Camtasia Studio 4 Interface Overview

When you first start to work within Camtasia Studio, you are in the Timeline or main view but you can click on the Storyboard view at any time. There are several components that can be seen in these views. These include the Menu Bar, Task List, Clip Bin, Main Toolbar, Preview Area, Playback Controls, Timeline Toolbar and Timeline.

Timeline View

The Timeline view is used to assemble videos that you may have made using Camtasia Recorder or from some other source as well as media such as images. These items placed on the Timeline are called clips.

Once clips are on the Timeline, you can:

- Adjust their timing or position.
- Edit them by clipping or splitting.
- Add Transitions between clips.
- Modify the audio.

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The Timeline view is the primary working view. Most of your editing work will be done in this view and in order to use the editing tools, you must be in Timeline view.
Storyboard View

The Storyboard is displayed at the bottom of the screen along with the Timeline. The Storyboard view is used to create videos that you may have made using Camtasia Recorder or from some other source, as well as images. These items placed on the Storyboard are called clips.

The Storyboard view is mainly used by those who wish to use unedited clips when creating a produced video. When creating a video using unedited clips, simply drag the desired clips from the Clip Bin to the Storyboard in the desired order, add Transitions if desired, and then Produce your video.

Note: You cannot edit your clips while in Storyboard view. You must be in Timeline view in order to edit your clips in any way.
Here is a brief explanation of what the functionality of these components are.

- **Menu Bar** - Access all dropdown menu bar.

- **Task List pane** – Begin most tasks by selecting an option within this pane. To access any task, click on a task with the mouse cursor.

- **Clip Bin** – Media files are stored here for easy access. Drag a clip from the Clip Bin to the Timeline to include it in the video. All clips within the Clip Bin are saved when the project you are working on is saved.

- **Main Toolbar** – Access several commonly used options from here. This is a quicker method than locating the same option within the dropdown menus.

- **Preview Area** – Double-click on a clip in the Clip Bin or Timeline to preview it.

- **Playback Controls** – Use the controls to move throughout the Timeline. Grab the scrubber control within the Preview Area and drag it to a particular location in the video.

- **Timeline Toolbar** – Used for adding Transitions, splitting the video, making cuts, adding audio tracks and adjusting volume.

- **Timeline** – Media files (clips) are placed on the Timeline for inclusion in the video.

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