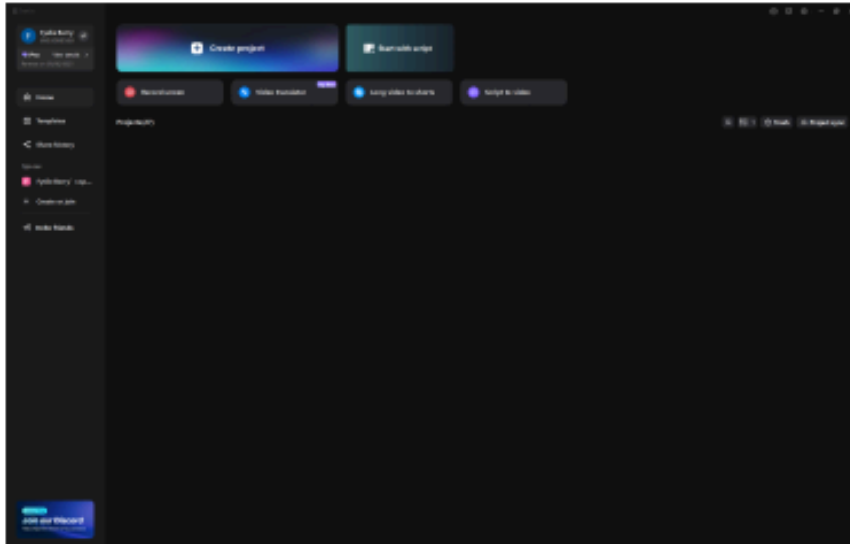


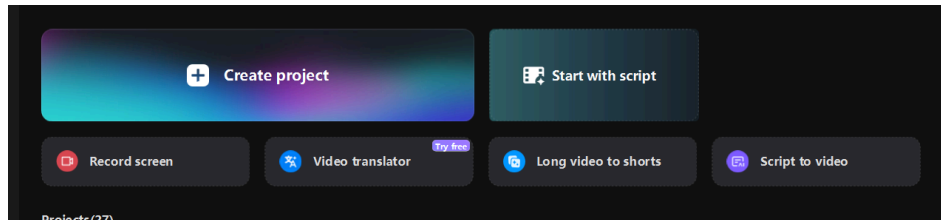
# Capcut Basics!

Below is the home screen of Capcut desktop. This is where you can see all of your autosaved projects that you may have. The left column holds your account information however you do not need to have an account to use Capcut.



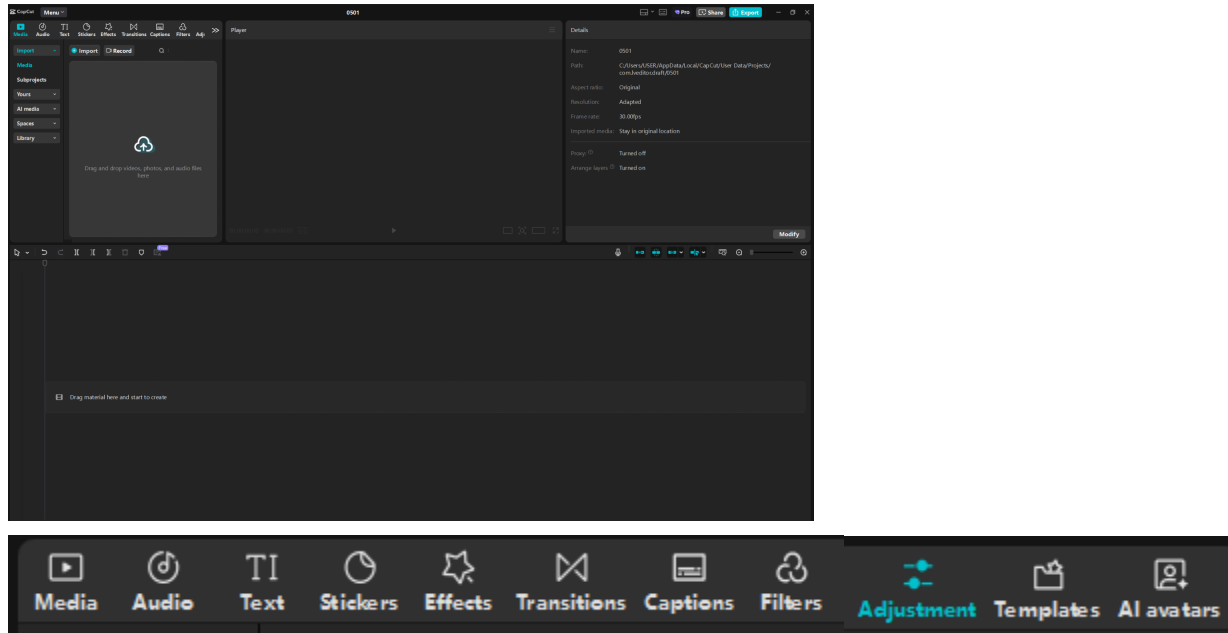
## CREATING A PROJECT:

To create a project, press the big button labelled, “Create project” at the top.

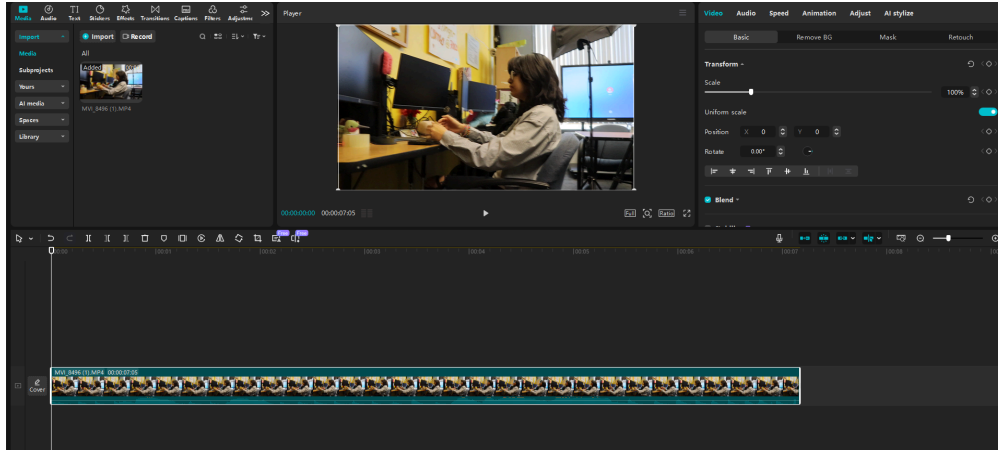


# FEATURES:

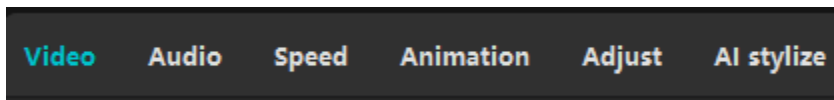
After pressing that button, you are taken to this screen. This is where you can edit your video. Everything is pretty much labelled but below I will explain each tab.



1. Media Tab - this is where you can import all your files. This is the most important tab. You can access your downloads and pick your files from there or choose from the free Capcut library of visuals like green screens, backgrounds, etc.
2. Audio Tab - this is where you can import or find free audios on the Capcut Library. You import audio from a video or search the free music and sound effect library Capcut has to offer
3. Text Tab - this is where you can add text. You can create your own effects or use some of the pre-made text effects Capcut has in stock.
4. Stickers Tab - this is just a bunch of different types of stickers you can add on top of your videos like hearts, subscribe button, etc.
5. Effects Tab - these are all the effects you can add on top of your video
6. Transitions Tab - these are effects that help combine clips together
7. Captions Tab - here you can create captions for your videos however most of it is A Pro feature which you must pay for
8. Filters Tab - here you can select from premade filters to add to your video
9. Adjustment tab - here you can create your own "filter" on top of your video



Let's say, for example, I am editing a promo video for prom. I imported my footage to Capcut and added it into the timeline by hovering over it and pressing the blue “+” symbol that appears. It then should be placed into your timeline. When you click on the media in your timeline. The menu on the right should pop up as shown above. There you have even more tabs to explore.



1. Video Tab - here you can scale, position and rotate your media. You can also remove the background, add a mask, or retouch your clip
2. Audio Tab - here you can increase/decrease the volume and add a fade in/out
3. Speed - here you can change the speed of your clip linearly
4. Animation - here you can add preset animation for in, out, or throughout the clip
5. Adjust - Similar to the adjustment tab on the left but this applies it directly to the clip itself.

Also when you click on your media in the timeline, a selection of different icons appear in the middle to the left of your screen



1. Undo
2. Redo
3. Split Clip
4. Delete Left
5. Delete Right
6. Delete
7. Marker
8. Freeze Frame
9. Reverse

10. Mirror
11. Rotate
12. Crop

## EDITING:

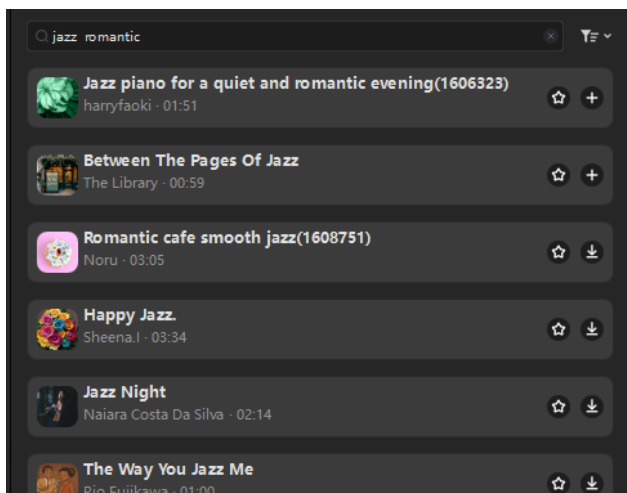


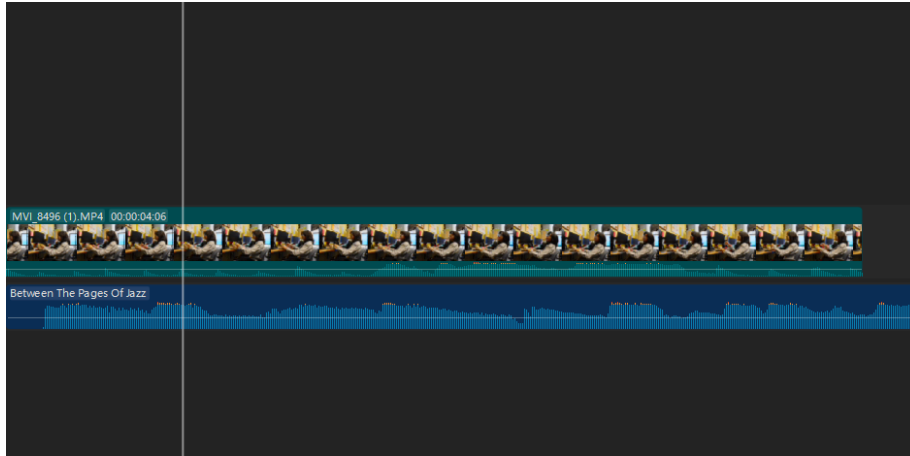
### a. Video:

First, scrub through your footage and select the part that you feel displays the best. You can **cut off any excess footage** you don't need. For this example, I will be deleting a little bit of the beginning and end of this clip using the **Split tool**.

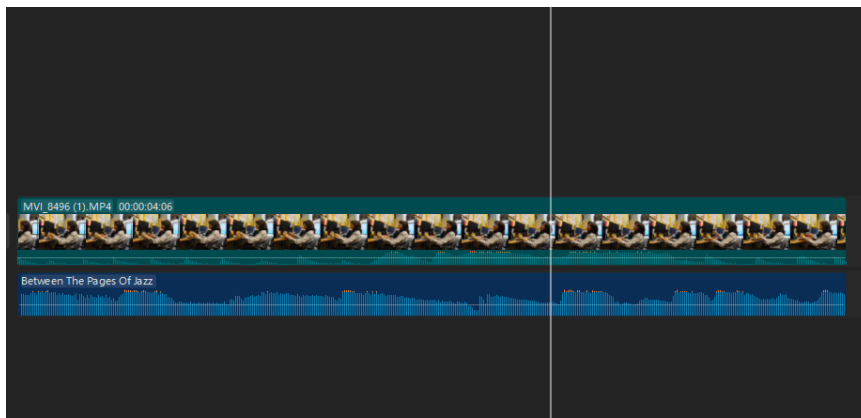
### b. Audio

Next, I want to add some romantic music to this clip to emulate the “prom” vibe. So, I go to the **Audio Tab** and then Music and search up “Jazz Romantic.” I scrolled through the options and picked, “Between The Pages of Jazz.” I click on it to add it into my timeline.

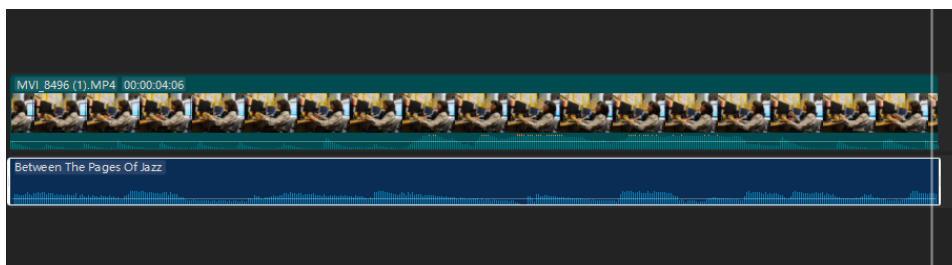




As you can see, the beginning of the music is quiet so you can cut that off and cut the music to the beginning of the track. Cut the end as well, try to **cut to the beat** as much as possible as it makes the video more appealing to watch.

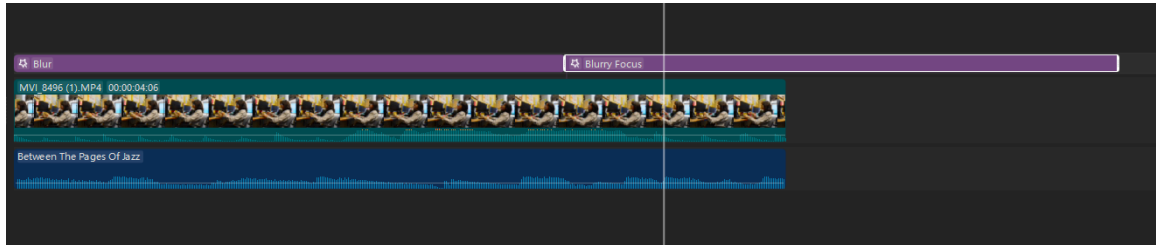


After watching the clip back, it is hard to hear the main dialogue so you should make the music quiet enough so you can still hear it but it doesn't overpower the main dialogue. Do this by using the **Audio tab** after clicking the video itself. Just **trial and error** until you think the ratio between the music and the dialogue sounds good. I personally like to look for the bars not to go more than halfway past the full rectangle.

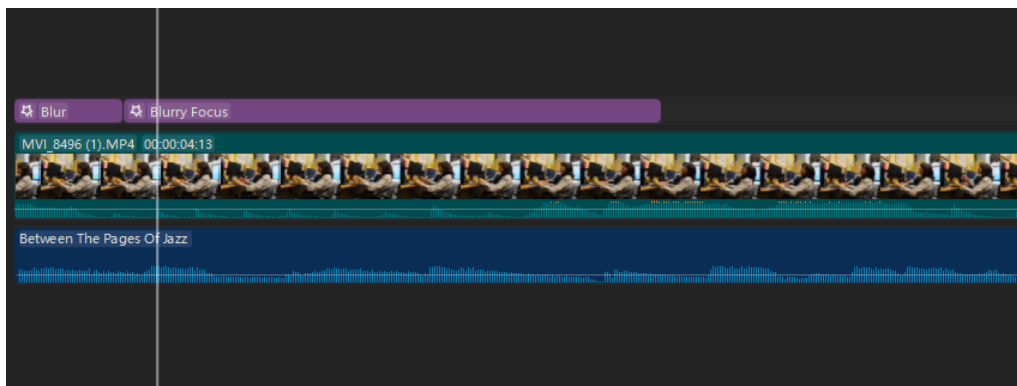


### c. Effects

Now let's add an effect to the clip to add an **intro** so viewers know what the video is about. Head to the **Effects** tab on the left. I will be using the effects, “Blurry focus” and “Blur”. Add them to your timeline.

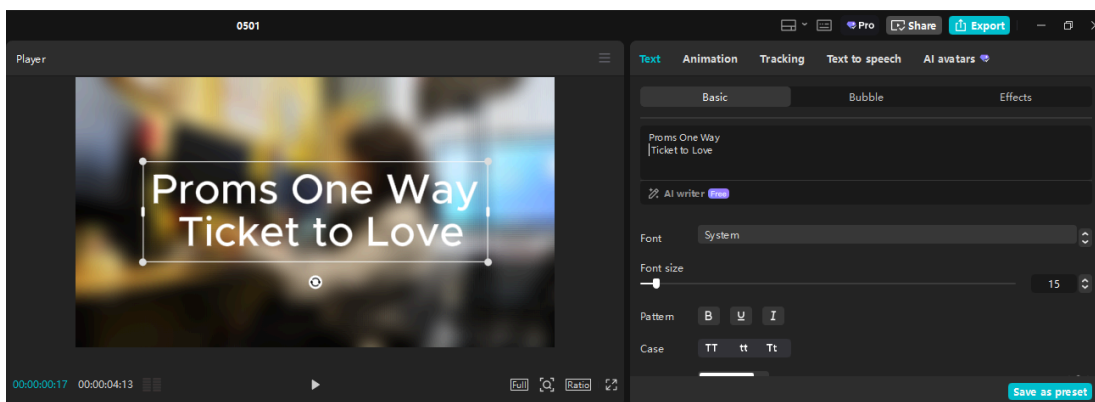


I want the blur to end right before the dialogue starts. Place “Blur” first to keep the image blurry at the beginning. Then, move the effect, “Blurry Focus” right after it to transition from that blurry image to the original, clear footage. Again, it’s just **trial and error** in order to get that **perfect balance**. In the end, my timeline looked like this:



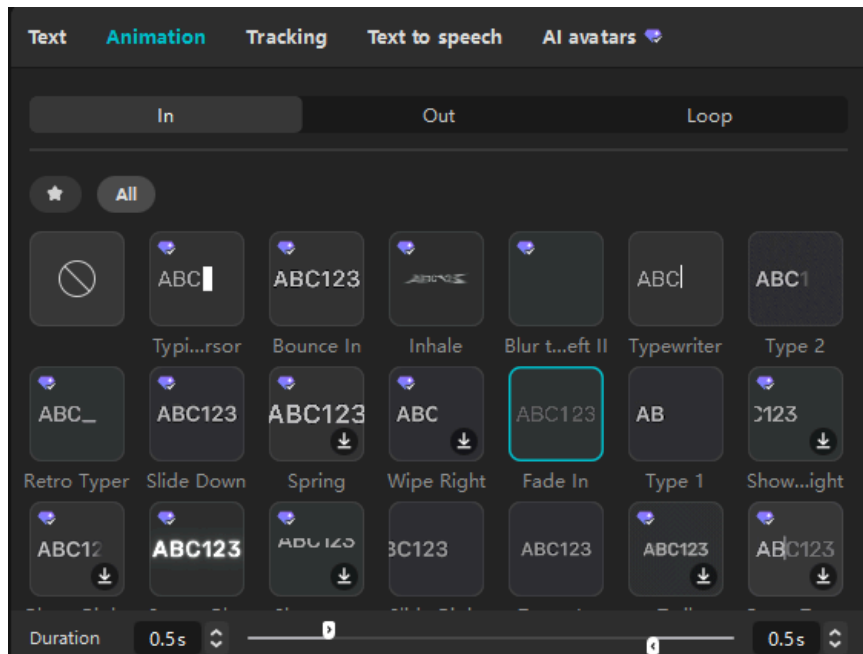
### d. Text

Now, let’s add text to the blurry part of the video. Head to the **Text** tab on the left. Press the square that says, “Default Text.” Type the desired text on the right. I will be writing, “Prom’s One Way Ticket to Love”

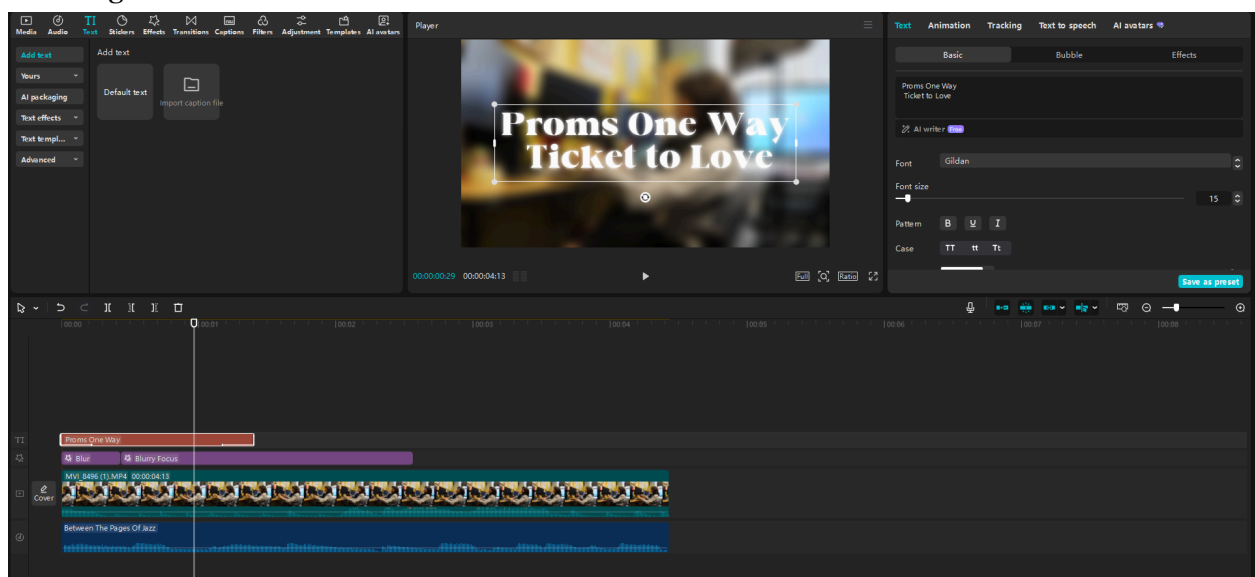


You can now scale it to size using the anchors on the player. You can change the font of the text underneath the text box option. Choose one. I will be using “Gildan”  
I also want to add a glow effect. Scroll down until you see “Glow” and press the checkbox.

Now, let’s add a fade in and out. Press the **Animation** tab for the text at the top right. It should already be on “In” so look for “Fade In”, then move to “Out” and look for “Fade Out” You can also mess with the duration of the animation to **fit the visuals** as well.

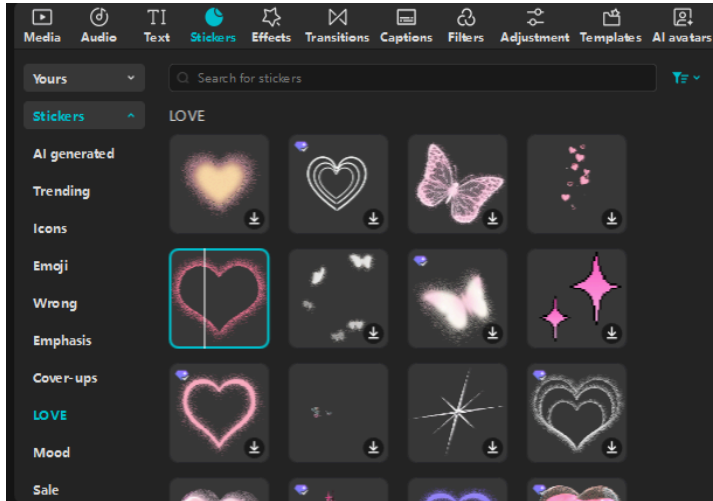


Cut the text to fit the blur effect to your liking. After all of this, your screen should look similar to this image below:

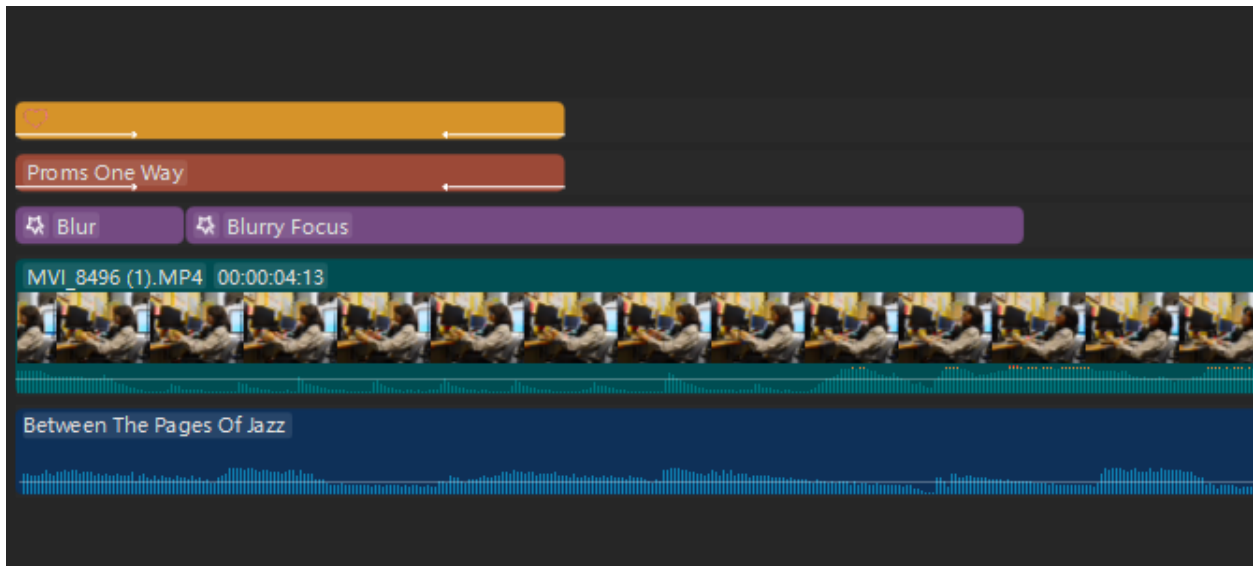


e. Stickers

Now let's add a few stickers to make it more **visually pleasing**. Go to the **Stickers tab**. Scroll through the different categories to find one you like. I went with a pink heart to solidify the vibe. Add it into the timeline.



Cut it to the duration of the text you just added. Add a fade in and fade out just like you did for the text as well. This will make it feel more **cohesive**.



And then you're done! You just created an intro to a video. Hopefully this tutorial helped you understand the different basic mechanics of Capcut and what it has to offer and how to use them. Taking the basics from this, you can experiment with more effects, text styles, animations, etc.

**Happy Editing!**