

Tutorial

Introduction to Windows

Movie Maker 2.1

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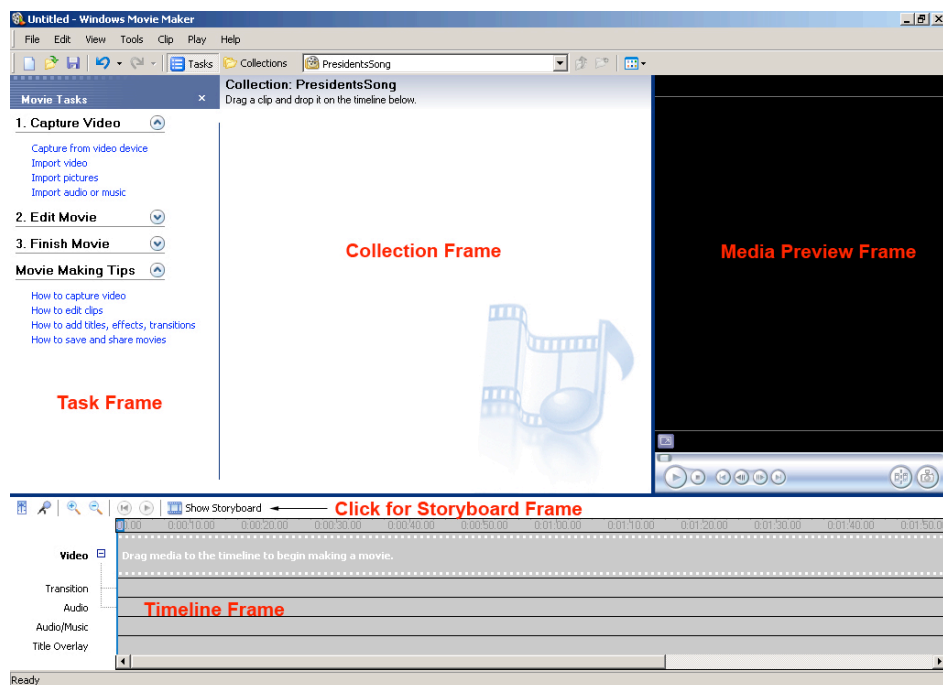
Introduction

Windows Movie Maker 2.1 is Microsoft's entry-level video editing software. It is easy to use and includes many fun and exciting features. The version this tutorial deals with is Windows Movie Maker 2.1. If you do not have this version you must download and install Windows Service Pack 2 by visiting:
<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/moviemaker/default.mspx>.

Create a new project

1. Launch the Windows Movie Maker Program:
Start>Programs>Accessories>Windows Movie Maker
2. Go to File _ New Project.
3. Save your project by going to File _ Save Project As.
4. Browse to the Desktop > Open Trinity05 folder
5. Rename project "TrinityMemories"
6. Click Save.

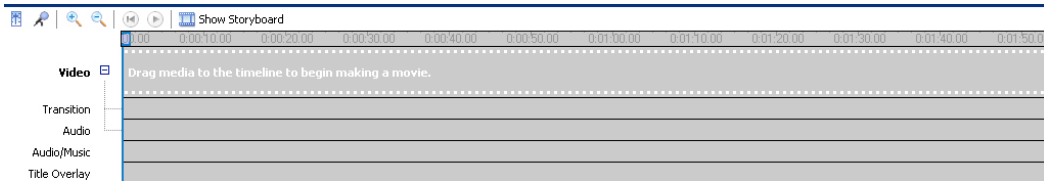
Window Movie Maker Workspace



Storyboard



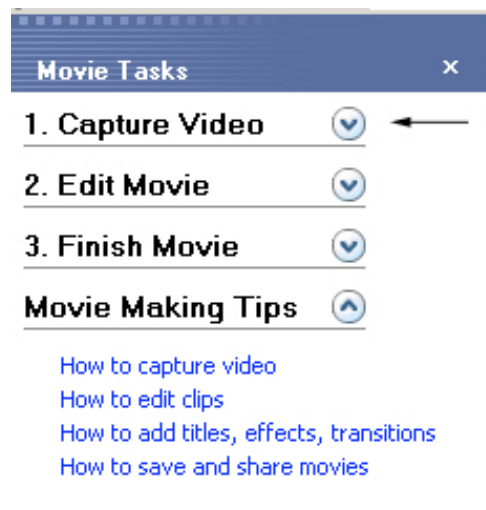
Timeline



Import Clips

Import Pictures

1. Click on the button next to 1. Capture Video to bring down a menu.
2. Click Import Pictures.
3. Navigate to the folder photos are stored in, click the file you want to add, and click the Import button. You can import more than one file at a time by pressing Ctrl while selecting a second file.

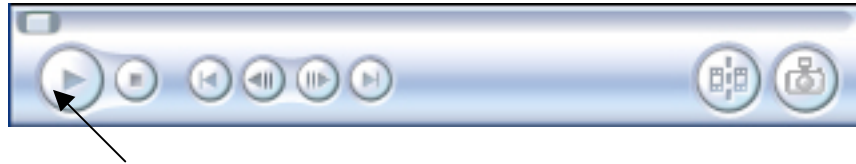


Import Audio

1. Click the button next to "1. Capture Video" in the task window, this will bring down a menu.
2. Click Import Audio.
3. Navigate to the folder your audio file is stored in, click the file you want to add and click the Import button. You can import more than one file at a time by pressing Ctrl while selecting a second file.

Basic Editing

1. Click on the clip you want to preview in the collections frame.
2. Press Play in the media preview frame.

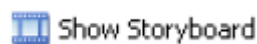


Delete Clips

1. Click on the clip you want to delete in the collections frame.
2. Press the Delete key on your keyboard.

Add Video Clips to the Storyboard

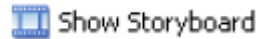
Before you begin, make sure that you can see the storyboard in the bottom frame. If you see the timeline, click the Show Storyboard button. Once you have done this you are ready to start adding clips to your movie.



1. Click and drag the video clip or photo that you want to add into the first frame of the storyboard. You will see the first frame of the video in the box.
2. Repeat this for all of the clips you want to add to your video.

Add Pictures to the Storyboard

Before you begin, make sure that you can see the storyboard in the bottom frame. If you see the timeline click the Show Storyboard button. Once you have done this photos can be added to your movie.

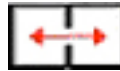


1. Click and drag the photo that you want to add from the collections frame into the first frame of the storyboard. You will see the first frame of the video in the box.
2. Repeat this for each of the photos you want to add.

Trim Clips

In order to trim your video clips you need to see the timeline in the bottom frame. Click the Show Timeline button to switch to this view.

1. In the timeline, click on the clip you want to edit.
2. Move the cursor to the beginning of the clip you want to edit. You will see a trim icon appear.



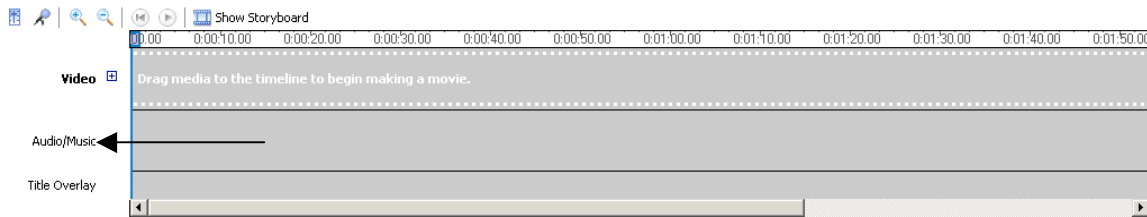
3. Click and drag the cursor to the right, as you do this you will see the first frame of the trimmed clip in the media preview window change.
4. You can also click and drag from the right to trim the end of the video clip.

The advantage of this method is that the trimmed portion of the clip, the part you do not want, is still there and can be changed later.

Add Sound

To add sound to your movie you need to have the timeline visible. If you see the storyboard at the bottom of your Windows Movie Maker window click the View Timeline button.

1. Click and drag the audio file you want to add to the Audio portion of the timeline.
2. Once your file is in the time line you can click and drag it to any point of the movie you would like. It will snap to the beginning of a movie clip or the end of any previously added audio files.



Previewing Movie

Once the movie is assembled you can preview it, this is fairly easy and can be done with two clicks of a button.

1. In the Media Preview frame, click the stop button; this will "rewind" your movie to the beginning.
2. Click the Play button on the media preview frame and your movie will play all the way through.

Effects and Transitions

While it is not necessary, it is easiest if you work with effects and transitions in the storyboard mode. If you see the timeline, click the Show Storyboard button. Once you have done this you can easily add effects and transitions to your movie using the directions below.

Add Effects

Preview Effects

Click the effect once and press play on the media player.

1. Click the button next to "2. Edit Movie" in the task windowpane if the submenu is not already displayed.
2. Click View video effects, the different effects will appear in the middle window pane
3. Click and drag the effect, "Fade in, from black", on to the first clip in the storyboard. You will notice the grey star in the bottom right corner turn blue.

Add Transition (Video)

1. If you do not already see the edit movie submenu, click the button to the right of "2. Edit Movie".
2. Click "View Video Transitions", the different transitions will appear in the middle panes.



3. Click and drag the transition "eye" to the box between the first and second clips.

Title and Credits

Add a Title at the beginning of the movie.

1. If you do not already see the edit movie submenu, click the button to the right of "2. Edit Movie".
2. Click Make titles or credits, you will see a window asking you "Where do you want to add the title?"
3. Click Add title at the beginning of the movie.
4. To change the title animation, click Change the Title Animation. Choose one you like by clicking the name and previewing in the media player.
5. Click edit the title text and type the title that you want to appear on the screen.
6. Click change the text font and color, you can now choose the font and color of you title as well as the background color.
7. Click, "Done Add Title to movie."

Add a Title to the middle of a movie

1. Switch to the timeline view by clicking the Show Timeline button.
2. Move the blue slider to the point in your movie you want to add text.
3. Click Make titles and credits (under the edit movie heading).
4. When the window appears, click Add title on the selected clip.
5. Now you need to change the title animation, click "Change the Title Animation". Choose one you like by clicking the name and previewing in the media player.
6. Click, Edit the title text and type the title that you want to appear on the screen.
7. Click Change the text font and color, you can now choose the font and color of you title as well as the background color.
8. Click Done add title to movie.

Add Credits

1. Click Make titles and credits (in the "2. Edit movie" submenu).
2. Click Add credits to end.

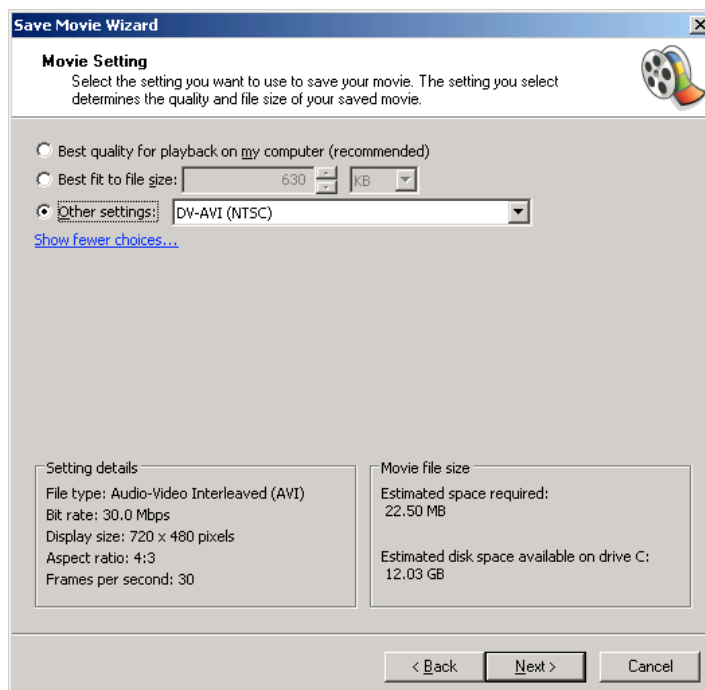
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4. Click Edit the title text and type the title that you want to appear on the screen.
5. Click Change the text font and color, you can now choose the font and color of you title as well as the background color.
6. Click, Done Add Title to movie.

Save Your Movie

Now that your movie had been captured, trimmed and edited it is time to export it to a file that can be played with a Windows Media Player.

Save to Your Computer

1. First, click the button next to "3. Finish Movie". This will bring down a menu. Click "Save to my Computer". The Save Movie wizard will appear.
2. On the first screen enter a name for your movie and browse to the folder you want your movie to be saved in. Click Next.
3. On the next screen, click on the blue text that says, "Show more choices..."
4. Under "Other settings" select "DV-AVI (NTSC)" and click on the Next button.



5. The file is now being saved as an .avi movie and can be played with Windows Media Player. When the file has been created, Click Finish.

6. Your completed movie file is now available in the folder you specified on the first screen of the Save Movie wizard.