

10 AI CAPABILITIES EVERY EDITOR SHOULD KNOW





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CHAPTER 1

AI IS
CHANGING
WHAT EDITORS
SPEND TIME
ON



For years, video editing followed a familiar workflow:

Editors spent much of their time:

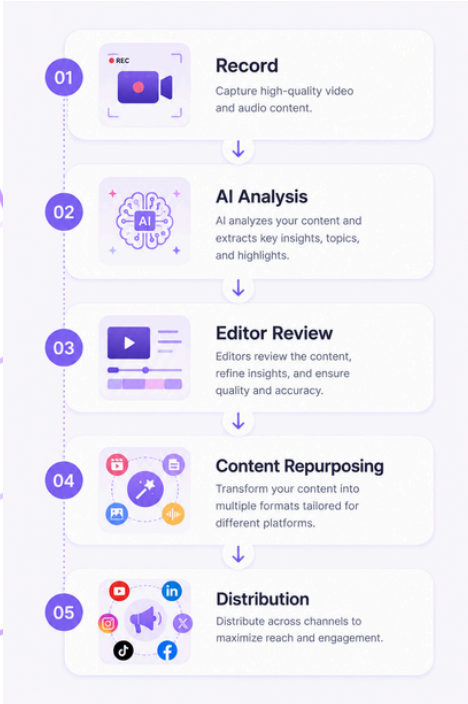
- Reviewing footage.
- Finding usable moments.
- Trimming clips.
- Creating captions.
- Reformatting videos for different platforms.



Today, AI is taking over many of these repetitive tasks.

As AI becomes more capable, editors spend more time on:

- Storytelling.
- Creative direction.
- Audience understanding.
- Content strategy.
- Distribution planning.



CHAPTER 2

5 AI
CAPABILITIES
ALREADY
IMPACTING
EDITORS



AI Clipping

What AI does?

Scans long videos and identifies potential highlight moments automatically.



WHY IT MATTERS?

MANUALLY REVIEWING A 60-MINUTE PODCAST OR WEBINAR CAN TAKE HOURS. AI CAN QUICKLY SURFACE MOMENTS THAT CONTAIN STRONG OPINIONS, KEY INSIGHTS, EMOTIONAL REACTIONS, OR AUDIENCE QUESTIONS.

INSTEAD OF PUBLISHING ONE LONG VIDEO, CREATORS CAN TURN A SINGLE RECORDING INTO MULTIPLE CLIPS FOR YOUTUBE SHORTS, INSTAGRAM REELS, TIKTOK, AND LINKEDIN.

Creator Opportunity

What editors do?

AI finds possible clips. Editors decide which moments are most likely to resonate with their audience.

PRO TIP

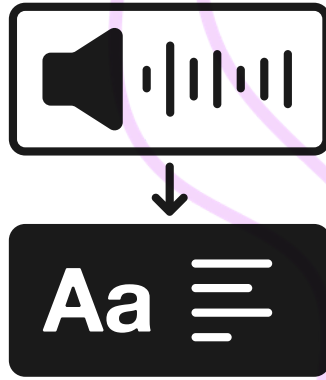
WHEN REVIEWING AI-GENERATED CLIPS, PRIORITIZE MOMENTS THAT PROVIDE STANDALONE VALUE. IF A VIEWER CAN UNDERSTAND THE CLIP WITHOUT WATCHING THE FULL VIDEO, IT'S USUALLY A STRONGER CANDIDATE FOR REPURPOSING.



Automated Captions

What AI does?

Automatically transcribes spoken content, generates captions, synchronizes text with video timing, identifies speakers, and formats subtitles for different platforms.



WHY IT MATTERS?

CAPTIONS MAKE VIDEOS EASIER TO CONSUME, ESPECIALLY ON MOBILE DEVICES WHERE VIEWERS MAY WATCH WITHOUT SOUND. THEY ALSO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND HELP AUDIENCES RETAIN INFORMATION.

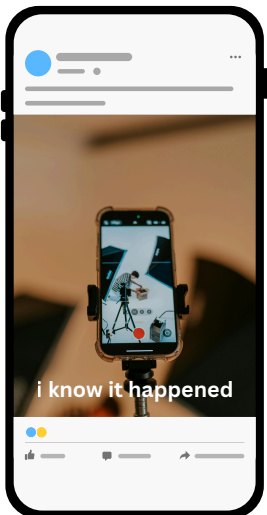
WELL-FORMATTED CAPTIONS MAKE CONTENT EASIER TO CONSUME, HELPING VIEWERS STAY ENGAGED EVEN WHEN THEY CAN'T LISTEN WITH SOUND.

Creator Opportunity

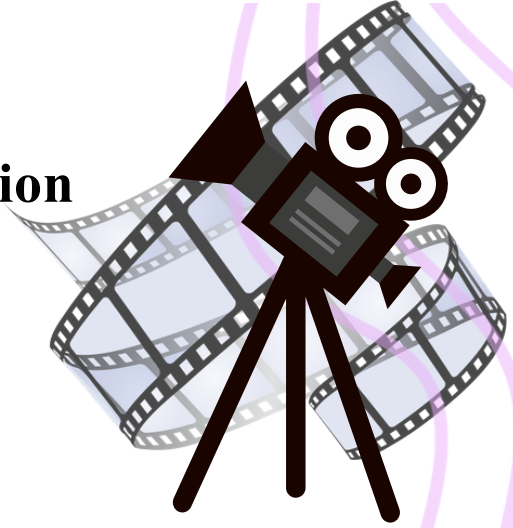
What editors do?

Review accuracy, adjust formatting, emphasize important words, and ensure captions match the brand's style and tone.

PRO TIP
DON'T TREAT CAPTIONS AS A TRANSCRIPTION LAYER. USE FORMATTING, LINE BREAKS, AND KEYWORD EMPHASIS TO GUIDE VIEWER ATTENTION AND IMPROVE RETENTION.



Long-to-Short Video Conversion



What AI does?

Identifies and extracts high-value moments from long-form content to create short, shareable videos.

WHY IT MATTERS?

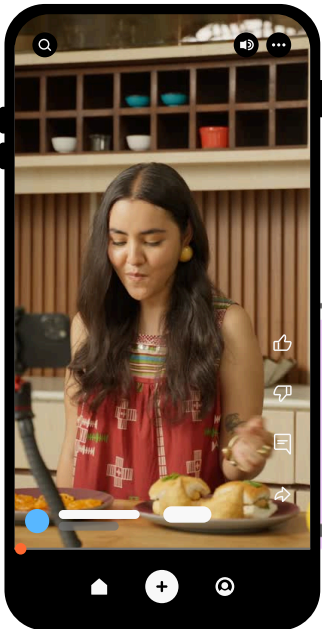
MOST CREATORS ALREADY HAVE MORE CONTENT THAN THEY REALIZE. AI HELPS UNCOVER VALUABLE MOMENTS WITHOUT MANUALLY REVIEWING HOURS OF FOOTAGE.

A SINGLE RECORDING CAN BECOME MULTIPLE CLIPS FOR YOUTUBE SHORTS, INSTAGRAM REELS, TIKTOK, LINKEDIN, AND MORE.

Creator Opportunity

What editors do?

Select, refine, and adapt clips for specific audiences and platforms.



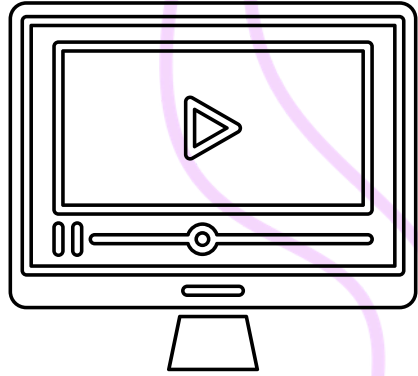
PRO TIP

THE BEST CLIPS AREN'T ALWAYS THE MOST ENERGETIC, THEY'RE THE ONES THAT DELIVER CLEAR VALUE IN THE SHORTEST AMOUNT OF TIME.

Content Repurposing

What AI does?

Converts one piece of content into a repeatable source of videos, social posts, blogs, and more.



WHY IT MATTERS?

CREATING NEW CONTENT CONSTANTLY IS DIFFICULT. REPURPOSING HELPS CREATORS GET MORE VALUE FROM THE CONTENT THEY ALREADY HAVE.

ONE RECORDING CAN FUEL AN ENTIRE CONTENT CALENDAR ACROSS VIDEO, SOCIAL MEDIA, BLOGS, AND EMAIL.



Creator Opportunity

What editors do?

Decide which formats, channels, and messages will create the most impact.

PRO TIP

TREAT EVERY RECORDING AS A CONTENT SOURCE, NOT A FINISHED ASSET. THE RECORDING IS OFTEN JUST THE BEGINNING OF THE CONTENT LIFECYCLE.

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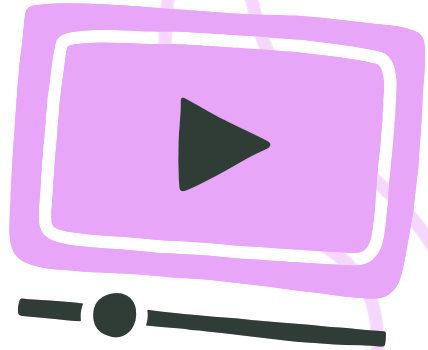
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Video Understanding

What AI does?

Analyzes speech, visuals, text, and context to understand what is happening inside a video.



WHY IT MATTERS?

FINDING VALUABLE MOMENTS IN LONG VIDEOS OFTEN REQUIRES WATCHING HOURS OF FOOTAGE. VIDEO UNDERSTANDING HELPS AI IDENTIFY TOPICS, THEMES, AND MEANINGFUL MOMENTS AUTOMATICALLY.

CREATORS CAN SPEND LESS TIME SEARCHING THROUGH RECORDINGS AND MORE TIME CREATING CONTENT FROM THE MOMENTS THAT MATTER.

Creator Opportunity

What editors do?

Validate context, prioritize the most valuable insights, and ensure clips align with audience interests.



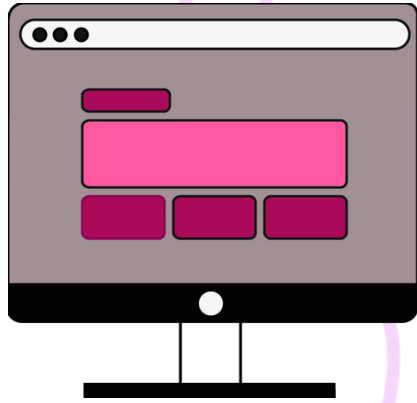
PRO TIP

A MOMENT ISN'T VALUABLE BECAUSE IT WAS MENTIONED. IT'S VALUABLE BECAUSE IT HELPS THE AUDIENCE LEARN, SOLVE A PROBLEM, OR THINK DIFFERENTLY.

Content Retrieval

What AI does?

Makes video libraries searchable using natural language instead of manual folders and timestamps.



WHY IT MATTERS?

MOST CREATORS HAVE HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF UNUSED CONTENT THAT BECOMES DIFFICULT TO REVISIT OVER TIME.

INSTEAD OF CREATING FROM SCRATCH, CREATORS CAN REDISCOVER AND REUSE INSIGHTS FROM PAST WEBINARS, PODCASTS, INTERVIEWS, AND RECORDINGS.

Creator Opportunity

What editors do?

Identify which existing content is worth resurfacing and adapting for new audiences.

PRO TIP

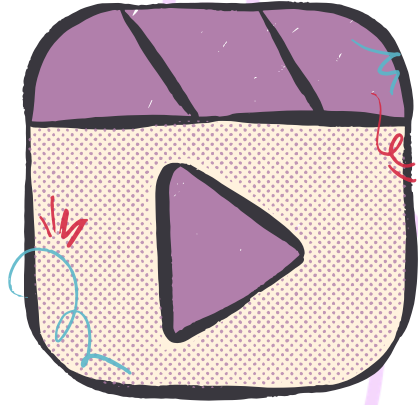
TREAT YOUR VIDEO LIBRARY LIKE A KNOWLEDGE BASE, NOT AN ARCHIVE.



Personalization

What AI does?

Creates multiple versions of the same content for different audiences, platforms, or goals.



WHY IT MATTERS?

DIFFERENT AUDIENCES CARE ABOUT DIFFERENT THINGS. A FOUNDER, MARKETER, CUSTOMER, AND PROSPECT MAY ALL WATCH THE SAME VIDEO, BUT EACH IS LOOKING FOR A DIFFERENT TAKEAWAY.

ONE RECORDING CAN SERVE MULTIPLE AUDIENCES WITHOUT REQUIRING SEPARATE PRODUCTION EFFORTS.

Creator Opportunity

What editors do?

Ensure each version feels relevant, authentic, and aligned with audience expectations.



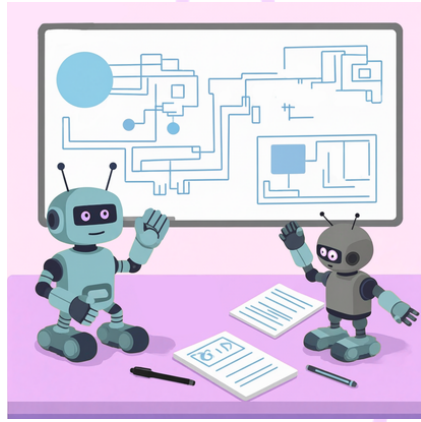
PRO TIP

THE GOAL ISN'T TO CREATE MORE VERSIONS. IT'S TO MAKE EVERY VIEWER FEEL LIKE THE CONTENT WAS CREATED SPECIFICALLY FOR THEM.

AI Agents

What AI does?

Coordinates multiple tasks across a content workflow, from clipping and captioning to summarization and distribution.



WHY IT MATTERS?

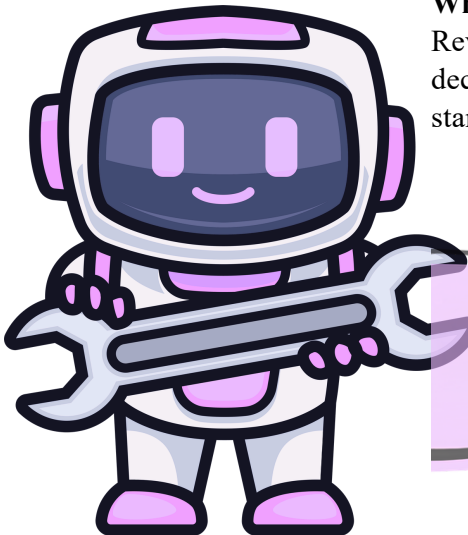
CONTENT PRODUCTION INVOLVES MUCH MORE THAN EDITING. MANAGING THE WORKFLOW OFTEN TAKES AS MUCH TIME AS CREATING THE CONTENT ITSELF.

CREATORS CAN FOCUS ON STRATEGY AND CREATIVE DIRECTION WHILE AI HANDLES REPETITIVE OPERATIONAL TASKS.

Creator Opportunity

What editors do?

Review outputs, guide creative decisions, and maintain quality standards.



PRO TIP
USE AI TO HANDLE PRODUCTION LOGISTICS SO YOU CAN SPEND MORE TIME CREATING CONTENT THAT ACTUALLY MOVES THE AUDIENCE.

Video Generation

What AI does?

Creates visual assets, voiceovers, animations, and supporting video content from prompts or existing materials.



WHY IT MATTERS?

NOT EVERY IDEA REQUIRES FILMING FROM SCRATCH. AI CAN HELP FILL PRODUCTION GAPS AND ACCELERATE CONTENT CREATION.

CREATORS CAN TEST IDEAS, BUILD SUPPORTING VISUALS, AND PRODUCE CONTENT FASTER WITH FEWER RESOURCES.

Creator Opportunity

What editors do?

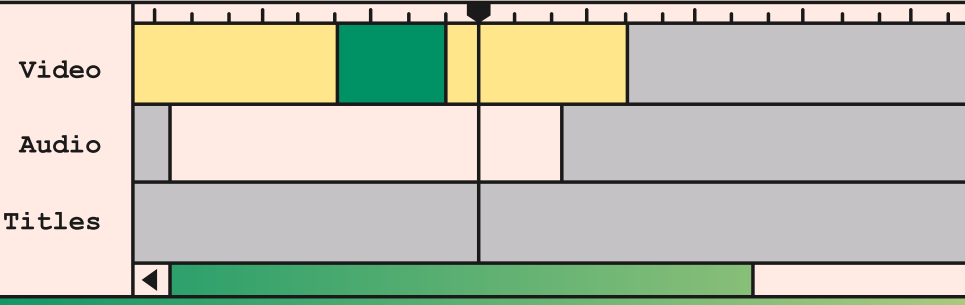
Provide creative direction and ensure generated content aligns with brand quality and messaging.

PRO TIP
USE AI-GENERATED CONTENT TO SUPPORT YOUR STORY, NOT REPLACE IT.



CHAPTER 4

THE FUTURE- PROOF EDITOR CHECKLIST



THE FUTURE-PROOF VIDEO CONTENT CHECKLIST

BEFORE PUBLISHING ANY VIDEO, ASK YOURSELF THESE:

- DOES THE VIDEO HAVE A STRONG HOOK WITHIN THE FIRST FEW SECONDS?
- IS THE MAIN TAKEAWAY CLEAR AND EASY TO UNDERSTAND?
- DOES THE TITLE, THUMBNAIL, OR OPENING CREATE CURIOSITY?
- CAN VIEWERS UNDERSTAND THE CONTENT WITHOUT ADDITIONAL CONTEXT?
- ARE CAPTIONS OPTIMIZED FOR READABILITY AND RETENTION?
- DOES THE VIDEO PROVIDE A CLEAR INSIGHT, LESSON, OR TAKEAWAY?
- CAN THIS RECORDING GENERATE MULTIPLE SHORT-FORM CLIPS?
- CAN THE CONTENT BE REUSED ACROSS DIFFERENT PLATFORMS AND FORMATS?
- DOES THE CONTENT SHOWCASE EXPERTISE OR BUILD AUDIENCE TRUST?
- IS THERE A CLEAR NEXT STEP FOR VIEWERS AFTER WATCHING?