# Camera Shot Size, Movement, & Angle

Based on Using Powerful Camera Angles and Shots for Filmmaking by D4Darius @YouTube
Based on The Meaning Behind Camera Movement! by Film Riot @YouTube
Based on Camera Movement Tutorial: How To Create Emotion by The Slanted Lens @YouTube
Based on Camera position and angle by learnaboutfilm.com

## Change Positions
It's important to use different shot sizes in your movie. It's a way of spelling things out, to make sure that people see exactly the things you want them to see. If you shoot everything in long shot (head to foot) people will probably miss details and expressions which would help them understand the story. - learnaboutfilm.com

## Shot Size (Position)
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- **MCU** Medium Close Up
- **CU** Close Up
- **ECU** Extreme Close Up
- **INSERT**
- **CUT AWAY**
- **POV** Point of View/Subjective Camera
- **OTS** Over The Shoulder
- **TWO SHOT**

## Feeling / Use / Effect
- **Establishing shot, people tiny & surroundings big** Loneliness or isolation / Show people together
- **Show the subject in relation to the surroundings** Interview shot, connect emotionally & with environ.
- **Shows the facial expressions of the subject** Captures facial expressions and emotions
- **Cutting to anything not in the main scene, phone call**
- **Seeing shot from someone’s point of view** Common for characters are having a discussion
- **Framing up two actors**

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One of the strongest tools we have as filmmakers is we get to decide where we want to position our camera in relation to our actors or our subjects. There is a lot of power in the camera angles you choose when shooting a scene. It can dramatically alter the emotional impact of the scene. – D4Darius

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- Show really strong emotions; ex: sadness, scary, etc.
- Used to emphasize a relevant object
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**CAMERA MOVEMENT** should emphasize emotion that we want to see in the scene. When the camera moves, it needs to move in relationship to someone or something and create the emotion that supports the story. - The Slanted Lens

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