

WINDOWS MOVIE MAKER

What you will need:

- Video/Picture content (from a video camera, digital camera, or image files)
- Microsoft Windows XP with Service Pack 2, which includes Movie Maker 2.1
- Enough disk space to save your files

NOTE: If using a video camera, hook it up to your computer, preferably via a FireWire cable.

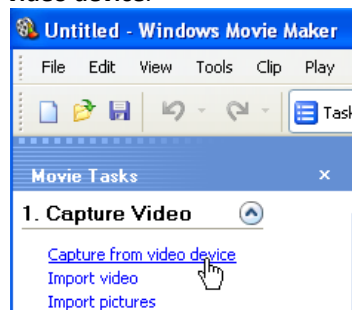
STEP 1: LAUNCH MOVIE MAKER

If unable to locate the program, do the following:

- Double-click on **My Computer** or go to **Start** and select **My Computer**. (Vista users-click the **Start** button and select **Computer**).
- Double-click on the **C: drive**.
- Double-click on the **Program Files** folder.
- Double-click on the **Movie Maker** Folder.
- The icon with the movie reel and film should be located in the folder.
- To add the icon to the desktop, right-click the icon, select **Send To**, and choose **Desktop (create shortcut)**.

STEP 2: IMPORT MEDIA

- To capture video from a video camera, under **1. Capture Video**, select **Capture from video device**.

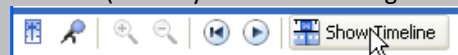


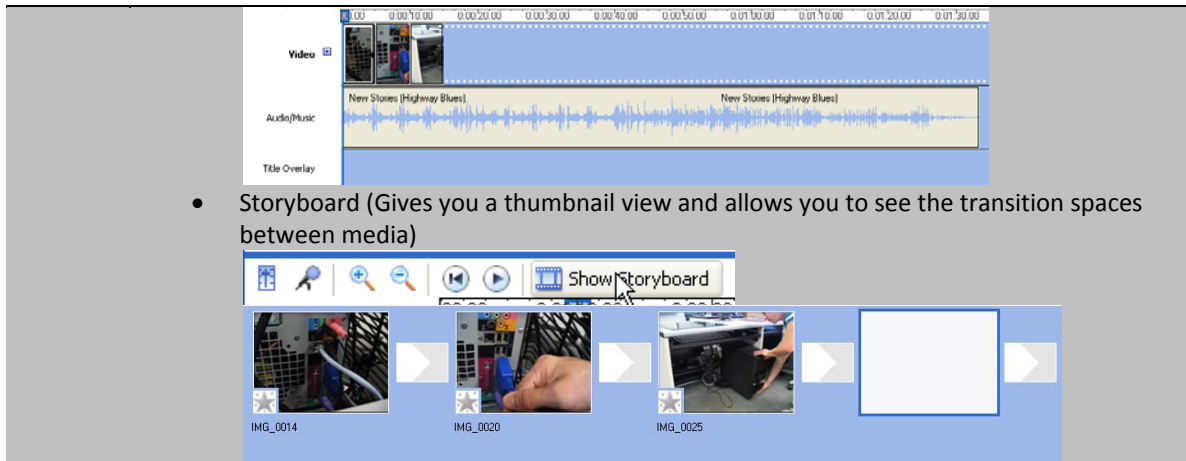
- Make certain that the camera is connected to the computer (preferably via a FireWire cable).
 - Turn the camera to **VCR/Play** mode.
 - Determine whether you want to capture it **manually** (to choose start and stop points) or **automatically** (to capture the entire recorded tape).
- Also check the box next to **create clips automatically** if you wish to do so.
- To import video saved on a disk drive, under **1. Capture Video**, select **Import video**.
- To import pictures saved on a disk drive, under **1. Capture Video**, select **Import pictures**.
- To import an audio file saved on a disk drive, under **1. Capture Video**, select **Import audio or music**.

STEP 3: CHOOSE A VIEW

You can either choose between the Timeline view or Storyboard view.

- Timeline (Allows you to see the lengths of media clips)

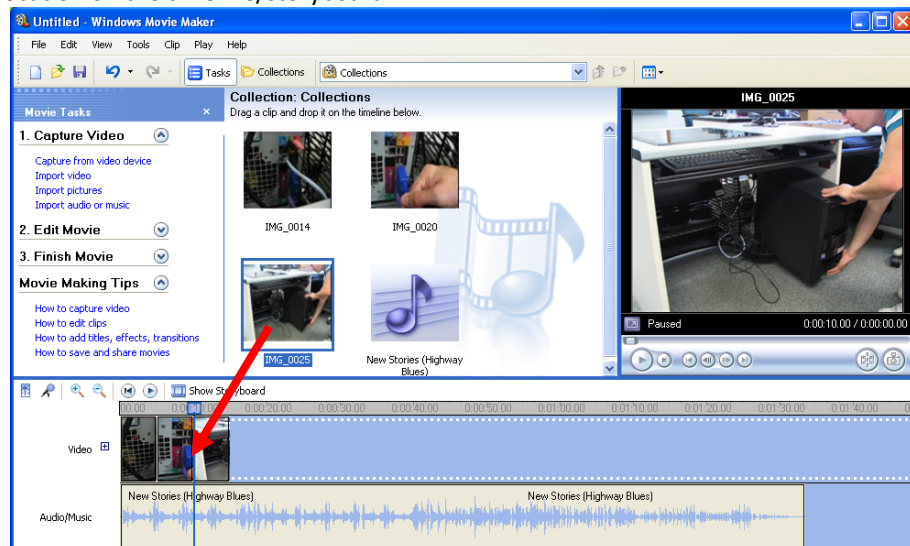




- Storyboard (Gives you a thumbnail view and allows you to see the transition spaces between media)

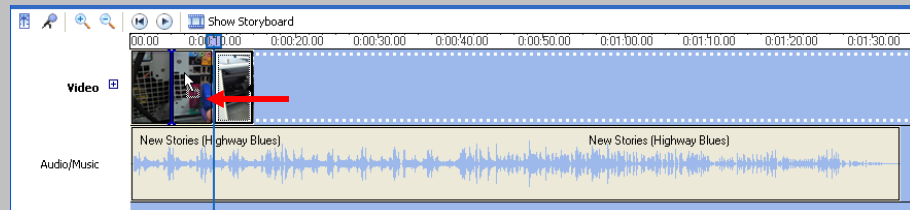
STEP 4: ADD MEDIA TO THE TIMELINE/STORYBOARD

To add media from a collection into the timeline/storyboard, click on it and drag it to the desired location on the timeline/storyboard.



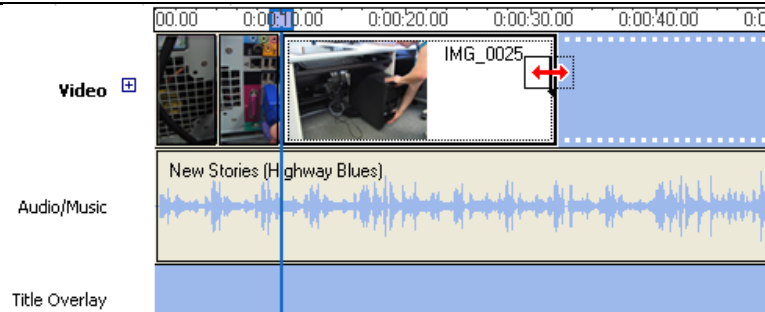
STEP 5: REORDER MEDIA

To reorder the media, click and drag it to a different place in the Timeline (shown below) or Storyboard view.

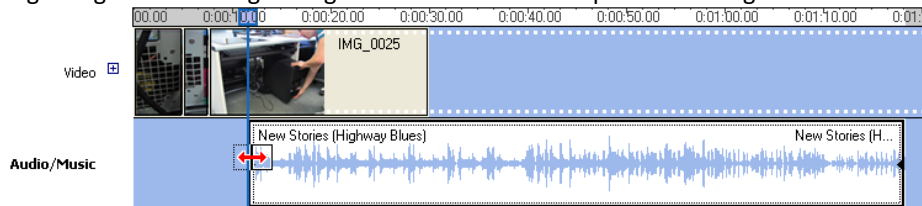


STEP 6: CHANGE THE TIMING OF A PICTURE/VIDEO/AUDIO FILE

- To lengthen a picture, move the cursor to the right side of the image. Using the double-sided red arrow, click and drag the right side to the right to lengthen the timing.



- To shorten the timing of a picture, drag the right side leftwards with the double-sided red arrow.
- To crop an audio/video file, drag the left side of the clip to the right to crop off a beginning section. Drag the right side to the left to crop off an ending section.

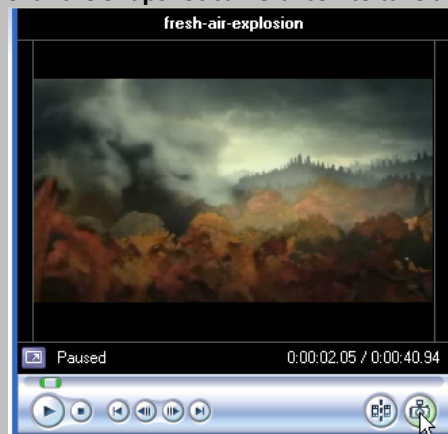


- To slow down or speed up a video clip, see the section below on applying a video effect.

STEP 7: (Optional)

TAKE A PICTURE FROM A VIDEO CLIP

- Select the clip in the Collections and click **Play**.
- Navigate to the point in the video which you wish to capture as an image and click **Pause**.
- Click the **Snapshot** camera icon to take a picture and save the file.



STEP 8: MAKE TITLES/CREDITS/ANIMATED TEXT

- To add text as a title, credits, or to add text on a clip, under **2. Edit Movie** in the Movie Tasks pane, click **Make titles or credits**.

2. Edit Movie

Show collections
[View video effects](#)
[View video transitions](#)
[Make titles or credits](#)
[Make an Auto Movie](#)

- Choose an option

Where do you want to add a title?

Add [title at the beginning](#) of the movie.

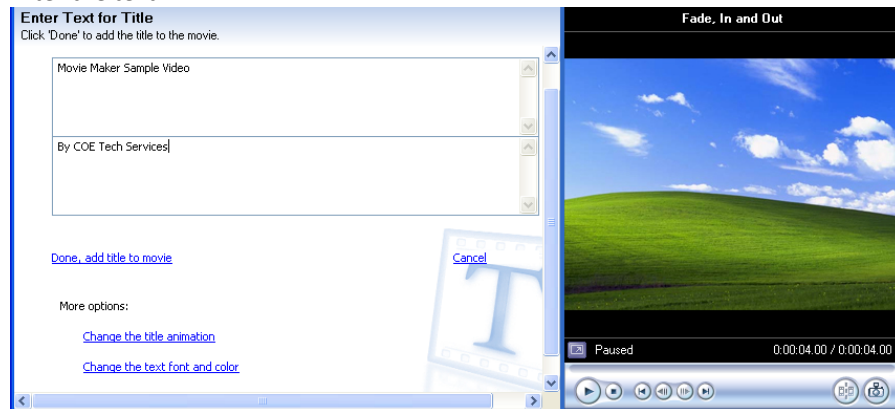
Add [title before the selected clip](#) in the timeline.

Add [title on the selected clip](#) in the timeline.

Add [title after the selected clip](#) in the timeline.

Add [credits at the end](#) of the movie.

- Enter the text.



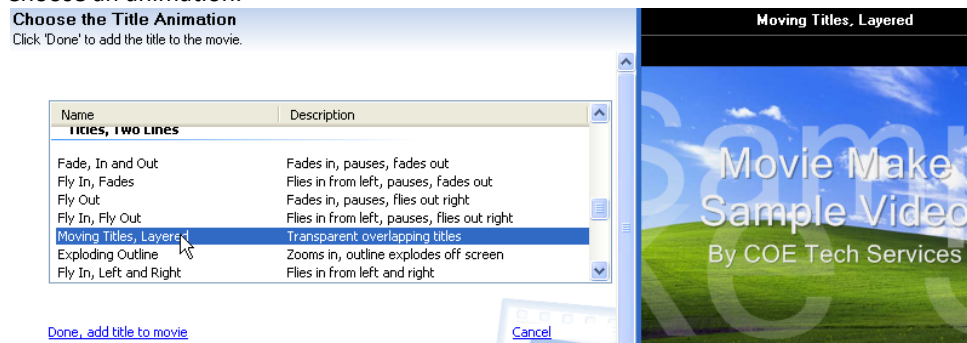
- Click **Change the title/credits animation.**

More options:

[Change the title animation](#)

[Change the text font and color](#)

- Choose an animation.



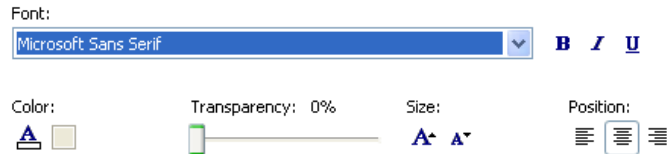
- Click **Change the text font and color.**

More options:

[Edit the title text](#)

[Change the text font and color](#)

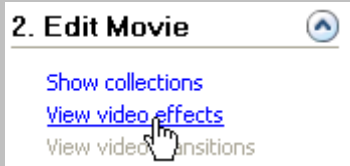
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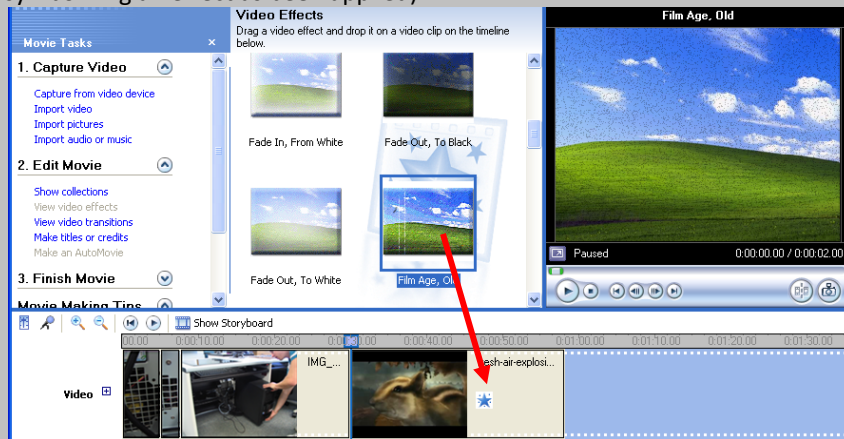
- Click **Done**, add title to movie.
- Double-click on title/credits in project to edit it.

STEP 9: APPLY A VIDEO EFFECT

- To add a video effect to a video clip, under **2. Edit Movie** in the Movie Tasks pane, click **View video effects**.

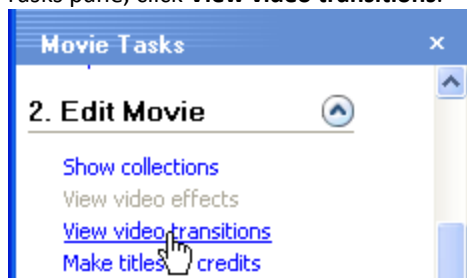


- Click on an effect and drag it onto the video clip. (Notice a star will appear on the clip symbolizing an effect as been applied).

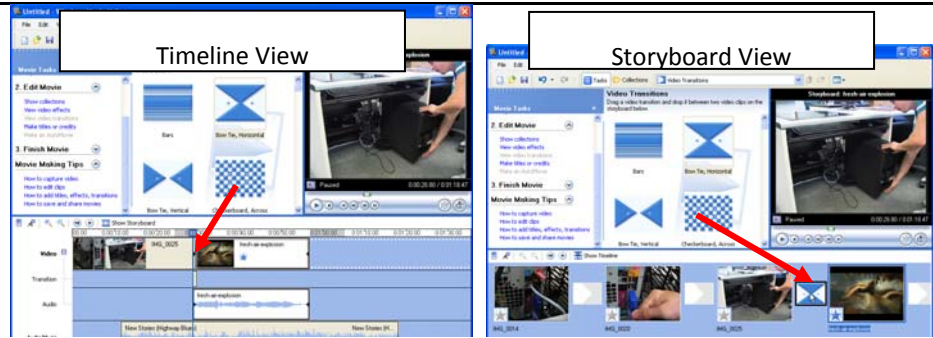


STEP 10: ADD TRANSITIONS BETWEEN MEDIA

- To add a transition between two pieces of media, under **2. Edit Movie** in the Movie Tasks pane, click **View video transitions**.



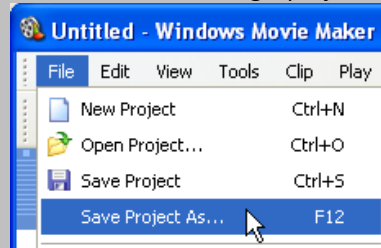
- Click on a transition and drag it between the clips.
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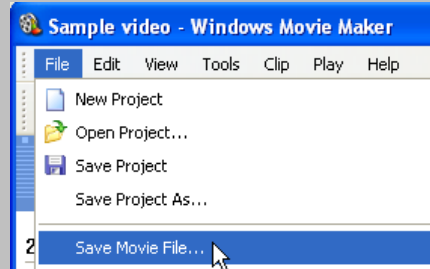
STEP 11: SAVING

You will need to save a project file (editable in Movie Maker) and also a movie file (one portable video file).

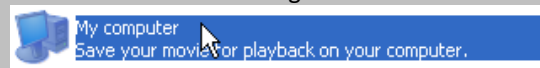
- To save a project file, click **File** and select **Save Project As...** It is strongly recommended that you work on the same computer and do not move your media files to continue editing a project file.



- To save a video file, click **File** and select **Save Movie File...** This is a .wmv file and can be transferred to a different computer for playback.



- Make a selection for saving and click **Next**.



- Enter a file name, choose a location for saving, and click **Next**.

1. Enter a file name for your saved movie.

Sample video_0001

2. Choose a place to save your movie.

My Videos

Browse...

- Choose a Movie Setting and click **Next**.

Movie Setting

Select the setting you want to use to save your movie. The setting you select determines the quality and file size of your saved movie.

Best quality for playback on my computer (recommended)

Show more choices...

- Wait for it to be saved.

NOTE: If any changes are made to the project file, they will need to be saved. You must also resave the movie file.

HELP!

I CAN'T FIND MY MEDIA

If you can't find a media file, search in the **Collections** dropdown menu.

