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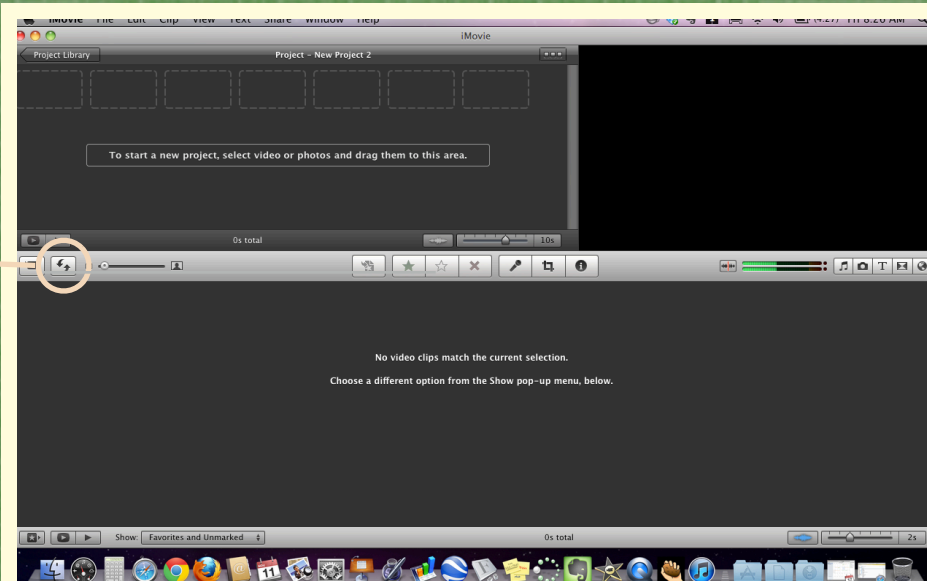
When you open iMovie, you will see three sections. The upper left section is the Project Window. The upper right section is the Preview window and the lower section is the Event Window. You can switch the Event Window and the Project Window by clicking on the "swap button".

If you already have movie clips in your Event Window that you'd prefer not to see as you begin to work on a new movie, go to File > New Event
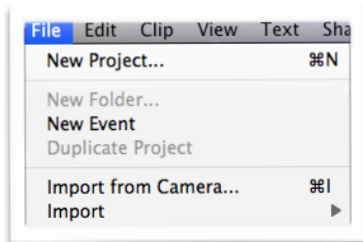
The Event Window allows you to delete sections of video and will also allow you to make some audio adjustments to what you have pulled in.

Editing Video Clips

Import Video Clips

To bring in a new movie clip:
File > Import From Camera or Import > Movies

After importing, the clip will appear in the Event Window.

Preview Window
You can preview a clip at any time by placing your cursor at the beginning of the desired section (you don't have to click) and the hitting the space bar.

Remove a Section of Video
Sometimes when creating your video clip, you will have short sections of video that

you'd like to get rid of to remove extra screen movement or conversation. You can easily crop out sections of video before moving the clip to the Project Window.

In the Event Window: single click in the area clip you wish to remove. If you click in the lower portion of the clip, iMovie will highlight audio only.
Click in the upper portion to highlight video and audio together.

A yellow window will appear to show the highlighted area of the video.

Drag the edges of the yellow box to the exact points you wish to get rid of. If you have your volume turned up, you can hear the audio as you drag the edges to help you find the point you want.

When you have the box properly aligned, hit the delete button to remove everything within the yellow box.

Into the Project Window
The Project Window is where you will assemble all of the edited parts of your video. Drag the edited video clips from the Event Window into the Project Window in the

order you'd like for them to play. Photos and transitions will also be dragged into the Project Window.

Adding Photos
Any photo in your iPhoto program can be added to the Project Window. Click on the camera icon below the Preview Window. Be sure you click on "Photos" and not "Events". Find the desired photo and drag it directly into the Project Window.

Click on the "cog" on the photo and determine how long the photo will appear by changing the duration.

Cropping, Ken Burns and Rotation
You can edit a photo by selecting the photo in the Project Window and then clicking Window > Cropping, Ken Burns and Rotation.

A "Ken Burns Effect" allows you to make it look as if the camera is moving across the photo or zooming in or out. Select "Ken Burns" at the top of the Preview Window. Adjust the edges of the green square to show where the camera move should begin. Adjust the red square to show where it should end. Click on the ▶| to preview the effect.
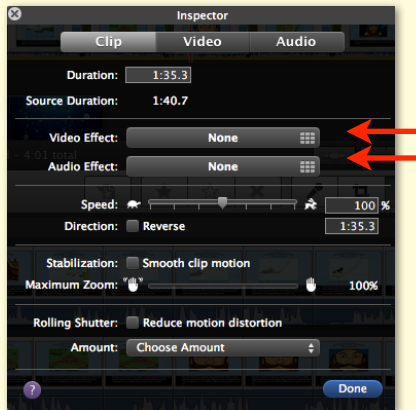
Project Window

Inspector

The Inspector is slightly different when opened in the Project Window instead of the Event Window. You can add various creative effects to video or audio clips once they have been added to the Project Window.

These effects can only be applied to entire clips in the Project Window.

Clip Tab

When you double click on a clip in the Project Window, there are extra options in the Clip Tab. If you click on "Video Effects" you will see a new menu of effects that you can preview before selecting. Placing your cursor over the Video Effect will allow you to see how it will change your video. Effects include "Aged Film", "Black and White", "Flipped" and "Cartoon".
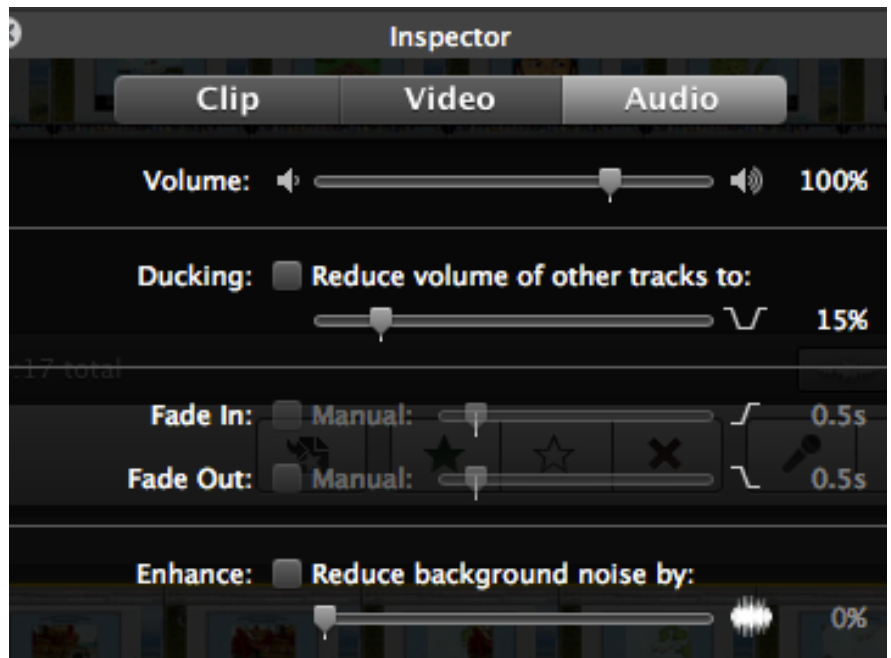
Audio Effects can also be previewed as the clip runs in the Preview Window. From the Clip Tab, click on "Audio Effects". Effects include "Robot", "Echo", "Shortwave Radio" and various voice changing options.

Splitting a Clip

You may want to add a photo or an effect in the middle of a video clip. Before you can do that, you will need to split the clip into 2 sections.

To split a clip, double click the clip and adjust the beginning of the yellow box to the point where you'd like to split. Click on Clip > Split Clip and your clip will split into two clips.

Using the Inspector to Edit Video and Audio

To open the Inspector, click on the button between the Project Window and the Event Window.

Adjusting the Volume

It is easier to adjust the volume of a video clip in the Event Window because the audio waves are easier to see in the larger window.

Double click on the clip and use the Audio tab in the Inspector. In the Audio tab, you can:

- Change the volume level
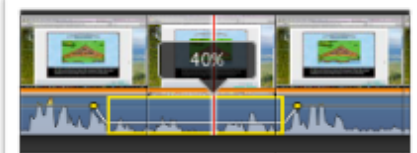- Make your audio fade in or out
- Reduce background noise

Once you have made adjustments to your clips, you can drag them up into the Project Window in the order you'd like for them to play.

If you wish to adjust the volume of the entire clip, double click in the upper section of the clip. Use the Audio Tab of the Inspector or close the Inspector and place your cursor on the volume line of the video clip. (That dark line above the audio waves) The cursor will change to up and down arrows. Click and drag the line to the desired volume level.

To change the volume of a specific section of audio, double click in the lower portion of the area of the clip you wish to change. A yellow box will appear

around the audio at that point. Adjust the edges of the yellow box to include the audio you wish to edit. Click and drag the volume line to the level you wish. This is good for getting rid of short sounds you don't want such as coughing, giggling, dropping things, etc.