

Editing Your Video with Windows Movie Maker

Importing your video

1. Open Windows Movie Maker (Start>Programs>Accessories>Windows Movie Maker)
2. Choose 'Import Video' on the left side of the screen
3. Navigate to find your movie clips (hopefully in your student number folder).
4. Add clips to the storyboard at the bottom of the screen.

To add a title screen or credits to your movie

1. If you want to add a title before, after, or on top of a clip, click the clip on the storyboard or timeline.
2. In the **Movie Tasks** pane, under **Edit Movie**, click **Make titles or credits**.
3. Choose the type of title you want to add.
4. Click **Change the title animation**. Notice that you can choose between one-line titles, two-line titles, and credits, which can be many lines. You can use credits any time you need to display more than two lines of text, not just at the end of your video.
5. On the **Choose the Title Animation** page, browse through the different animations and watch them in the **Preview Monitor** to get an idea of what they'll look like. When you find the animation you want to use, click **Change the text font and color**.
6. On the **Select Title Font and Color** page, choose the color and font you want to use. If you're adding the title over a clip, use a dark font color for bright scenes and a light font color for dark scenes. Then click **Edit the title text**.
7. On the **Enter Text for Title** page, enter your text. Then click **Done** to add the title to your movie.
8. If prompted to switch to the timeline view, click **OK**.
9. In the **Preview Monitor**, click the **Play** button to see how your title will look in your video.
10. If you want to change your title (for example, to change the color of the text to make it more readable), right-click the title on the **Title Overlay** row of the timeline, and then click **Edit Title** on the shortcut menu.

Add music to your video

1. In the Movie Tasks pane in Movie Maker, under **Capture Video**, click **Import audio or music**.

2. In the **Import File** dialog box, click the name of the song you want to use in the background. Then click **Import**. This adds your song to your collection but does not add it to your video.
3. Drag the song from the collection to the video clip where you want the music to start playing.
4. If prompted to switch to timeline view, click **OK**.
5. Movie Maker shows your song on the timeline. If the song extends beyond the end of the movie, drag the right edge of the song so that it ends at the same time as your movie. Otherwise, the song will keep playing after your movie is done. It's a nice touch to have the music stop during a quiet spot so that it doesn't just stop abruptly.
6. Click **Play** in the **Preview Monitor** to watch your movie and listen to the background music.
7. If the background music is too loud or too soft in comparison to the movie, right-click the music on your timeline, and then click **Volume**. If the audio and music sound good, you can skip the next step.
8. In the **Audio Clip Volume** dialog box, move the slider to the left to make the music quieter, or to the right to make it louder. Then click **OK**. Return to step 6 to listen to the audio again and make another adjustment if necessary.

Add narration to your movie

1. Connect your computer to a microphone. If you are in the media center, ask at the circulation desk for one.
2. In Movie Maker, click the **Tools** menu, and then click **Narrate Timeline**.
3. If prompted to switch to timeline view, click **OK**.
4. On the timeline, click the clip you want to narrate. You can narrate clips one at a time, or you can narrate the entire movie all at once. If you narrate individual clips, you can rearrange them later and keep your narration synchronized.
5. Speak normally into your microphone, and adjust the **Input level** so that the bar is about halfway up when you are speaking.
6. Under **Narrate Timeline** click **Start Narration**.
7. Speak into your microphone as Movie Maker plays your movie. You can narrate your entire movie at once or just one clip at a time. When you're done narrating, click **Stop Narration**.
8. Movie Maker will save your narration as a separate file. In the **Save Windows Media File** dialog box, type a name for your narration. Then click **Save**.
9. Movie Maker adds your narration to your video. If you only narrated part of your video and you want to add narration to other clips, return to step 4.
10. Click **Play** in the **Preview Monitor** to watch your movie and listen to the narration.

11. If the narration is too loud or too soft in comparison to the movie, right-click the narration on your timeline, and then click **Volume**. If the audio and narration sound good, you can skip the next step.
12. In the **Audio Clip Volume** dialog box, move the slider to the left to make the narration quieter, or move it to the right to make it louder. Then click **OK**. Return to step 10 to listen to the narration again, and make another adjustment if necessary.
13. To delete narration so that you can re-record it, right-click the narration on the timeline, and then click **Delete**. You should also delete the narration from the collection.

Adding transitions

1. In the Movie Tasks pane, under Edit Movie, click View video transitions.
2. Preview transitions by double-clicking them and watching the Preview Monitor. Once you've found a transition you like, drag it from the Video Transitions pane, under Edit Movie pane to the box between two of your clips. This inserts the transition between the two clips.
3. In the Preview Monitor, click the Video Transitions pane, under Play button to watch your transition in action. If you don't like it, just return to the previous step to replace it with a different transition.
4. If you decide not to use any transition, right-click it on the storyboard, and click Delete.
5. **Note:** Transitions cause your video clips to overlap by about one second, which means you won't see all of the first or last second of your clip.

Special effects

You can use special effects to change how your clips play in several different ways:

- Speed up a clip using **Speed Up, Double**, or slow down a clip using **Slow Down, Half**.
- Zoom in using **Ease In**, or zoom out using **Ease Out**.
- Make a clip appear older by using **Sepia Tone, Film Age**, or **Grayscale**.
- Rotate a clip using one of the **Rotate** effects (perfect if someone accidentally holds the camera sideways).
- Fade in using one of the **Fade In** effects, or fade out using one of the **Fade Out** effects.
- Fix exposure problems using **Brightness, Decrease** or **Brightness, Increase**.

To add a special effect

1. In the Movie Tasks pane, under Edit Movie click View video effects.
2. Preview effects by double-clicking them and watching the Preview Monitor. Once you've found an effect you like, drag it from the Video Effects pane to one of your clips. This adds

the effect to the clip, which you can see by looking at the star in the lower-left corner of the clip.

3. In the Preview Monitor, click the Play button to watch your effect in action.
4. You can add more than one effect to a clip. For example, if you want to both brighten a clip and add a zoom effect, you can add Ease In and Brightness, Increase. You can also add a single effect multiple times to increase the effect. For example, add multiple Brightness, Increase effects to brighten a scene even more, or add two Speed Up Double effects to quadruple the speed of a clip.
5. If you don't like the effect, right-click the star icon in the lower-left corner of the clip, and click Delete Effects.