

Windows Movie Maker Directions

Capturing Video from Digital Video Camera

1. Be sure to rewind video before capturing
2. Open Windows Movie Maker
3. Attach camera to machine using firewire cable
4. Choose capture video from digital video camera (from taskbar on left)
(follow the prompts and let the video load into the program – it will load in the “my video” folder by default)

Now import digital pictures from camera

1. Attach camera to USB port on the front of the computer
(a wizard will come up to help you load pictures – follow the prompts – load pictures in “my pictures” folder)
2. In Movie Maker choose import pictures (from taskbar on left)

Making a Movie with Movie Maker

On the bottom you can view your work as a “storyboard” or as a “timeline”. The “storyboard” view is easy to use for adding the titles, pictures, videos and transitions. When you want to add audio, music or narrations, you must be in “timeline” view.

Start by playing the video clips

1. Notice the “split” button on the right (under the preview area). You can split video clips to take off unnecessary or bad sections of video! (It is my hint to leave a little blank time before and after each video clip – to allow for transitions and effects you may want to put in later)
2. Once you have the video clips how you want them, you can drag them down onto the timeline or storyboard view (drag them there in the order you want them)
3. Also drag the still pictures down onto the timeline or storyboard (again in the order you want them)

Now you can add a Title at the beginning of the video (click on titles & credits on left taskbar)

1. Choose title at the beginning
2. Enter the text of the title (example: To Teach or Not to Teach)
3. Now click the link to change title animation (click on the different choices and see the preview on the right – choose the one you like)
4. Click change text and font color link (make the changes that you desire)
5. Finally choose “add title”
6. You can also add credits at the end of the video

Adding transitions (how one part of the movie changes to the next part of the movie)

You are limited to only 2 transitions – these take up lots of memory and cause problems if you have too many of these!)

1. Choose transitions (on the left taskbar)
2. Click on the transition to view what it does
3. Drag the transition to the location you would like it
4. Now view the movie to see if you like it (put cursor where you want to start and click the play button under the preview window)

Adding narrations to your video

1. To add narrations you will need a microphone and a set of speakers (get them from the teacher)
2. You must be in Timeline view
3. Click the cursor where you want the narration to start
4. Click the timeline down arrow – and choose narrate timeline
5. Click start narration – speak into the microphone
6. When done click – stop narration
7. Save and close (your narration will automatically be put in the audio/music line – where your cursor was)
8. Now you can adjust the length of the video or picture or you can move the narration to get things in the correct spot for your movie

Adding music to your video

1. We are using music clips from a website called “soundzabound” – it has copyright free music for us to use. <http://www.soundzabound.com/mambo/>
2. Click “customer downloads” link on the left
3. Click “login” (on upper right corner)
4. Type in our Login and Password (the same one we use for online resources from Grantwood)
5. Click on one of the volume buttons (see descriptions of music types)
6. Click on one of the categories
7. Left click on the music note to hear the music play (notice different lengths)
8. Right click on the music note – choose “save target as” - when you are ready to download a song
9. Put it in the “my music” folder
10. Now in Movie Maker – choose “audio/music” (on the left task bar)
11. Go to the “my music” folder and choose the music you want
12. Now you can drag your music to the correct place on the timeline (again you can shorten the music – by resizing it from the right end – if the song is too long)

Now you are ready to make the movie

1. Get everything just how you want it in Movie Maker
2. Be sure you have all the requirements you need (2 still pictures, 2 video clips, length 1-2 minutes)
3. Choose Save to “this computer” (on the taskbar on the left)
4. Name the file: your last names and career commercial – example: Gierut Lynn career commercial)
5. Store it in “my videos” folder
6. Leave the default (best quality for playback on the computer) and finish
7. When it is done you have created your “Career Commercial” Movie