

# Creating movies in iMovie '11

## Importing Video

To edit movie clips with iMovie '11, you must first import (transfer) the video footage from your camera to the computer. iMovie will import the video clips as an "Event" in the Event Library.

### To import video from a camcorder that records to a hard disk drive or flash memory:

1. Connect the camera to your computer its USB cable.
2. Turn on your camera and set it to PC Connect mode (this mode may have a different name on your camera).
3. If the Import window in iMovie does not automatically open, choose File > "Import from Camera."
4. When the *Import window* displays the video clips on the device, select which video clips to import as an event in iMovie.
5. Create a title for a new event or selecting "Add to Existing Event" select import.

It can take several minutes to more than an hour for iMovie to import the video, depending on the length of the video clips.

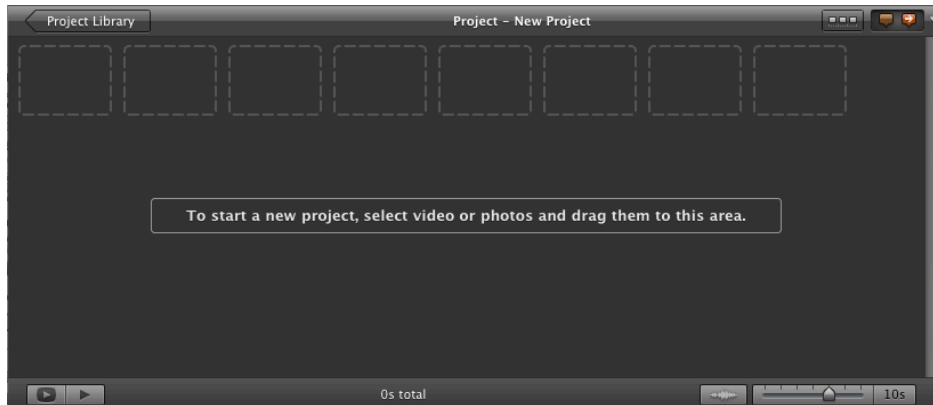
### To import video from a tape-based camcorder:

1. Turn on the camcorder and set it to VTR or VCR mode.
2. Connect the camera to your computer with a FireWire cable.
3. If the Import window doesn't automatically open, choose File > "Import from Camera."
4. Set the Automatic/Manual switch:
  - Automatic: Automatically rewinds the tape, imports all of the video on the tape, and rewinds the tape again. If you use this option, click OK.
  - Manual: Lets you rewind and fast-forward the tape so that you can import only the footage you want.
5. Create a title for a new event or selecting "Add to Existing Event" and select import.

## Start a new project

1. In iMovie, choose File > New Project.
2. Type a name for the project in the Name field.
3. Select No Theme from the Project Themes options for a more personalized look.
4. Choose the Standard (4:3) format option from the Aspect Ratio pop-up menu.
5. Choose the NTSC format (30 fps) from the Frame Rate pop-up menu.
6. Click Create.

The empty project, which contains no video yet, opens in the Project browser. It appears as shown in the image below, with the project's name at the top.



## Add video clips to the project

Video clips from the Event Library can be added to the project by dragging them to the project window. As you add video and other elements to your project, they appear immediately in the Project browser, where you can edit them, rearrange them, delete them, and so on.

Add video to a project

1. In the Event browser, select a range of video frames or an entire video clip.

To select an entire video clip, hold down the Shift key and click the clip once, so that it's outlined in yellow.

To select a portion of a clip drag across any clip while you hold down the button on your mouse. Selected frames are outlined in yellow.

2. Drag the video selections to the Project window. The selected clips can be dragged anywhere: to the beginning or end of the project, or between clips already added. A vertical green line, along with a green Add (+) symbol, appears anywhere the clip can be placed.

Video that's been added to a project is marked along the bottom with an orange stripe in the Event browser, so that you can see at a glance which video you've used. You can add the same video to multiple projects, and you can use it more than once within a project.

## Editing the project

### Titles

Text can be added to any video in the project using one of the many title styles available in iMovie.

1. Click the Title button at the right end of the iMovie toolbar to display the title styles in the Title browser.



2. Drag the title style to the Project browser directly over the clip where it is to appear in the movie. Release the mouse button anywhere when a green Add (+) symbol appears. The title will appear as a blue title bar above the video clip.
3. Placeholder text appears in the viewer on the right to be replaced by your own text.
4. To see how the title will appear, click the Play button in the upper-right corner of the viewer.



5. The position of the title and its duration can be controlled by adjusting the blue title bar.

### Transitions between clips

iMovie comes with several styles of transitions that you can add between clips to give professional polish to your projects. A transition smoothes or blends the change from one scene to another. For example, a transition can make one clip fade in or out, dissolve into another clip, zoom in to another clip, and so on.

iMovie makes all the transitions in your movie the same length. Standard transitions are one-half of a second long. You can change these durations if you want.

1. If your project isn't already open (showing in the Project browser), double-click it in the Project Library to open it.
2. Click the Transition button at the right end of the iMovie toolbar.



3. Browse through the transition styles, scrolling the window if necessary, to find the one you want to use. Move your pointer over the transition thumbnails in the browser to see how they animate.
4. Drag a transition to the Project browser before, after, or between the clips where you want it to appear. Release the mouse button anyplace you see a green Add (+) symbol.



5. To play back the transition effect to see how the transition looks in your video, move your pointer in the Project browser anyplace before the transition effect icon (you see a vertical red line where the pointer is), and then press the Space bar.
6. To change the duration of the transition, double-click the transition icon in the Project browser.
7. In the window that opens (called an inspector), type a new value, in seconds, in the Duration field, and then click Done.

iMovie provides additional tools to embellish a video project. Integration with iPhoto and iTunes is built into the program to allow images and music to be easily imported.

Instructions for exporting edited movies appropriately for use in LiveText can be found at

<http://www.lawrence.edu/dept/it/initiatives/eports/index.shtml>