Better Slideshows Using iMovie

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Class 1 - Organizing and editing photos and video to use in iPhoto.

Class 2 - Opening new iMovie project and adding photos. Editing and adding video clips, transitions and other visual content

Class 3 - Adding and editing audio.

Class 4 - Fine tuning your movie/slideshow and sharing it.
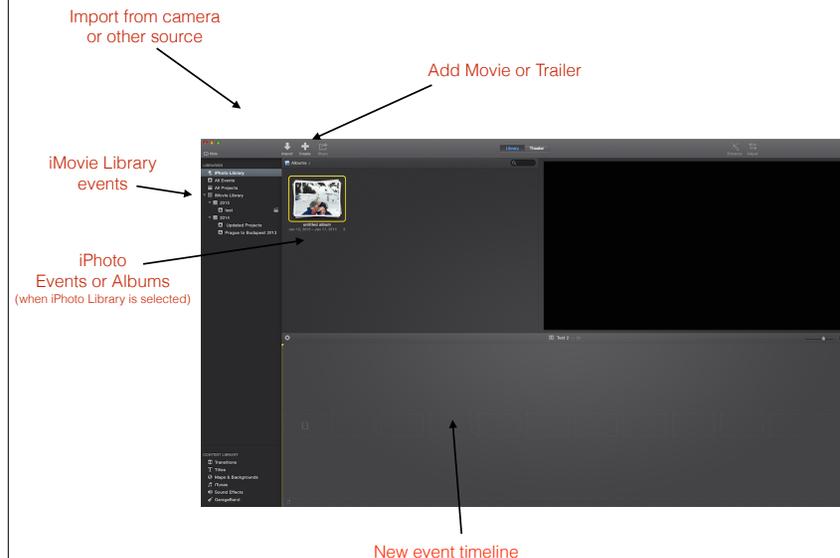

Step 1 - Prepare Your Photos

- Open iPhoto (note: you can use other photo apps)

- Use Multiple Libraries to Organize Your Photos

  - to switch between libraries, quit iPhoto and re-open holding down the option key, choose from the list, create new library   OR

  - use iPhoto Buddy (free app to go between libraries)

- Sort Photos with Events and Albums

- Flag photos & video clips you want to use, then

  - create new event (*this moves photos from original event*) "Events" menu > Create Event from Flagged Photos (rename)   OR

  - create new album (*the photos are now in original event* *and new folder*) "File" menu > New Album (rename) This is my favored method as I like to keep my originals together.

- Sort photos into desired order -

  - "View" menu > sort photos > manually

  - It's possible to re-organize the photos in iMovie but it's easier to do the majority of sorting in iPhoto

- Move the folder to the top of the folder list to make it easier to find when in iMovie

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Crop, straighten and edit all photos before going on to the next step.

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iMovie 10.0 Initial Screen

Import from camera or other source

Add Movie or Trailer

iMovie Library events

iPhoto Events or Albums (when iPhoto Library is selected)
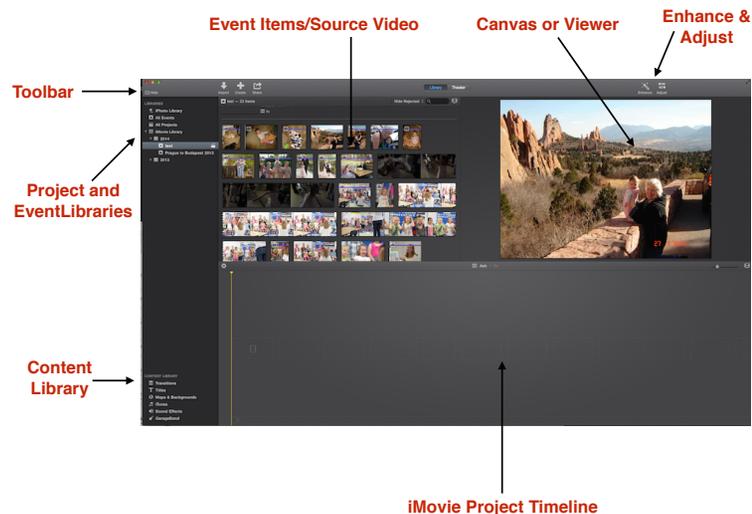
New event timeline

Step 2 - Move Photos & Video Clips into iMovie Event

- Click on iMovie Library, then "File" > New Event (rename)

- To import media either -

  - Select Import (top bar) and find camera, etc. OR

  - Select iPhoto Library from left menu, then select Events or Albums (middle bar, left side) to find your media, select and drag into the iMovie event

Step 3 - Create Movie Project and Add Visual Media

- From Toolbar choose Create (+) Movie, double-click No Theme and name your movie

  - Screen changes to Project Screen

- From Event pane, click & drag photos to Timeline or click and use + (adds to end)

- For video clips, click on clip and use yellow box to select the part of the video you want & drag video to Timeline

iMovie '10 Project Screen

Event Items/Source Video

Canvas or Viewer

Enhance & Adjust

Toolbar

Project and EventLibraries

Content Library

iMovie Project Timeline

Notes about visual media

- The default for photos in the Timeline is 4 seconds but this can be changed.

- Photos and clips in the Timeline can be rearranged or deleted and video clips can be edited in the Timeline.

- The slide on the right edge of the bar above the Timeline adjusts the size of the photos in the Timeline.

- Orange line under photo or clip in the Events window indicates that you have used that piece.

Adjustments to photos & clips

- Click on any photo or clip in Timeline and Enhance & Adjust options are available

- "Enhance" automatically improves picture

- Adjust offers -

  - color balance & correction

  - cropping & Ken Burns effect

  - video stabilization

  - volume control & noise stabilization

  - video & audio effects

  - clip information including length of time

Step 4 - Transitions

- Click on Transitions in Content Library, lower-left corner

- Transition choices will appear in the Event window

- Drag transition of your choice to space between photos & videos in the Timeline

- Cross Dissolve is the default transition & is recommended

- To add cross dissolve (or any transition) to your entire project

  - add one cross dissolve, click on it (yellow border)

  - "Windows" menu > Movie Properties

  - click on Settings (above Canvas window)

  - check the *Automatic content* box, transitions will be added to the whole project

- Change individual transitions by dragging a different one on top of the cross dissolve

Step 5 - Add Other Visual Content

- <u>Titles</u> - select from Content Library

  - click and roll over each to see the effect in Canvas window

  - select & drag title to photo or video

  - double-click to type & change font, size, color, etc.

  - drag box to change length of time it appears or use inspector (click adjust and ⓘ)

- Maps - select from Content Library

  - roll over each to see the effect in Canvas window

  - select & drag to where you want it to appear

  - if route is available, fill in locations above Canvas window

- Backgrounds - select from Content Library

  - select & drag to where you want it to appear

  - select & drag title to background

Complete all additions and changes to the visual part of your movie before moving on to the audio.

Step 6 - Add Audio

- Open iTunes, create New Playlist (+ in lower righthand corner) and rename playlist

- Drag music you like into playlist (I have a playlist of just instrumental music I like for slideshows)

- Close iTunes and re-open iMovie

- Click on iTunes in Content Library (lower left corner)

- To find your playlist, hold down on iTunes above the list of your music that appears in Event window

- When a piece is selected, a green bar appears above and music can be played.

- Double click green bar to add whole song or drag name of song to timeline or select a portion of song to drag to timeline.

- Adjust length of songs by dragging from either end of green audio bar or change time using the inspector. Orange line shows part of music you have used.

- Have music fade in and out by dragging the dot that appears at either end of audio bar when music is selected (framed in yellow).

- Volume of any clip is regulated by dragging the horizontal line up or down. Volume can be changed at any point in a clip by using "keyframes" (hold down option key & mark).

- In Sound Effects you will also find animal sounds, Foley sounds, jingles, etc. These can be useful and add interest. They are added and adjusted the same as music.

Watch your video in full-screen mode a couple times before going on to final step.

Step 7 - Sharing Your Video

- Click on the Share button in the top tool bar.

- Sharing to Theater, your movie will be viewable from other devices (iPhone, iPad or iPod) through iCloud. You must have the iMovie app on the device to do this.

- Sharing on YouTube, Facebook, Vimeo and CNN iReports - instructions - http://help.apple.com/imovie/mac/10.0/#move0470816c

- Burning a DVD - instructions with or without iDVD - http://www.techisky.com/how-to/burn-imovie-to-dvd.html

More on Sharing

- Email - ex. gmail limit 25MB

- iTunes - to archive your project or transfer to other compatible devices (iPhone or iPad)

  - http://support.apple.com/kb/PH3238?viewlocale=en_US

- Facebook - 25MB (FAQs)

  - from community help - 100MB or under 10 mins, if verified on phone (https://register.facebook.com/confirmphone.php) 1,024MB or under 20 mins

- YouTube - default - up to 15 mins

  - to increase your limit - https://www.youtube.com/verify

- Vimeo - depends on your account

  - compression details and tutorials for iMovie '11 & '08/'09 - http://vimeo.com/help/compression

- CNN iReports - your video must be "newsworthy"

Help with Older Versions

iMovie '08

Manual - http://manuals.info.apple.com/MANUALS/0/MA626/en_US/iMovie_08_Getting_Started.pdf

Tutorials - http://sentra.ischool.utexas.edu/technology/tutorials/imovie08/iMovie08.pdf
    https://de.alvernia.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/01/imovie08.pdf

Youtube tutorials - https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0734AB814FD609DC

I couldn't find anywhere that transitions can be added automatically in '08. That means you have to add an individual transition between each photo. This may or may not be worthwhile to you.

iMovie '09

Manuals - http://web.winnetka36.org/mattfuller/techresources/techresources/How-To_files/QSG-iMovie09.pdf
    http://coerll.utexas.edu/wiki/sites/coerll.utexas.edu.wiki/files/iMovie09_.pdf
        (adding transitions to the entire project on page 16)

Tutorials - http://vsmproject.pbworks.com/f/iMovie+09+tutorial.pdf

Youtube tutorials - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fFuLi8D-qGk
    http://vimeo.com/21380427

Movie '10 (version 10.0.5 is the version we're using at OLLI)

Manual - http://help.apple.com/imovie/
    https://library.rice.edu/services/dmc/guides/video/IntroductiontoiMovie.pdf

Youtube tutorials - http://campusguides.stjohns.edu/content.php?pid=381551&sid=5225532
    https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0P16RU0h1Dmo8u9kVbim2Gi4MHXN_LNP

iMovie '10 (version 10.0.6)

Manual - http://help.apple.com/imovie/mac/10.0.6/

Youtube tutorial - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5As1ZW2fzM
    https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DunrN0kft_w

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

AshMUG - Ashland Mac Users Group   (www.ashmug.com)
    Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month at Ashland Hospital in the conference room.
    6-7 presentation
    7-8 questions and answers

Congratulations!

Hopefully you have successfully completed a movie to share with friends and family.

Remember by doing a Google search of "iMovie 10 (or 8 or 9 or . . .) support", you can find help and answers to many of your questions.