

DIGITAL MEDIA LAB

QUICKGUIDE:

iMovie '11

Creating a New Project

- Go to “File > New Project” then name your project and click “Create.”

Importing Video

- Connect your camera or tape player to the computer.
- Click the camera shaped icon (Item 5) to access the import menu.
- In the window that pops up select “automatic” to bring in the entire tape. To bring in specific parts of the tape select the “manual” setting. Once you have your tape cued click “Import.”
- A window will pop up to create a new event. Here you will have to name your footage and select where to save it. When done, click “Import.”
- When all the footage has been imported click “Done” in the import menu.
- To import video from existing movie files go to “Files > Import > Movies...” select file to import and click “Import”

Bringing clips into the Timeline

- Footage will be in the “Event Library” (Item 1).
- Click on the clip you want in your video. This should highlight the clip in a yellow box. You can adjust the amount of clip selected by dragging the ends of the box.
- Drag this clip into the timeline (Item 2) in the upper left hand pane.
- Repeat this process for each clip dragging them in one at a time in the order you want them to appear in the movie.

Editing

Cutting between clips using the Precision Editor

- Drag your mouse over the second of the two clips you are cutting between. A blue box will appear in the lower left hand corner of this clip. Click in this box. Select the “precision editor” option from the boxes menu (Item 7).
- In the lower display (Item 6), find the exact points that you want the first clip to end and the second to begin. The upper strip of video represents the first clip. The bottom strip represents the second clip. Click on those points. The cut point will shift to the points clicked.

Shortening Clips

- To trim excess footage off of the beginning and end of a single clip click on the clip in the timeline.
- A yellow box will appear around the clip highlighting it. Click on the edge of this box at the beginning of the clip and drag it so that the footage you don't want is not included. Repeat this process for the end of the clip.
- Go to “Clip” and then select the “trim to selection” (CMD+B) function. This will trim away footage outside the yellow bounding box for that clip.

Titles

- Select the titles menu icon (Item 3), which is a “T” on the right hand side of the screen.
- Select a title and drag it onto the clip in the timeline where you want it.
- Edit the text in the upper right hand preview pane and then click “done.”
- To adjust length double click on the title in the timeline and change the duration.

Transitions

- Select the transitions menu (Item 4) located to the right of the screen. It is to the right of the titles icon.
- Select a transition and drag and drop it into the timeline between the two clips you are transitioning between.
- To adjust length double click on the transition in the timeline and change the duration.

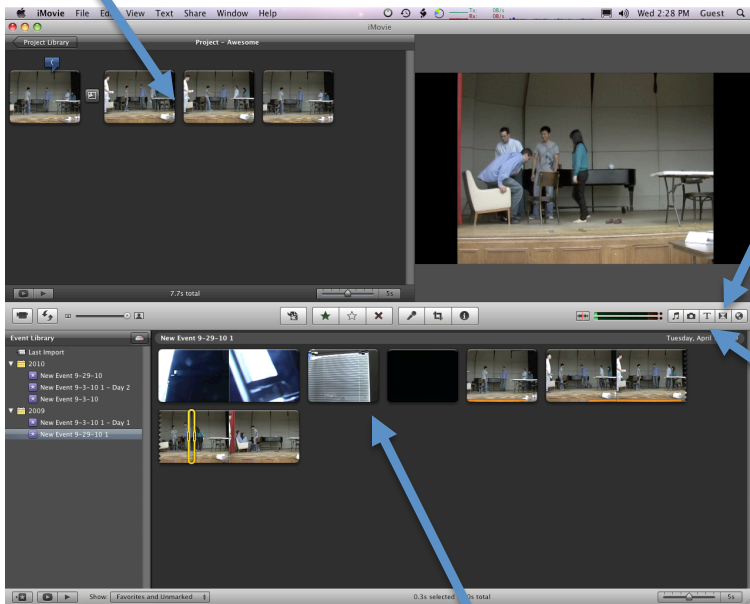
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Export

- To export your video go to “Share” and then select “Export using QuickTime.”
 - Name the Project and select where to save it. Click “Save.”
 - OR-
 - Share to YouTube (Share->YouTube...)
 1. Fill in Account field with your YouTube user name
 2. Fill in Password field with your YouTube user password
 3. Select YouTube Category
 4. Fill in the Title/Description/Tags fields
 5. Select Size to publish (Medium is recommended)
 6. Click “Next” then “Publish”
 7. Wait
- OR-
- If you, once you are finished, expect to export this in multiple formats you may want to “Finalize” the video first (File-> “Finalize Project”) This will take some time, but will prepare the video for multiple formats.

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Congratulations! You’ve created a movie with iMovie 11!



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5. Import Icon
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