Creating presentations in Windows Movie Maker

1. Create a folder in the G: drive or H: drive and name it moviemaker
2. Place at least 10-15 (size will vary depending on the length of your song) images in the moviemaker folder. The images should be the same size to maintain quality and prevent distortion. In the example for this project, the dimensions were set to 430 pixels wide and 320 pixels in length.
3. Place any videos in this folder that are intended for this project.
4. Open Window Movie Maker by choosing Start | Programs | Windows Movie Maker. If you can’t find it, try Start | Programs | Accessories | Windows Movie Maker
5. The following window should appear:

Adding images to the movie

6. Import images that have already been properly resized by choosing Import pictures under Capture Video.
7. Navigate to your folder that contains the images.

Be sure to click on Import after selecting your images.
8. After clicking on the Import button, the following window should appear with your images:

![Image of import window]

9. If you don’t have a specific order for the images to appear in the presentation, you can select all of them at once by clicking on the first image and then click on the Ctrl button + the A button (shortcut for select all). With them all selected, drag and drop them into the boxes below. Those boxes are referred to as the storyboard. If you do have a specific order for them to appear in the presentation, you can drag and drop one at a time. In this case, the pictures were named in the order they were to appear. For example, pic1, pic2, pic3, etc. Consequently, when dragging them onto the storyboard in the video section, they were placed in order.

![Image of storyboard and video section]

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Adding videos to the movie

1. Import videos that have already been properly resized by choosing **Import pictures** under **Capture Video**.
2. **Navigate** to your folder that contains the videos.
3. After clicking on the Import button, the following window should appear with your video selections:

4. You can drag the video to the section you want it to play. You can always drag and drop it somewhere else on the timeline. Notice in sample A, the movie is in the beginning. Notice that the movie was dragged and dropped after the fourth image in sample B.

**Tip**

Notice that if a video has music, its sound will appear below in the Audio section of the timeline. This could be a helpful hint in the event that you want music throughout the presentation. Two different sounds could either conflict or be an interesting effect. Additionally, you can cut out part of a video by clicking on it and dragging it toward its beginning.
Adding titles to the movie

1. To add a title on the timeline, click on the **Edit Movie** choice on the left panel. From that menu, choose **Make titles or credits**.

2. Type in your title in the following box that should have appeared. The example shown below is set up for the title to fade in and out.

   Add **title at the beginning** of the movie.
   Add **title before the selected clip** in the timeline.
   Add **title on the selected clip** in the timeline.
   Add **title after the selected clip** in the timeline.
   Add **credits at the end** of the movie.

   The following choices will appear. In this case, choose **title at the beginning**.

2. If you want a different animation or font, choose **Change the title animation** to add effects or choose **Change the text font and color** under **More Options**.

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   More options:
   - **Change the title animation**
   - **Change the text font and color**

4. If you choose **Change the title animation** option, you will then be able to choose from a variety of animation effects.

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5. If you choose Change the title font and color, you will then be able to choose from a variety of font options, sizes and color.

6. When you are satisfied with the changes, click on **Done, add title to movie**

Adding Transitions between slides

1. After you have selected **View video transitions** under **Edit Movie**, the following window will appear:

   ![Video transitions window](image)

   - **Drag and drop the video transitions in this window and you will see the results.**

2. To preview the video transitions, drag and drop the transition in the box adjacent to the transitions. It will immediately show you what it will look like.

3. To apply the different effects to each slide or video, drag and drop it on the image or video in the timeline mode or in the box next to the image or video in the Story Board mode. To get it in the Storyboard mode, choose **View | Storyboard** from the main menu. To get it in the timeline mode, choose **View | Timeline** from the main menu.

   ![Storyboard mode](image)

   - **This is story board mode and I am pointing where you need to drag and drop the transition.**

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Adding music to the presentation

1. Check the length of the movie in timeline mode by scrolling the mouse over the last slide to get an idea about the length of the presentation. The sound you use for the presentation should be roughly the same amount of time, depending on what effects you want for the final product. If necessary, you could cut out parts of the song in an audio editing program so that the duration of the movie and the song blend well together.

2. What if you want to insert a song in the middle of your presentation as shown below?

3. Get the duration of the movie where you want it to end by scrolling the mouse over the seconds in the timeline window. In the case below, it is 0:02:09:73. Find out the duration where you want the sound to be inserted. In this case, the duration is 0:00:25:67. You would need to find out the difference in these two times. You might need to convert the times to seconds before subtracting.

   \[\text{Difference} = 0:02:09:73 - 0:00:25:67 = 104\text{ sec.}\]

4. You can cut parts of a song out using an audio editing program such as Audacity. In this case, you would round off the sound to 105 seconds, since you can always cut extra sound in moviemaker.

5. Place the song intended for your movie in the moviemaker folder you created at the beginning of this assignment.

6. Select the Import audio or music under the Capture Video option.

7. Navigate to the folder you placed the sound, which should be in the moviemaker folder. Select the sound and click on the Import button.

8. When the sound appears in the Collection window, drag and drop it onto the timeline under Audio/Music. Make sure you let go of the mouse when you are at the location in the timeline that you want the music to start. You can always drag it to another location on the timeline.
9. When your timeline looks something like the following, you are ready to preview your presentation in order to save it as a movie file.

![Timeline](image)

10. If all is well, choose **File | Save Movie File**
11. When the **Save Movie Wizard** window pops up, choose **My Computer**. Please note you have several choices, but for this assignment we are saving it in the network.

![Save Movie Wizard](image)

12. Click on the **Next** button in the bottom right corner of this window.
13. When the following window appears, enter a file name for the saved movie and click on the **Browse** folder to locate the **moviemaker folder** you created earlier. Click **Next!**

![Save Movie Wizard](image)
14. When the Movie Setting window pops up, make sure the Best quality for playback on my computer is selected. It may take up more space, but it is recommended.

15. After clicking on the Next button, the movie will be saved in the moviemaker folder.
16. The final window in the Save Movie Wizard will ask you to click on the Finish button.
17. You can now play the movie by double clicking on the movie in your folder.