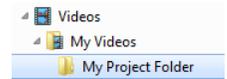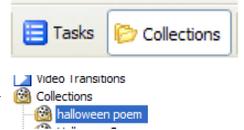# Windows MovieMaker (WMM)

Windows MovieMaker project is not network friendly. Project files do not transfer easily when saved on the server. Although it is possible to do, it will require importing all clips and other media into the project each time the project is opened. For this reason, it is best to assign students to a specific laptop/desktop until the final movie is created.

STEP 1: PREPARATION

1. Move all Flip video clips to a **new project folder** on the local computer MyVideos folder
2. Open Windows Movie Maker
   a. Click Save AS , Type a unique name for project file ⟶
   b. Navigate to Project folder created in step 1 and Save Project.
3. Import Movie Clip
   a. Click the Collections button to display your clip collections in the left task pane -→
   b. Click Tools→New Collection Folder→Name the Folder. ⟶
   c. With the folder selected, go to the menu and Click **File**→Import to Collections.
   d. Navigate to the project folder where you saved your clips (Use CTRL+A) to select all
4. One your clips are visible in WMM, click a clip (or highlight multiple clips) in the collections pane and drag to the storyboard at the bottom of your screen. Do this for all clips you want to use in your movie.

COLLECTIONS

PREVIEW WINDOW

PLAYBACK CONTROLS

STORYBOARD

TIP: CLICK <u>SAVE ICON</u> FREQUENTLY!!!

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STEP 2: ADDING TO YOUR MOVIE

TITLES AND CREDITS

WMM lets you add **Titles and Credits** to your movie.

1. Click on the first clip in the storyboard
2. On the program menu, click Tools→Titles and Credits
3. Choose from the options listed:
4. Your movie should have at least a title and credits.
5. Depending upon your movie, you may want to add between scenes.

Where do you want to add a title?

Add title at the beginning of the movie.

Add title before the selected clip on the storyboard.

Add title on the selected clip on the storyboard.

Add title after the selected clip on the storyboard.   titles

Add credits at the end of the movie.

Customizing your **Titles and Credits**

1. Type your Title text and Subtitle in the text window
2. Click the links to customize the title animation text/background color of the screen
3. Do this for each title you create

Enter Text for Title
Click 'Done' to add the title to the movie.

| Title |
| Subtitle |

Done, add title to movie   Cancel

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

Adding **Transitions & Video Effects**

1. **Transitions** are used between clips while Video Effects are used   to stylize the clip (speed, color, or other special effects).
2. **Drag & Drop** to the clip in the appropriate location.

Collections   ✕
Video Effects
Video Transitions
Collections

Transition _____   **Special Effects**
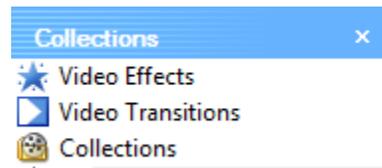
Adding **Narration**
Students can add audio using the Narration Tool. Switch to Timeline view (see image below under Editing), then click Tools→Narrate Timeline. Each Recording is saved as a file in the project folder.

STEP 3: ADVANCED EDITING of YOUR MOVIE
Movies can be improved by TRIMMING unwanted portions of your clips. To do this, you will need to switch from the STORYBOARD VIEW to TIMELINE VIEW

SWITCH VIEWS:

1. Click SHOW TIMELINE on the toolbar above the Storyboard

Show Timeline

Show Storyboard

00.00   0:00.00   0:00:20.00   0:00:

Video ⊞ You Read to Me,   HalloweenPoems
Click and drag to trim the clip

Audio/Music

Title Overlay

TRIM THE CLIP:

1. CLICK and DRAG the <u>PLAYHEAD</u> to the **BEGINNING** OR **END** OF THE CLIP you want to shorten. (*Note the cursor will turn RED*)
2. CLICK , HOLD, DRAG TO TRIM THE CLIP

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You cannot trim a section in the middle of a clip. BUT, you can **SPLIT a clip** into 2 clips so that the section you want to **TRIM** is at the **BEGINNING or END** of the new clip.

SPLIT A CLIP

1. In **Timeline view,** use the **Zoom tool** to find the exact location for the split.
2. In the **Movie Preview Window,** click the **Split Clip Tool.**

Stretch a Clip

If you have added still photos to the timeline, you should stretch the display time of the photo to match the audio.
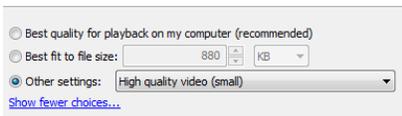
Saving as a Movie File

So far, only a project file has been created. The last step to actually create a video for sharing is to use the File→**Save as a Movie File** command.

The wizard will take you through the steps.

1. Movie Location→My Computer
2. Enter a Final Title & navigate to the My Project Folder
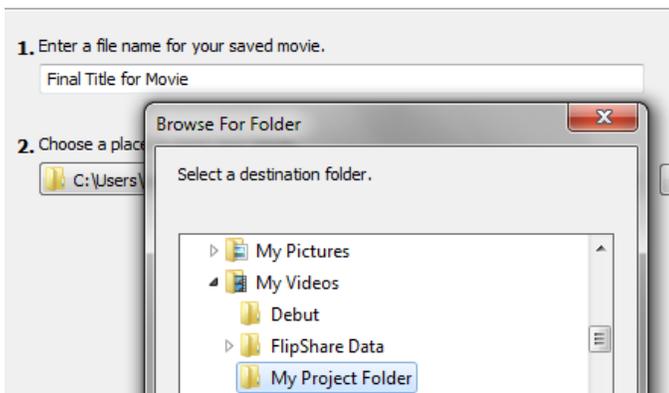3. Next, select the quality/size:

Video—

Click the Other Settings Dropdown for more settings. Your choice depends upon what you plan to do with the video (show on local computer or show over the web). Video tends to create large files, so try to balance quality with size.

4. Wait for the video to convert.
- Once the video has finished you may view or move it to a network drive.
- If you are inserting to PowerPoint, create a folder to hold both the PowerPoint file and the movie file. Always move the folder rather than just the PowerPoint file.
- Please view your movie to make sure further editing is not needed. If you do need to edit, you need to open the project file, make your changes, and Save As Movie File again.
- You may want to transfer the project folder to the server for future editing. If no further editing is needed, just complete the File Cleanup described in the next section.
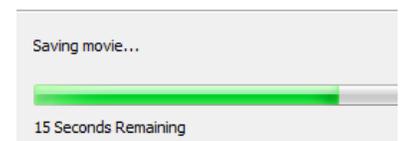
File Cleanup

Once you have moved your files to the server, please:

- Delete the <u>project file folder and all clips that may be in the desktop/video folder.</u>
- <u>Open moviemaker and delete any collections folders.</u>