

Edit a Green Screen Photo

In Adobe Premiere Pro CC

Getting Started

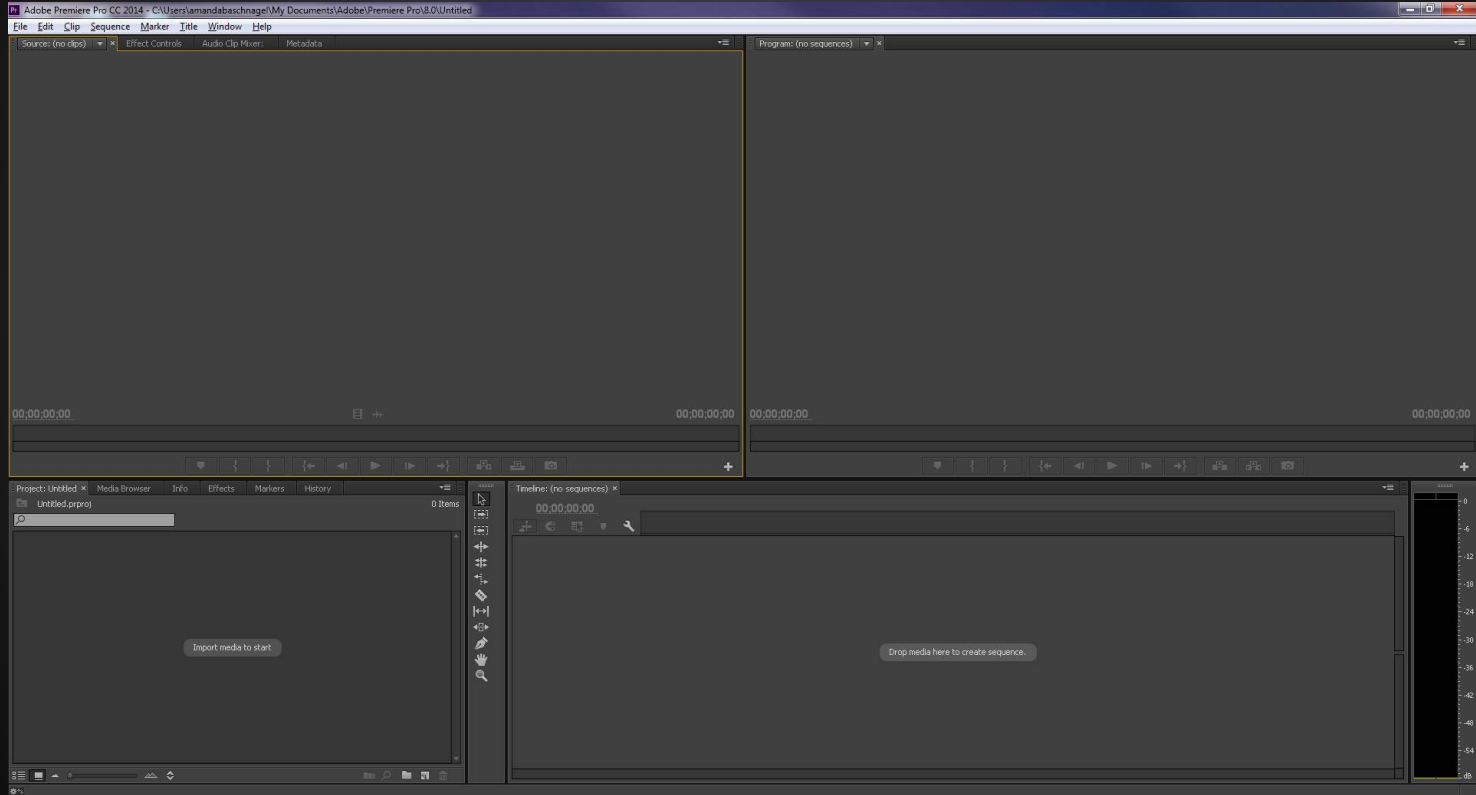
Find and Open Adobe Premiere Pro



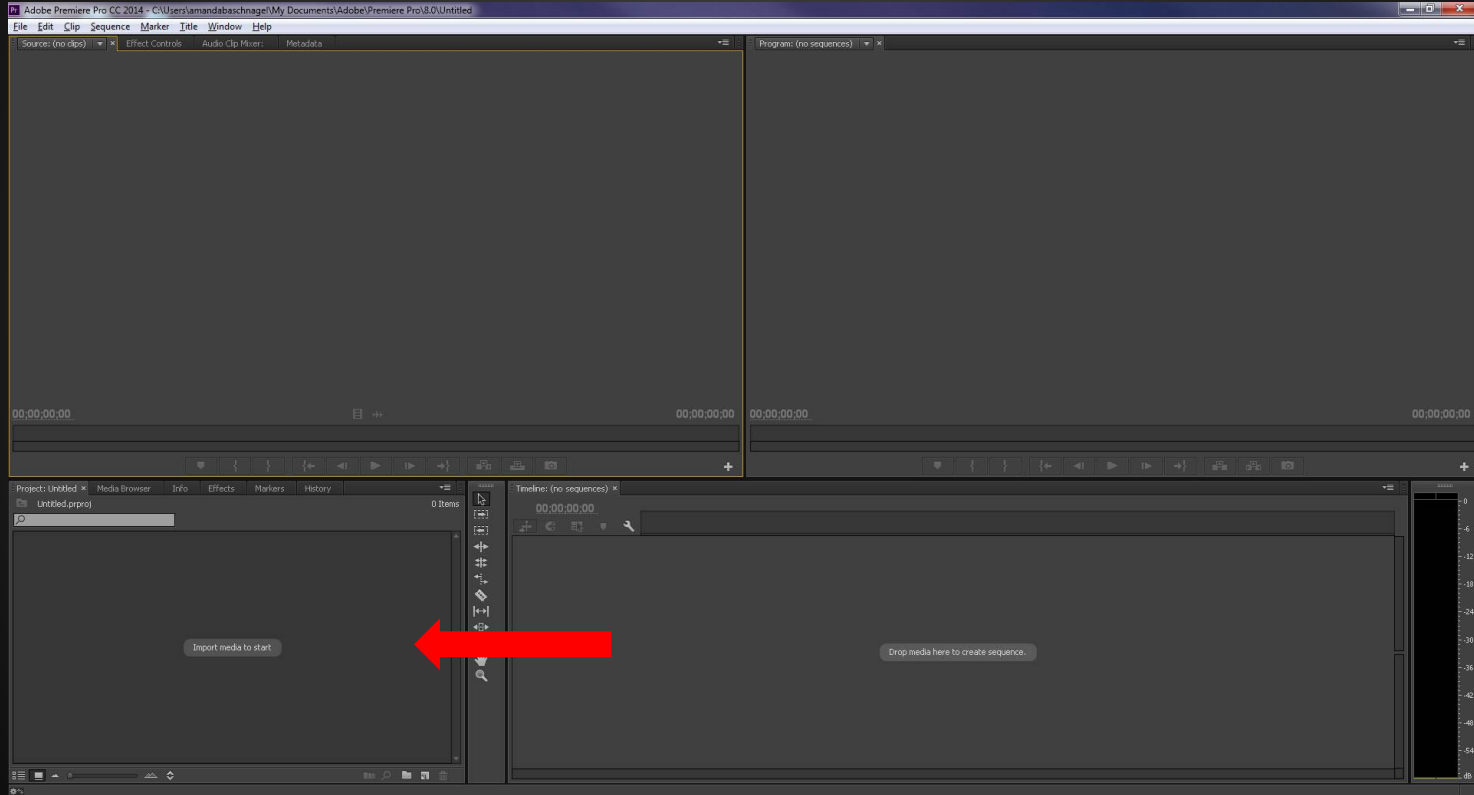
Select the new project button and title your project.



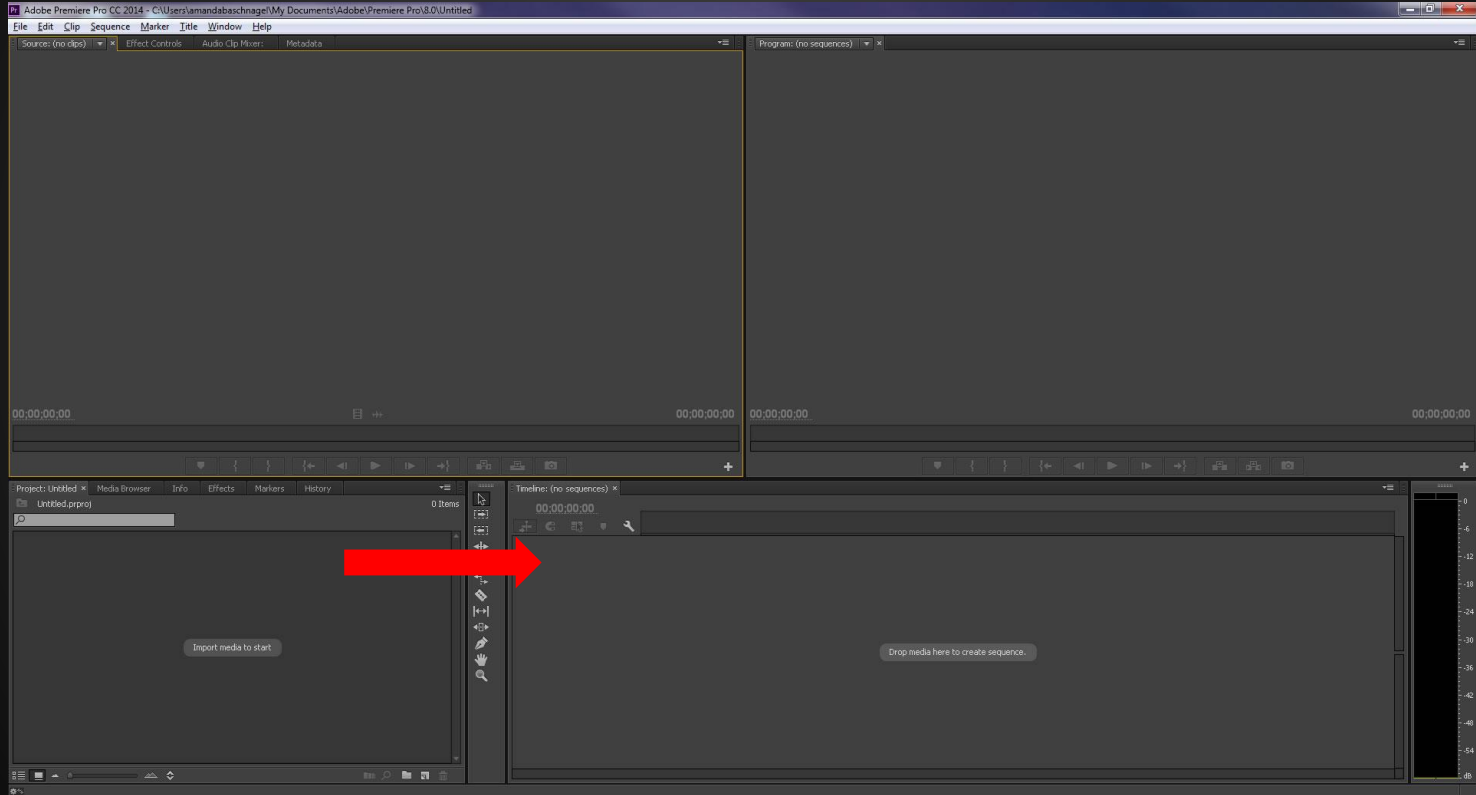
This is your homebase.



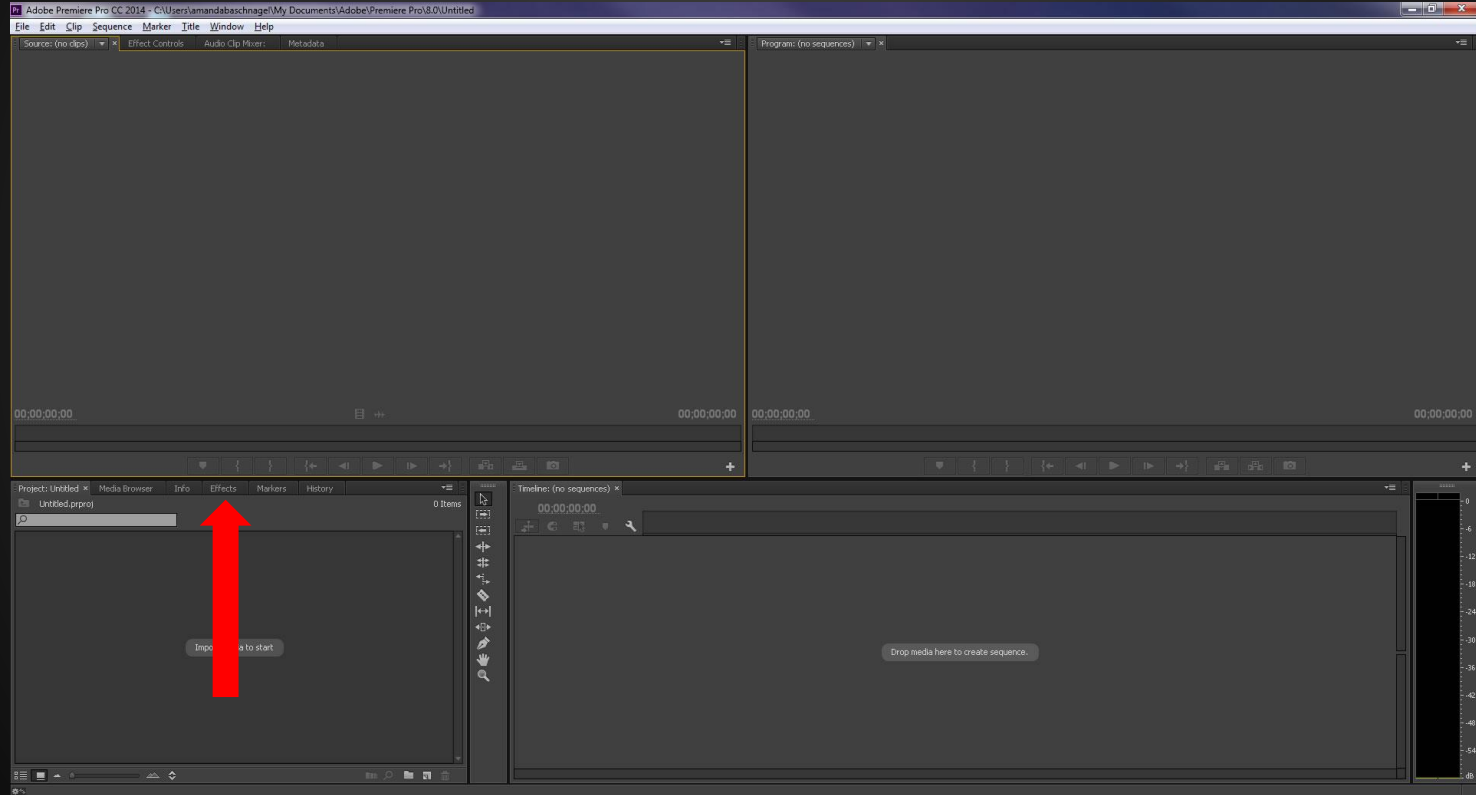
This is where you import photos, videos and sound. You can select items through Adobe Bridge or you can drag and drop your file into this box.



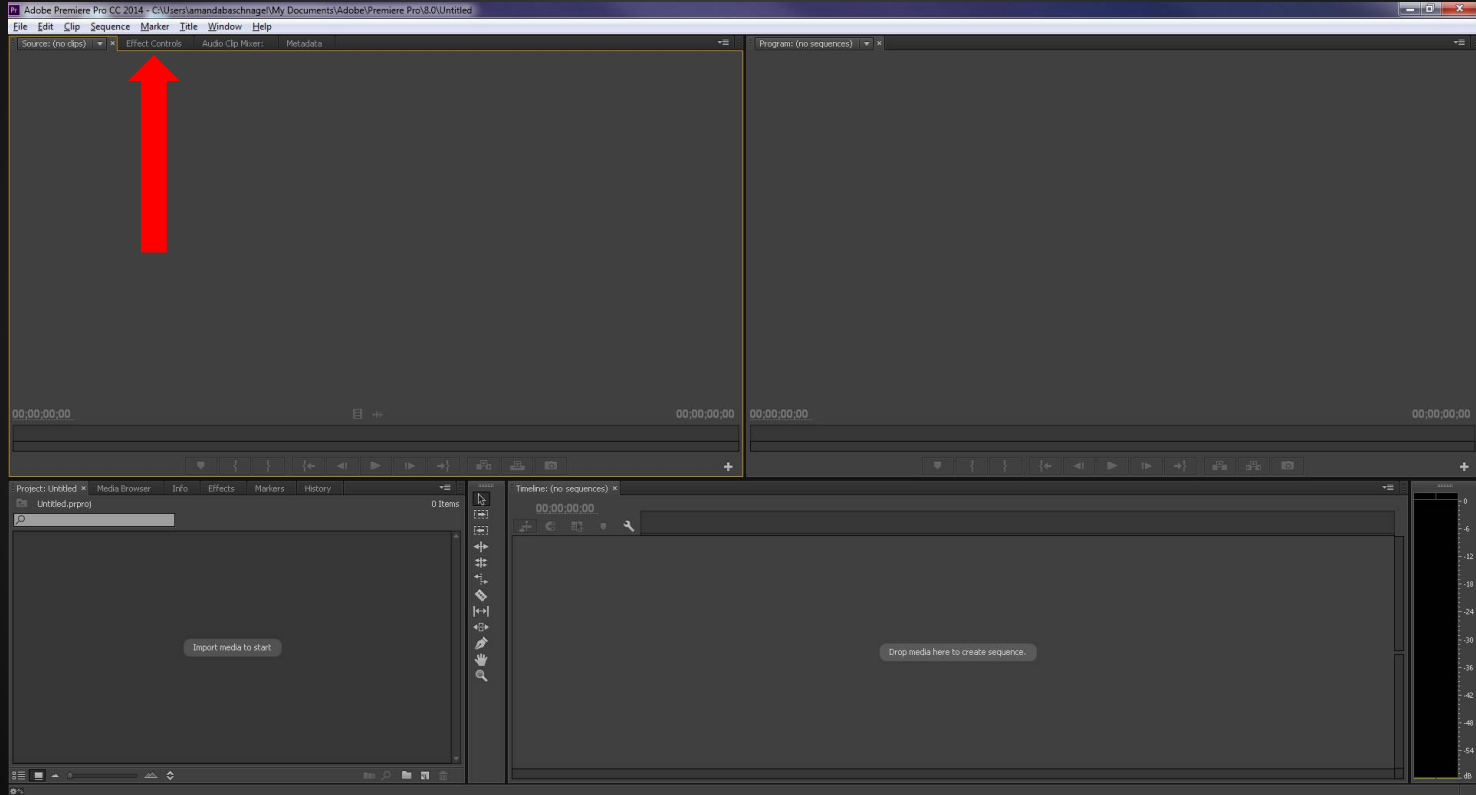
This is your timeline. If you were editing videos you would use this to sequence clips. This area also allows you to add effects (like the one we will be using) to your clips



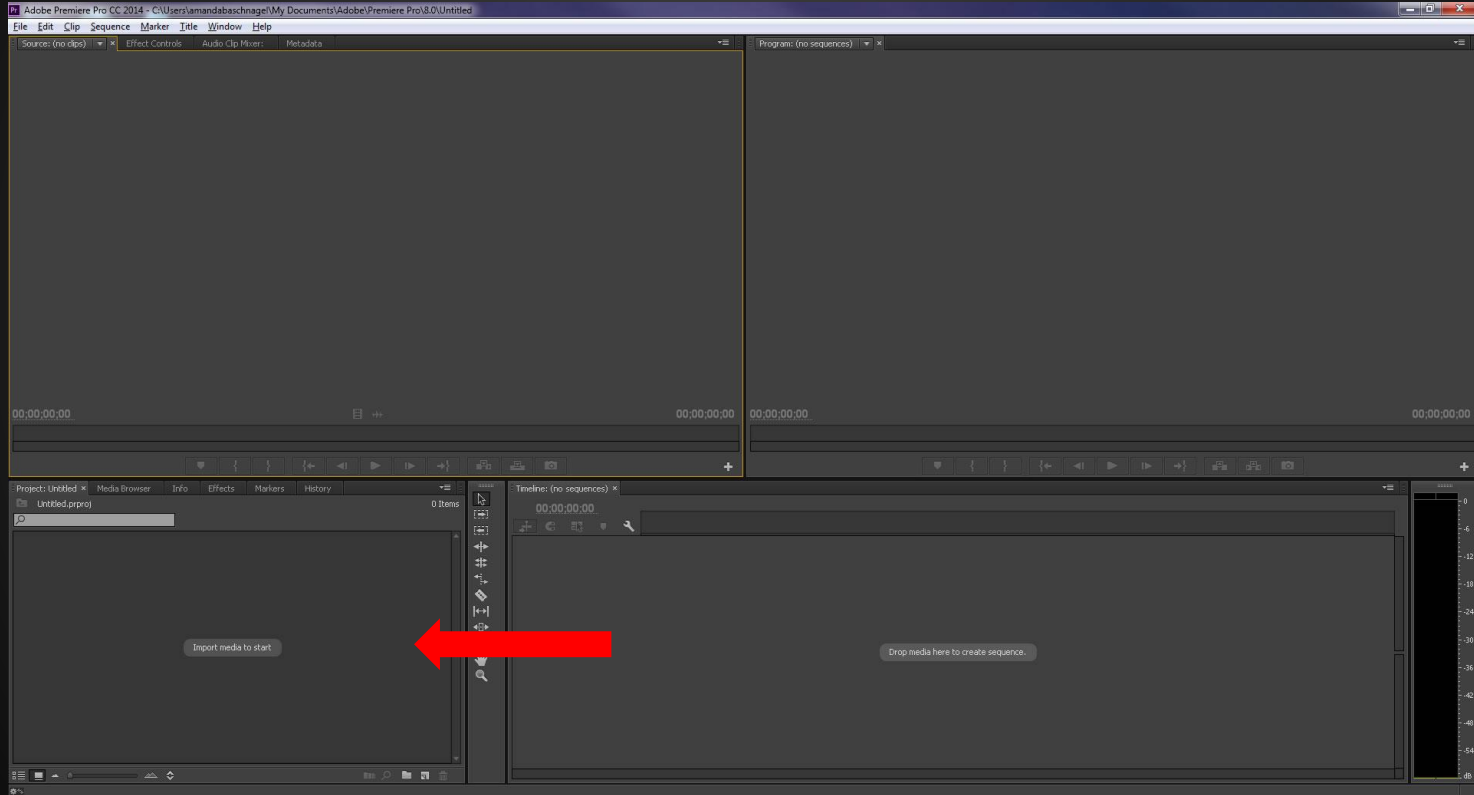
The “Effects” tab will let you select and apply different effects to your clips.



The “Effect Controls” tab will allow you to control your effects after you’ve applied them to your clip.

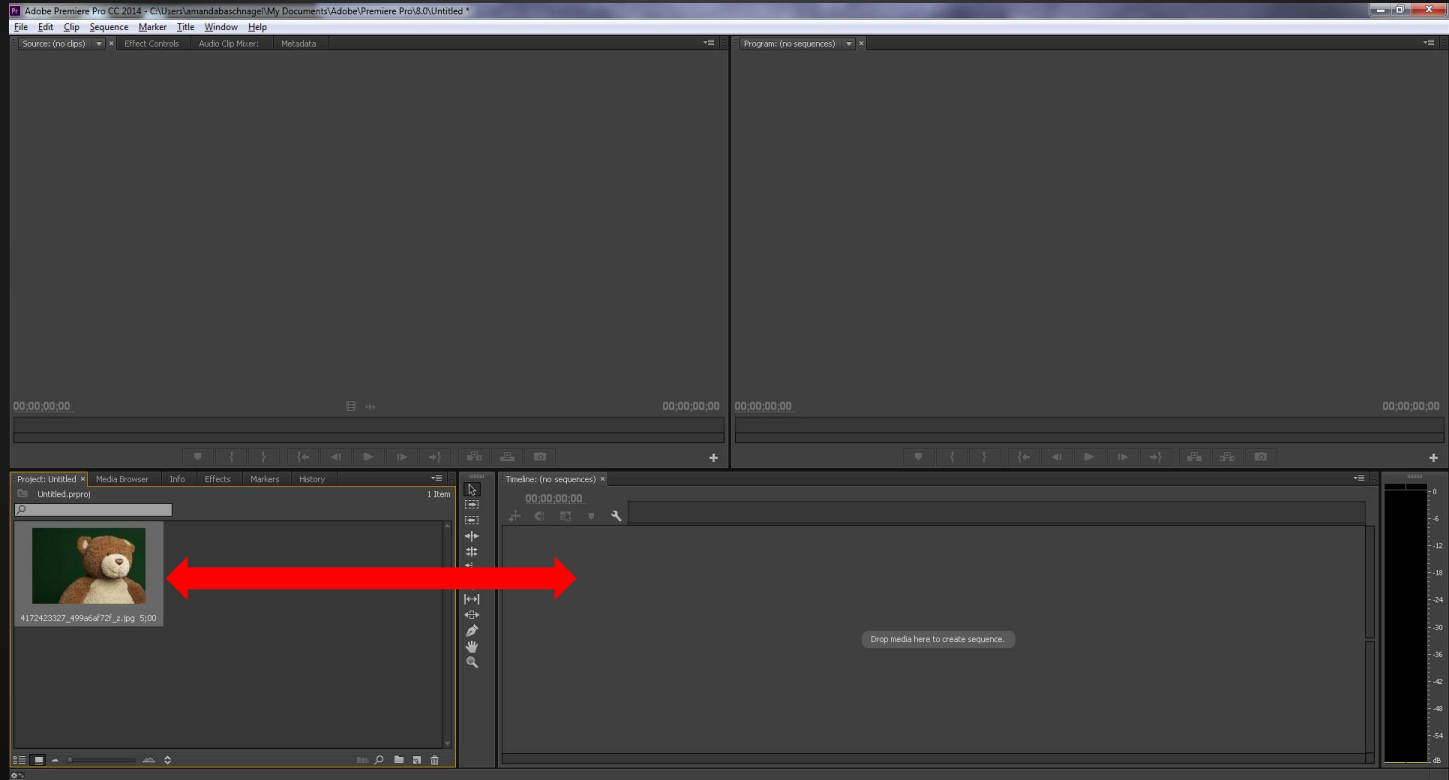


Now you'll want to find your photo and add it to the import box.



Removing the Green

After you've imported your photo, you will drag the photo from the import box into the timeline.



Now move over to the effects tab.



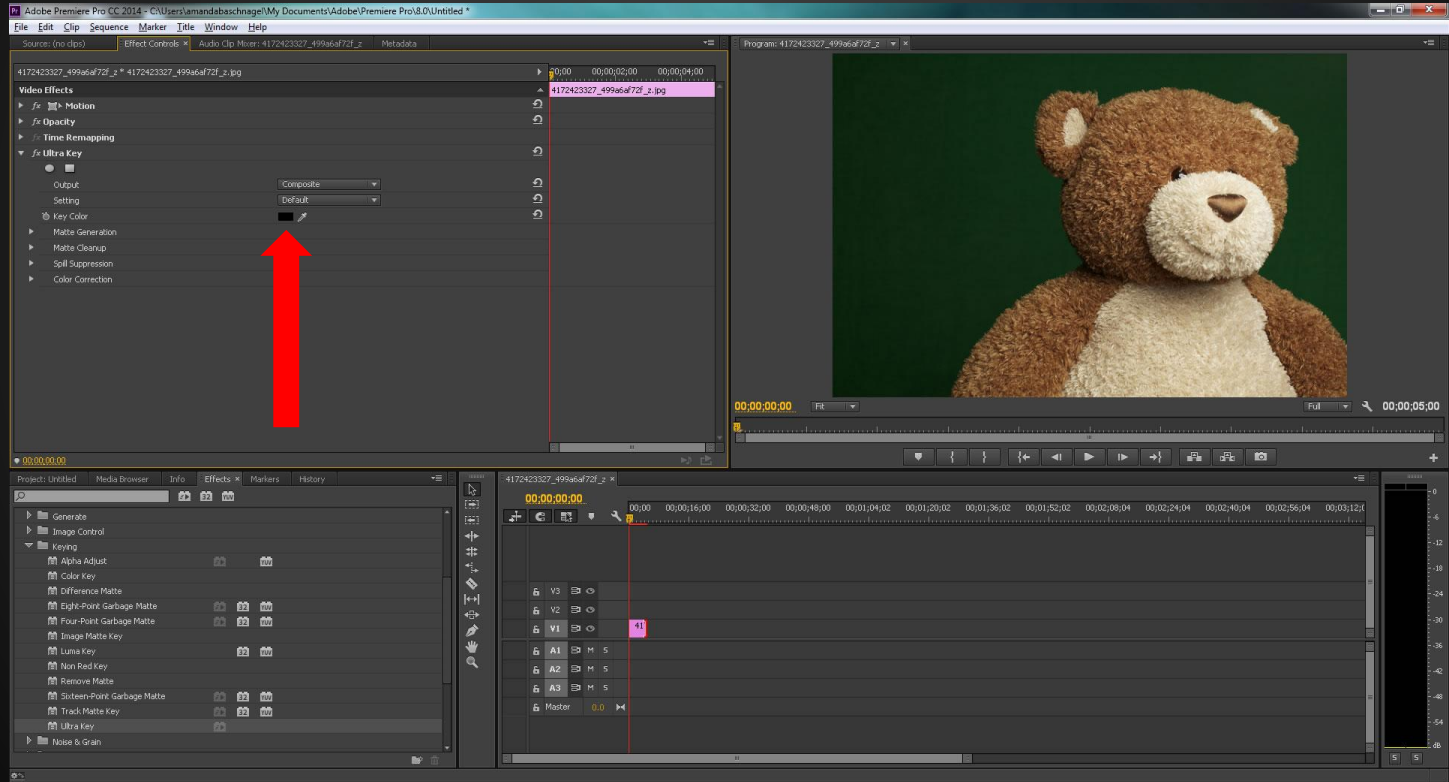
Drop down the video effects tab and find the “Keying” folder and drop it down as well.



Find the Ultra Key and drag and drop it onto the clip in the timeline.



Go to the “effect controls” tab and find the dropper icon and click on it.



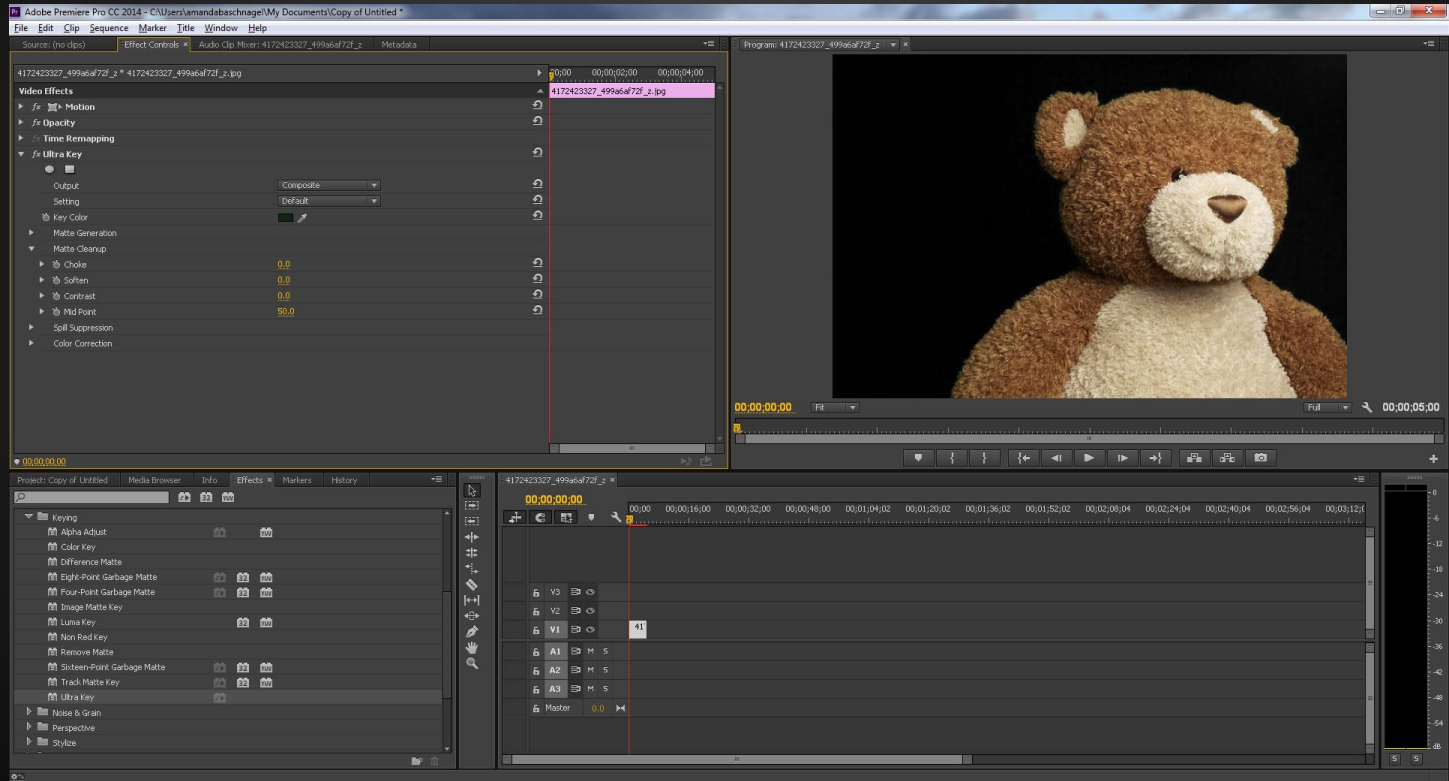
Use the dropper to select the green background. All the green should now disappear (turn into black)



In the “effect controls” box find the default drop down button. Change the setting from default to aggressive. This will more aggressively eliminate the green.



Find the matte clean up drop down. Drop down the choke and soften and use the sliders to remove the green from the edges of your image. The choke will crop the image, and the soften will feather the edges.



Finding and Importing a background image

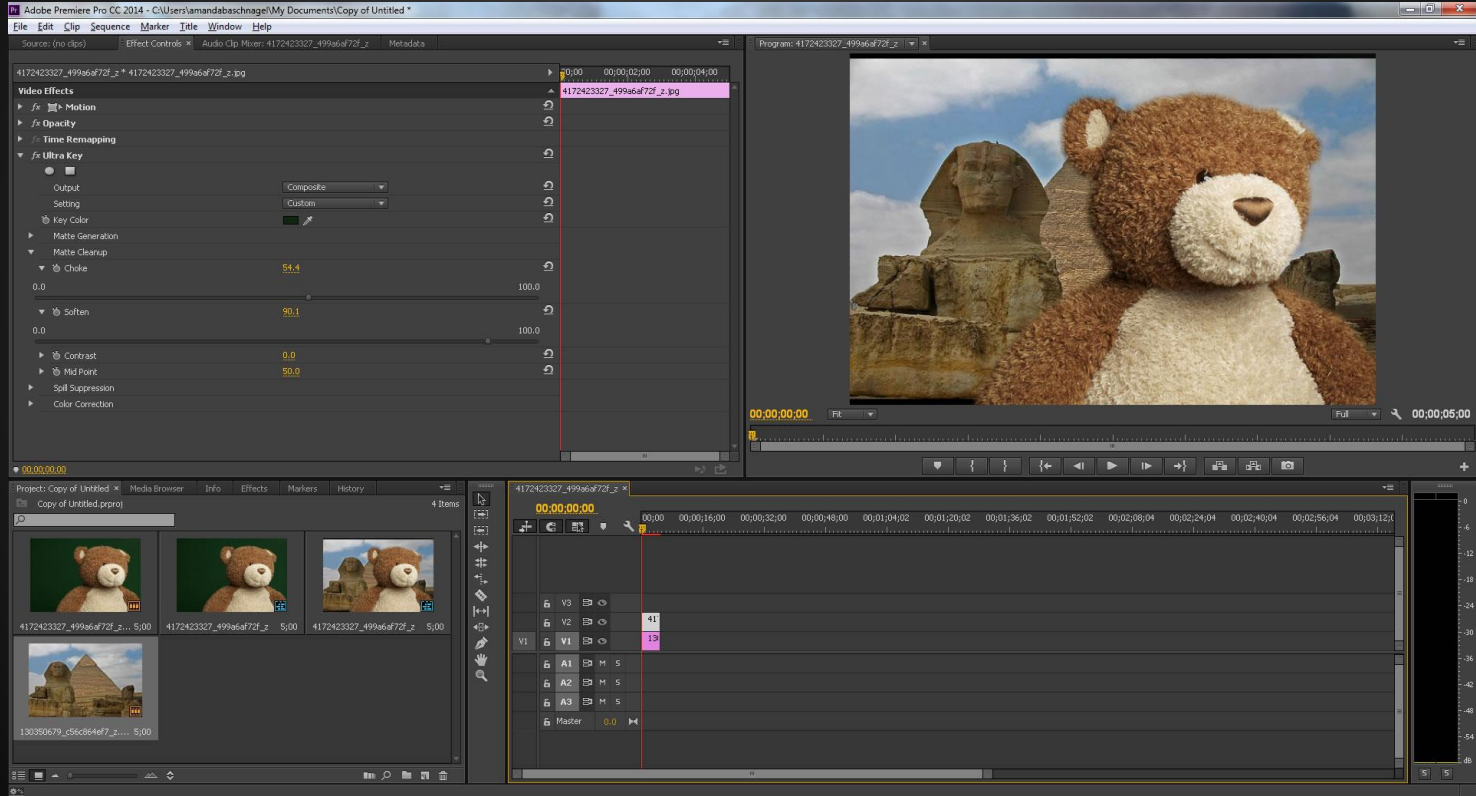
Now that you've finished editing the photo you can put any photo you want behind your original image.



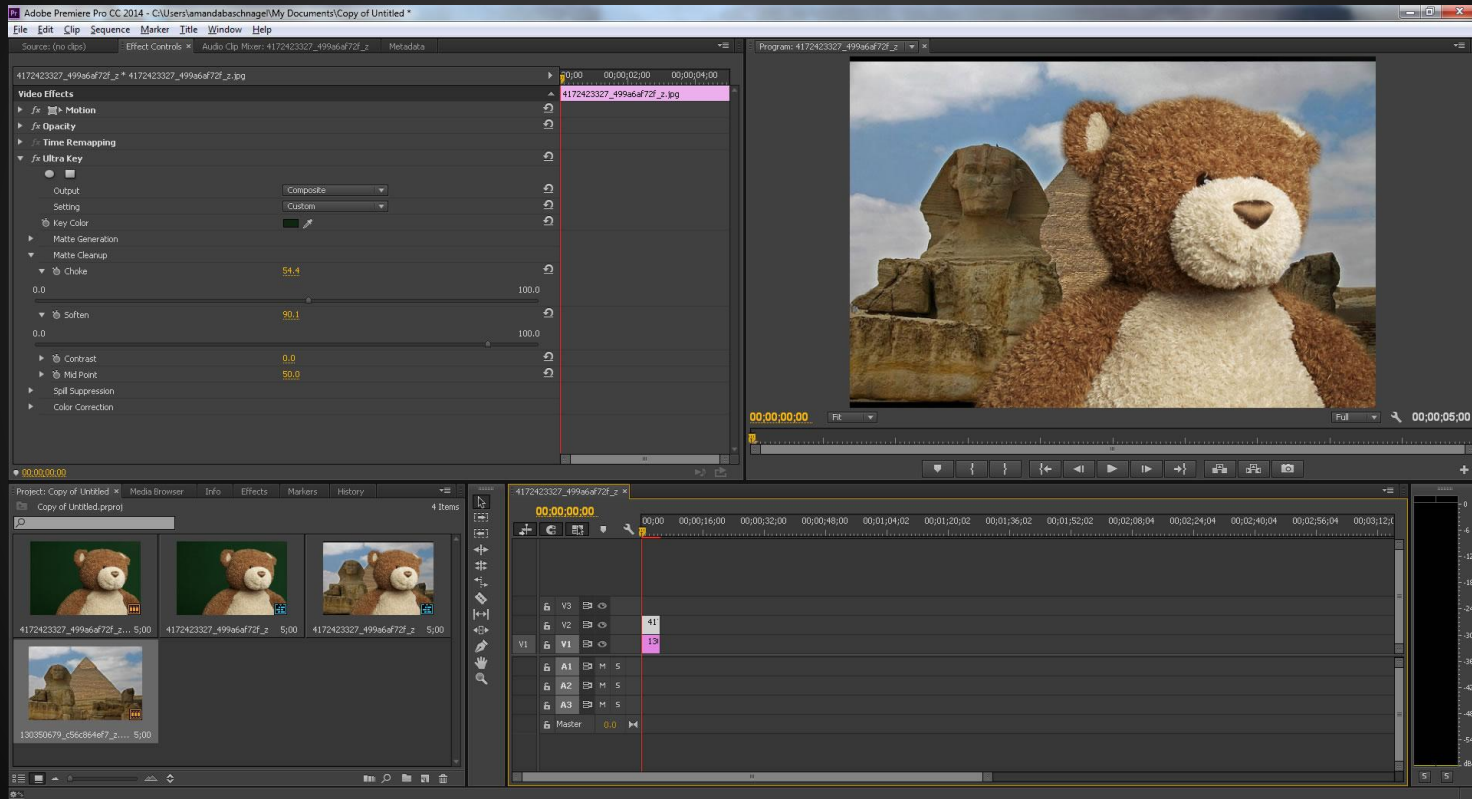
Drag the photo that you want to use into the import box.



After the photo has been imported drag it from the import box into the timeline. You'll want to put your green screen image in Timeline 2 and the background image in Timeline 1. This will layer the photos correctly.



Now that the photos are layered you can resize them by clicking on the photo in the timeline and then clicking on the upper right hand box. This can be tricky, so you may have to manipulate the photos a couple of ways to get the size just right.



Troubleshooting

Occasionally your photo won't remove all the green and you'll be left with a sort of residue on your photo. If that is the case try one of these two things before looking for other solutions.

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Try picking a different green in your photo. It would be nice to have the perfect green streamlined across the photo but that is highly unlikely. Choosing a different shade of green within the photo will give you different results and may help you clean up the photo.

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Try cropping the photo before you edit it. For example, if you can tell that the top of the photo is way too dark and you're not going to use the top half anyways you can use an outside source to crop the photo before you drag it into Premiere.

Now you've edited a green screen photo!

