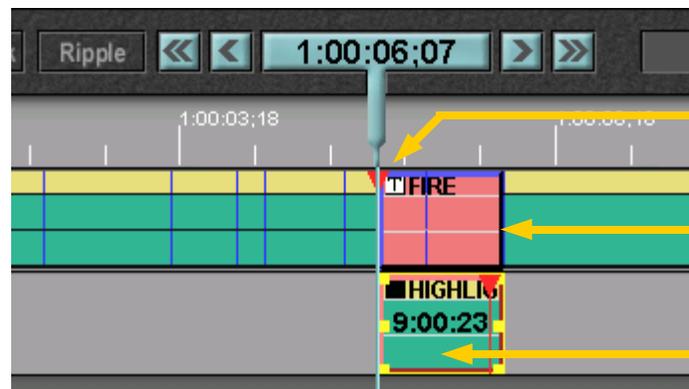
[Click] on Auto Match.



You may also use [F1].

At the match point.

To change the OUT-Point of the Record Event use the same steps as marking the OUT-Point of an Insert.



- 1) The Record Event now starts at the CPI, which is still aligned with the point for which we found a match.
- 2) The length of the Record Event is the original length of the recorded Event in which the matched source was found.
- 3) A source Event is created with the matching Frame at the IN point.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Adding Transitions — *To finish building our first program we will add a dissolve.*

ACTION

Using what you learned in the tutorial section "Editing with Multiple Tracks", Add an Event on a second Track starting at the record IN-Point.

RESULT



[CLICK] To make the new Event Hot.



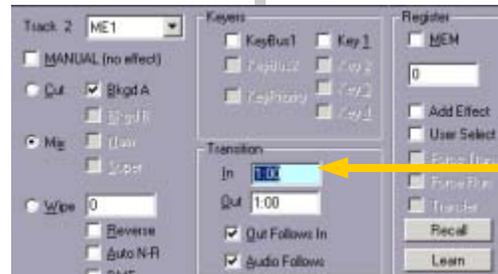
[DISS] to create a dissolve transition.



[3], [0] on the numeric keypad to set the transition rate.



[ENTER] to accept the rate.



The Effects dialog opens, ready for a numeric rate entry.

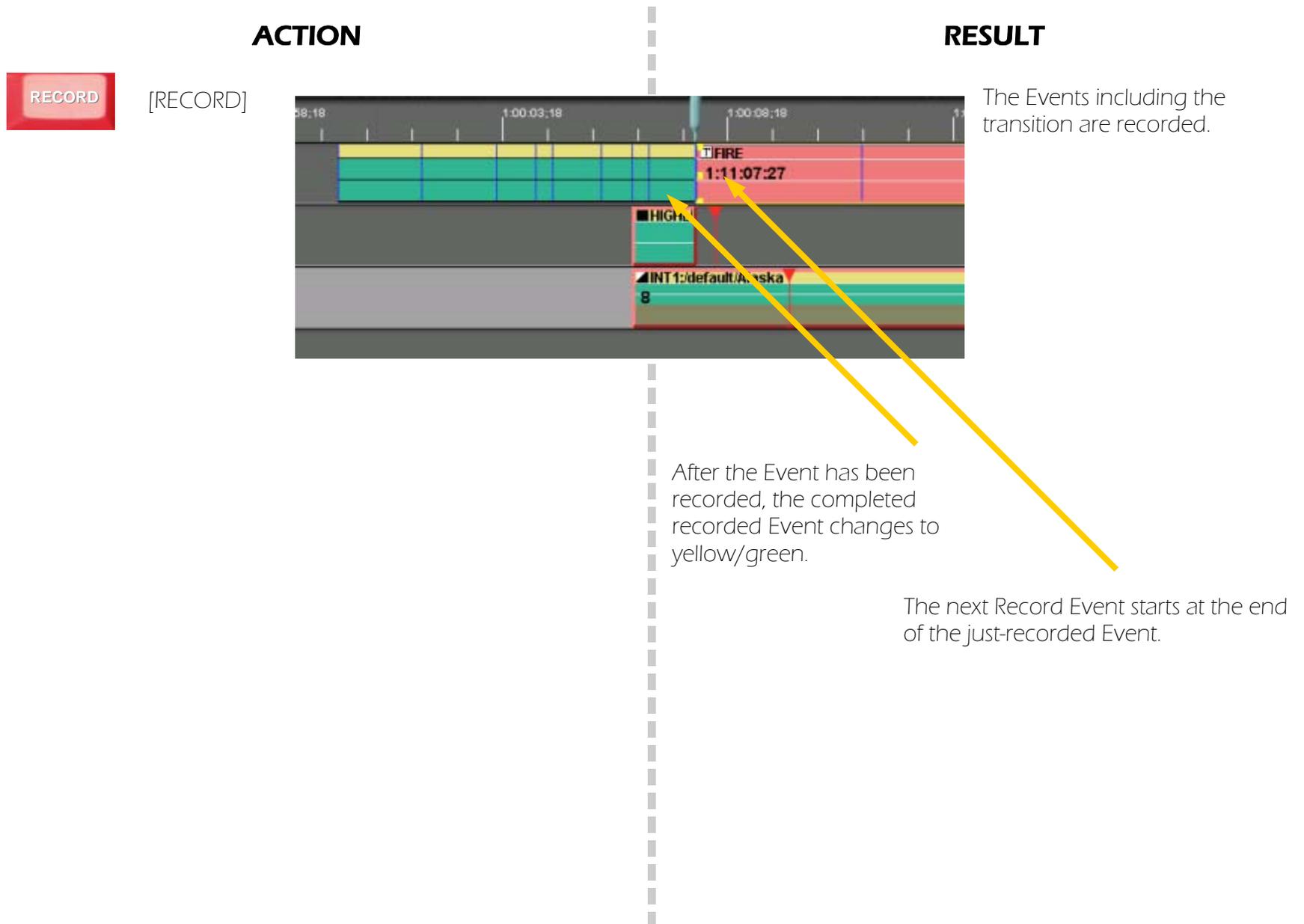
The rate is displayed in the In field. The default setting is "Out Follows In" so the OUT transition will also be set to 30 frames (1 second in NTSC).



The dissolve icon appears on the hot Event.

3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

Adding Transitions — *To finish building our first program we will add a dissolve.*



3. Quick Start to Linear Editing...continued

This concludes the Quick Start to Linear Editing chapter. Later chapters add more detail, and more advanced features.

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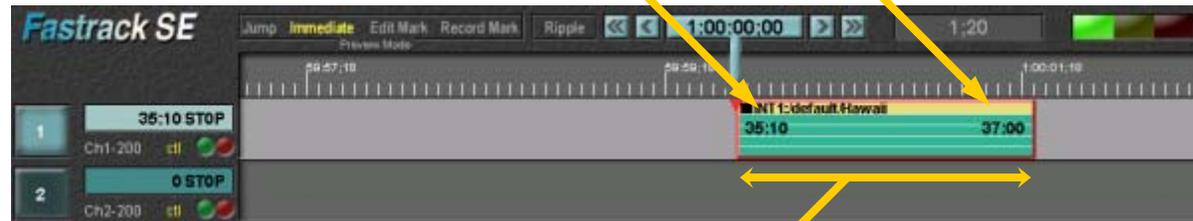
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Chapter 4. Adjusting Events

Definitions: *IN times, OUT times, durations and Event position on the Timeline.*

IN point and OUT point: The timecode value of the first and last frames in an Event. (To be precise, the OUT time is the last frame of the Event + 1). These numbers are displayed in the

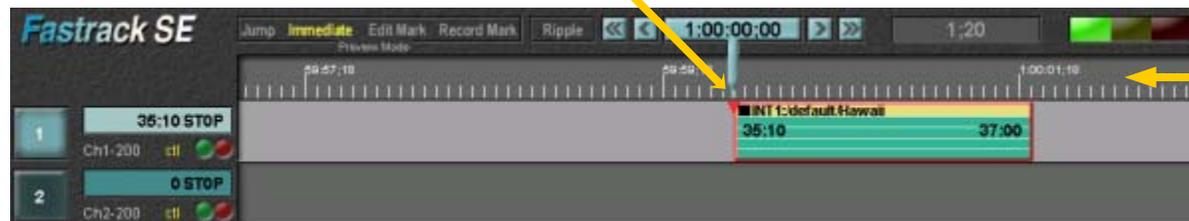
Through a setting in the INIT page, the Event Duration may be displayed rather than the OUT point.



Duration: How long an Event is, in Hours, minutes, seconds and frames.

Position: The location of an Event on the Timeline. The Timeline position has a numeric timecode value, unrelated to the Event timecode. The Timeline display includes a scale with hash marks and timecode numbers. It can be conveniently scaled to a wide view for seeing an entire show, or an expanded view to see details of

To change the scale of the Timeline display, use the function keys. [F8] changes the keys to allow selection of 7 scales. Then, to select a scale that fits your clips to the screen, press F7. You can also change the scale with the mouse, by using [Control] [Click and drag] in the Timeline timecode bar above the first Track.



Chapter 4. Adjusting Events...continued

Overview of Adjustment Tools: *Locations of often-used function keys.*

Fastrack has many ways to adjust the IN and OUT and duration of Events, as well as the position of an Event relative to the Timeline or to other Events. These include the Set, Mark, and Trim keys, and the ability to drag the IN, OUT times and position using the mouse.

**SET
IN**

**SET
OUT**

**SET
DUR**

[SET IN], [SET OUT] and [SET DUR] (duration) are useful when there is some logged information about the media, such as the start of a scene.

**MARK
IN**

**MARK
OUT**

[MARK IN] and [MARK OUT] are useful when searching for edit points while playing the media. When a clip is playing, pressing [MARK IN] at the point where a visual or audio cue is reached on the media is a quick way to establish the IN or OUT point of an edit. To find MARK points, you can play, FFW, REW or use the knob for varispeed play, shuttle or jogging frame by frame.

**TRIM
IN**

**TRIM
OUT**

TRIM IN and TRIM OUT are good ways to make small adjustments to IN and OUT points. Trimming a positive number of frames will add to the Event IN or OUT. When entering numbers, two-digit numbers are always treated as number of frames, 3 or more digits are treated as timecode.



Chapter 4. Adjusting Events...continued

Positioning the Timeline and CTI *Moving the Timeline for best viewing and for positioning CTI for actions which occur at the Current Time Indicator (CTI).*

ACTION

RESULT



[CLICK] on the blue arrows at the top of the screen.

Single arrow buttons: Jump from event to event. Double arrow buttons: jump to the beginning or end of the entire sequence.



[CLICK] and drag the Timeline left or right.

Moving the mouse left and right will move the timeline. This will also turn on the timeline if it is off.

To turn the Timeline off with the mouse, click in the timecode field above the Timeline.



[RIGHT ARROW] and [LEFT ARROW] keys

Jump from event to event on the timeline.

Chapter 4. Adjusting Events...continued

Event MARK IN and MARK OUT *Event IN times, OUT times, durations and Timeline position are adjusted by focusing on media playout and selecting edit points by direct observation of video or audio cues. Start this section with one Event loaded*

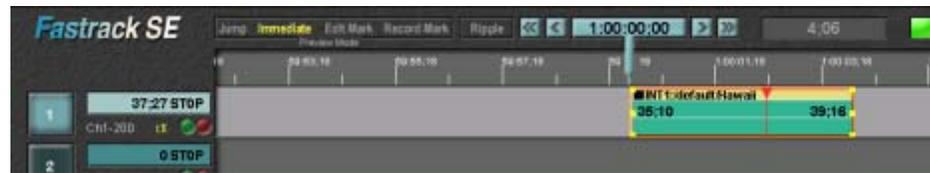
ACTION

RESULT



[TL] (Timeline) OFF Make sure that the Timeline is not highlighted.

Most timecode-related functions have different results when Timeline is ON.



[PLAY] and other transport control functions, including REW, FF, PLAY-, 2X keys, or use the knob in Variable, shuttle or Jog to locate your IN or OUT point by observing your media.

This is where you spend most of your attention: Focusing on your video and audio media to select edit points. The red CPI graphically indicates the location of the current frame in relation to the existing Event IN time.



The outer ring of the knob is for variable speed and shuttle (the middle button above the knob selects Var (lit) or Shuttle (unlit)). The inner knob is for frame by frame jogging.

Event MARK IN and MARK OUT (Continued) *After trying different ways to control your media, you will select IN and OUT points.*

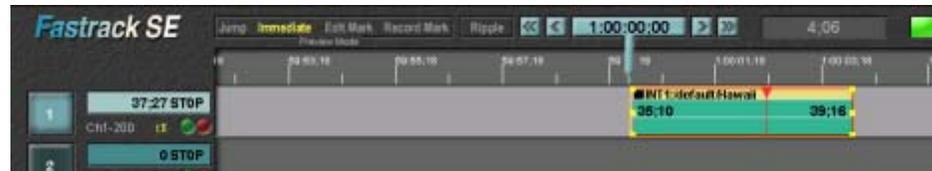
ACTION

RESULT

**MARK
IN**

[MARK IN] to select Event IN point.

The Event IN time will be changed to the current frame. The IN position on the Timeline does not change. When Marking IN, the Event OUT time stays the same, so the OUT position and duration are changed.



**2X
PLAY**

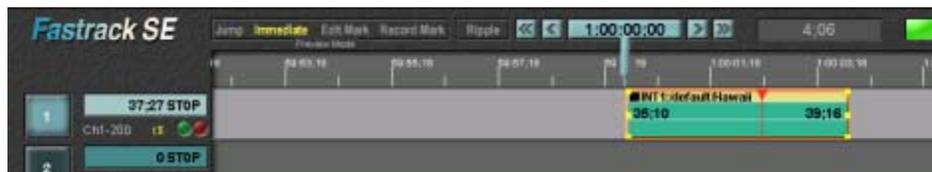
[PLAY] and other transport control functions, including REW, FF, PLAY-, 2X keys, or use the knob in Variable, shuttle or Jog to locate your IN or OUT point by observing your media.

Search for the appropriate OUT point for this Event.

**MARK
OUT**

[MARK OUT] to select Event OUT point.

The Event OUT time changes to the current frame. The Event IN time and position remain unchanged; both the OUT position and the duration are changed.



MARK IN and MARK OUT are probably the most useful tools you have for specifying IN and OUT points.

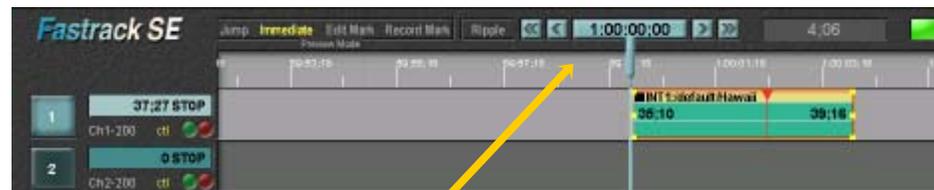
Chapter 4. Adjusting Events...continued

Timeline MARK IN and MARK OUT *Timeline position determines when an Event is "on air" (playing out and selected on the switcher and mixer). The GO TO CTI function allows you to select Event IN and OUT times, then place those points at exact points on the Timeline.*



[TL] (Timeline) ON Make sure that the Timeline IS highlighted.

Most timecode-related functions have different results when Timeline is ON. With Timeline ON, you can quickly align previously selected Event IN and OUT times with the Timeline, and with Events on other Tracks.



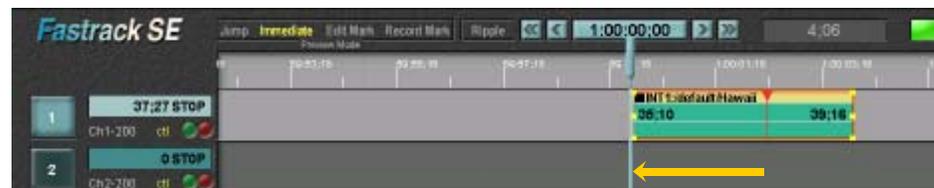
[CLICK] and drag the Timeline to position the CTI where you want to create in Event IN or OUT point.

The blue CTI line appears to help line up points on all tracks.



[GO TO CTI] To see the media Frame at the CTI point.

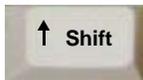
On the selected Track, the red CPI moves to the CTI, and the media cues to that point *Sync points on all Tracks can be quickly aligned and compared this way.*



Timeline MARK IN and MARK OUT (Continued) *Marking with Timeline ON and using Shift-GO TO CTI allows you to select Event IN and OUT times and Timeline position simultaneously.*

ACTION

RESULT



[SHIFT][GO TO CTI] To move the CTI to a previously cued frame on the selected Track.

The Timeline shifts to align the CTI with the current frame on the selected Track.. *If you did this immediately after the preceding step, nothing happened! Press [PLAY], then [STOP] to move the CPI from the CTI, then try it again.*



[CLICK] and drag the Timeline (again) to position the CTI for a new Event IN point.



[MARK IN] to select the Timeline position of the Event IN point.

When you Mark In, the Event OUT time and its Timeline position are unchanged. *If the CTI is past the old Event OUT point, the Event moves to the new IN point, with the same duration.*



[CLICK] and drag the Timeline (again) to position the CTI for a new Event OUT point.



[MARK OUT] to select Timeline position of the Event OUT point.

When you Mark Out, the Event IN time and its Timeline position are unchanged. *If the CTI is before the old Event IN point, nothing will happen.*

Chapter 4. Adjusting Events...continued

Trimming Events Numerically *Focusing on Event IN times, OUT times and durations, change IN and and OUT times by a specified number of frames.*

ACTION

RESULT



Make sure that [TL] (Timeline) is OFF

Most timecode-related functions have different results when Timeline is ON.



[TRIM IN]
[4] on the keypad
[Enter]

Adds 4 frames to the Event IN time.

The OUT time does not change, so the Event duration is 4 frames shorter.



Now try these variations

Keystroke sequences are flexible. Entering [4], [-] is the same as entering [-], [4]. Entering [1], [0], [TRIM IN] is the same as [TRIM IN], [1], [0], [Enter].

[TRIM IN]
[4], [-] on the keypad
[Enter]

Subtracts 4 frames from the Event IN time. The duration is 4 frames longer.

[TRIM OUT]
[1], [0], [0] on the keypad
[Enter]

Adds 1 second to the Event OUT time. The duration is 1 second longer.

[TRIM OUT]
[9], [9] on the keypad
[Enter]

Subtracts 3 seconds and 9 frames (NTSC) or 3 seconds 24 frames (PAL) from the Event OUT time. The duration is shorter by the same value.

Chapter 4. Adjusting Events...continued

Trimming the Timeline position Numerically *Focusing on Timeline position, changing IN times, OUT times, durations and Event position by a specified number of frames.*

ACTION

RESULT



With the [TL] (Timeline) ON

These functions, while they may concurrently cause changes in duration, are focused on Timeline position.



[TRIM IN]
[4] on the keypad
[Enter]

Moves the Event IN time 4 frames later on the Timeline.

The OUT time does not change, so the Event duration is 4 frames shorter.



Now try these variations

Keystroke sequences are flexible. Entering [4]. [-] is the same as entering [-], [4]. Entering [1], [0], [TRIM IN] is the same as [TRIM IN], [1], [0], [Enter].

[TRIM IN]
[4], [-] on the keypad
[Enter]

Moves the Event 4 frames earlier on the Timeline, without changing the Event IN time. The duration is 4 frames

[TRIM OUT]
[1], [0], [0] on the keypad
[Enter]

Adds 1 second to the Event OUT time. The duration is 1 second longer. *Note that this is the same result you would get with Timeline ON*

[TRIM OUT]
[9], [9] on the keypad
[Enter]

Subtracts 3 seconds and 9 frames (NTSC) or 3 seconds 24 frames (PAL) from the Event OUT time. The duration is shorter by the same value. *Note that this is the same result as you would get with TL ON.*

Chapter 4. Adjusting Events...continued

Trimming Duration Numerically *Changing IN times, OUT times, durations and Event position on the Timeline with the mouse.*

ACTION

RESULT

SET DUR

[SET DUR]
[2], [0], [0] on the keypad
[Enter]

The Event duration changes to 2 seconds.

The IN time does not change, so the Event OUT time and the OUT Timeline position both change.



Now try a negative duration (backtime function).

SET DUR

[SET DUR]
[4], [0], [0], [-] on the keypad
[Enter]

The Event duration changes to 4 seconds.

The OUT time and its Timeline position do not change, so the Event IN time and the IN Timeline position both change.

Adjusting Events with the mouse *Make quick adjustments to Event IN and OUT times based on graphical representation of relationships to the Timeline and to other Events.*

ACTION

RESULT



[CLICK] and drag near the Event IN point. *Notice that the mouse pointer changes its shape when you are pointing near the Event IN time.*



Moving the mouse left and right changes both the Event IN time and its position on the Timeline. The duration expands and contracts, since the Event OUT time and its Timeline position both remain unchanged.



[CLICK] and drag near the Event OUT point. *Notice that the mouse pointer changes its shape when you are pointing near the Event OUT time.*



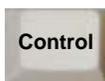
Moving the mouse left and right changes both the Event OUT time and its position on the Timeline. The duration expands and contracts, since the Event IN time and its Timeline position both remain unchanged.



[CONTROL][CLICK] and drag near the Event IN point.



Moving the mouse left and right changes the position on the Timeline, but the Event IN time is unchanged. The Event OUT time changes based on the new duration.



[CONTROL][CLICK] and drag near the Event OUT point.



Moving the mouse left and right changes the position on the Timeline, but the Event OUT time is unchanged. The Event IN time changes based on the new duration.

*Important Note: A setting on the [SHIFT][INIT] page, "InvertMoveEvent" is normally set to set to **no**. If it is set to **yes** the normal mode and the control key modes of will be reversed.*

Adjusting Events with the mouse *Make quick adjustments to Event IN and OUT times based on graphical representation of relationships to the Timeline and to other Events.*

ACTION

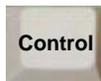
RESULT



[CLICK] at the middle of the Event and drag the Event left and right.



Moving the mouse left and right changes the position of the event in reference to the timeline while retaining the IN, OUT and duration of the event



[CONTROL][CLICK] at the middle of the Event and drag the Event left and right.



Moving the mouse left and right changes the Event IN and OUT points, while retaining the Timeline position and duration. *The term for this adjustment is "Slipping".*

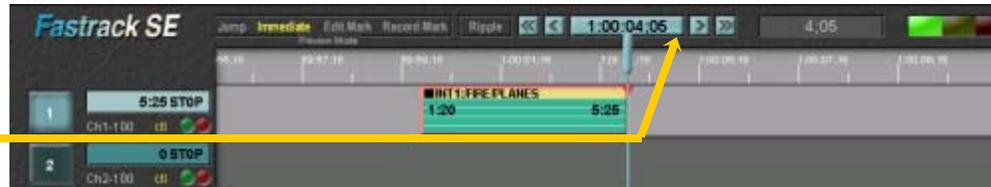
Adjusting Timeline Position with Multiple Events *Events on the same tracks and on other Tracks are often a factor when changing Event position or duration.*

ACTION

RESULT



[CLICK] on the right arrow button, to position the Timeline at the rightmost Event OUT point.



You may also use the arrow keys on the keyboard.



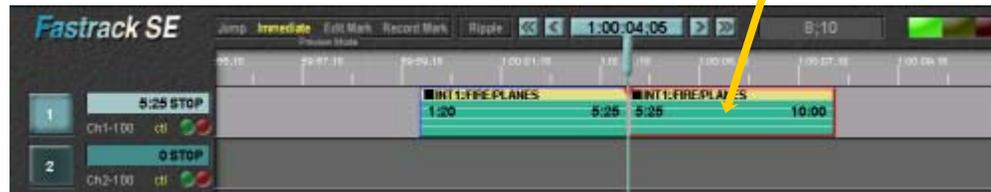
[ADD] To create a second Event.

For more information look up ADD in the Help file.



The second event is the same source clip as the previous event and begins at the previous event OUT point.

ADD is a quick way to add an additional event at the end of an existing clip.



[CLICK] and drag the middle Event to the right. You may need to move the mouse quickly to "unstick" it from the previous clip.

By moving the mouse left and right you will be able to pull the two events apart, and push them back together. However you will not be able to overlap them.

Trimming Events with the mouse *Make quick adjustments to Event IN and OUT times based on graphical representation of relationships to the Timeline and to other Events.*

ACTION

RESULT



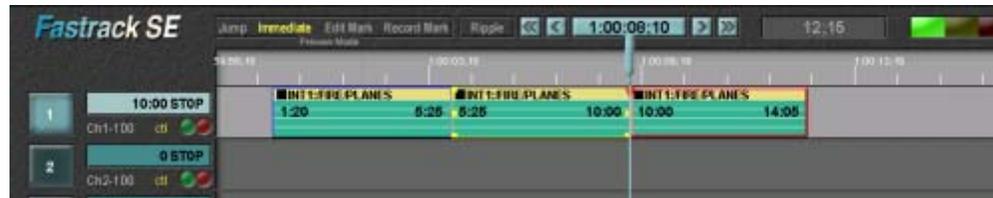
[CLICK] on the right arrow button, to position the Timeline at the rightmost Event OUT point.



You may also use the right arrow key on the keyboard.



[ADD] to create an additional event.



ADD always selects the same source clip as the previous clip on the Track. If you want a new source, use the ASGN key and select another clip.



[CLICK] and drag the middle Event to the right.



You will not be able to move the second event, without first moving one of the other events.



[RIPPLE] to turn ripple mode on.



The Ripple flag at top of screen is highlighted.

You may also turn ripple on using your mouse. look up RIPPLE and Auto Ripple in your Help file.



[CLICK] and drag the middle Event to the right.

You will now be able to drag the middle event and push the one that follows, as well as open and close the gap between the first and second events.

ACTION

This is the End of Editware's Fastrack Tutorial Chapter 4.

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RESULT

Chapter 5. Working with events on multiple tracks

In order to combine elements from multiple sources, multiple tracks are used. This is how you create transitions split edits and other video effects. Multiple tracks are also used to when it is necessary to mix audio.

Assigning clips to multiple tracks

ACTION

Load a single event on the Timeline Track 1.

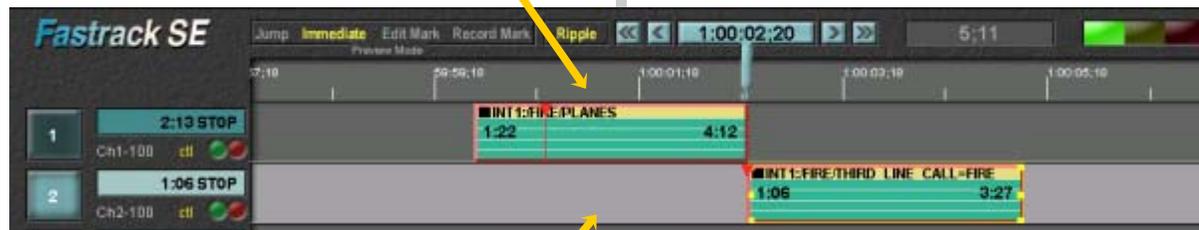


Right arrow to move the CPI to the end of the Event

RESULT

Go to chapter one if you need to know how to load Events.

When a new Clip is assigned it always starts at the CPI



[CLICK] to select a second source track.

The "Current" Track is highlighted in light gray.

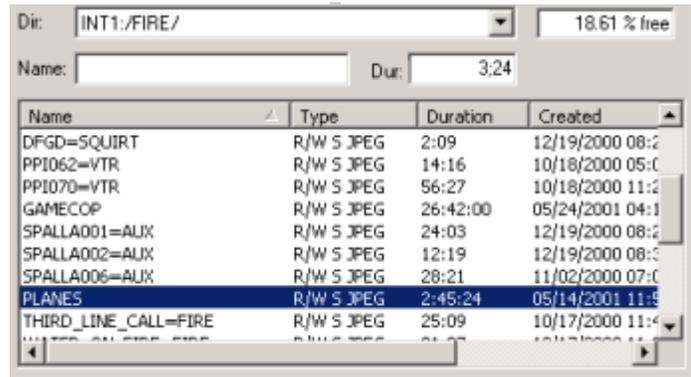
ACTION

RESULT

 [ASGN] To display clip directory.

 [UP and DOWN ARROWS] to highlight desired clip.

 [ENTER] to load clip.



| Name | Type | Duration | Created |
|--------------------|------------|----------|-----------------|
| DFGD=SQUIRT | R/W S JPEG | 2:09 | 12/19/2000 08:2 |
| PP1062=VTR | R/W S JPEG | 14:16 | 10/18/2000 05:0 |
| PP1070=VTR | R/W S JPEG | 56:27 | 10/18/2000 11:2 |
| GAMECOP | R/W S JPEG | 26:42:00 | 05/24/2001 04:1 |
| SPALLA001=AUX | R/W S JPEG | 24:03 | 12/19/2000 08:2 |
| SPALLA002=AUX | R/W S JPEG | 12:19 | 12/19/2000 08:3 |
| SPALLA006=AUX | R/W S JPEG | 28:21 | 11/02/2000 07:0 |
| PLANES | R/W S JPEG | 2:45:24 | 05/14/2001 11:4 |
| THIRD_LINE_CALL=FI | R/W S JPEG | 25:09 | 10/17/2000 11:4 |

These next few steps are repeated every time you add a new Event to a track. From this point on, these steps will be summarized as "load an Event".

 [PLAY] begins playout of clip.

Once a clip is loaded onto a Track it is referred to as an Event.



 [MARK IN] to create an IN Point on the Event.

 [MARK OUT] to set an OUT Point on the Event.

 [SPACE BAR] to stop the Event playing.

This completes the steps needed to load an Event on track two.

ACTION

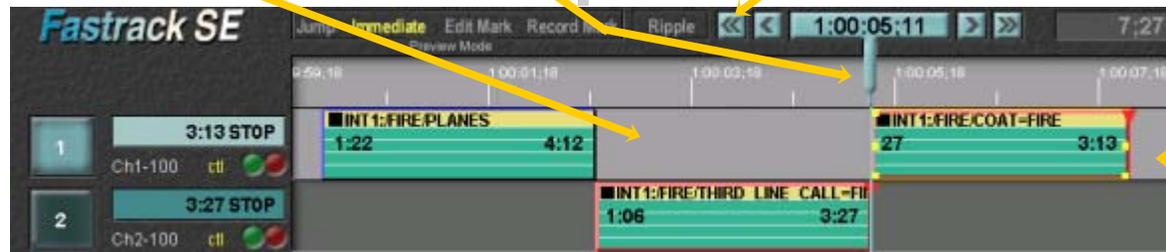
RESULT



Right arrow to move the CPI to the end of the Event



[CLICK] to Highlight Track 1.



Starting with [ASGN] Repeat the previous steps until you have a second Event on track one.

There will now be three Events, on two tracks



[CLICK]  to jump to the head of the sequence.



[PVW] to play out entire Timeline.

The three Events you have just inserted will play back to back with cuts at each new Event. The video switcher and audio mixer will switch to the new source at each cut.

Changing the length of an event

ACTION

RESULT

To change the start of an Event without changing the overall sequence length or the other Events.



If ripple is on, it must be turned off

Position the mouse near the IN of the third event



[CLICK] and drag to the left

This will extend the in of the third event over the out of the second event.



[CLICK]  to jump to the head of the sequence.



[PVW]

The switcher cut to the third Event at it's IN Point, ignoring the OUT of the second Event.



[UNDO]

The [UNDO] key steps back to where all the Events are lined up.



Changing the length of an event

Extending the out of the second event, and increasing the overall length of the segment.

ACTION

RESULT



[RIPPLE] ON

Position the mouse near the OUT of the second Event



[CLICK] and drag to the right



[CLICK]  to jump to the head of the sequence.



[PVW]

This will extend the second Event pushing the third Event later down the Timeline

The second Event will run for it's extended time, cutting to the third Event at it's out.

Helpful Pointers

The Fastrack Tutorial is designed to teach the Fastrack system from the initial introduction through many of the day-to-day operations. As the student progresses more pointers and methods will be introduced. The following are a few things that it is necessary to understand before progressing .

TRACK DOMINANCE

Generally speaking the Fastrack will place the latest (or most recent) assigned event on the top of all of the others. If there are several tracks assigned at the same time then Track One will be over Track Two etcetera. Fastrack expects that the editor will probably be doing effects when there are two or more clips assigned to different tracks at the same time. It is up to the editor to control the switcher.

Changing the size of the timeline

If a sequence extends beyond the right hand side of your monitor, it may be necessary to change the Timeline size. Here are three ways that the size may be changed.

ACTION

RESULT



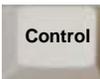
[CLICK] on TL Size at the bottom of the screen .

A menu with preset sizes will appear.

OR

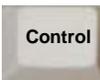


The "F" Keys may be used in place of the mouse.

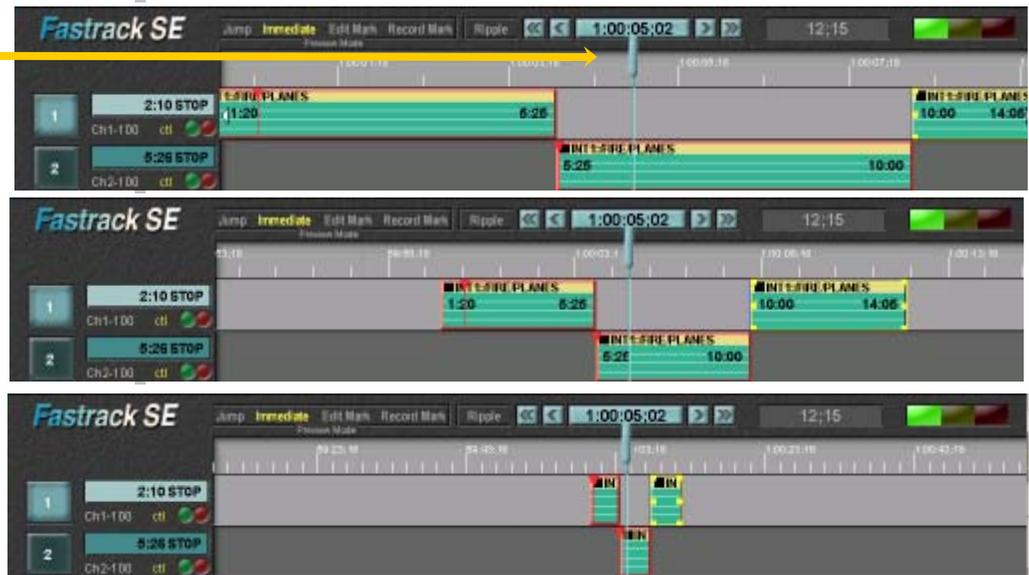


[Control] [CLICK] and dragging the CPI changes the Timeline size.

OR



[Control] [JOG] will do the same thing.



Adding an Edit Mark. *An Edit Mark will allow you to preview from a given point without needing to reposition the Timeline*

There are times when it is easier to always be able to preview your work from either the beginning of your sequence or a known starting point. This can be accomplished by adding an Edit Mark and changing the Preview Mode

ACTION



With your mouse or the right arrows move the CTI to the head of the sequence (or the point where you wish the Edit Marker to be placed)

RESULT

Fastrack allows you to place an Edit Mark anywhere in your sequence. You may have as many as you wish



[EDIT MARK]

An edit marker will be created at the point where the CTI is sitting



[CLICK] on Edit Mark at the top of the screen.

Every time you preview you will be shown the complete sequence

If you need to go back to Immediate Preview, just click on Immediate: There is no need to delete the Edit Mark,.

For information on Deleting, or Naming Edit Markers go to the help menu

Chapter 6. Mixing Server and VTR

Most systems will have at least one videotape machine to bring in material or to edit onto. Here we will work with a VTR as one of the sources.

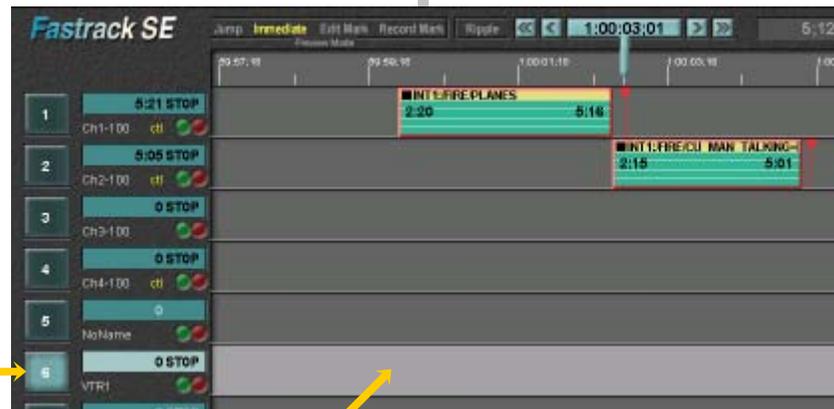
Assigning a VTR Machine

ACTION

Build a two clip sequence on tracks one and two as shown in diagram.



[CLICK] Highlight a Track that is associated with a VTR

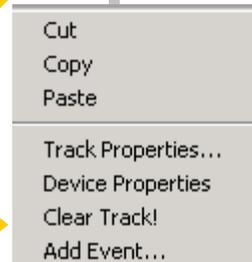


RESULT

If necessary refer to the chapter: "Working with Events on Multiple Tracks".



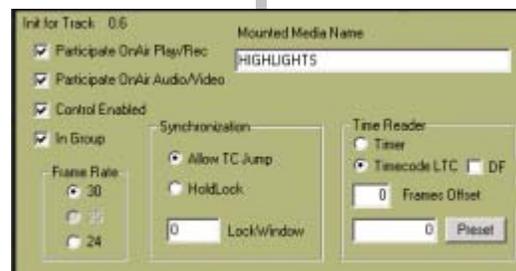
[RIGHT CLICK] on the highlighted Track .



The Track "Pull Down Menu" will appear.



[CLICK] on Track Properties.



The Track Properties dialog will appear.

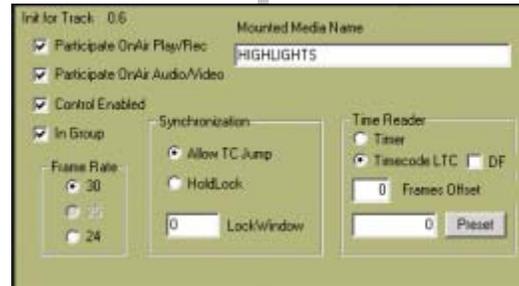
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ACTION

In the text field below "Mounted Media Name", type in the name of your playback videotape. E.g. HIGHLIGHTS.



[ENTER] To confirm the settings.

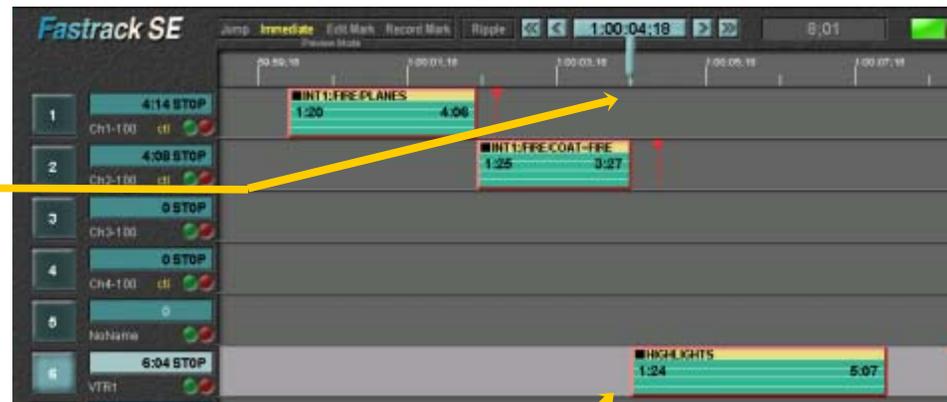


RESULT

This names the videotape in the VTR. It will allow you to know where the source originated if it becomes necessary in the future.

This assigns a name to the tape in the machine. The Track Properties box will disappear.

Confirm that the Timeline is at the end of the second Event.



Fastrack starts each new Event at the Timeline. As a result it is possible to start a new Event before or after the previous Event.



[PLAY] begins playout of the Event.



[MARK IN] to create an IN-Point on the Event.

You will now see the video from your tape, but nothing will appear on the timeline.

Marks the IN-Point for your tape starting at the CPI.

Notice that the name you gave the videotape now appears on the Event.

Chapter 6. Mixing Server and VTR...continued

ACTION

**MARK
OUT**

[MARK OUT] where you wish to end the Event.



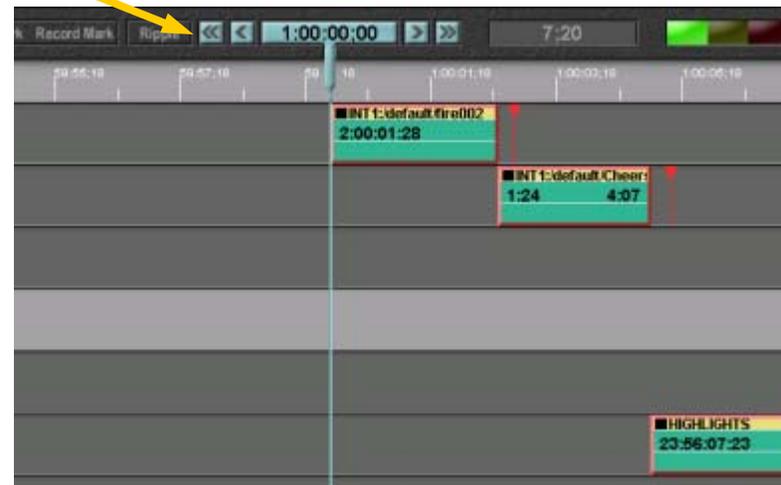
[SPACE BAR] to stop the Event playing.



Click on the Left arrows to jump back to the head of the sequence.

PVW

[PVW] Preview to play the sequence.



RESULT

Marks the Out of your VTR Event.

The space bar, also known as [ALL STOP], stops all clips on all tracks. *To stop a single Event, you can press the [STOP] key.*

Now that you have a VTR Event on the Timeline it will react the same as any other Event.

The VTR Event will play in sequence after the server Events.

Basic rules regarding Videotapes

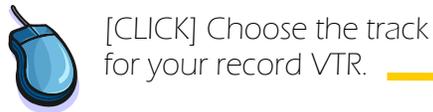
You may use Events from a VTR in the same manner as you do with a server. However if you have more than one VTR Event on a track it will need to have enough time to cue to the next Event if you wish to see a real time preview.

Chapter 7. Mixing Server and VTR

In most cases the final output of a program will be recorded onto a VTR.

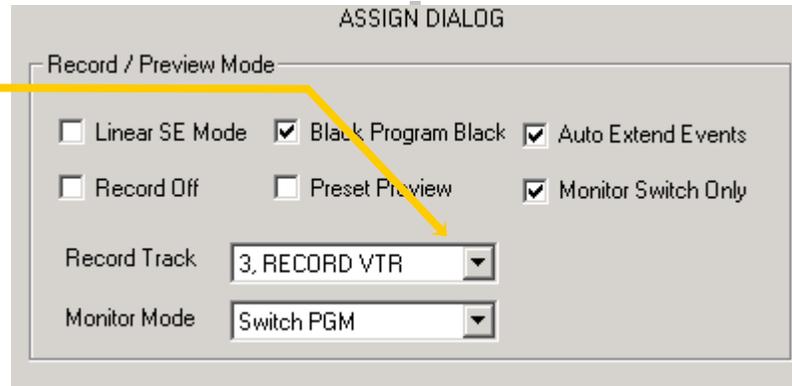
Assigning a Record VTR Machine.

ACTION



RESULT

Brings up the main assign page, and the Assign Dialog box.



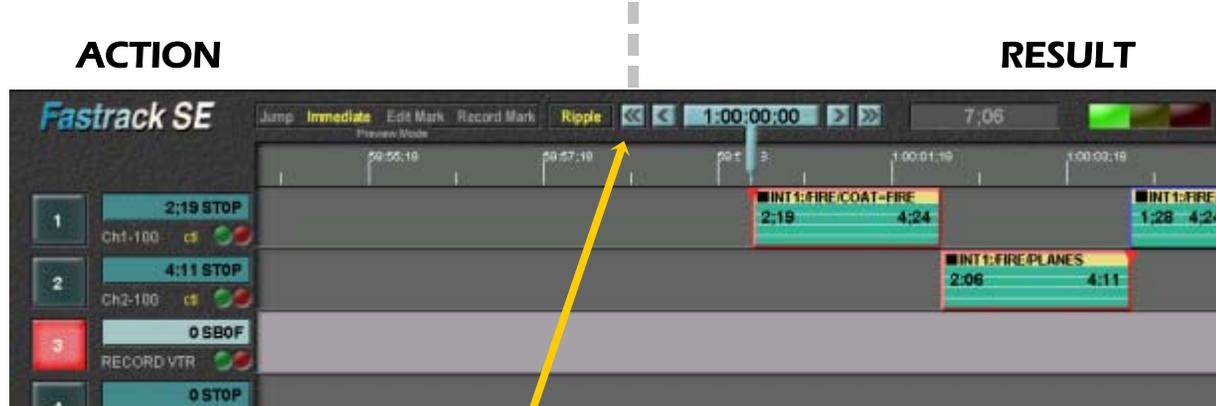
This will make the track button become red, and allow you to record on this machine / Track.

Closes the dialog box.



Create a two or three Event sequence using what you have learned in the previous lessons.

If you are not familiar with creating Events refer to the Quick start guide.



[CLICK]  Jump to the start of the sequence

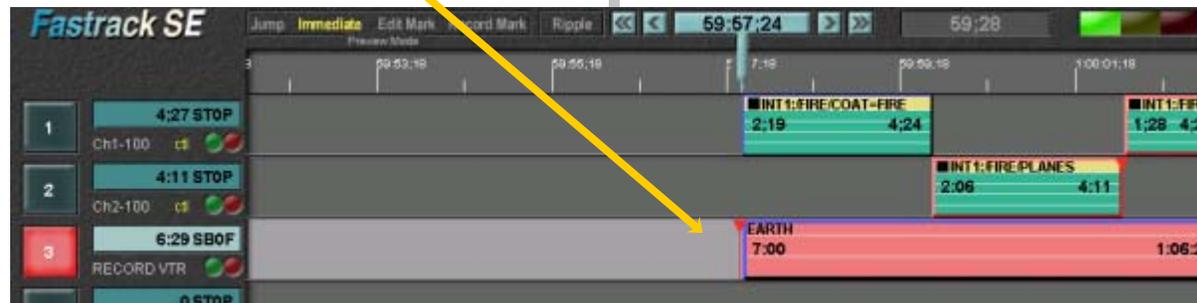


[CLICK] on the Record Track to highlight it.



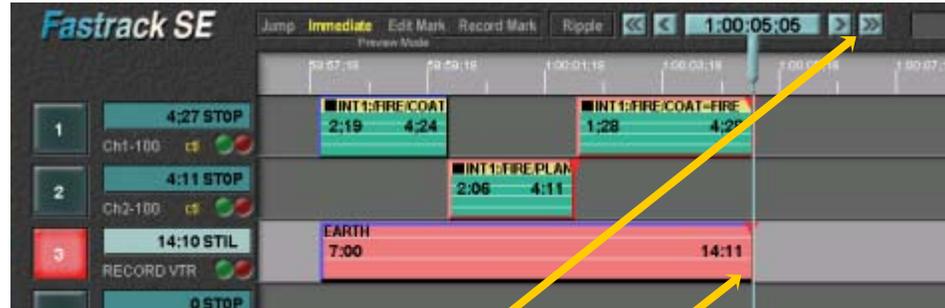
[IN]

This will create a record Event. The length of the Event will be governed by the settings on your INIT page, not by the length of your Events or by the tape in your machine. The IN time will be: (a) The point where the record tape is currently or: (b) The start time that has been previously entered on the numeric keypad.



ACTION

RESULT



[CLICK]  To jump to the end of the sequence.



[GOTO CTI]

The red CPI will cue to the OUT Point.



[MARK OUT]

To create an OUT Point on the record tape.



[RECORD]

This will record all of the Events up to the Record Out Point.

It is possible to go into record without marking an OUT Point, however it will then be necessary to manually stop the record machine using either [STOP] or [RECORD].

Chapter 8. Recording to a server

It is likely that only one channel of your server will be set up for recording. Trying to record on a non-record channel will not work and will probably create problems. If you do not know which server channel has been set to record, check with engineering before proceeding.

ACTION

RESULT

Assigning a Server Record Track

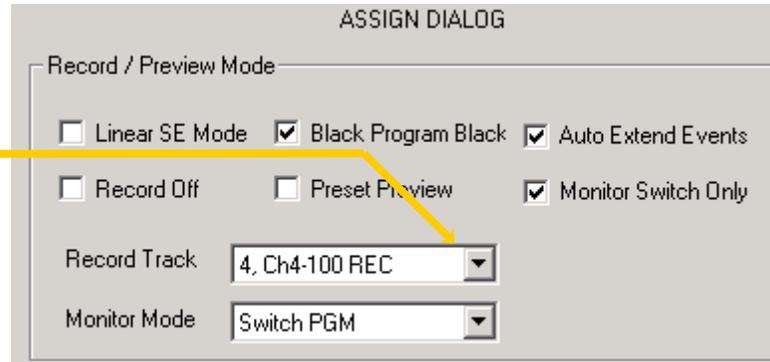


[SHIFT] [ASSIGN]

Brings up the main assign page, and the Assign Dialog box



Choose a Track that has a server channel set for recording

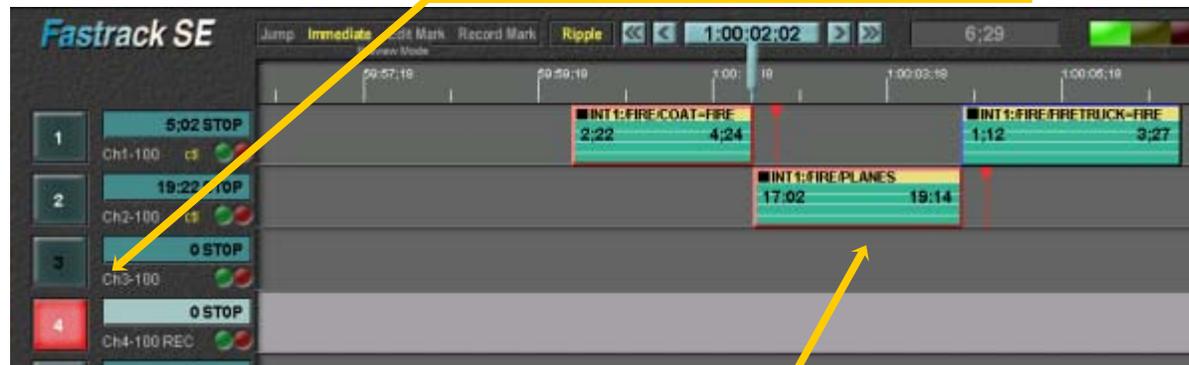


This will make the track button become red, and allow you to record on this Track.



[ESC]

Closes the dialog box.



Create a two or three Event sequence using what you have learned in the previous lessons.

If you are not familiar with creating Events refer to the Quick start guide.

ACTION

RESULT



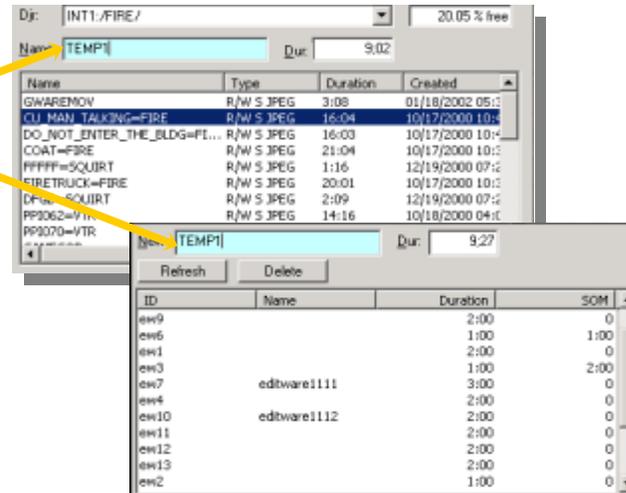
[CLICK] To select Track



[ASGN]

The assign dialog box associated with the previous assignment for

[TYPE] A unique name into the Name box. For our purposes we will use TEMP1.



Depending on your server the assign box will look slightly different.

NAMING FILES

Depending on your server, you will be limited to which directories, if any, are available. Also the length of the recording name and the characters you can use varies. Check with your engineering department regarding the parameters of your system.

It is important for any organization to develop a naming system for their recorded files. If random names are used files will become lost and possibly deleted accidentally. Ask to see how your company names files. You may wish to use that name instead of what is in the manual for training.

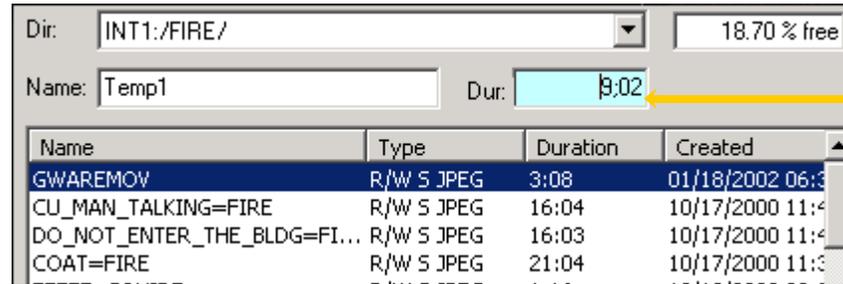
ACTION

RESULT



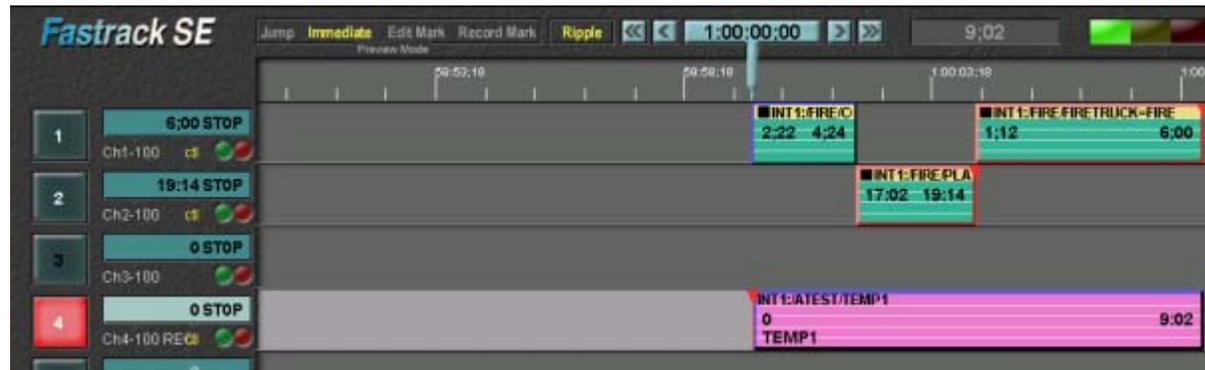
[ENTER] To create a new clip on the server.

Fastrack automatically highlights the Dur box telling you how long the recording will be. This duration is dependant on the total length of your sequence.



For the purpose of this lesson:
[ENTER] a second time .

This places an Event called TEMP1 on the Record Track.



[RECORD] To record the entire sequence.

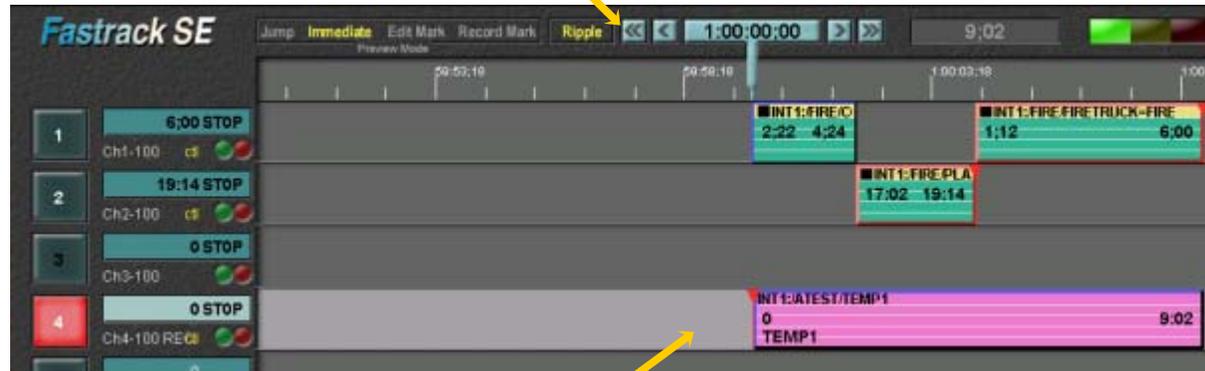
This records the three Events and places a clip on the server called TEMP1.

ACTION

RESULT



[CLICK]  To jump to the start of the sequence.



[CLICK] To highlight the Record Track.



[GOTO CTI]

The red CPI will jump to the IN of the Event.



[PLAY]

To review the recording .

There will now exist a new Clip on your server called "TEMP1" This may be recalled onto any Track of that same server or copied to other servers across a network.

To Change a Record Event into a Playback Event

ACTION

RESULT



[CLICK] To highlight the record Event.



[Alt] [EVENT]



The Event turns to green and yellow showing that it has become a playback.

The great benefits of using Fastrack with a video server can be understood after learning how a video server functions. A sequence, or a clip on a server is treated as a computer file. Any number of files may be played back or sequenced together. When you record on a server you create a file which is a fixed length. A video server, unlike a videotape machine, does not allow extending a clip once it has been created and its length has been defined. However events may be linked together in any order and you are not stuck to building your program in a linear fashion from beginning to end as you would be on a videotape.

On a server, a final edited master will then become a series of playback Events, each Event containing a recorded sequence which may contain as little as one Event or a large number of Events with effects. If Necessary, the edited master may be re-recorded creating only one file.

Chapter 8. Recording to a server...continued

In the previous example a three clip record sequence called TEMP1 was created and then changed to become a playback Event. We will now add two more clips to your final program.

ACTION

RESULT

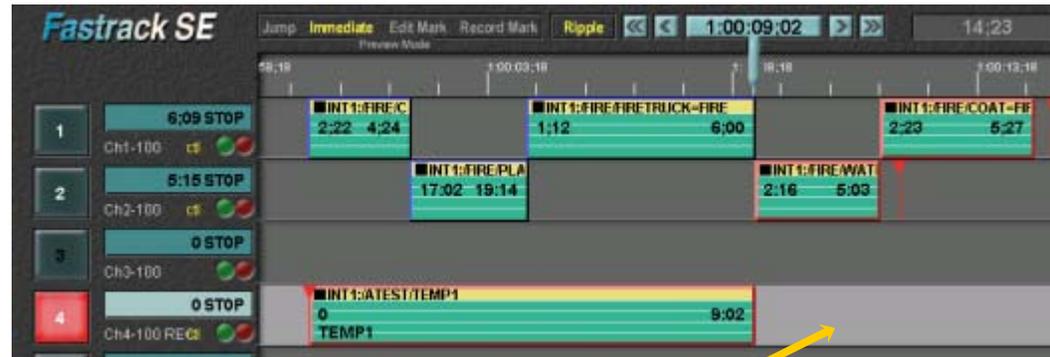


[CLICK]



To jump to end of the sequence.

Create two new Events following the existing sequence.



Events may be created on two tracks as in the example or on the same track.

With the Timeline at the beginning of the new events.

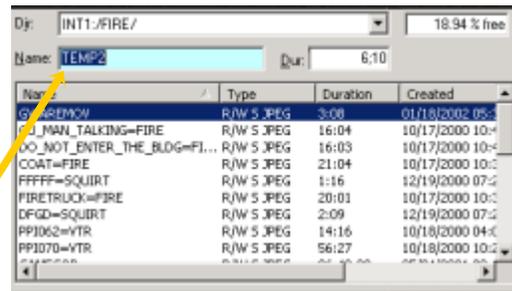


[CLICK] To highlight the Record Track.



[ASGN]

[TYPE] A unique name into the Name box. For our purposes we will use TEMP2.



See earlier note about TEMP1 and naming clips.

ACTION

RESULT



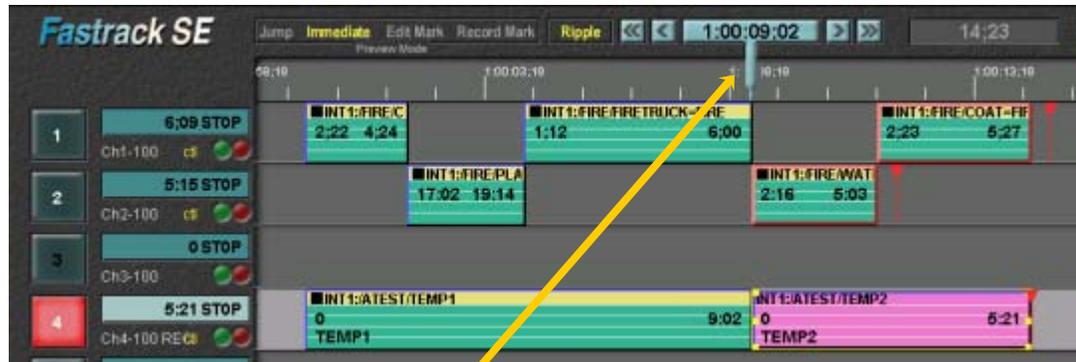
[ENTER] To create a new clip called TEMP2 on the server.

Fastrack automatically highlights the Duration box telling you how long the recording will be. This duration is dependant on the length of the two new Events.



For the purpose of this lesson you may hit [ENTER] again.

This places an Event called TEMP2 on the Record Track.



Confirm that the CPI is at the IN of the two new Events.

When recording the start point will be at the CPI.



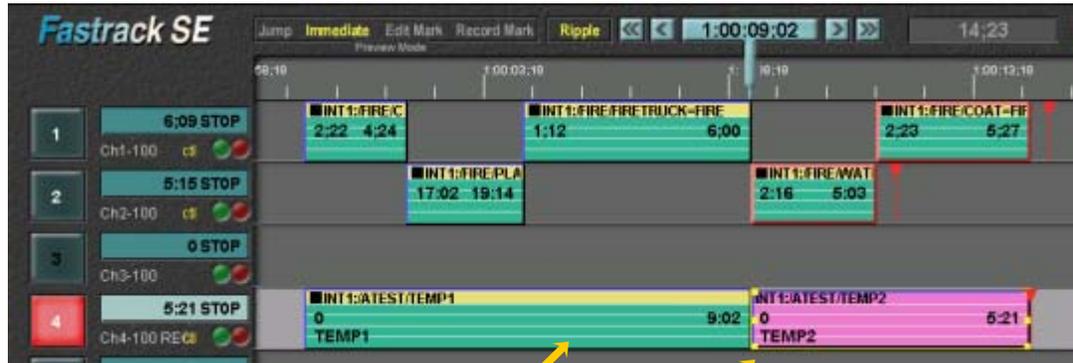
[REC]

This records the two new Events and places a clip on the server called TEMP2.

To review what has just been recorded: Highlight the Record Track, jump to the head of the newly recorded Event, then [PLAY]

ACTION

RESULT



[CLICK] To highlight the Record Track.



[RIGHT] and [LEFT] arrows to position the CTI to the IN of the newly recorded Event.



[GOTO CTI]

The red CPI will jump to the IN of the Event.



[PLAY]

To review what has just been recorded.

When a project is completed there may be several back-to-back Events on the Record Track. To view the whole completed sequence it will not be desirable for the Events on the Playback Tracks to run.

ACTION

RESULT

To review a complete sequence.

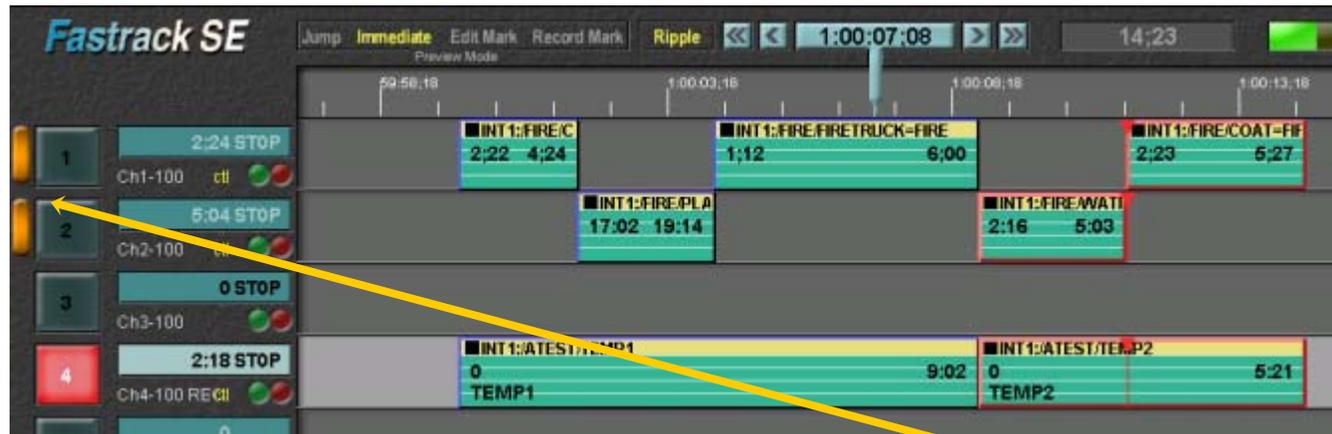


[CLICK] To highlight the record Event.

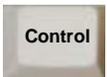


[Alt] [EVENT]

The Event turns to green and yellow showing that it has become a playback.



Hold down [CONTROL] then [T1] and then [T2].



This disables tracks 1 and 2 . (to re-enable the tracks Hold down [Control] then [T1] and then [T2]).



[RPLAY] To view the whole program.

It is also possible to use [PVW] preview to review from any point.

Chapter 9. Audio Part One

The Fastrack operates in partnership with your audio controller. The number of channels that you can work with is determined by the combination of your audio board, the videotape machines that you are recording to or from, your server system and it's setup. As a result Fastrack may allow you to handle two, four or eight different channels of audio simultaneously. For purposes of this Tutorial, we will deal with 4 audio channels.

Turning on or off Video and Audio tracks

Create an Event on the Fastrack

If you do not know how to create Events, refer to Chapter one of this Tutorial.



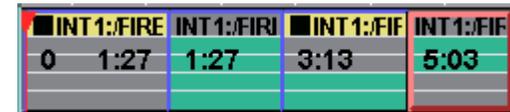
[CLICK] on the Event to make it "Hot"



With the [A1] [A2] [A3] and [A4] buttons you can turn the audio channels off and on



[VIDEO] Turns the video on and off.



Video Only

Audio Only

Audio
CH 1&2 Only

Video Plus Audio
CH 2&3

Making an audio dissolve to another source without changing the video

ACTION

RESULT

Create Two Events on separate Tracks as seen in this diagram.

If you do not know how to create Events, refer to Chapter one of this Tutorial.



Click on the Event on Track Two to make it the "HOT" Event.



[VIDEO] Turn off the video on Track two.



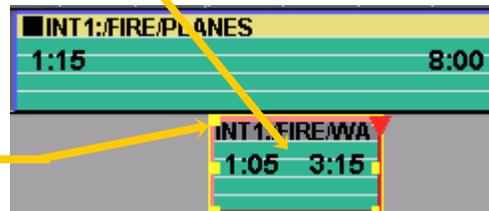
[DISS]



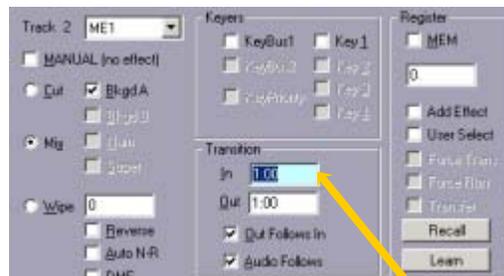
[3], [0], [ENTER].



[PVW]



The video Track will turn to Grey from Yellow.



Brings up the Dissolve dialogue box.

The rate is displayed in the In field. The default setting is "Out Follows In" so the OUT transition will match in IN.



All the video will come from Track one. The audio will start on Track one, dissolving to Track two for the duration of the Track two Event then dissolving back to Track one.

Mixing Audio from a second track with existing Audio, without changing

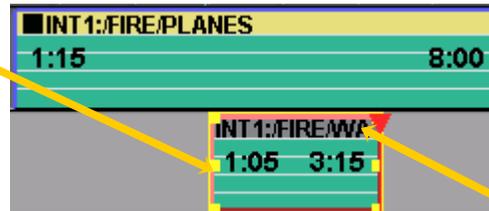
ACTION

RESULT

Using what was created on the previous page



Click on the Event on Track Two to make it the "HOT" Event.



The Video Track will turn to Grey from Yellow.



[VIDEO] Turn off the Video for Track Two.



[SPLIT]



This opens up the split dialog box and displays a graph.



In the Additive column Left click on "all".

When Additive is on then the audio board will mix all the channels.

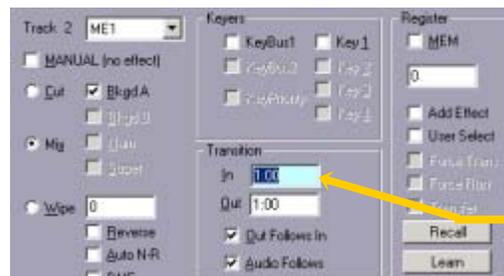


[DISS]

Brings up the dissolve dialog box.



[3], [0], [ENTER].



The rate is displayed in the In field. The default setting is "Out Follows In" so the OUT transition will match in IN.



[PVW]

All the video will come from Track one. The audio will start on Track one, mixing in the audio from the Event on Track two for its duration.

Chapter 10. Audio Part Two: Split Edits

A split edit is where the audio of the incoming event starts before, or after the video of the incoming event

Extending the outgoing video over the start of the incoming Event

ACTION

RESULT

Create a two Event sequence on separate tracks as seen in the diagram



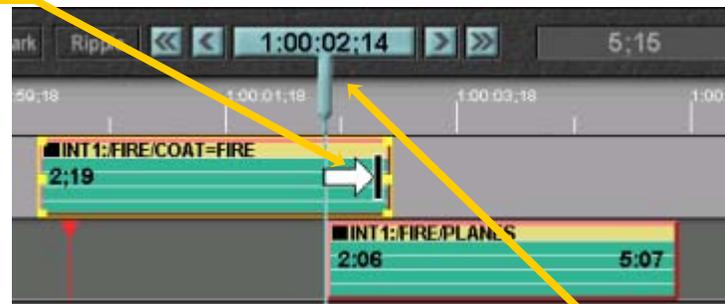
[TL] Turn ON the Timeline

With the Timeline on split edits happen at the CTI



Extend the OUT of Track one over the IN of the Event on Track two.

The amount the Event is extended will determine the split edit Out Point



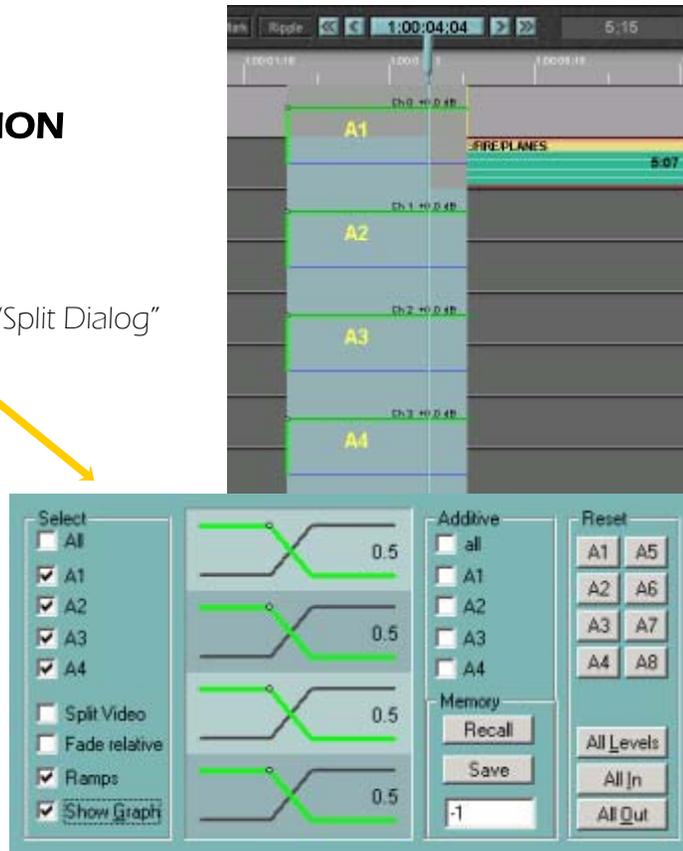
[RIGHT] and [LEFT] arrows to position the CPI to the IN of the Event on Track two

ACTION

SPLIT [SPLIT]

Confirm that the check marks in "Split Dialog" box match the diagram

OUT [OUT]



RESULT

The split dialog box opens and displays a graph

[OUT] marks an Out Point at the CPI for the audio of the Event on track one.

When the Timeline is on, split edits happen at the CTI, The Jog wheel cannot be used to change the split position.

ESC [ESC]



The graph and split dialog box disappear and the Timeline displays what will happen.

PVW [PVW]

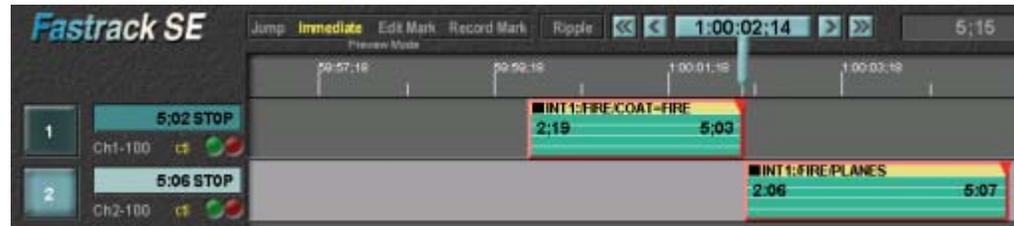
Video from the Event on Track one will extend over the IN audio of the Event on Track two

Extending outgoing audio over the start of the incoming event

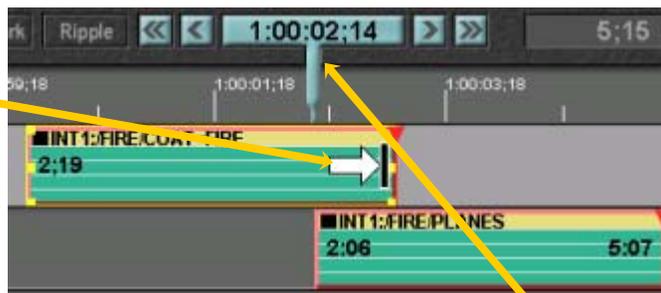
ACTION

RESULT

Create a two Event sequence on separate tracks as seen in the diagram.



Extend the OUT of Track one over the IN of the Event on Track two.



By clicking on the Track one Event to extend it, the Event also becomes the "Hot" Event

It is also possible to extend the IN of Track two under the OUT of track 1



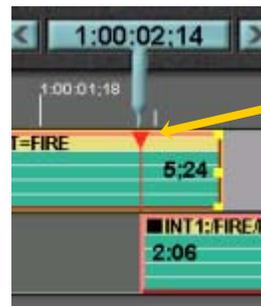
[RIGHT] and [LEFT] arrows to position the CPI to the IN of the Event on Track two.



[GOTO CTI]



[TL] Turn OFF the Timeline



The red CPI will jump to the CTI

Confirm that the Timeline is OFF

ACTION



[SPLIT]



[CLICK] Split Video



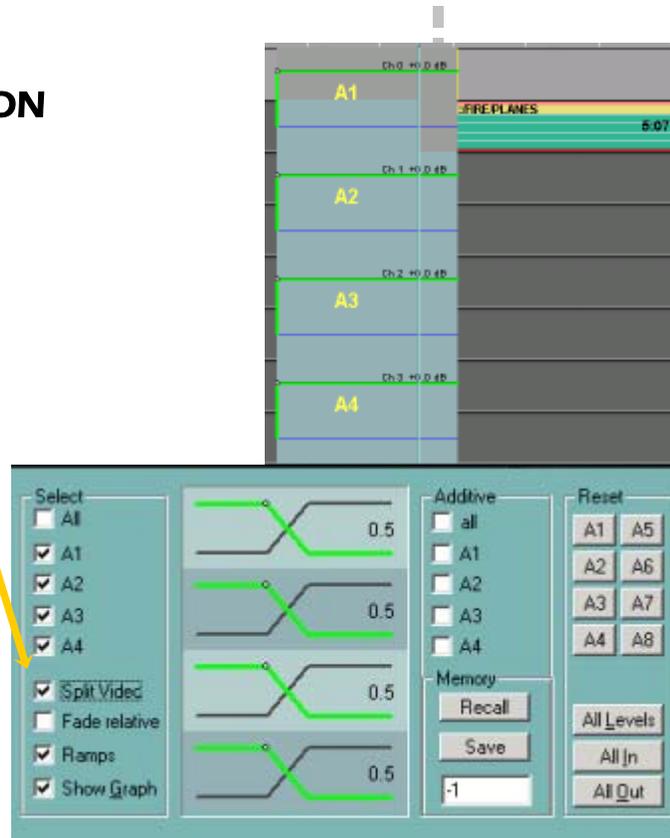
[OUT]



[ESC]



[PVW]



RESULT

The split dialog box opens and displays a graph

When Split Video is Checked then only the video will be involved in the split

[OUT] marks an Out Point at the CPI for the audio of the Event on track one.

If you wish to modify the Out Point hold down [OUT] while turning the [JOG] wheel.

The graph and split dialog box disappear and the Timeline displays what will happen.



Audio from the Event on Track one will extend over the IN video of the Event on Track two

Chapter 10. Audio Part Two: Split Edits...continued

Extending outgoing audio tracks one and two over the start of the incoming event

NOTE: These are exactly the same first steps as used in the previous exercise.

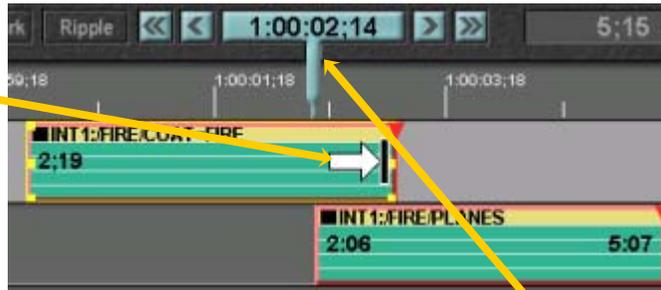
ACTION

RESULT

Create a two Event sequence on separate tracks as seen in the diagram.



Extend the OUT of Track one over the IN of the Event on Track two.



By clicking on the Track one Event to extend it, the Event also becomes the "Hot" Event

It is also possible to extend the IN of Track two under the OUT of track 1



[RIGHT] and [LEFT] arrows to position the CPI to the IN of the Event on Track two.



[GOTO CTI]



[TL] Turn OFF the Timeline



The red CPI will jump to the CTI

Confirm that the Timeline is OFF

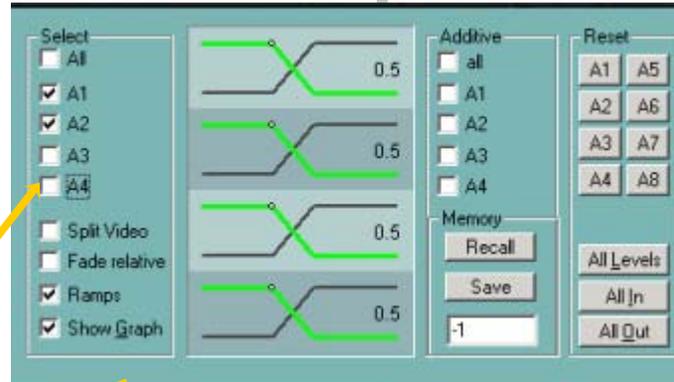


[SPLIT]



Click on A3 & A4 to turn them off.

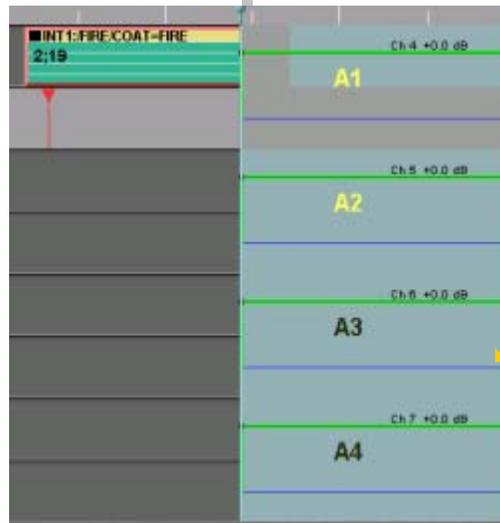
ACTION



RESULT

The Split dialog box opens and displays a graph.

Confirm that all the check marks in "Split Dialog" box match the diagram



The tracks that will not be changed by the split, will change to black.



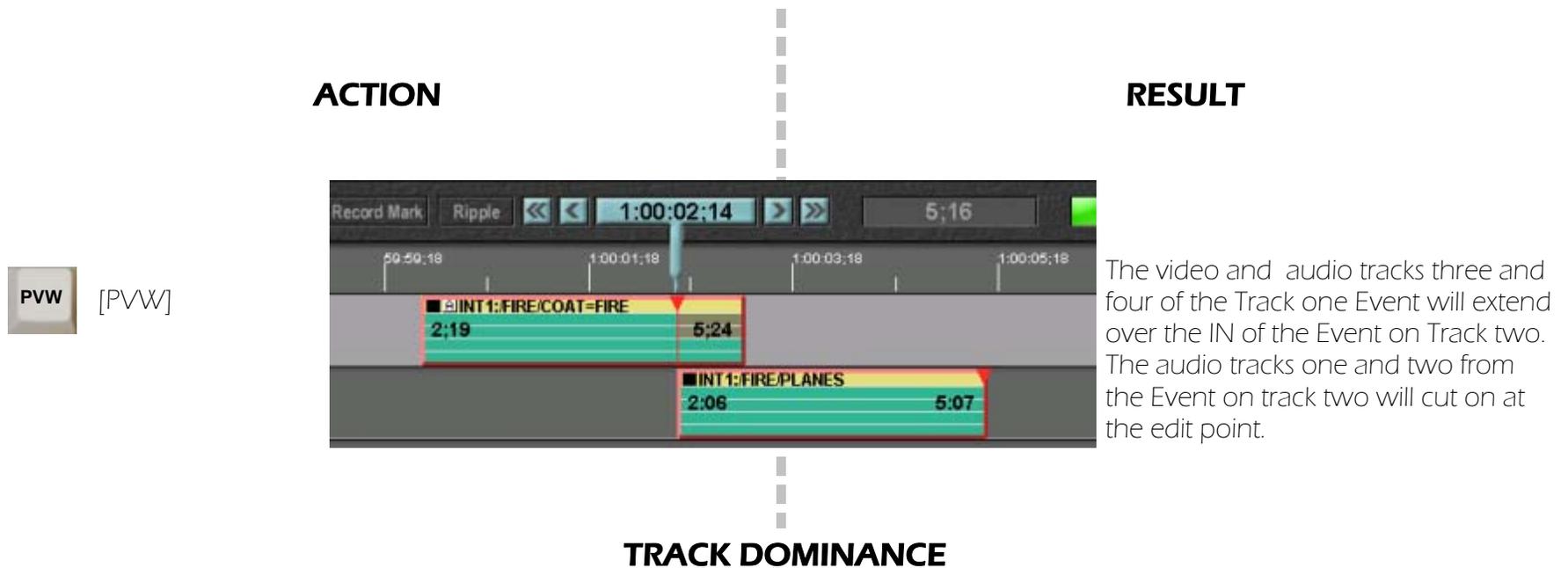
[OUT]

[OUT] confirms the Out Point of the audio on Track one. If you wish to change it, you may hold down [OUT] while turning the [JOG] wheel.



[ESC]

The graph and split dialog boxes disappear and the Timeline will display what happens.



Generally speaking the Fastrack will place the latest (or most recent) assigned event on the top of all of the others. If there are several tracks assigned at the same time then Track One will be over Track Two etcetera. Fastrack expects that the editor will probably be doing effects when there are two or more clips assigned to different tracks at the same time. It is up to the editor to control the switcher. When working with Split edits all of the splits must be created on the dominant Event, usually the Event located on the higher Track otherwise the switch to the track with the split will happen after the split point and not take the split into account.

Chapter 11. Making Speed Changes

Speed is one of the most powerful Fastrack tools. There are many ways to modify the speed of an event or a sequence. This tutorial will cover only four common methods. To learn more ways to work with speed check the help files.

ACTION

RESULT

Speed Method One Setting a fixed speed for an entire Event.

Place an Event on the Timeline.



See "Quick Start Guide" to learn how to place Events on Timeline.



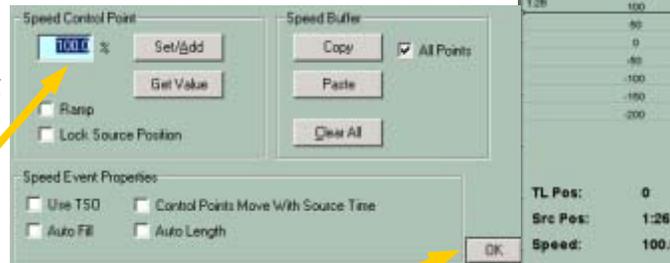
Move the CTI to the in of the Event.

Speed changes take place at the CTI.

SPEED STOP [SHIFT][SPEED]



[5], [0] on the numeric keypad to set the speed.



The Speed Dialog Box Graph and "F" keys appear.

Since the percentage box is automatically highlighted it is possible to just enter the number.



Confirm all boxes are the same as in the diagram then [CLICK] OK.



This accepts the number. The Speed Dialog and Graph boxes disappear, and a Blue box with an "S" appear on the Event to show that it has a speed change

PVW [PVW] Preview to play the Event.

The Event will now replay at 50% Speed. Notice that the length of the event has **NOT** changed.

Chapter 11. Making Speed Changes...continued

Speed Method Two Setting a speed for part of an Event

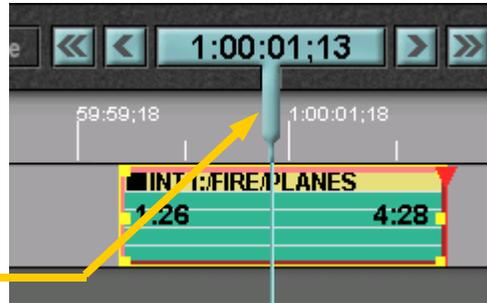
ACTION

RESULT

Place an Event on the Timeline.



[CLICK] and drag the CTI to the middle of the Event.



See "Quick Start Guide" to learn how to place Events on Timeline.

The speed change takes place at the CTI.



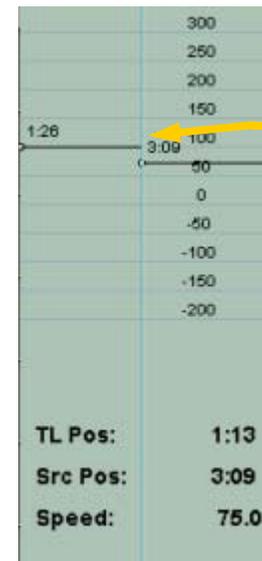
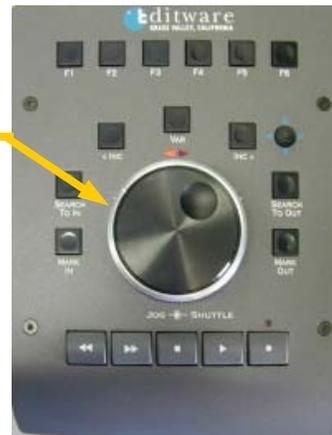
[SHIFT][SPEED]



The Speed Dialog Box, Graph and "F" keys appear.



Hold Down [F3] while turning the Jog Knob.



Notice on the graph, the point where the speed changes.

Also on the graph the percentage of the speed may be seen.

ACTION

RESULT

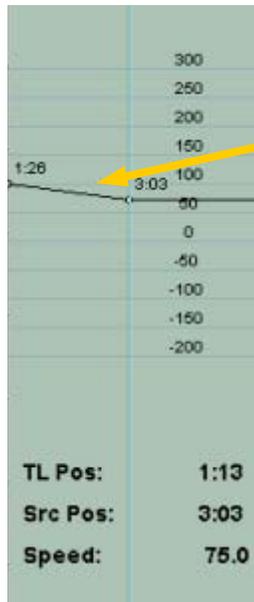


[CLICK] on Ramp.

Speed Control Point
75.0 % Set/Add Get Value
 Ramp
 Lock Source Position

Speed Buffer
Copy Paste Clear All
 All Points

Speed Event Properties
 Use TSO Control Points Move With Source Time
 Auto Fill Auto Length
OK



The Graph will show that the speed will change gradually from the "IN" of the Event.



[PVW] Preview to play the Event.

The Event will now replay starting at normal play speed and gradually changing to the speed you have set.

Notice that the length of the event has not changed.

Chapter 11. Making Speed Changes...continued

Speed Method Three Using Fill

ACTION

RESULT



[ASGN] Assign a clip



[PLAY]



[MARK IN]



[SET DUR]



These are the normal steps used to load an Event onto the Timeline.



[3], [0], [0] on the Numeric Keypad to set the duration.

Setting a duration of 3 seconds, gives the event a known duration.



[ENTER] to accept the rate.

ACTION

RESULT



Moving to the end of an Event with the arrows then [ADD] will create a second Event the same length as the first Event.



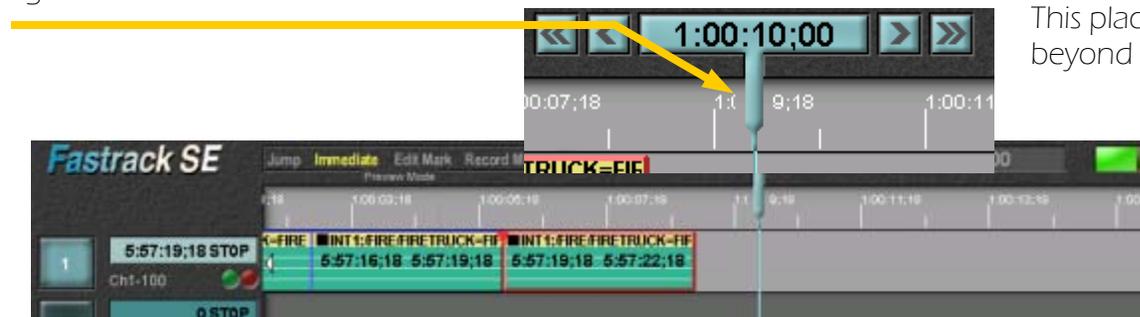
This is the same as what was done previously, but adding a third Event.



You will now have three events that have a total length of 9 seconds.



[CLICK] and drag the CTI to 10: seconds.



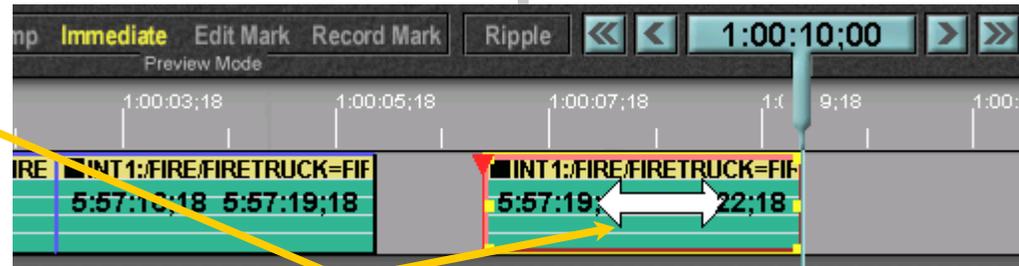
This places the CTI 1 second beyond the third Event

ACTION

RESULT



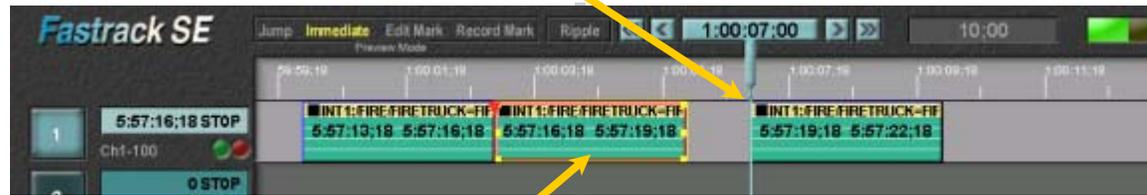
[CLICK] and drag the third Event so that the OUT is at 10 seconds.



Depending on the start time of the sequence the timecode of the timeline may be different.



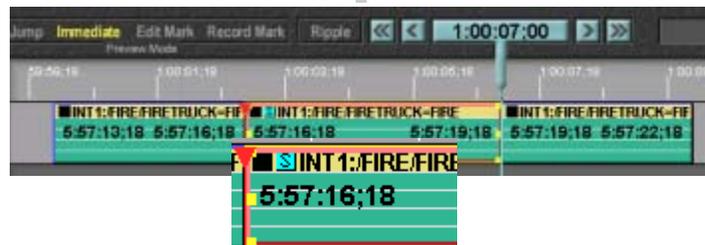
Position the CTI at the IN of the third EVENT



[CLICK] on the second EVENT to make it the "HOT" EVENT



[FILL] to fill in the gap, extending the OUT of the second EVENT



- 1) A Blue box with an "S" appears on the Event to show that it has a Speed Change.
- 2) The OUT time of the second Event has remained the same.
- 3) The OUT of the second Event matches the IN of the third Event.



[PVW] To see the result

The first and third Events will play at normal speed. The second Event will play at 75% speed, but it's IN and OUT will match the other Event.

Chapter 11. Making Speed Changes...continued

Speed Method Four Using Auto Fill and Ripple

ACTION

Create three Events exactly as in "Speed Method Three".

RESULT



[CLICK] To turn on **Ripple**.



[CLICK] and drag the CTI to 5: seconds.



[SHIFT][SPEED]



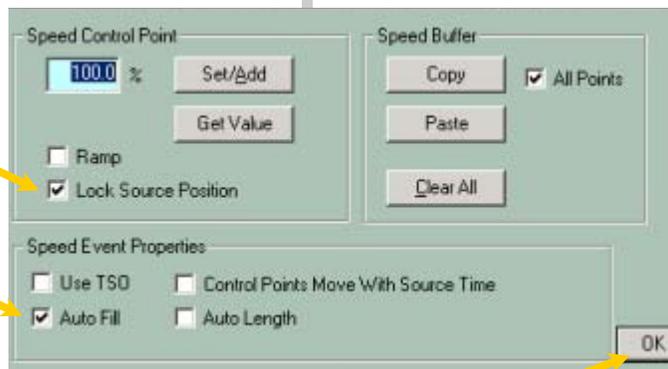
[CLICK] Lock Source Position.



[CLICK] Auto Fill.



[CLICK] OK.



The Speed Dialog Box Graph and "F" keys appear.

The Speed Dialog Box Graph and "F" keys disappear.

ACTION

RESULT



[CLICK] and drag the OUT of Event two, to meet the CPI.

- 1) As the second Event moves, the third Event stays attached.
- 2) A Blue box with an "S" appears on the Event to show that it has a Speed Change.
- 3) The OUT time of the second Event has remained the same.
- 4) The OUT of the second Event matches the IN of the third Event.



[PVW] To see the result.

The first and third Events will play at normal speed. The second Event will play at 150% speed, but it's IN and OUT will match the other Events.

Chapter 12. Making a simple video key

In the same way as Fastrack uses your video switcher to create dissolves, it does the same for keying. How keys will work is dependant upon your video switcher. In the "Video Effects" dialog box, the options that can be activated will regulate what type of video key you can do.

ACTION

On Track one create an Event that will become the background.

On Track two create an Event that is of equal length or shorter that will become your key source. Such as a title.

RESULT

Other Tracks can also be used for the background, since only the Event that is designated as a key is sent to the key buss.

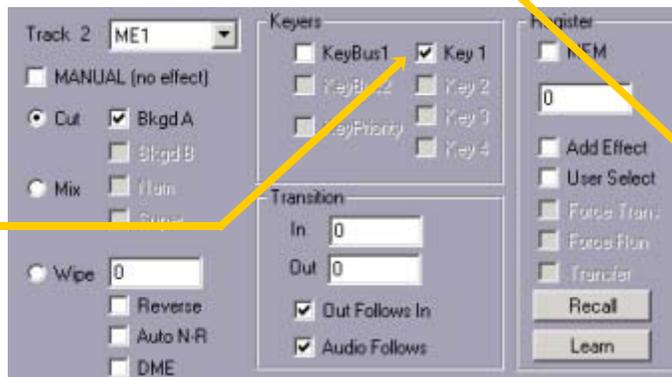
Fastrack also controls a variety of character generators which can be used in place of a playback device.



[Shift] [KEY]



[CLICK] Check Key 1



Brings up the Video Effects / Key Menu

This will create a pink box on your Key Source event and turn off the audio .



[PVW]

When you preview from the start of your sequence the key will cut on and off at the beginning and end of your "Key Event"

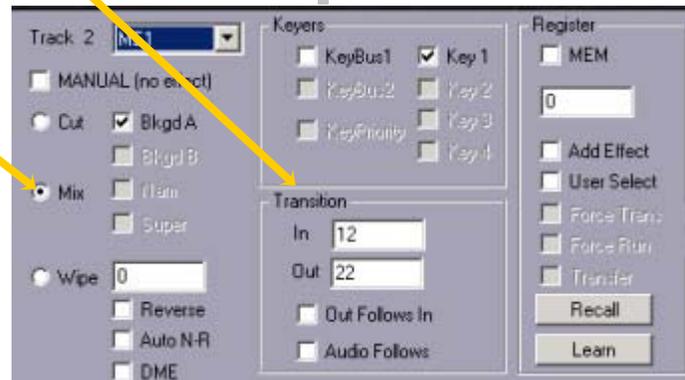
Making a key Dissolve on and or off

ACTION

If you wish to have your key dissolve on and or off.
In the Transition In and Out boxes enter duration times



[CLICK] Turn on the Mix button



RESULT

The Pink Box associated with your key Event will now also have the dissolve symbol

