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EDIT YOUR OWN MOVIE

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Adding Audio to Your Video

Voice Over

Click the microphone icon. In the Preview Window, it will ask you to click the clip that you'd like to record over. Click the proper video clip in the Project Window. You will get a 3 second countdown and then the video clip will begin to play in the Preview Window. You can speak as you watch the video. When you are finished, hit your spacebar and the audio file will be added into your Project Window.

Music

You can add songs that you have stored on your iTunes or you can choose a song from the iMovie library. Look under iLife Sound Effects > Jingles for a nice selection of short, medium and long music files. To preview a music title, single click the song title and press the space bar. (Note, there is more than just music in the iLife folders. Look for various sound effects here too!)

Select the music that you'd like from the Music menu and drag it into the project

window. You can adjust the volume as you did before and you can add additional songs or additional clips of the same song to get to the desired length. If your music clip is longer than your video, the music will fade out automatically. Click the audio file and drag the yellow box to make the file exactly the length you'd like. Double click the audio file to make additional changes with the Inspector using the Audio Tab.

Once a file is in the Project Window, it can be clicked and dragged to overlap other audio files - such as music under your voiceover.

Exporting Your File

The file extension that you use to save your movie will determine what type of computer it can be played on. MacBooks use .mov and .m4v while PC's use .wmv. This means that if you edit a movie at home on a PC with different editing software, it will not playback on your Mac unless you convert the file. (See the box.)

When your iMovie file is complete, you're ready to finalize the file. To do this, click on

"Share" in the toolbar and make your selection based on the file type you'd like to end up with. To create a .mov file, select "Export using QuickTime..." The biggest disadvantage to the .mov file format is the very large file size.

If you need to convert a video file to a different format, you can do that for free online at www.video.online-convert.com Select the file type you'd like to end up with in the left column, upload your file and the converted file will automatically download to your computer.

To create a .m4v file, click on "Share" in the toolbar and select "Share" > "Export Movie" > Medium. This file size will be about a tenth of the size of a .mov file.

When you are ready to play your movie, the .mov file will open and play in QuickTime while the .m4v file will open and play in iTunes.