Introduction

iMovie is a video editing application available for Mac and iOS. The latest version is iMovie 10.1.2.

Getting Started

To launch iMovie:

1. Click the Finder icon on the Dock.
2. Click Applications in the left sidebar.
3. Double click the iMovie icon from the list of applications on the right.

To create a new project:

1. Click the grey Create New button.
2. From the drop down, click the Movie option.

Note: If you are returning to work on an existing project, click the project thumbnail from the Project Library to continue editing.
iMovie Workspace Orientation

After you have started a new project, iMovie will launch a workspace.

A. **Import Button:** imports media into your Library.
B. **Libraries:** iMovie has five libraries to keep everything organized: My Media, Audio, Titles, Background, and Transitions.
C. **Library Pane:** contains subfolders for each library.
D. **Browser Pane:** displays the content of your selected library.
E. **Viewer Pane:** contains information about the media selected from the Browser and Timeline. It either displays a certain clip from the Browser Pane or a project from the Timeline depending on which content is currently selected. The Viewer Pane is also the place where you can edit media by using the options from the Toolbar. Playback options are also available here.
F. **Timeline:** is where you will assemble your movie. By default this area displays clips in a traditional timeline view. You may select clips or portions of a clip from the Browser Pane to add to your project as well as special effects. The vertical white line is the Playhead and displays where you are at within the Timeline.
G. **Toolbar:** contains various editing tools. These are outlined below:
Importing Media

Media includes photos, video clips, and audio.

To import your photos and videos:
1. Click the Import Media button.
2. Navigate to your photos, videos, and audio.
3. Select all of your desired files.
4. Click the Import Selected button. iMovie will import the media into your iMovie library.

To add media to your movie:
1. Click the My Media library.
2. Select your desired media from the Browser Pane.
3. Click and drag the media into the Timeline.

To play or preview your movie:
1. Click the Play button in the Viewer Pane or press the Space bar.
2. To playback from a specific part of your movie, click its location in the Timeline before you click Play.

Working with Photos

You need to make some visual design decisions about imported photos. When iMovie imports a photo into a project, it defaults to a duration of 4 seconds and adds a zooming effect known as “Ken Burns” where photos will alternate zooming in and out.

To adjust photo duration:
1. Select your desired photo(s) from the Timeline. (To select all the photos in your Timeline, press Command + A on your keyboard.
2. Click the Clip Information button on the Toolbar.
3. Type your desired duration in the Duration field.
   OR
1. Select a photo from your Timeline
2. Hover your cursor over the edge of the photo till you see a double sided black arrow.
3. Left click and drag to edit the clip duration. Move left to shorten and right to lengthen.

To adjust the Ken Burns effect:
1. Select your desired photo from the Timeline.
2. Click the Crop button from the Toolbar.
3. The Viewer Pane displays “Start” and “End” boxes connected by a yellow arrow overlaying the photo. This represents the tracking for the photo.
4. Resize the “Start” and “End” boxes using the grabbers at the corners to change how much of the photo is displayed.
5. Click and drag the “Start” and “End” boxes to change the tracking for the photo.
6. Click the blue check mark to apply your crop.

Note: To create a zoom in effect, the start screen must be larger than the end screen.
Note: To create a zoom out effect, the end screen must be larger than the start screen.

To remove the Ken Burns effect:
1. Select your desired photo(s).
2. Click the Crop button from the Toolbar.
3. Click the Fit option. This will fit the entire picture into the video clip, but there will be no zooming in or out.
4. Click the blue check mark to apply your crop.

To use only a portion of the picture with no Ken Burns:
1. Select your desired photo.
2. Click the Crop button from the Toolbar.
3. Click the Crop to Fill button.
4. Click and drag the white box to your desired frame location.
5. Resize the frame using the white grabbers around the edge of the white box.
6. Preview your results by clicking the Play button or pressing the Space bar.
7. Click the blue check mark to apply your crop.

Working with Video Clips

To crop a clip:
1. Select your video clip in the Timeline.
2. Hover your cursor over the edge of the video clip until you see a double sided black arrow.
3. Left click and drag to edit the length of the video clip.

Working with Titles

Titles are the text overlays used to create credits and add textual information to your movie.

To insert a title:
1. Click the Title library.
2. Hover your cursor over any title to preview it.
3. Click and drag your desired Title into the Timeline.

Note: Titles placed above images will act as overlay while titles placed alongside images are given a black background.

To enter and edit title text:
1. Click the Title from your Timeline.
2. Double click in the Title field you would like to edit in the Viewer Pane.
3. When the field is highlighted, type your desired text.
4. Use the Text Options Toolbar to format as needed. This toolbar is detailed in a diagram on page 5.
5. Click the blue check mark to apply your text.
To adjust title duration:
1. Select your desired title from the Timeline.
2. Click the Clip Information button from the Toolbar. (It looks like an “i”.)
3. Type your desired duration in the Duration field.

OR
4. Select a title from your Timeline
5. Hover your cursor over the edge of the photo till you see a double sided black arrow.
6. Left click and drag to edit the title duration. Move left to shorten and right to lengthen.

Working with Transitions
Transitions are how iMovie moves from one photo or video clip to another. The most important thing to know about transitions is how they affect clip timing. Some transitions take time from each clip between which the transition appears.

To add a transition:
1. Click the Transitions library.
2. Click and drag transitions between photos and video clips as you choose.

Note: You can also double click some transitions (such as Cross Blur or Cross Dissolve) once and it will automatically add it between each photo in your Timeline if you do not already have a selected transition.

Working with Audio
Make all adjustments to your video before you move on to working with audio. Remember that your audio should transition by fading out at the end of the movie.

To add audio to your movie:
1. Click the My Media library.
2. Click on your desired audio from the Browser Pane.
3. Drag the audio clips to the Timeline.

To edit the length of your audio track:
1. Select the audio track in the Timeline.
2. Hover your cursor over the edge of the track till you see a double sided black arrow.
3. Left click and drag to edit the length of the audio. Move left to shorten and right to lengthen.
To fade your audio in or out:
1. Select the audio track in the Timeline.
2. Hover your cursor over the edge of the track till you see a green circle with a black dot.
3. Click and drag the green circle to the left to fade out and to the right to fade in. As you move the green circle a grey box will display how long the fade out lasts.

Exporting and Sharing the Finished Product

To share your finished movie:
1. Click the Share Project button in the upper right corner.
2. Click File from the drop down.
3. Name your movie and add a description.
4. Click the Next… button.
5. Select a location where you’d like to save your Movie.
6. Click Save.

Additional Resources

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iMovie books are available for checkout under the following call number: 006.78/iMovie

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