

Making Movies

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Before You Begin...

The latest version of Windows Live® Movie Maker (part of Windows Live Essentials 2011) requires Windows® 7 or Windows Vista® operating system. For Windows Live system requirements, visit <http://explore.live.com/windows-live-system-requirements>.


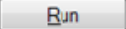

For guests with Windows XP: An older version of Windows Live Photo Gallery will run on Windows XP, but it has some limited features when compared to the new version used in class.

Download electronic versions of all handouts at: <http://HALDigitalWorkshop.wordpress.com>.

When you get home


Remember! You only need to download and install **Windows Live Movie Maker** once. After you install the software, it will be available for you to use on your computer whenever you like!

DOWNLOAD WINDOWS LIVE MOVIE MAKER, the free software used in class:

1. Open **Internet Explorer®**.
2. In the address bar, type <http://download.live.com> to navigate to the Windows Live home page.
3. Click the  button.
4. When you are asked **Do you want to run or save this file?**, click  each time you are asked. A **Welcome to Windows Live, preparing the installer** window will appear.
5. When you are asked to **Choose the programs you want to install**, click on **Photo Gallery** and any other programs you want and click .
6. Complete the installation by following the directions as you are prompted.

WHAT WE COVERED IN CLASS

OPEN WINDOWS LIVE MOVIE MAKER

1. Click the **Start**  button and in the **Search programs and files** field type Windows Live Movie Maker.
2. Click **Windows Live Movie Maker** to launch the program.

ADD PHOTOS OR VIDEOS

There are four ways to add photos or video while in Windows Live Movie Maker:

1. Click in the storyboard in Windows Live Movie Maker (“**Click here to browse for videos and photos**”) and select your photos and/or videos in the **Add Videos and Photos** window that appears.


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2. Click the **Add videos and photos** button  on the **Home** tab Ribbon; choose your photos and/or videos from the import window.

OR

3. Select multiple photos and/or videos in Windows Live Photo Gallery and drag them into the storyboard of Windows Live Movie Maker.

OR

4. From Windows Live Photo Gallery, select the photos you want to use for your creative slide

show. From the **Create** tab, click the **Movie** button . This will export all the selected images to Windows Live Movie Maker.

Remember! When selecting multiple photos or videos, hold down the **Ctrl** key on your keyboard.

Remember! If at any time you want to remove a photo or video from the Windows Live Movie Maker storyboard, click once on the photo or video and press the **Delete** key on your keyboard, or right-click and choose **Remove**.

REORDER PHOTOS OR VIDEOS in Windows Live Movie Maker:

The order photos or videos appear in the storyboard area is the same order that they will appear in the finished movie. To reorder the photos or videos:

1. Choose a photo or video to move.
2. Click and hold the photo or video.
3. Drag to the desired position.
4. Release the mouse button.

CREATE AN AUTOMOVIE in Windows Live Movie Maker:

AutoMovie helps you make a slideshow quickly and easily by adding a title, credits, transitions, pan and zoom effects, and adjusts the duration of your photos to match the length of the song.

Remember! Before you can create an AutoMovie in Windows Live Movie Maker, you must drag at least one photo or video into the storyboard located on the right hand side of the Windows Live Movie Maker program screen. If you have not selected a music file, you will be prompted to do so when you select an AutoMovie theme, but adding music is optional.

1. Click on the **Home** tab in Windows Live Movie Maker; you will find several AutoMovie templates in the **AutoMovie themes** section of the Ribbon.
2. Hover your mouse over one of the theme buttons to preview the theme.
3. Click a theme button to apply that theme to your project.
4. Press the **play** button under the preview window to preview the movie.



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EDIT OR ADD A TITLE in Windows Live Movie Maker:

1. To insert a Title Slide, click the photo that you would like to add a title in front of.
2. Click the **Title** button on the **Home** tab Ribbon.
Remember! Using the **Title** button automatically puts a slide immediately before your currently selected photo; using the **Credits** button will automatically put a slide at the end of your movie.
3. Double-click in the **orange bar** below the Title slide.
4. Highlight the title text by clicking at the beginning or end of the title and dragging your pointer over the title.
5. Edit the text.
6. You can change the font and font size, just like using any other Windows program (word processing or email) with the tools found in the **Text Tools Format** tab.
7. The **Effects** options found in the **Format** tab allows you to change how the title or credits will be displayed. Move your mouse over the samples to see how it will be displayed. Choose one of the **Effects** by clicking on it.

EDIT OR ADD CREDITS

1. If your AutoMovie theme did not add a credit slide, from the **Add** area of the **Home** tab, click the **Credits** button.
Remember! You will notice that there is a small down arrow to the right of the **Credits** button. Click the down arrow to see other options for the Credits slide.
2. Double-click the **orange bar** that has the text "Directed by", "Starring" or "Credits", beneath the last slide(s).
3. Edit the text.
Remember! Double-clicking both the **Title** and the **Credits** slides will automatically open the **Text Tools Format** tab that will allow you to add text, change fonts, and effects.
4. Press **Enter** on your keyboard to add another line of text.

ADD A CAPTION TO A PHOTO

1. Click a photo you would like to caption.
2. On the **Home** tab, click the **Caption** button.
3. In the caption box that appears, type your caption.
4. If you would like, change the font and font size with the tools found in the **Text Tools Format** tab.
5. If you prefer, you can move the caption box to a location of your choice on the photo by clicking and holding the edge of the caption box and then dragging it to its desired location anywhere within the photo.
Remember! Any captions you created in Windows Live Photo Gallery will be carried over into your Windows Live Movie Maker project. You can always change these captions in Windows Live Movie Maker if they don't fit your project.



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ADD MUSIC OR A SOUNDTRACK

Remember! Before you can add music in Windows Live Movie Maker, you must load at least one photo or video.

1. From the **Home** tab, click the **Add music** button.
2. Browse to locate an audio file you want and click **Open**.

Note: The song will appear as a green bar above the pictures in the storyboard.

CUSTOMIZE SLIDED

If you want to change the duration that your pictures are shown on the screen or if you don't want them to play through an entire song for an AutoMovie, use the following steps to make minor customizations:

1. Select all your photos by clicking on one photo and then clicking **Select All** in the Home tab.
2. Click on the yellow **Video tools Edit** tab found on the very top of the window.
3. Change the **Duration** time to be the amount of time you'd like your photos to appear on the screen.

Remember! A good rule of thumb is 3 to 5 seconds per photo.

FADE OUT MUSIC FOR AN AUTOMOVIE

To give your movie a polished appearance, make the music **Fade Out** instead of ending abruptly..

1. After adding music to your movie, click on the green **Music tools Options** tab found on the very top of the window.
2. On the left side of the Ribbon, click on the **Fade out** drop down box and choose from **Slow**, **Medium**, or **Fast**.

CREATE IMAGE TRANSITIONS AND ANIMATIONS in Windows Live Movie Maker:

After you have added your photos and music, you can add transitions for how your photos will appear on the screen and if there will be any zooming or panning.

1. To create transitions, click on the **Animations** tab.
2. Click on the photo for which you would like to add an animation or transition.
Remember! To apply an effect to all of your photos, instead of just one, click the **Home** tab, click **Select All**, and then go back to the **Animations** tab and continue with the directions below.
3. Hover your mouse over the **Transitions** or **Pan and zoom** options found in the **Animations** tab. There are many options to choose from; remember to click the small up and down arrows on the side to view more choices.
4. Watch the preview window to see what your transition or animation would look like.
5. When you've found the zoom and pan effect or transition that you want, select it by clicking on it. The effect will be added to your movie.

SAVE A PROJECT

To save your project for the first time so that you can continue working on it later:

1. Click the **File** menu. 
2. Select **Save Project As**.



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3. Type a file name and choose a location in which to save your project.
4. Click **Save**.

Note: If you've saved your project previously, then all you need to do is click the **Home** tab, and then select **Save Project**.

SAVE AND SHARE A MOVIE

When you save your movie, it is saved as a Windows Live Movie Maker Project file, a .wlmv file extension, which allows you to edit and update your movie project. When you 'Finish' your movie and are ready to share it, it will be saved as a Windows Media® Video, with a .wmv file extension, which can be played on most computers.

To save your movie as a file on our computer:

1. Click the **Save movie** button found on the far right of the **Home** tab Ribbon.
2. Select the option that best suits your project:
 - Recommended for this project
 - For high-definition display
 - Burn a DVD
 - For computer
 - For email
 - Various mobile device settings

When you are finished with your movie, you can share it online:

1. To publish your movie online, click the **Home** tab.
2. Locate the **Share** area on the **Home** tab Ribbon.
3. To publish online, choose from one of the available options.
 - Facebook
 - YouTube
 - Flickr
 - Windows Live Messenger
 - SkyDrive®

Remember! If publishing to an online service provider, you'll get a login screen. Follow the prompts to sign in and upload your movie. You will need to have an account created with whichever sharing site you are attempting to publish to.

Additional Information

For more information and resources: <http://www.windows.com>

For answers on Windows 7, Windows XP or Windows Live questions: <http://answers.microsoft.com>

For information on upgrading to or buying Windows 7: <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/buy/>

To find the Windows 7 PC that's right for you: <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/pc-scout/>

Sign up to receive the Explore Windows Newsletter at <http://www.microsoft.com/Windows/explore/>

Sign up for free personal online storage at: <http://explore.live.com/windows-live-skydrive>

Find full unabridged versions of the Digital Workshop Handouts at: <http://haldigitalworkshop.wordpress.com>

To learn more about Windows 7, we recommend the book *Windows® 7 Plain & Simple* (ISBN 9780735626669)

