
DIGITAL MOVIE MAKING II

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EDITING A MOVIE

■ Creating Clips

- ❑ You might want to create several smaller, more manageable clips from a single existing video clip to make it easier to work with your project.
- ❑ Windows Movie Maker creates clips in different ways, depending on the clip's source.
- ❑ If the source clip is from a digital video (DV) camera, Windows Movie Maker creates clips that are based on the time stamps that the DV camera inserts when the source video is originally recorded, as well as significant frame changes in the video.

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■ Adding Movie Titles, Caption and Credits

- With Windows Live Movie Maker, you can add a title, your name, the date, credits, and other text to your movie.
 - For example, you might want to add a title to introduce a person or scene that appears in your movie.
- You can add title text to various places in your movie: at the beginning or end, before or after a clip, or overlaying a clip.
- The title plays for the specified amount of time, either on the screen by itself or overlaying the video as it plays (caption), and then the title disappears and the video clip or picture continues.

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■ Adding Movie Titles

1. If you know where you want the title or credit to appear in your movie, click that location on the SB/TL (Storyboard/Timeline) Hybrid.
2. Click **Home**, and then click **Title**.
3. In the Enter text for title box, type the text that you want to appear as the title.
4. After you type the text, the preview displays the default animation and format for the title you want to add.

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5. To change the title animation, click an effect under the **Effects** section.
6. To change the font and color for your title, click the options under the **Paragraph** and **Font** sections and set the appropriate options to modify the font, font color, formatting, background color, transparency, font size, and position of the title to your liking.

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■ Adding Movie Credits

1. If you know where you want the title or credit to appear in your movie, click that location on the SB/TL (Storyboard/Timeline) Hybrid (Typically at the end).
2. Click **Home**, and then click the arrow next to **Credits**. This brings up a list
3. Click the desired type of credits that you want.
4. In the Enter text for title box, type the text that you want to appear as the credits.

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5. After you type the text, the preview displays the default animation and format for the title you want to add
6. To change the title animation, click an effect under the **Effects** section.
7. To change the font and color for your title, click the options under the **Paragraph** and **Font** sections and set the appropriate options to modify the font, font color, formatting, background color, transparency, font size, and position of the title to your liking.

PRACTICE #1

1. Add a title at the beginning of the movie and give it a meaningful name (e.g. Computers in Education)
2. Add credits at the end of the movie. The first line should say credits.
3. Subsequent lines must include category for Video Editing and your name should be associated with it.
4. The final line type “Thank you for watching”.

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■ Adding Transitions/Effects

- ❑ A transition controls how your movie plays from one video clip or picture to the next.
- ❑ You can add a transition between two pictures, video clips, or titles in any combination on the storyboard/timeline.
- ❑ You might choose to use a popular and great-looking transition like **Cinematic**.

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- ❑ Or you might choose to use more brash transitions, such as, **Split Vertical**, or **Diamond** (to name just a few).
- ❑ You can improve your moviemaking by adding your own special touches to make your movies look distinctive and professional.
- ❑ By adding transitions and effects, you can make sure that your movie flows nicely from one scene to the next and give it the look you want.

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■ Adding Transitions

□ Follow these steps:

1. On the SB/TL, click the second of the two video clips, titles, or pictures that you want to add a transition between.
2. Click the **Animations** tab, and then click on a **transition**.
3. You can click **Play** under the monitor to see a preview of what the transition looks like.
4. Set the duration for the transition. It has a preset time, but you can change it if you wish.
5. If you have multiple video clips and you wish to use the same transition between clips, then click **Apply to all**.

PRACTICE #2

1. Put a transition between all your clips.
Experiment with several ones
2. Re-save your project.

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■ Adding Effects

- Effects enable you to add special effects to your movie.
 - For example, you might have an imported video that you want to look and feel like a classic, old-time movie.
 - If so, you could add one of the Film Age effects to a video clip, picture, or title to make the video for that clip look like an old-time movie.
- Follow these steps:
 1. On the SB/TL, select the video clip, picture, or title to which you want to add the effect.
 2. Click the **Visual Effects** tab.
 3. In the **Effects** group, click the effect you want to add. You can click **Play** under the preview monitor to see a preview of what the effect looks like.

PRACTICE #3

1. Put a **Cinematic-blur** effect in your Title clip.
2. For the next clip, select the **Wipe Right Narrow**
3. Incorporate effects to your other clips accordingly.
4. Re-save your project.

PRACTICE #4

1. Using Audacity, create a brief narration for the title clip introducing yourself and stating the topic of the video. No more than 30 seconds.
2. If the narration ends up to be longer than the duration of the title clip, adjust the latter accordingly.
3. Re-save the project.

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■ Adding Music

- ❑ Music can be an excellent way to establish the mood of your movie, and adding music is easy in Windows Movie Maker
 - ❑ Follow these steps:
 1. Select the approximate location of where you want the song.
 2. Click **Home**, and then click **Add Music**.
 3. Browse to the file that you want to add, and then click the file.
 4. Click **Open**.
 5. You can change the duration of the song to synchronize with the video.
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PRACTICE #5

1. Import **Mystery.mp3** from Wikispaces into your project.
2. Add it to the timeline. It should start at the title clip. Adjust accordingly.
3. Re-save your project.

USING PICTURES FROM VIDEO FRAMES

- You can take a picture of an individual frame from an imported video clip in Windows Movie Maker and then use that picture in your movie as a still picture.
- Pictures that you take from video clips in Windows Movie Maker are automatically saved as JPEG files, with a .jpg file name extension.
- Follow these steps:
 1. Click the video clip that you want to take a picture from.

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2. Under the monitor, drag the playback indicator on the seek bar to the frame of the video that you want to capture as a picture. You can use the Next Frame and Previous Frame buttons under the preview monitor to find the exact frame that you want.
3. In the **Home** tab click **Snapshot**.
4. Browse for a location where to save the picture.
5. Type a name for the picture file, and then click **Save**.

CHANGING ASPECT RATIO

- You can create videos with two types of aspect ratios: widescreen (16:9) and standard (4:3)
- You have to decide what is going to be the likely source for watching the video (e.g. widescreen video is good for certain laptops, iPods, and such.)
- Follow these steps:
 1. Click **Project** and then click **Properties**.
 2. Select Widescreen or Standard.

PRACTICE #6

1. Change your project to widescreen.
2. Re-save your project.

PREVIEW A PROJECT

- You can preview whole projects or smaller components such as audio or video clips, transitions, and effects in Windows Movie Maker.
- Periodically previewing a project in the monitor as you work on it is useful to see how it looks and sounds and to check your editing.
- Or, to ensure that you have imported the content that you want to use in your movie or to change individual clips, you can view or listen to an individual video or audio clip.
- You can also preview video effects and transitions to see what they look like before you add them to your project. To do this, click an effect or transition in the Contents pane, and then click Play under the preview monitor.

PREVIEW A PROJECT

- Follow these steps:
 - ❑ Add one or more clips to the SB/TL, if you don't have them already.
 - ❑ Click the **Play** button to start the preview.
 - ❑ You can use previous frame or next frame buttons to slowly move back/forward a frame.

SAVING AND PUBLISHING A MOVIE

- When you finish working on a project, you can publish the project as a movie.
- A movie is a Windows Media file with a .wmv file name extension or an Audio-Video Interleaved (AVI) file with an .avi file name extension.
- When you publish a movie in Windows Movie Maker, you can share it with others in a number of ways such as (to name a few):
 - ❑ through your computer
 - ❑ recordable DVD
 - ❑ attachment in an e-mail message
 - ❑ Windows phone.

SAVING AND PUBLISHING A MOVIE IN COMPUTER

1. In the **Home** tab, click **Save Movie** button in the Finish Movie section.
2. Select the recipient for your video (e.g. computer, DVD, etc.)
3. In the File name box, type a name for your movie.
4. In the box below, choose where you want to save your movie once it's published.
5. Click **Save**. The movie file will be generated and it may take several seconds or minutes.

PRACTICE #8

- You have been asked to produce a movie related to the Amazon rainforest for one of your school classes. You have several resource files at your disposal.
 1. Go to the class wiki and download the Amazon videos to your disk. Make sure to watch them once. The video files are:
 - Amazon animals
 - Amazon plants
 - Amazon explorers
 2. Download the audio file **Amazon audio master.mp3** into your disk. Make sure to listen to the file once.

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3. Synchronize the amazon animals' video clip with the amazon audio master. Do the necessary editing.
4. Incorporate the plants and explorers video creatively in your production.
5. Produce the video as a wmv file called AmazonSchoolMovie.wmv