

Windows Movie Maker tutorial
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1. Know where to find the content you want to import. (IMPORTANT: If you are uploading content from a Flip Camera you need to save the files onto the computer or a flash drive BEFORE you import them into Movie Maker.) It is helpful to save everything – video, audio, photo and project files – in one folder.
2. Open Windows Movie Maker
3. Save Project As... (save in folder you created). This file serves only as a timeline/storyboard for the content and is for editing purposes only. It DOES NOT save the source material. The source material should already be saved in the same folder as your project file.
4. Save files at <http://www.com.washington.edu/Program/irc/coursefiles.html>
5. File – Import into Collections: This tells Movie Maker what files you want to work with (video, audio or photos). When Movie Maker imports video it automatically breaks it into smaller clips. If you prefer to have one or more larger clips select the clips you would like to group together by holding the shift key and clicking, right click, combine.
6. Drag the clip(s) you want to use to the timeline or storyboard.
Timeline: Shows the clips and their lengths.
Storyboard: Shows the clips and their relation to each other.
7. Click the space bar to start/stop your movie.
8. Expand video track by clicking on plus sign. This will show you the video and audio track in addition to any transitions you have added.
9. Zoom in on timeline by using magnifying glass
10. 2 ways to trim clip: (1) Click and drag from either end. (2) When time indicator is at the point you want to trim click “Set start trim point” or “set end trim point” under Clip.
11. You can split a clip by putting the time indicator where you want to split it, go to clip, split. This feature is also available on the preview monitor. SAVE EARLY AND OFTEN
12. **Transition** (fade): Applies to two clips. **Effect** (fade in/fade out under Clip): Applies to individual clip. Both transitions and effects can be applied by dragging them to the timeline.
13. Add audio/music track: This would be where music or narration would go. If you only want the audio from a video clip you can put it in the audio track of the timeline. You can adjust the levels and mute the audio with right-click, volume.
14. Record narration: You can plug a microphone into the computer and record the timeline directly into Movie Maker. Put the time indicator where you want to start recording, hit the microphone button, click Start Narration. Stop narration when you are done.
15. Titles and credits: Go to Tools, titles and credits. Select the type of title you want, the type of animation you want and the text font and color. Click Done. If you want the title over your movie, drag it to the bottom track called title overlay.
16. Saving your movie as a .wmv: File, Save Movie File (Ctrl-P), save your movie to the computer, tell WMM where you want to save your movie, use recommended settings or customize settings, click Next, your movie will save. This may take awhile, especially if you use several transitions and effects.

Exercise: Create a 30-second movie with the clips provided using video, audio, at least one title, and at least one transition.

Resources for advanced video editing (Premiere, Final Cut or Avid):
catalyst.washington.edu/workshops/video.html