

Add and Edit Callouts

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Application (Version): Camtasia 2.1 Windows XP, Windows Vista

Task Description: How do I use Callouts? How do I change the timing of a callout? How do I modify a callout? How do I change the callout properties?

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Overview...

Callouts are text boxes, arrows, or other shapes that allow to draw attention to parts of your recording screen. This option is only available in the timeline view. To add a call, select **Callout** under **Edit** from the **Task List**. Then choose **Add Callout**.

Callout Properties

Callouts

Callouts allow you to add graphic annotations to your video. These are typically used to draw attention to important parts of your video. Or, combined with text, they can provide additional information. To begin, click Add Callout.

Finished


Name	Start Time	Stop Time	Clip	Shape
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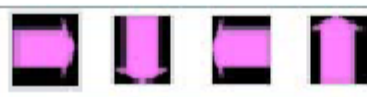
Add Callout



Callout Properties

Cancel | OK

Shape








Callout Type:  Arrow **Custom Callouts**



Fill Color...  **Border Color...**  **Restore Shape Defaults**


Text

Arial 18

B       

Click Here!

Properties

Fade In Opacity:  100 %

Fade Out

Add Drop Shadow

Keep Aspect Ratio

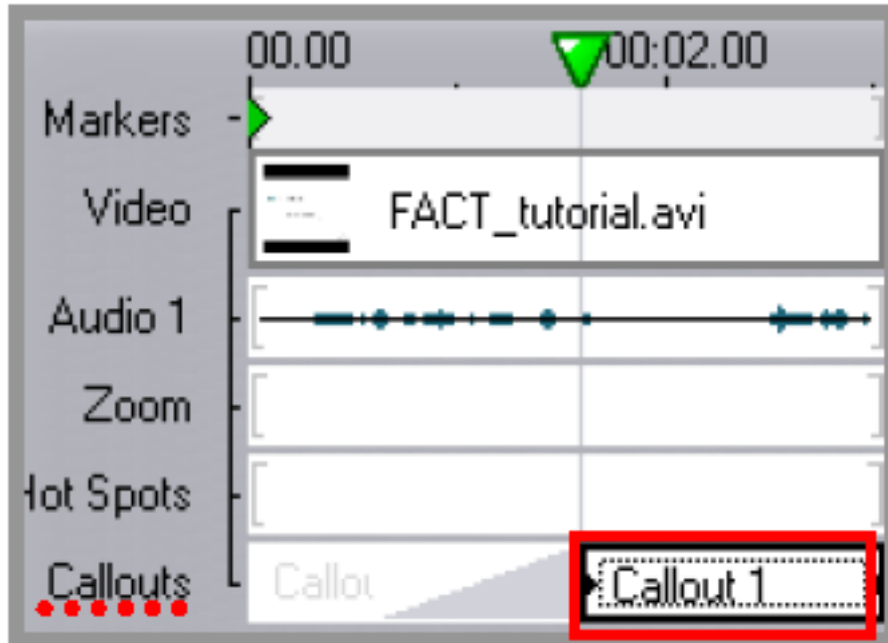
Width: 157 X: 0

Height: 154 Y: 0

- 1) Select the shape of your callout.
- 2) Choose the shape orientation.
- 3) Choose the fill and border color.
- 4) Choose your text/font options.
- 5) Type in the text that will be displayed in the callout.
- 6) Choose the fade, shadow, opacity, and size of your callout.

- 7) Callout placement is done using X and Y coordinates. You can preview your coordinate selections in the video preview window.
- 8) Select OK and then Finished when you have made your callout selections.
- 9) The callout is placed on the Callouts track of the timeline.
- 10) The callout clip on the timeline allows you to adjust the amount of time your callout is displayed. You can also adjust when the callout is displayed in your video.

Adjust Timing Of Callout



- 1) To adjust how long your clip displays, click on the end of the callout clip and with the double sided arrow, drag the end of the clip to the appropriate time length.
- 2) To adjust when the callout is displayed, click and drag the clip to the new display location.

Modifying Your Callout Properties

Name	Start Time	Stop Time
Callout 1	0:00:15.24	0:00:18.30

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Add Callout

Modify selected Callout

To change a callout's properties, select **Callouts** under **Edit** in the **Task List**.

- 1) Select from the list the callout you would like to modify.
- 2) Choose **Modify Selected Callout**.
- 3) Make your adjustments and choose **OK**.

[Note: You can also remove and duplicate callouts using this menu.](#)