Add Callouts

Callouts are graphics that appear on top of a video to draw viewers’ attention to important objects or processes in a video.

From Images on the Timeline

All images added to the timeline are callout-ready.

- To edit the callout, double-click it on the timeline. The Callout task page appears for text editing.
- More effects such as drop shadow, border, color, and opacity can be found in the Visual Properties tab.

From the Callouts Tab

1. In Editor, click the Callouts tab. The Callouts task page appears.
2. Position the playhead on the timeline where the callout will be added.
3. Click Add Callout.
4. Select a callout from the dropdown gallery. The callout appears on the canvas and on the timeline at the playhead.
5. Enter text into the text box. The text is updated to the callout on the canvas.
6. Resize, move, or rotate the callout on the canvas.
   Press and hold the ALT key while dragging for 3-D rotation.
7. Make changes to the Border color and width, Fill color, and other Effects such as shadow, opacity and style.
8. To include a fade in or out effect, use the zoom slider.
   Fade effects are visible on the callout on the timeline.
9. More effects such as drop shadow, border, color, and opacity can be found in the Visual Properties tab.

Copy and Paste a Callout on the Timeline

1. Right-click a callout on the timeline and select Copy from the context menu.
2. Move the playhead on the timeline to the new callout location.
3. Right-click the timeline and select Paste from the context menu.
The copy/paste options on the timeline toolbar can also be used.
Keyboard shortcuts **CTRL+C** and **CTRL+V** can also be used.

**See also**
- Move, Resize, Rotate, or Delete a Callout
- Callout Properties and Effects
- Sketch Motion Callout
- Highlight Callout
- Add a Hotspot to a Callout
- Blur or Pixelate the Screen with a Callout
- Spotlight Callout
- Text-Only Callout
- Keystroke Callouts
- Use Any Image as a Callout
Add a Hotspot to a Callout

Add a hotspot to a callout to add interactivity within a produced MP4 video.

For your viewers to make use of some of these interactive features, playback in the TechSmith Smart Player is required. Hosting your video on Screencast.com provides the optimal viewing experience.

Use hotspots to:

- Direct customers to a link to download your software
- Show viewers websites in a new browser window
- Take viewers to specific markers or frames within the video
- Allow viewers to replay a section in the video

You can add a hotspot to the following callout types:

- Transparent
- Shape with Text
- Highlight Rectangle
- Text-only
- Keystroke
- Blur
- Pixelate
- Image
To Add a Hotspot to a Callout

To add a hotspot to an existing callout or an image on the timeline, double-click the callout or image on the canvas or timeline. The Callouts task page appears.

1. On the Callouts tab, check the Make Hotspot option.
2. Click the Hotspot Properties button.
3. The Hotspot Properties dialog appears.
4. Select the Hotspot actions.
5. Click OK.

Hotspot Actions

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