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Nudge runs inside DaVinci Resolve and keeps track of the time you spend on each project. Open a project and it starts counting. Switch projects and it banks the old one. Leave Resolve for another app, or step away, and it asks where that time should go when you come back.

In this folder:

- Nudge.py: the app itself
- README.txt: this file, what you need and how to install
- Nudge Guide.html: the full guide, every tab and button. Opens in any web browser.
- Nudge Guide - Windows.txt and Nudge Guide - Mac.txt: the same guide as plain text

WHAT YOU NEED

1. DaVinci Resolve Studio, the paid version. The free version of Resolve can't run scripts like Nudge. To check: DaVinci Resolve menu > About DaVinci Resolve. It should say Studio.

2. Python 3, free from python.org. Tested on 3.11, 3.13, 3.14 and 3.15.

Windows: use the Windows installer from python.org, with the normal settings. Don't use the Python that opens the Microsoft Store.	Mac: use the macOS installer from python.org. Python from Homebrew also works.

After you buy, the first page you land on is your purchase page. It shows your licence key, and you can download Nudge right there. For safekeeping, you'll also get an email from Nudge. Click its Access purchase button to see your key and the download again. If you lose that email, go to polar.sh/nudgetimetracker/portal and enter the email you bought with. Polar sends you a sign-in code, and your key and the download are there too. The first time Nudge opens it asks for that key: paste it in and press Activate. It needs the internet for that one check, then checks once a day in the background, and it keeps working for 14 days with no internet at all. Every plan gives each editor 2 computers: Solo is one editor on 2 computers; the team plans (2 to 5 editors) are 2 computers per editor, with one key the whole team shares. One key per order; team keys are for editors in your own business or team. Prices (paid once, at nudgetimetracker.com): Solo US $9, 2 editors US $16, 3 editors US $23, 4 editors US $30, 5 editors US $37.

INSTALL ON WINDOWS

1. Open File Explorer, click in the address bar, paste this and press Enter:

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%APPDATA%\Blackmagic Design\DaVinci Resolve\Support\Fusion\Scripts\Utility
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If the folder doesn't exist, create it.

2. Copy Nudge.py into that folder.

3. In Resolve: DaVinci Resolve > Preferences > System > General. Set "External scripting using" to Local. Save.

4. Quit Resolve and open it again.

5. Open a project, then choose Workspace > Scripts > Nudge. The first time, paste your licence key from your purchase page and press Activate.

6. On Nudge's Setup tab, tick "Start with Resolve". From then on Nudge opens by itself when you open a project.

Nudge has its own taskbar button. Click it to bring the tracker to the front. It flashes when a question is waiting.

INSTALL ON A MAC

1. In Finder press Shift + Command + G, paste this and press Return:

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~/Library/Application Support/Blackmagic Design/DaVinci Resolve/Fusion/Scripts/Utility
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If the folder doesn't exist, create it.

2. Copy Nudge.py into that folder.

3. In Resolve: DaVinci Resolve > Preferences > System > General. Set "External scripting using" to Local. Save.

4. Quit Resolve and open it again.

5. Open a project, then choose Workspace > Scripts > Nudge. The first time, your Mac asks whether DaVinci Resolve can use files in your Documents folder (that's where Nudge keeps your hours): press Allow. Then paste your licence key from your purchase page and press Activate. Your Mac asks once more, whether DaVinci Resolve can control System Events (that's how Nudge sees which app you're in): press Allow.

6. On Nudge's Setup tab, tick "Start with Resolve". From then on Nudge opens by itself when you open a project.

While Nudge is open there's a Nudge icon in your Dock. Click it to bring the tracker to the front, even from behind Resolve. It bounces and shows a badge when a question is waiting.

ALREADY HAD THE OCTOBER PREVIEW OF NUDGE INSTALLED?

Copy this Nudge.py over the old one in the same Scripts folder. Then close Nudge and open it again. Your hours are kept. It will ask for your licence key the first time.

New since the preview:

- A Quotes tab: each job's type, client, quoted price, budget, rate and finished length, the real hourly rate a fixed price is paying, and what to quote for the next job, worked out from the ones you've done. Ask AI... copies the page, without names, for your AI to write the quote.
- Budget, rate and client have moved from Reports to the Quotes tab.
- Revision rounds (Round... on the Breakdown tab), so an extra round shows up in the Time log as proof.
- Add time... has moved to the Breakdown tab, beside Round...
- Time on each timeline, in the Time log, so a main cut and its cutdowns can be billed apart.
- Round exports up to so many minutes, the way an invoice is written (Setup tab).
- The Overview and Breakdown follow the job open in Resolve, with a picker for any other job.
- With a full-screen viewer, like the Video Clean Feed, on a second monitor, Nudge keeps off that screen, so the picture is never disturbed.
- Windows: Nudge has its own taskbar button. Mac: a Nudge icon in the Dock.

- Only Resolve counts by itself. Time in any other app (After Effects, Photoshop, your browser, your email) is held until you come back, then Nudge asks: add it to this job, another job, or don't count it. It asks every time.
- Move to... on the Breakdown tab can move part of a line to another job. All jobs on the Overview tab shows active jobs, jobs over budget, and each editor's hours by week, month and year.
- Licence keys: the first open asks for your key. It's on your purchase page. Moving computers? Setup > Deactivate this computer frees the seat.

SYNCING BETWEEN COMPUTERS OR A TEAM

Nudge can keep your own two computers in step, or pool a whole team's hours on each job, through a shared folder that every computer can reach. It is tested on a shared folder on a server or NAS.

1. Make a folder on your server, for example "Nudge Hours". Every editor needs to be able to open it and save into it.

2. On each computer, open Nudge's Setup tab, paste the folder's full path into Team folder, press Save folder, then close Nudge and open it again. To copy the path on Windows, click in File Explorer's address bar. On a Mac, hold Option, right-click the folder in Finder and choose Copy "Nudge Hours" as Pathname.

Dropbox and Google Drive are not tested yet. They should work, but each computer needs the desktop app installed, the same shared folder added, and that folder set to stay on the computer (never online-only). Hours then reach the other computers once the folder has synced, not instantly. The full guide has the steps.

The full guide has more, including how to send a new version to every computer at once.

GOOD TO KNOW

- Your hours are saved in Documents > Resolve Time Tracker on your computer. Nothing is sent anywhere unless you set a team folder yourself.
- To close Nudge: press Close in the Nudge window first, then quit Resolve. If Resolve won't open again afterwards, it's still running in the background: on Windows press Ctrl + Shift + Esc, select DaVinci Resolve and press End task. On a Mac press Command + Option + Esc, select DaVinci Resolve and press Force Quit. Your hours are safe either way.
- Mac notifications: the Dock icon shows when a question is waiting. For banners too, tick "Also show Mac notifications" on the Setup tab.
- The Time log export is a CSV file. Excel, Numbers and Google Sheets open it, or the free Modern CSV (moderncsv.com).
- Moving to a new computer: on the old one, Setup > LICENCE row > Deactivate this computer (the orange button). That frees the seat on your key. Deleting the licence file by hand does not. If the old computer is gone, remove it on your Polar purchase page (polar.sh/nudgetimetracker/portal).
- To remove Nudge: on the Setup tab, press Deactivate this computer, untick "Start with Resolve" and "Remember what I work on when the tracker is off". Then delete Nudge.py from the Scripts folder above. Your saved hours stay in Documents > Resolve Time Tracker until you delete that folder.

IF SOMETHING DOESN'T WORK

Open the Setup tab and press Self check. It writes a short report and opens the folder it's saved in. Send the report and a screenshot to:

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We're happy to help.