



How to Use iMovie

STEP 1: Capturing your video

Importing From Your Digital Video Camera

1. Connect your camera to your computer (you'll need a FireWire cable)
2. Turn on the camera to the playback mode.
3. Use the **playback controls** to view the tape in the **iMovie monitor**. **Rewind** the tape to a few seconds before the section you want to import.
4. Click **Play**.
5. Click **Import** to start importing and click **Import** again to stop. Your new clip is now in the **Clips pane**.

Importing Media Already on Your Computer

1. Choose the **File** menu. Select **Import...**
2. Select the folder that has your video file. Click once on the file to select it.
3. Click on **Open**. You'll see the video file in the **Clips pane**.

Capturing a Still Image from Video

1. Drag the **Playhead** to the frame you want to capture.
2. Click on the **Edit** menu. Select **Create Still Frame**.
3. The image is placed in the **Clips pane**.

Importing an Image from iPhoto

1. Click the **Photos** button to switch to the **Photos pane**.
2. Choose an **iPhoto album** from the pull down menu.
3. **Uncheck** Ken Burns effect.
4. Use the **Duration slider** to set the clip's length.
5. Use the **Zoom slider** to make the image larger.
6. Click **Apply**. Your picture is at the end of the Timeline. Drag it to another location if you wish.



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STEP 2: Editing your movie clips

Trimming Clips: *Must be in Timeline viewer*

1. Place your cursor at the beginning or end of the clip. The cursor turns into a horizontal arrow.
2. **Drag** the cursor to start the trim. Watch what's happening in the **Monitor window**.
3. Release your click and your clip is trimmed.

Splitting Media Clips: *Can be in Timeline Viewer or Clips Pane*

1. Drag the **Playhead** to the frame where you want to split the clip.
2. Click on the **Edit** menu.
3. Click on **Split Video Clip at Playhead**.
4. The clip will now appear as two clips.
5. If you want to restore the clip, click on it to select it. Click on the **Advanced** menu. Click on **Revert Clip to Original**. Click **OK**.

Moving/Reordering and Fading Media Clips

1. Select the clip on the **Timeline Viewer** or the **Clip Viewer**.
2. Click, hold, and drag the clip along the **Timeline** or **Clip Viewer**.
3. Release your click when your clip is where you want it.

Video Transitions in Clip Viewer

1. Click on the **Transitions** button below the **Shelf** to see the different transitions available.
2. Choose the transition you want. Set the **Speed** and **Directions**.
3. **Click, hold, and drag** the transition to the space between the 2 clips in the **Clip Viewer**.
4. Click on the **Play** button to view the transition in the **Monitor**.

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STEP 3: Adding audio

Recording Narration: *in Timeline View*

1. Click on the **Audio** button.
2. Drag the **Playhead** to the location where you want the narration to start.
3. Click on the **Record** button. iMovie plays the video while you record so you can time your narration to the movie.
4. Click the **Record** button again to stop recording. Your narration will appear in the **Timeline**.

Changing Volume: *in Timeline Viewer*

For individual audio tracks: **Select** the audio clip. Click on the **Speaker icon**. Drag the volume control slider at adjust the volume.

Fading Audio In and Out: *in the Video track or Audio track*

Click the **volume level bar** to create a new marker at the beginning or ending of the clip.

To fade in, drag the **beginning point** (square box) to the bottom left corner of the clip. To make the fade-in longer, drag the **yellow circle** to the right. The square box will also drag to the right. **Re-drag** the square box (the beginning point) back to the bottom left corner of the clip.

To fade out, drag the **volume marker** (yellow circle) to the bottom right corner of the clip.

Importing an Audio File from iTunes: *in the Timeliner View*

1. Click on the **Audio** button. You'll see your **iTunes library**.
2. Click the **pop-up menu** to choose an iTunes playlist.
3. **Drag** the song you want from the **Audio pane** into either audio track in the **Timeline**.

Importing an Audio File: *in the Timeliner View*

1. Drag the **Playhead** to the point where you want the audio clip to start.
2. Click on the **File** menu. Click on **Import...**
3. Choose the folder that contains the audio clip you want. Click on the clip to select it. Click on **Open**. Your audio file is now in the **Timeline**.



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STEP 4: Add text to your movie and Save

Add Text: *in the Storyboard*

1. Click on the **Titles button** to bring up the **Titles pane**.
2. Choose a **Title Style** from the scrolling window.
3. Click once in a **Text Field**. Type your text.
4. Click on the **Preview** button to see your title in the **Monitor window**.

For **Text Color**

1. Click the rectangular **color field** below the titles list.
2. Choose a color from the **color wheel**.
3. Click on the **Preview** button to see your title in the **Monitor window**.
4. Click the color palette's red **close button** to finish the color process.

For **Text Font** and **Size**

1. Choose a font from the **Title Font** menu.
2. **Drag** the **Title Text Size slider** to increase and decrease the font size.
3. Click on the **Preview** button to see your title in the **Monitor window**.

To set the **Title Position/Animation**

1. Click on an arrow in the **directional controller** to specify the direction in which the text animates.
2. Click in the **Preview window** to set the position. Set any other controls.
3. Click on the **Preview** button to see your title in the **Monitor window**.

To set **Title Duration**

1. Drag the **Speed slider** to specify how long to complete the title's effect.
2. Drag the **Pause slider** to specify how long the titles remain on screen.
3. Click on the **Preview** button to see your title in the **Monitor window**.

Adding Titles to your Movie

Drag the name of the Title Style onto the clip to which it will be applied in the **Timeline**. To modify the title, **select** the title clip, make your changes, and click the **Update** button.

Saving Your Project

To save the finished product, choose **File** and **Share...** Click on the **QuickTime** button. Choose **Full Quality** from the **Compress movie for:** menu. Select **Share**. Type a name for your movie. Choose a place to save your movie. Click **Save**.