



Space Grant Filmmaking 101

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Getting Started

- PLAN AHEAD!!!!!!!
- Start with a script
- Tap your network for appropriate images, video clips and skills.
- Focus, focus, focus...
- Open source is the filmmaker's friend
 - Audacity (sound editing)
 - KDElive (video editing)
 - VLC (player)
- Choose your background music early – music helps cover a lot of sins



Pitfalls to avoid

- Bad lighting
- Shaky images
- Stilted interviews –STEM Students are really bad in front of a camera
(Stiff, Repetition and fillers such as “um” or “you know.”)
- Too much of the same thing
(One lab can look much like another.)
- Slow or uneven pacing

Think quality not perfection.
Be bold and don't forget to have fun!



Resources for DIY projects

- 7 Free Open Source Video Editors for Linux
<http://www.makeuseof.com/tag/7-free-open-source-video-editor-for-linux/>
- Creative Commons: Legal Music for Videos
<http://creativecommons.org/legalmusicforvideos>
- Google for Nonprofits
<http://www.google.com/nonprofits/>
- YouTube for Nonprofits
<http://www.youtube.com/nonprofits>