



# Intro to iMovie

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## I. GETTING STARTED:

- **Importing video footage from a camera?** If you need to import your video footage from your camcorder to your computer, simply attach one end of the USB camcorder cord (i.e., the silver cord) to the camera and attach the other end (i.e., the USB end) to the USB port in your computer. The computer will then prompt you to import the video directly to your hard drive. Click “Import All” to import all of your video clips. It may take a few minutes to upload everything.
- **Making a movie in iMovie?** If you are making a video on a Mac with a built-in camera, you can use the iSight camera feature inside of iMovie.
  - **iMovie HD ('06):** Choose “Create a New Project” and click the “Create” button. Select the camera icon below the black screen and choose “Built-in iSight.” Now click the “Record with iSight” button at the bottom of your viewer. Start recording! When you’re done recording, hit the “Record with iSight” button again. Your clip will appear in the top right of your screen.
  - **iMovie '08:** Make sure “Create new Event” is checked. Give your event a name. Click OK. Click “Capture” to start recording and “Done” when you’re finished (try recording for 30-60 seconds). Your clip will now appear that the top half of your iMovie window.

## II. PLAYING BACK YOUR VIDEO:

- **iMovie HD ('06):** Drag your clip to the bottom timeline, drag your cursor to the far left to play from the beginning. Or put your cursor anywhere on the timeline and hit the Space bar.
- **iMovie '08:** To play your video from the beginning, right click (or click while holding down the Control key) and select “Play from beginning”. You can also highlight the entire clip with your cursor (it will highlight in yellow) and hit the space bar. To start viewing in the middle of the clip, just click on it (you should now see a red line appear where you clicked) and hit the Space bar on your computer.

## III. EDITING YOUR VIDEO/DELETING CLIPS:

- **iMovie HD ('06):** To highlight a portion of the track to delete, drag the two triangles (right below your main viewing screen) to the place you want to cut. The position ready to be cut will be highlighted yellow. When ready, hit the delete key. Hold down Shift key while using arrows to advance by ten-frame increments.
- **iMovie '08:** To mark which clips you want to delete, highlight them with your cursor (highlight will be yellow) and hit the Delete key. iMovie will automatically place a red bar above each “rejected” clip. To remove these rejected clips from your project entirely, go to File > Move Rejected Clips to Trash.



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### IV. ADDING EFFECTS TO YOUR MOVIE:

- **iMovie HD ('06):** To add different effects to your movie, click on the “Themes” and “Editing” buttons. Themes will add opening and closing credits; Editing offers various transition options. To add a sound clip, go to Media and select an .aif. Drag the desired sound clip to the timeline below your video clips.
- **iMovie '08:** When you're ready to start adding effects to your movie, highlight the *edited portion* in the top half of your iMovie screen and drag & drop it to the bottom half of your iMovie screen.
  - **To add music** to your video, click on the “Music & Sound Effects” button to the bottom right of the iMovie screen (Window > Music & Sounds Effects). The button looks like a musical note. Choose a sound effect and simply drag & drop it over the clip.
  - **To add a transition** between clips, go to Window > Transitions. To insert, simply drag one of the transitions (at the bottom right of the screen) into your movie.
  - **To create a title**, go to Window > Titles, select a design and drag it over the part of the video (typically the beginning of your movie) where you'd like it to appear.

### V. CAPTURING A STILL FRAME (source: <http://imovie08.blogspot.com>): Find the part in your video clip that you want to capture as a still image. Now hold down the Ctrl key while clicking and, from the drop down menu, select “Add Still Frame to Project”.

- To export your image to the desktop (i.e., so you can later add to iPhoto or Soundslides), hold down the Ctrl key while clicking on the image and select “Reveal in Finder”. When I did this, my .jpgs showed up in a “Stills” folder. At this point, it's probably a good idea to use Ctrl + click to “Open With Photoshop” then Save to the desktop so you can find them later on.

### VI. EXPORTING YOUR VIDEO: When you're ready to export, go to File > Export (iMovie HD ('06) or Share > Export Movie (iMovie '08). Note that iMovie '08 now allows you to export directly to YouTube.