

# Windows Movie Maker

Presented by Julie Anderson, January 2011

## Plan the Video Project

1. What is the purpose of the project?
2. What do I want to do with the finished movie? (School web site? YouTube? Just play it on my computer? Burn it onto a DVD?)
3. What video clips and/or pictures will I use? (Storyboard the project!)
4. Will I narrate the project?
5. Do I need background music?

## Location of Files

- You will have the best results if ALL files needed for your project are saved in the same folder (that includes the project file, plus the video clips, pictures, background music, and narrations—and then the “rendered” movie too.)
  - Changing the location of the original files after they’ve been imported into Windows Movie Maker will “break the connection” and you will need to reconnect the moved files.

## Windows Movie Maker – Quick Overview

1. Pictures, video clips and music are imported into the “Collections”
2. Drag the pictures/video clips to the Storyboard/Timeline in the desired order
  - a. Storyboard and Timeline occupy the same space at the bottom of the screen
  - b. Storyboard is a great place to build the movie – it’s a much simpler view. It shows clips, transitions and effects in a line. (You are limited on what can be completed in this view.)
  - c. The Timeline shows the parts of the movie in relation to time. Split into “tracks.” Shows not only the main picture/video track, but also the transitions, audio tracks and title overlays. More of your advanced edits need to be completed in this view.
3. Work in the Storyboard/Timeline area to rearrange pictures or video clips or trim clips.
4. Use the **Edit Movie** section (on the left) to add video effects, transitions and titles.
5. Add music to your project by dragging it from the Collections to the Timeline.
6. Narrate your project using the microphone button (right above, left side of the Storyboard/Timeline)
7. When the project is complete, you need to **Finish the Movie**. This “renders” it into a format that can be placed on a web page, attached to an e-mail, burned to a DVD, or played through your computer (through a program like Windows Media Player).

## Tutorials for Windows Movie Maker

Depending on your computer operating system, you may have a different version of Movie Maker. Windows 7 computers will use the updated version called **Windows Live MovieMaker**, a free download from Microsoft.

### Get Started with Windows Movie Maker

- XP: <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/moviemaker/getstarted>
- Vista: <http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-vista/Getting-started-with-Windows-Movie-Maker>
- Windows Live (7): <http://explore.live.com/windows-live-movie-maker-get-started>

### Windows Movie Maker 2, Atomic Learning

- <http://www.atomiclearning.com/k12/moviemaker2>

### Working with Video, Hokanson's Instructional Technology page

- <http://hokanson.pbworks.com/w/page/11432572/Working-With-Video>

### How to Use Windows Movie Maker 2

- <http://www.windowsmoviemakers.net/Tutorials/HowToMovieMaker.aspx>

### Windows Movie Maker 2 Handouts, Davis School District, Farmington, Utah

- <http://www.davis.k12.ut.us/district/etc/paul/moviemaker.html>

## Video Conversion Software

Different cameras capture video in different formats. MovieMaker only recognizes certain formats (.avi, .mpg, .mpeg, .mpe, .wm, .wmv, .asf). So it may be necessary to convert your video clips **before** you import them into MovieMaker.

### YouTube Downloader

- <http://youtubedownload.altervista.org>

### Free Video Converter

- <http://www.koyotesoft.com>