

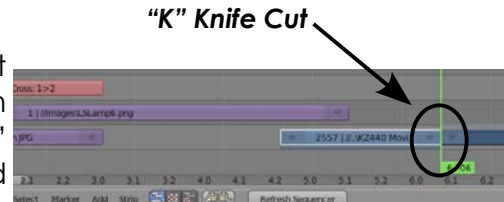
## Chapter 23- Video Sequence Editor

Now when you scrub the time line with your mouse or press the play button (or "Alt-A"), you should see a smooth transition.

Now it's time to add a movie. Follow the same steps as before, but select "Movie" from the "Add" menu. When the movie come into your tracks, it will also contain an Audio track (even if your video contains no audio). You can delete this upper track if desired. Place the movie and add a transition as before.



If you need to shorten a movie track, you can select the end and shorten it, like we did to lengthen an image, or you can place the green "current frame" bar at the desired cut location, select the clip and hit "K" for knife cut. The movie is split at that point.

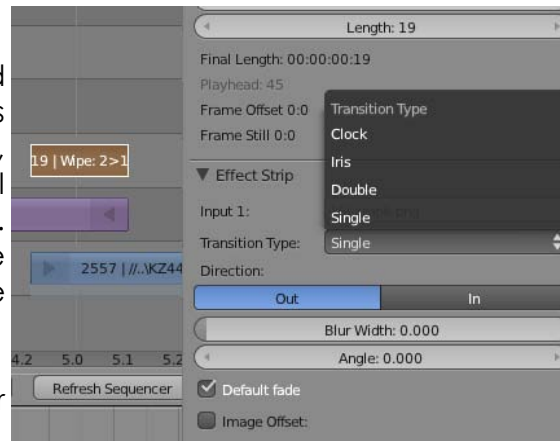


**RoboDude Asks:** When I press the "Play" button or press "Alt-A", why doesn't my movie play through? Check the End Frame of your movie- you probably need to adjust it.

### More about Effect Strips:

So far, we've used the most common type of effect- a Cross. Blender has several other useful effects.

Wipe: A wipe is another common effect and has been expanded to do other popular effects in 2.5. After adding the wipe across the 2 strips, look at the options in the right panel. You will see different types of wipe and a Blur option. Options include a Clock effect, Iris, Double (barn doors), and single. There is also an Angle option.



Alpha Over/Under: If you have an image or image strip that has a transparency channel, like a title overlay, you can use these effects to do composite work. Just place the image over the movie strip, select both tracks, then add an "Alpha Over or Under" effect to combine them.

Continue to add images and clips to finish the video part of your project. Sticking to the bottom tracks keeps your project looking clean. I usually alternate between 2-3 tracks. Don't forget to match your End frame to the end of your movie.

