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EDITING using iMovie

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These directions are for editing in iMovie. There is other editing software available. If you are not using iMovie, please check your software manual for editing instructions.

Importing footage from your camera into iMovie

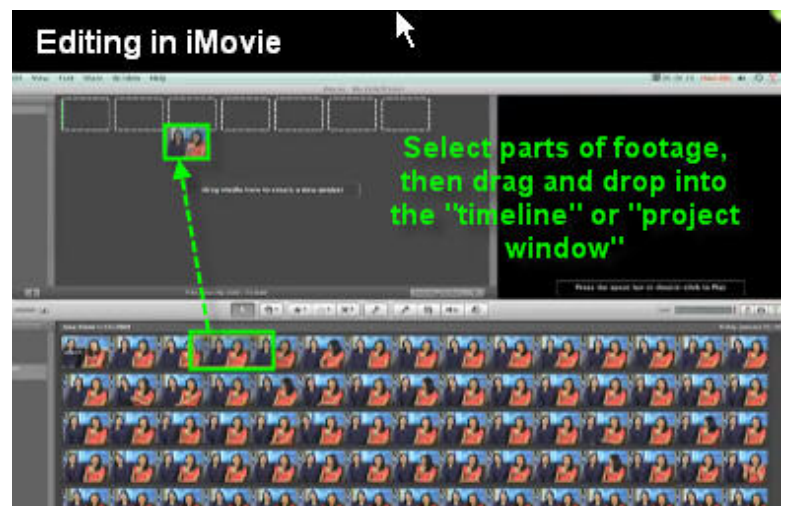
1. Plug a fire wire cable into your camera and the computer
2. Turn your camera to "play back" or VTR setting
3. Turn iMovie on to "camera setting"
4. iMovie should automatically connect to camera, but if not click on the drop down menu on your camera and select it.

If you have a SONY HD handy camera:

1. Set the camcorder into the handy cam station and turn it on.
2. Connect a USB cable between the computer and your camera then touch the "USB connect" button on the camera's touch screen.
3. Set iMovie to the camera setting. If you have iMovie 08' or Version 7, your video will be captured and sent to the event library as an event for today's date. By clicking on the event, you can play back your footage within iMovie.

Editing

- Select parts of your footage and drag them into the Timeline or Project Window.
- To select a clip that you want in your project, simply click where you want the clip to start and then drag to where you want it to end.



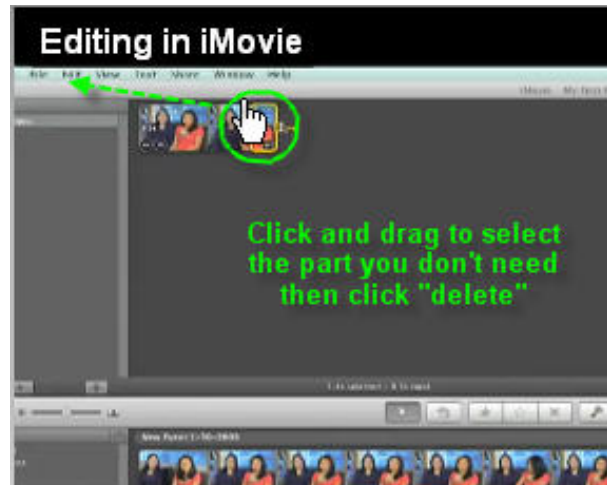
- Now, you can click the selected area and drag it to the project window. Now you have a place to start on your video.



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- If your clip is a little too long, click and drag to select the part you don't need and then press delete.



Adding another few clips and transitions

- To find transitions for iMovie, click on the "transition" button on the far right.
- The most useful transitions will be "cross dissolve," "fade through black," and "fade through white."
- To add one of these transitions, click and drag to the spot between the two clips where you want to transition. You may want to change the length of the transition, which is easily done by selecting the transition, going to the edit menu and clicking "set duration."





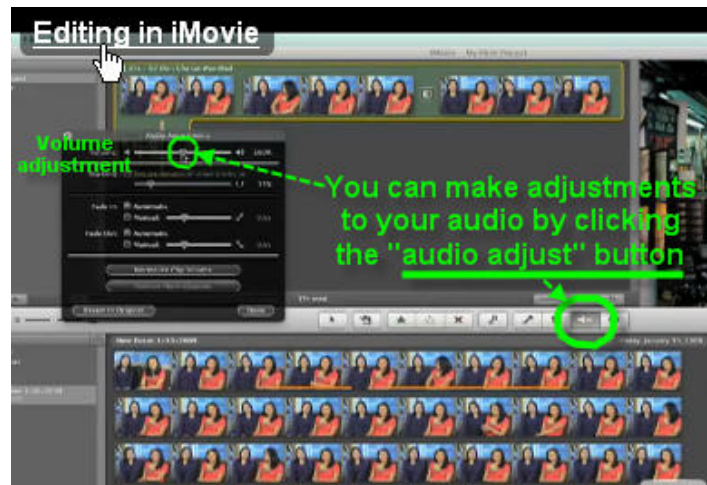
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- If you want to add music or photos, you can click the buttons on the right to select music from your iTunes Library or pictures from your iPhoto Library. Then, drag, drop and add them to your project.

Adjusting Music and Photos

- When adding music, be sure to have it at the correct volume. You can make adjustments to your audio by selecting the part you want to edit and clicking the "adjust audio" button.



- To make adjustments to your photos, select them and click the "crop rotate" icon button. Then you can choose to crop, rotate or use the "Ken Burns" feature, which is a pan and zoom effect used in video production for still imagery.



- "B-roll" is video or pictures that are shown while your subject continues to speak. Inserting a photo between shots of your subject speaking can illustrate points as well as bring your viewer into the place and/or time that your subject is talking about.



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Look for natural edit points

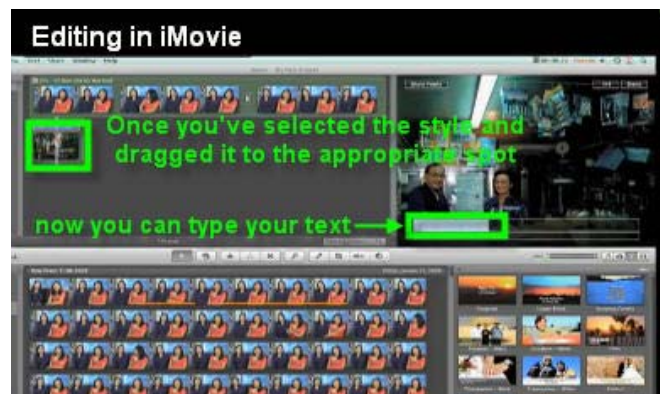
The end of an anecdote, paragraph, phrase or completion of a gesture are natural edit points. One common edit point is within a blink of an eye. As the subject closes their eyes like a curtain coming down or as the subject opens their eyes like a curtain coming up.

Things to avoid:

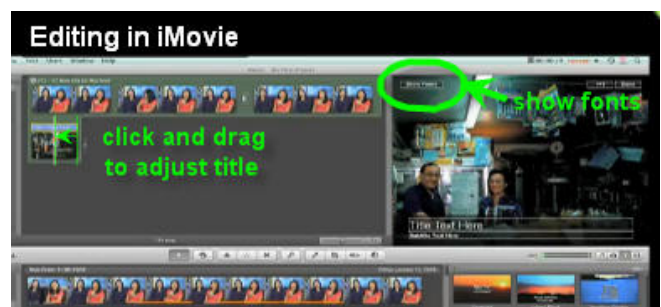
1. Super fast editing
2. Holding a shot too long
3. Having video and audio out of sync

Adding Titles and Credits

When you are done editing, add titles or credits. Click the title browser on the right to look through different options. When you find one, click and drag it to the appropriate spot .



- Now you can type in your text.
- To change fonts, click the "show fonts" button in the upper left of the viewer window.
- To change the length, make sure the title isn't selected and then click and drag from either end.





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Exporting Your Video

- When you want to export your finished video, click on the "Share Menu."
- There are four options, including one to upload to YouTube. To upload to YouTube, select "YouTube" from the Share Menu, enter your account info and video title, select the largest size allowed, click next, and then "publish."
- To export for DVD, click "media browser" from the Share Menu, then click the largest size that iMovie allows and click "publish."
- This will create a file that you can import into iDVD and burn to disc.

