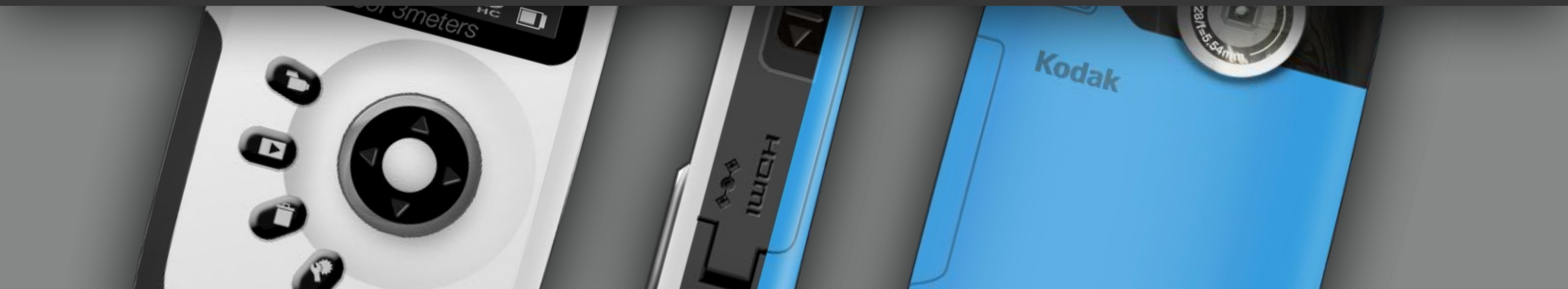
Masking a Video in Adobe After Effects CC



Topics Covered:

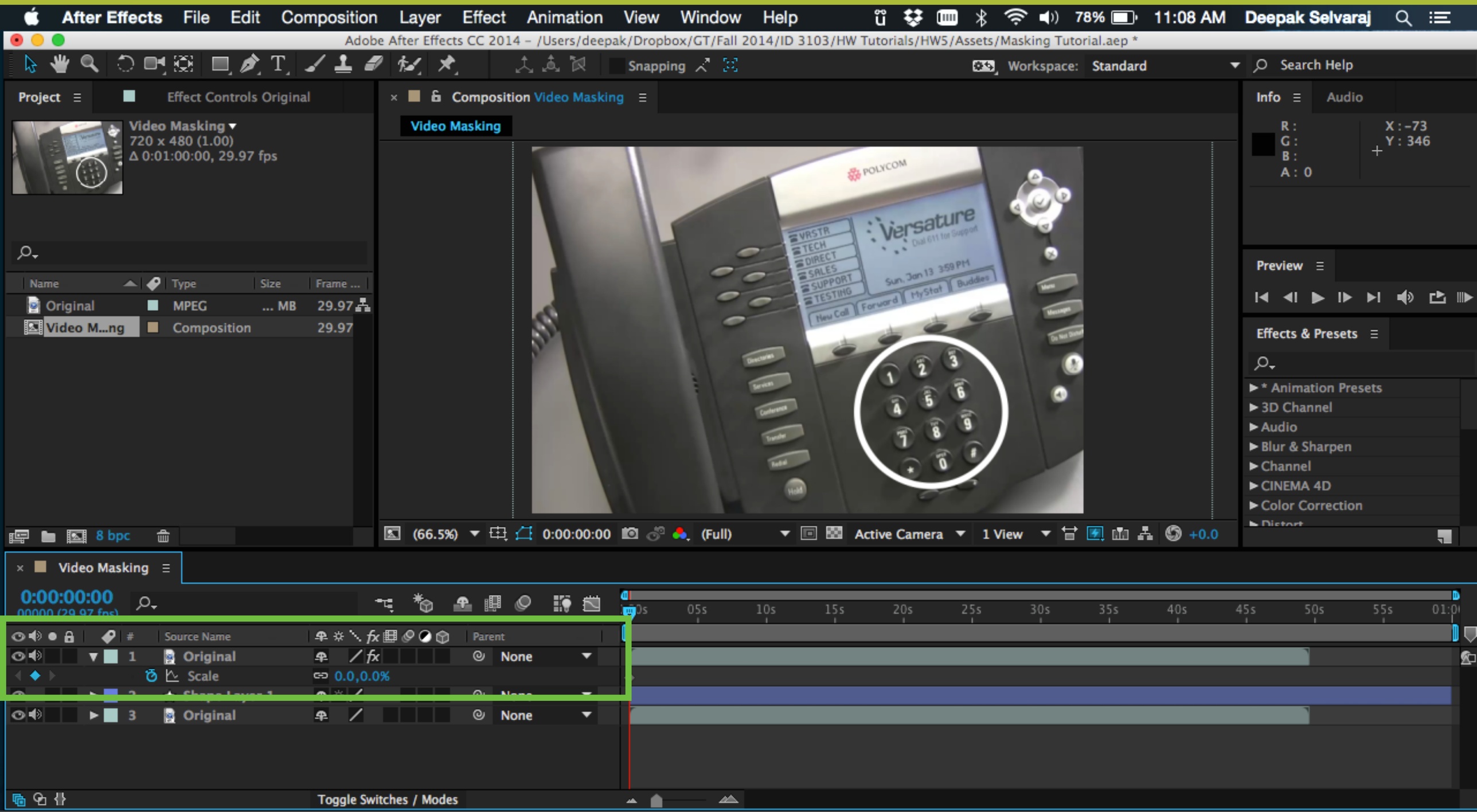
- Importing video clips into After Effects.
- Using the Shape Layer and Shape Tools.
- Creating a mask on a video clip.
- Creating a scale animation.
- Using the Drop Shadow effect.
- Rendering using Adobe Media Encoder CC.

In the Effects & Presets panel to the right, search for the Drop Shadow effect in the search toolbar.

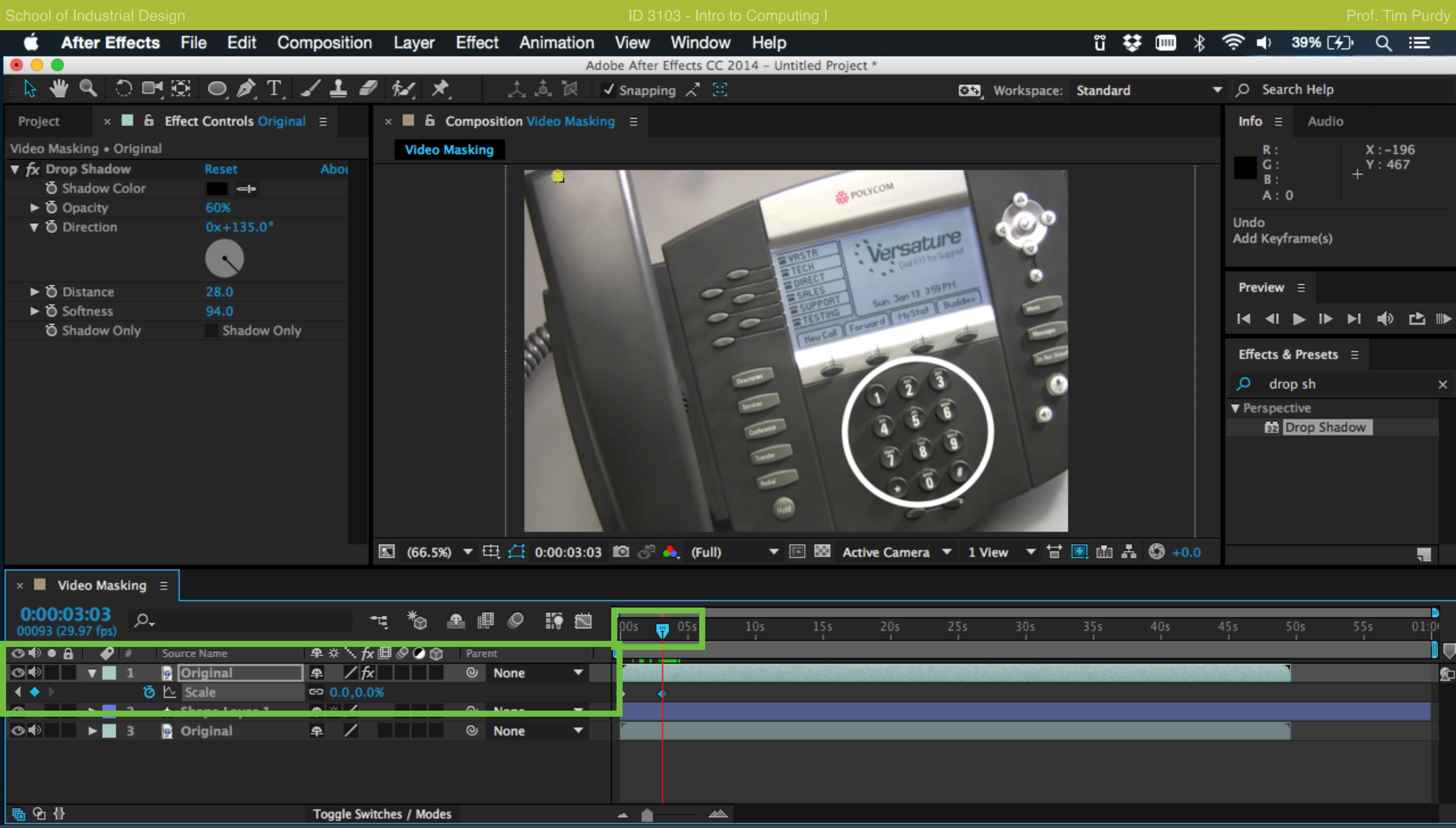
Drag and drop the effect from the Effects & Presets panel onto the masked video clip.

The Drop Shadow control panel is shown on the right.

Modify the values to apply a drop shadow effect under the masked video clip.



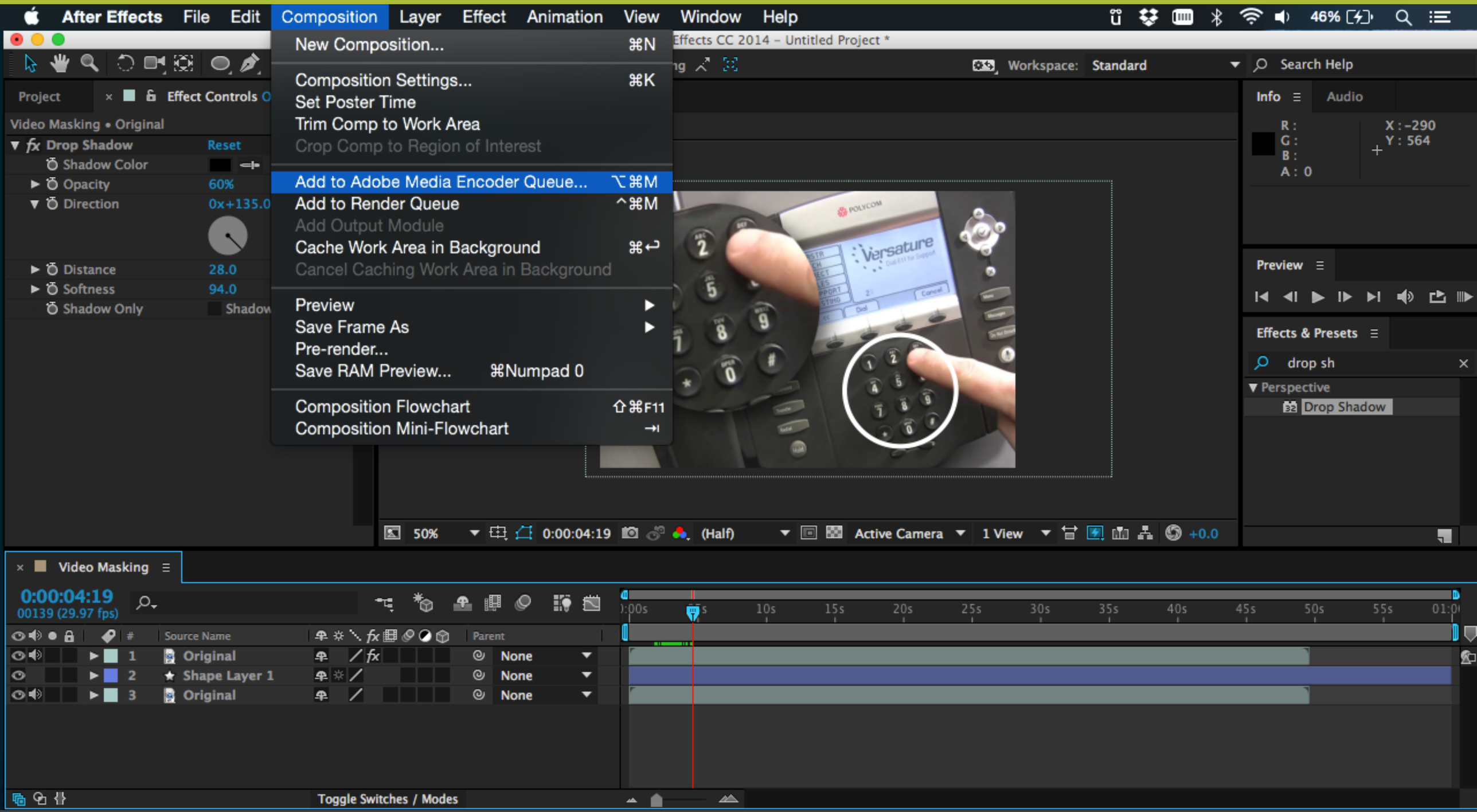
With the masked Original layer selected, press S to bring up the scale settings. Click the stopwatch icon to set a key frame and set the scale to 0%.



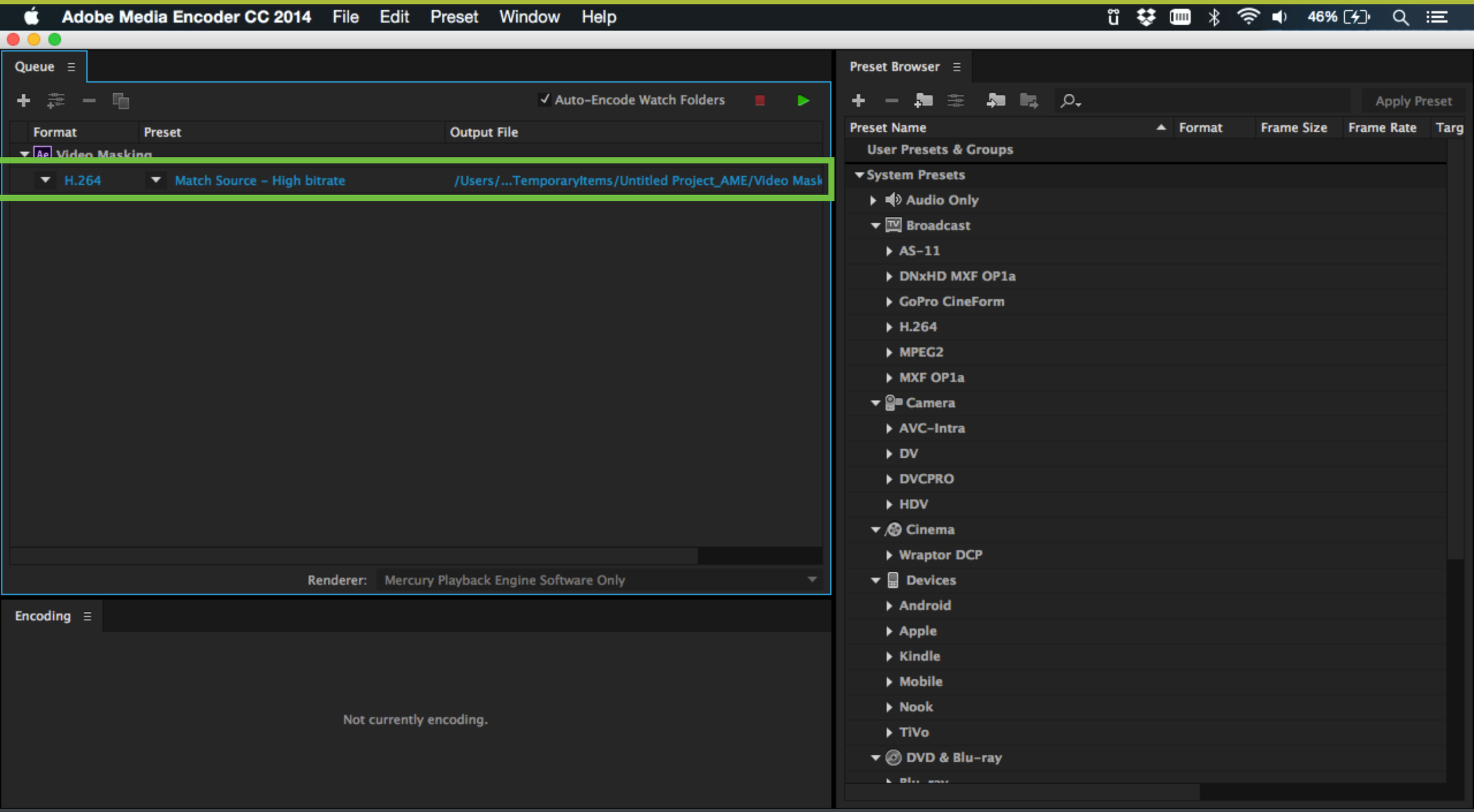
Move the scrubber a few seconds in the timeline and set another keyframe. This ensures that the zoomed view stays at 0% scale until 3 seconds.

Move the scrubber about one second from its current position and insert another keyframe by clicking on the diamond icon to the left.

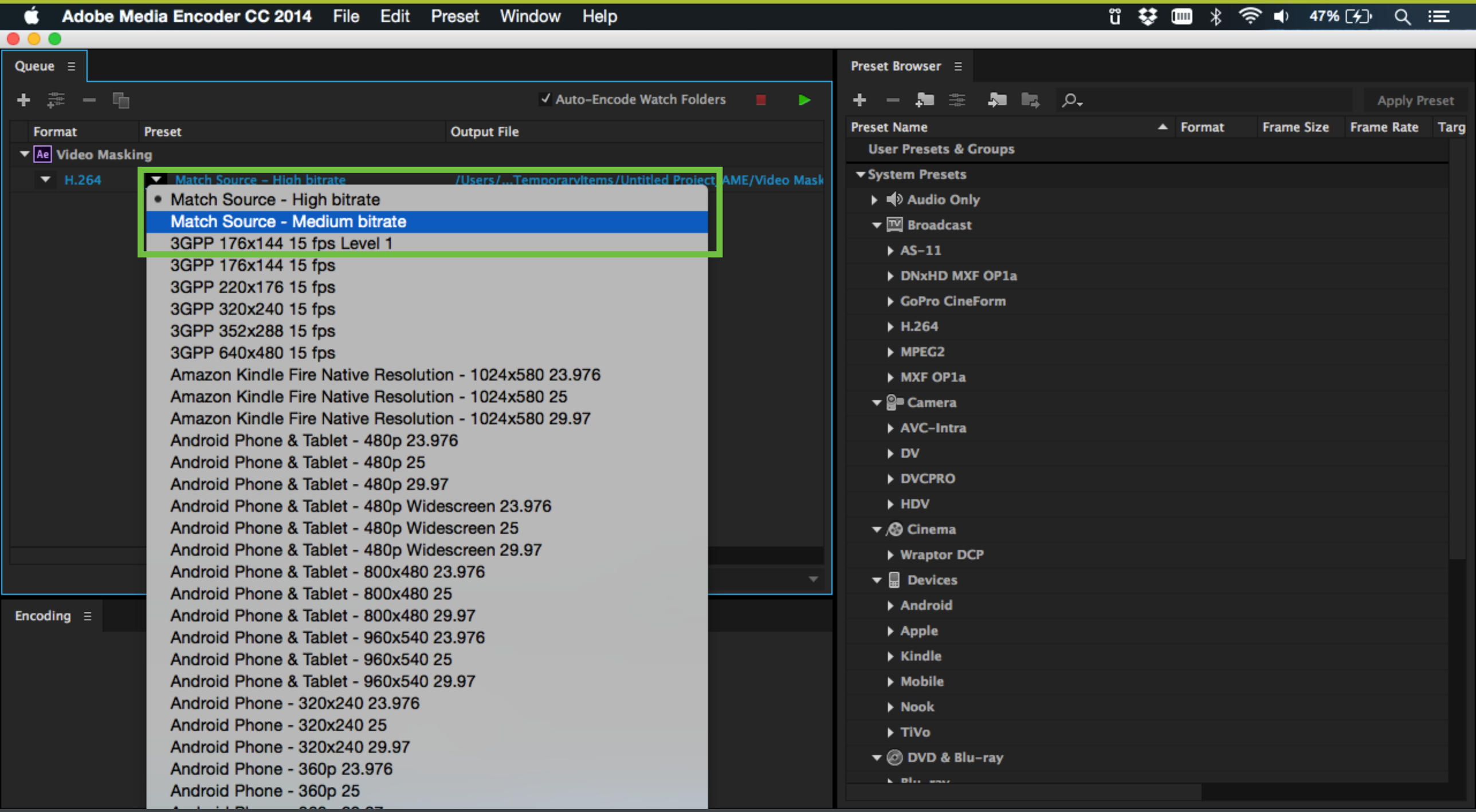
Set the scale back to its original value (85%). This creates an animation that scales the zoomed view form 0% to its full scale.



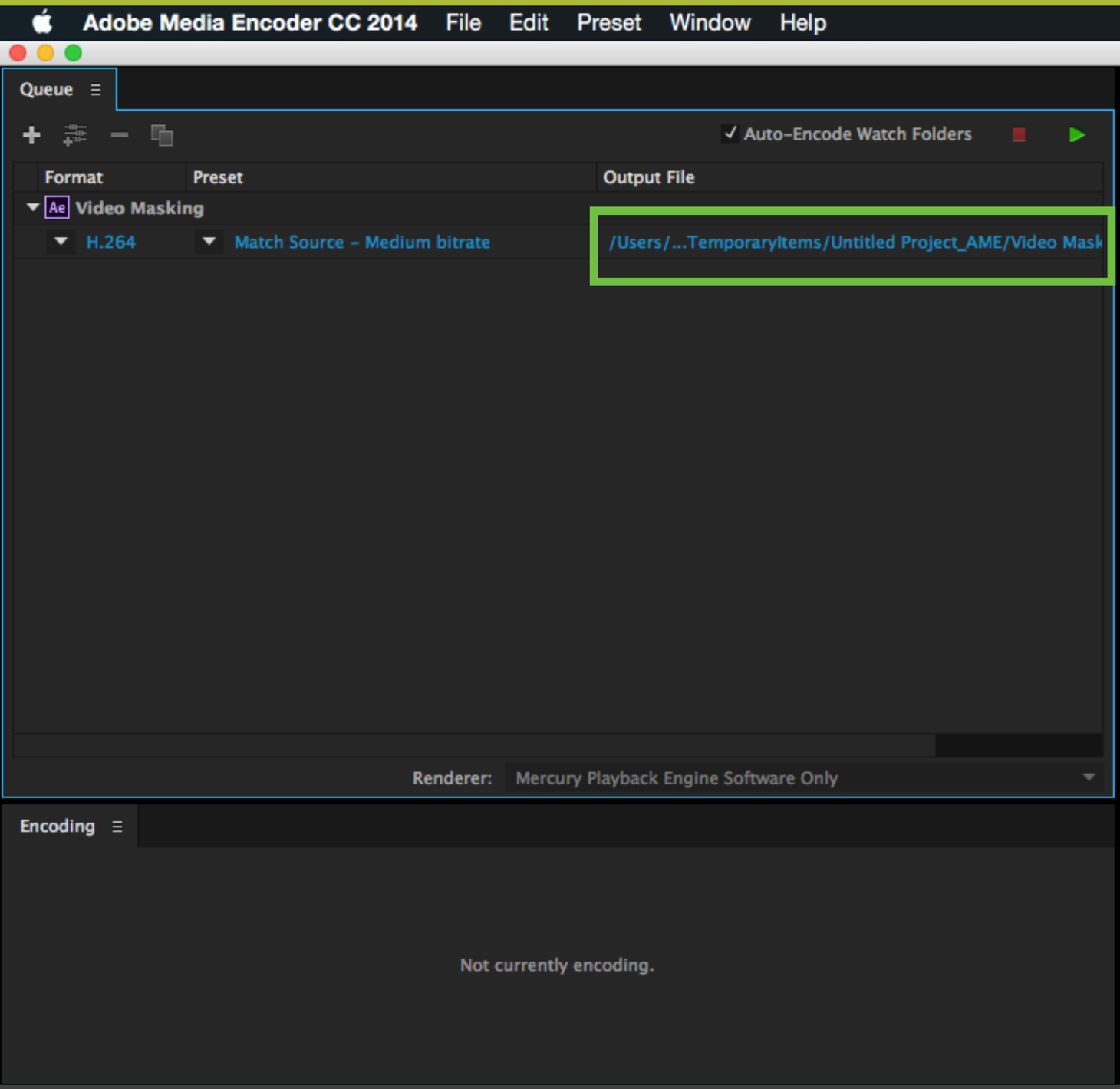
With the Video Masking composition selected, choose Composition > Add to Adobe Media Encoder Queue…



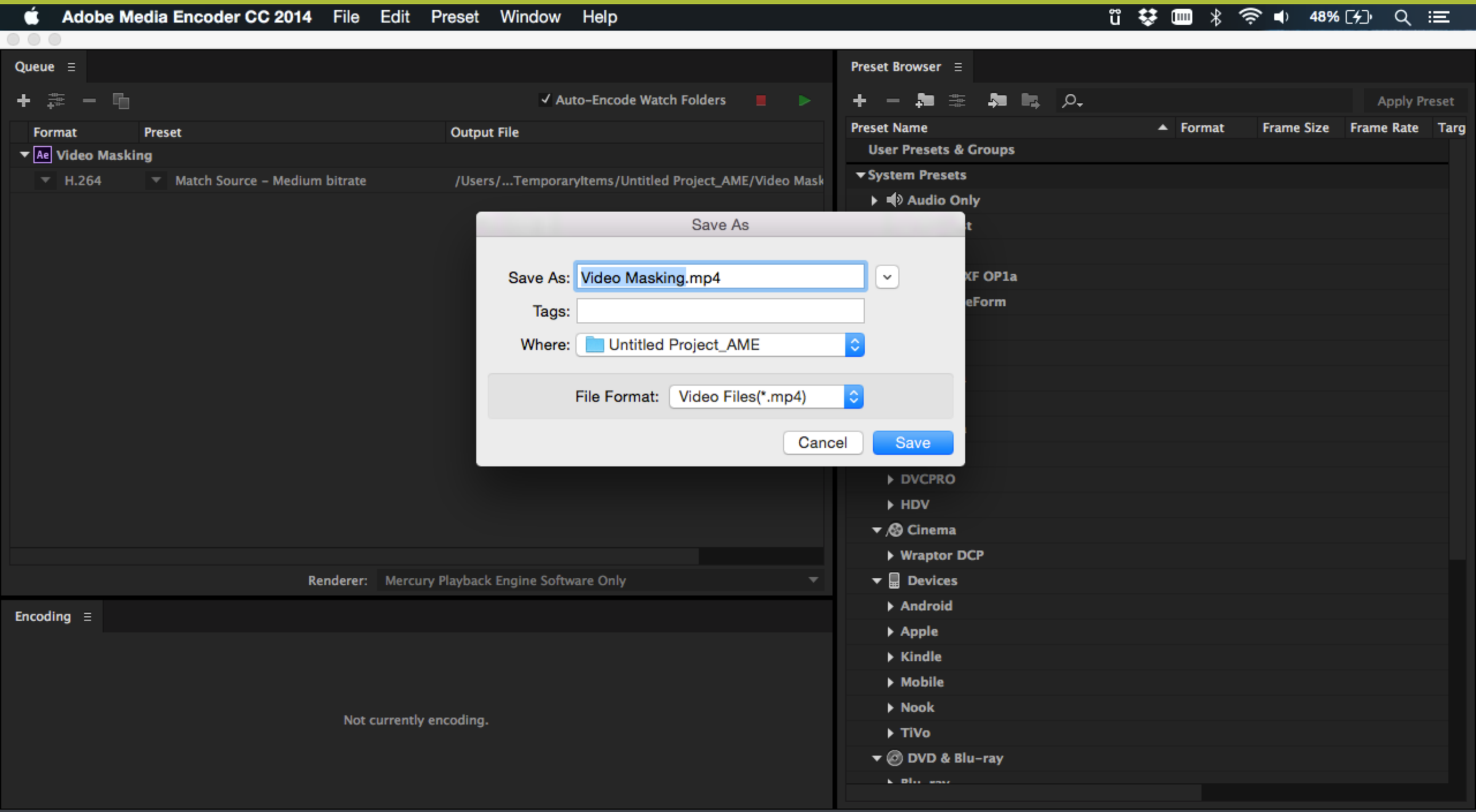
The Adobe Media Encoder opens with the current composition loaded in the render queue.



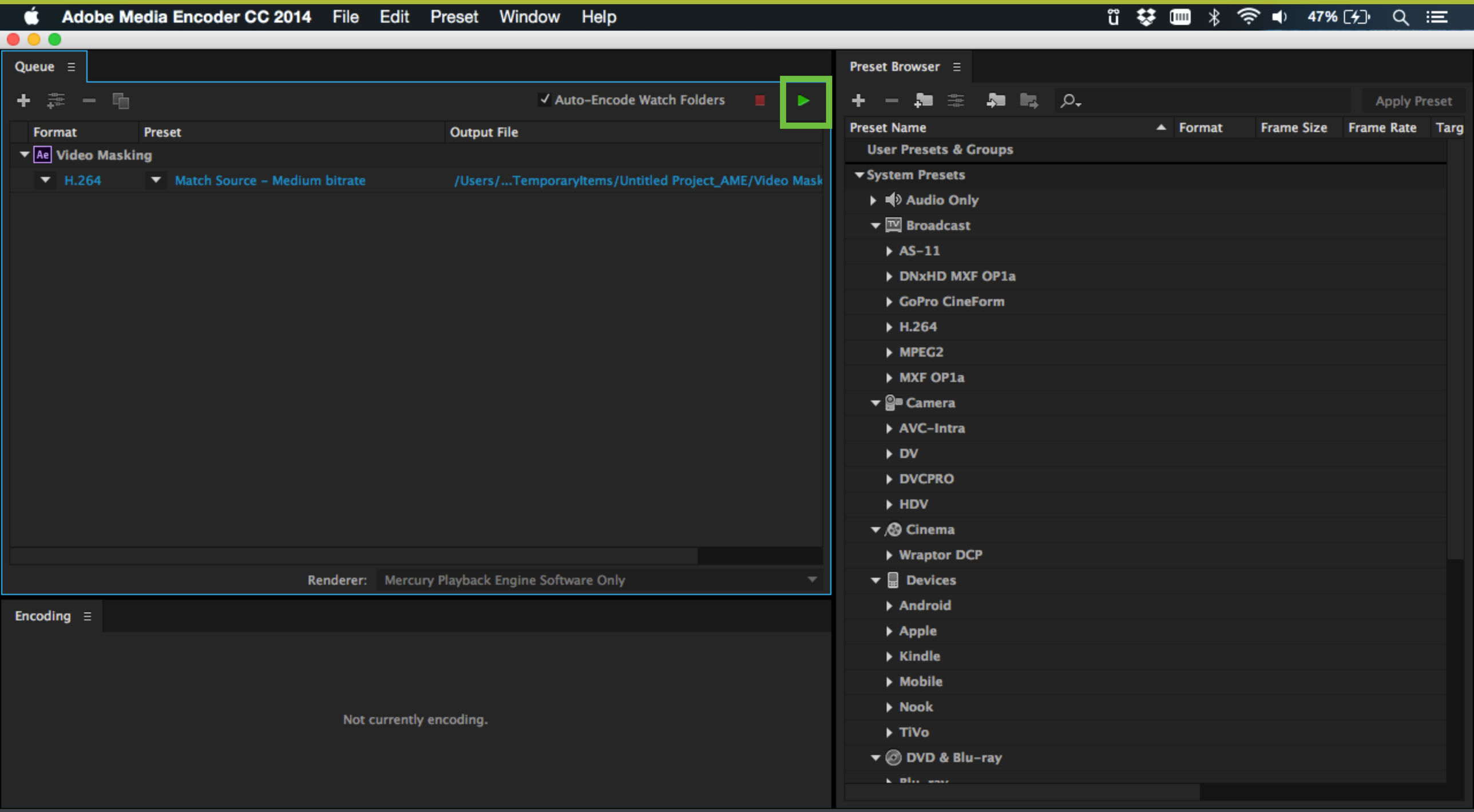
Under presets, choose ‘Match Source - Medium Bitrate’.



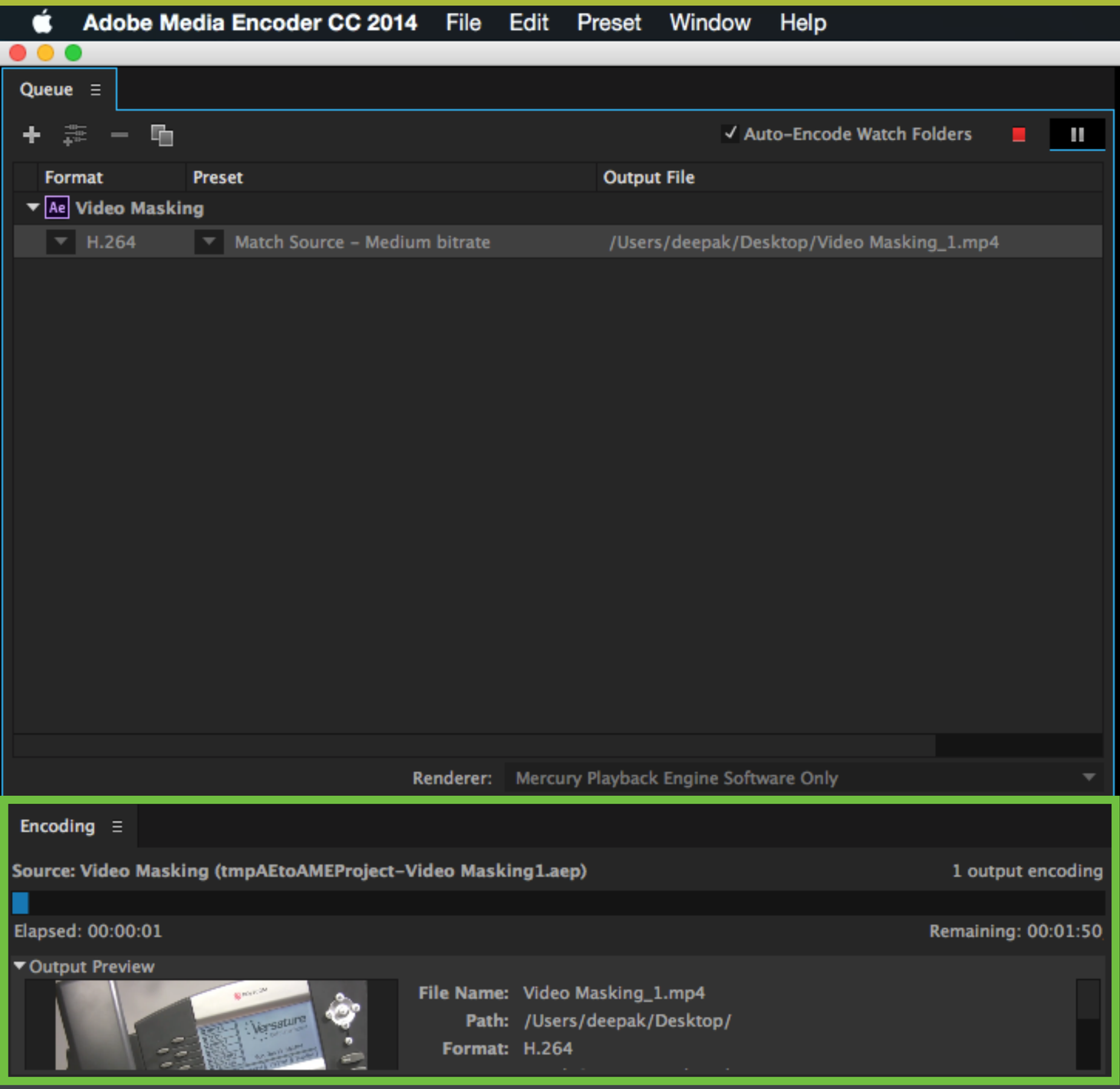
Click on the location under Output File to bring up the Save dialog box.



Enter a name and choose a location to save the file.



Click on the green play button to start the start the render.



The rendering progress and the estimated remaining time is shown in the Encoding panel. The file is saved in the specified location.