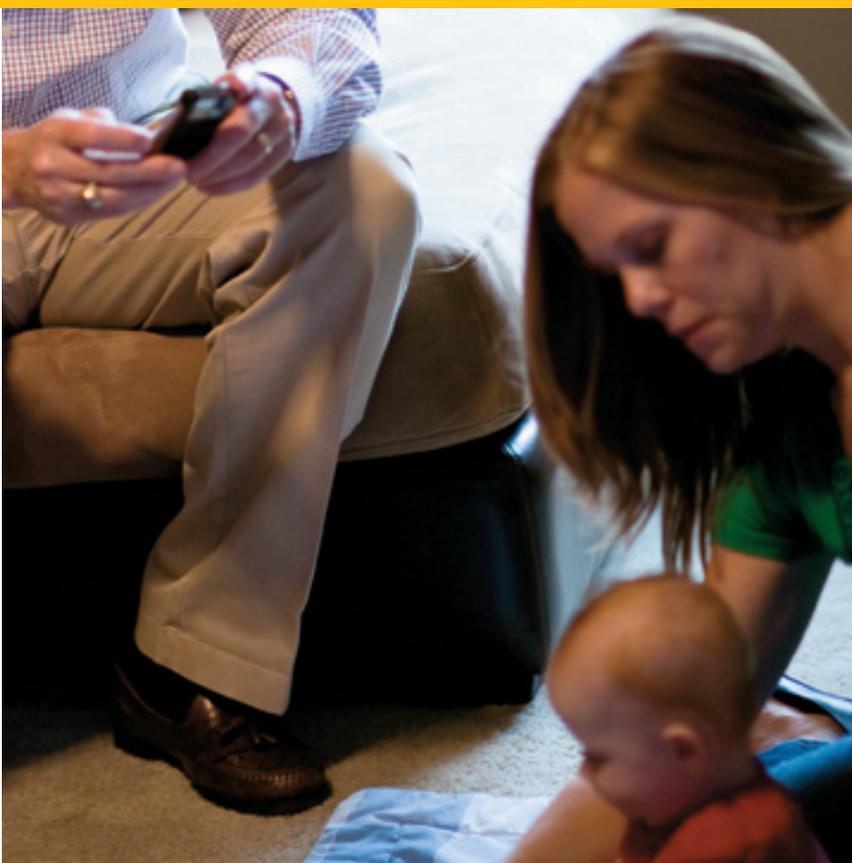


# Create Basic Home Videos

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### *What You'll Need*

- Windows® Movie Maker—included on Windows Vista® Ultimate and Home Premium editions
- Windows Live™ Photo Gallery—available as a [free download](#)
- A Windows Live ID—[free to sign up](#)
- A digital video camera
- A FireWire or USB 2.0 cable that fits the camera
- A DVD burner (if you plan to publish your movies to DVD)
- A computer running Windows Vista

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## Connect a Camera

Nothing captures special occasions and memorable moments quite like digital video. It's hard to imagine that we ever managed without it. Family vacations, graduation, birthday parties, and weddings—all preserved and ready when you want to take a stroll down memory lane. Now there's an easy way to store, edit and publish your movies, so that the people you care about can share in the memories too.

### TYPES OF CAMERA CONNECTIONS

There are two ways to connect a digital video camera to your PC, and once you know which method works best with your camera, importing video is a snap.

- A FireWire cable is the most popular method because it can transfer very large files both quickly and efficiently.

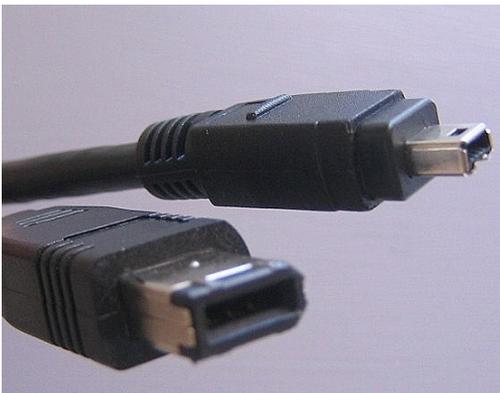


Figure 1—Two types of FireWire cable connectors

## Connect a Camera *(continued)*

- USB 2.0 connectors serve as a second option, and are also widely available, but they are only compatible with digital video cameras offering USB streaming capability.



Figure 2—USB 2.0 connector



For the more tech-savvy or curious, Microsoft maintains a Web site it calls the Windows Vista Hardware Compatibility Center at [www.microsoft.com/windows/compatibility](http://www.microsoft.com/windows/compatibility) for users to look up their digital cameras and other devices. You can check to see if your specific make and model of camera (or any other device) is listed and tested to work with Windows Vista.

## CONNECT YOUR CAMERA

1. Make sure that the correct end of either the FireWire cable or USB 2.0 connector is plugged into the appropriate port on your digital video camera, often labeled DV Port or DV In/Out.
2. Plug the other end of the cable or connector into the appropriate port on your PC.
3. Switch the mode on your camera to the playback setting, often labeled as VCR or VTR.
4. A dialog box with import options should automatically appear.

Now that your camera is properly connected, it's time to start importing video. Continue to the next section of this guide for instructions on how to do this.

## Connect a Camera *(continued)*



### **Troubleshooting**

If your digital video camera is not recognized after connecting it to your computer, try one or more of the following steps:

1. Double check the connection to be sure that the FireWire cable or USB 2.0 connector is properly plugged in to both your computer and your DV camera.
2. Make sure that your digital video camera is turned on and in the VCR/VTR playback mode.
3. If the first two steps don't resolve the issue, turn your digital video camera off and then back on again, making sure to switch it to VCR/VTR playback mode.
4. Check to be sure that the videotape is properly inserted in your digital video camera, and that the tape loader is closed completely.

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### **More Information**

- Windows Help and How to—Types of Digital Video Cameras: <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/Help/c1eccc18-0edf-4d5a-9c0e-f127add0f3751033.msp>

## Import Video

You've got your camera connected, and now it's time to import your videos. Windows Vista takes the guesswork out of this process by guiding you through the steps with the help of a wizard, and you'll be editing and publishing your movies in no time.

### IMPORT VIDEO FROM A VIDEOTAPE

This is the most common way to import video, and with Import Video, you have the option to import an entire video tape or just select clips.

1. Connect your DV camera to your computer using either an FireWire cable or a USB 2.0 connector.
2. Switch the mode on your DV camera to the playback setting, often labeled VCR or VTR.
3. In the Autoplay dialog box that appears, choose **Import Video** from the list of options.

To set this as the default video importing program, click the checkbox in the lower left corner of the dialog box.

The Import Video wizard opens and a series of instructional prompts follow.

4. In the **Name:** box, type a name for the video file or files that you will create, import, and then save to your computer.

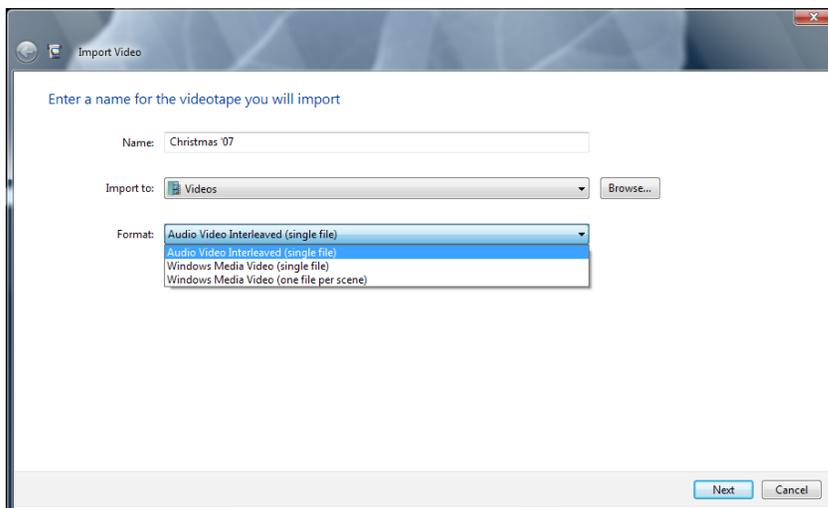


Figure 3—Name your video and choose an import format

## Import Video *(continued)*

5. Choose a location to save your video file from the **Import to:** list, or click **Browse...** to choose another location.
6. In the **Format:** list, choose one of the following video file formats for the new video and then click **Next**.
  - If you want to create a single file using the file type that your digital video device uses by default, such as an AVI or DV-AVI file, choose **Audio Video Interleaved (single file)**.
  - If you want to create a single Windows Media Video (WMV) file containing all of the information on the video tape, choose **Windows Media Video File (single file)**.
  - If you want to create a WMV file for every scene on the videotape, choose **Windows Media Video (one file per scene)**.
7. Decide whether you want to import a full videotape to your computer, import and burn to DVD, or import only select clips and then choose from the options provided.

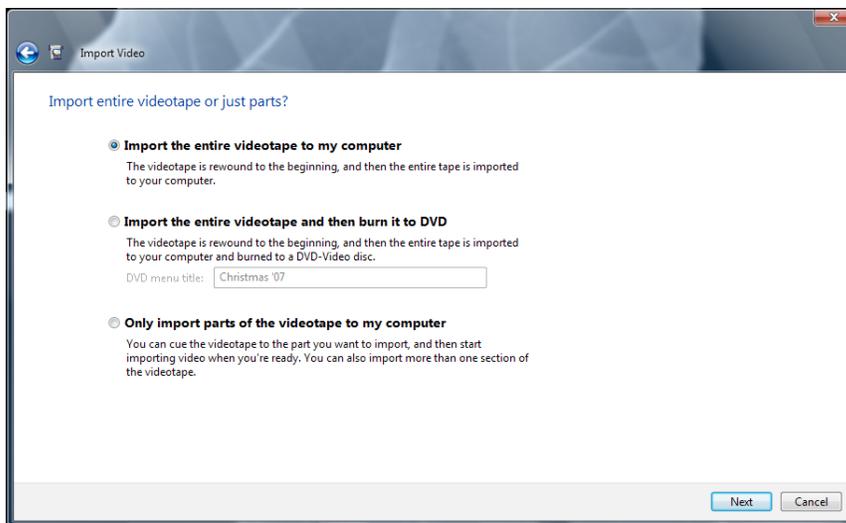


Figure 4—Import a full videotape or only parts of a videotape



The Audio Video Interleaved (AVI) format is best if you plan to transfer the edited file back to videotape. Windows Media Video (WMV) files, on the other hand, are much smaller and easier to share online and through e-mail.

## Import Video *(continued)*

### *To import an entire video*

1. Choose **Import the entire videotape to my computer**, and then click **Next**. Your videotape is then rewound to the beginning and imported for you.
2. To stop importing before the end of the videotape, click **Stop**, and then click **Yes**.
3. Click **Finish**.

The imported video is saved as one or more video files (depending on your format choice from the previous prompt), and can be easily accessed from Windows Movie Maker or Windows Live Photo Gallery.

### *To import and burn to a DVD*

To select this option, you must have Windows DVD Maker, which is included on both Windows Vista Ultimate and Home Premium editions, as well as a DVD burner.

1. Click **Import the entire videotape and then burn it to DVD**, enter a title for the DVD, and then click **Next**.
2. The tape in the DV camera is rewound to the beginning, and the video is imported.
3. If you want to stop importing video before the end of the videotape, click **Stop**, and then click **Yes**.

The video that has been imported is saved as a video file.

4. When you are done importing video from the videotape, click **Finish** to close Import Video.
5. The resulting video file (or files) is then burned to a DVD.
6. After the DVD disc has been successfully burned, you can do one or more of the following on the Your disc is ready page:
  - To make another copy of the current DVD, remove the completed DVD, insert a new recordable DVD, and then click **Make another copy of this disc**.
  - To close Windows DVD Maker, click **Close**.

## Import Video *(continued)*

### To import select clips

1. Click **Only import parts of the videotape to my computer**, and then click **Next**.
2. On the **Cue the videotape and then start importing video** page, do one or more of the following:
  - By using either the DV camera controls in Import Video or the controls on your video camera, locate the start of the clip or clips on the tape that you want to import to your computer.
  - If you want to specify the amount of time to import video from the videotape, select the **Stop importing after** check box, and then enter a time limit for importing video.
3. Click **Start Video Import**.

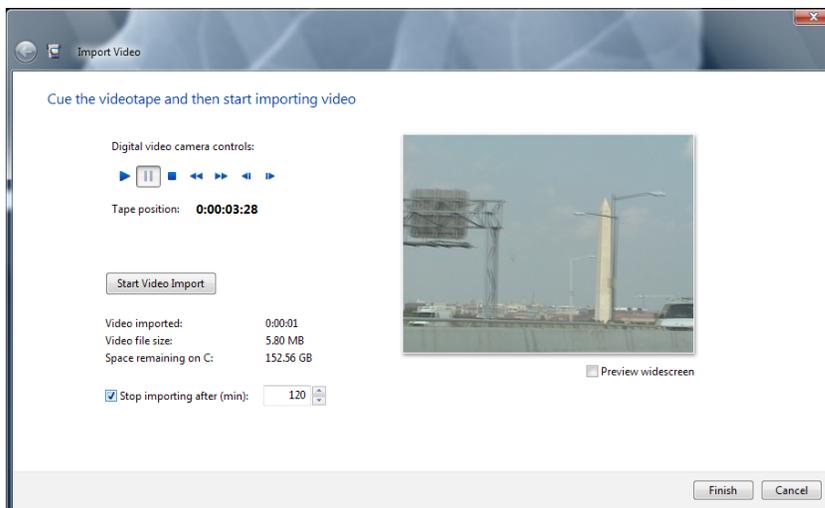


Figure 5—Import select clips from a videotape

The videotape plays automatically and importing begins.

4. Do one of the following:
  - When the tape reaches the point at which you want to stop importing, click **Stop Video Import**.
  - If you have selected the **Stop importing after** check box, wait for the specified amount of time for video to be imported.
5. Repeat steps 8 and 9 for each part of the videotape you want to import.
6. When you are done importing video, click **Finish**.

## Import Video *(continued)*

The imported video is saved as one or more video files (depending on your format choice from the previous prompt), and can be easily accessed from Windows Movie Maker or Windows Live Photo Gallery.



*If an error message appears during import that says your video file exceeds the FAT32 4-gigabyte size limit, you may need to choose a lower video setting for your imported video, reduce the amount of video you import, or convert your file system to use the NTFS file system, which has no file size limits. Learn how to do this by going to <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/Help/414a3808-283a-4e4d-b5ff-1a6d06f597d31033.mspx>*

## IMPORT LIVE VIDEO

At some point, you may want to import video as you're recording, and you can do just that by following the below steps:

1. Make sure your DV camera is connected properly to an FireWire port or a USB 2.0 connection, and then set the camera mode to record live video (often labeled as Camera on a DV camera).
2. In the Autoplay dialog box that appears, choose **Import Video** from the list of options.

To set this as the default video importing program, click the checkbox in the lower left corner of the dialog box.

3. In the **Name:** box, type a name for the video file that you will create, import, and then save to your computer.
4. Choose a location to save your file from the **Import to:** list, or click **Browse...** to choose another location.
5. In the **Format:** list, choose one of the following video file formats for the new video file, and then click **Next:**
  - If you want to create a single file using the filetype that your digital video device uses by default, such as an AVI or DV-AVI file, choose **Audio Video Interleaved (single file)**.
  - If you want to create a single Windows Media Video (WMV) file containing all of the information on the video tape, choose **Windows Media Video File (single file)**.
  - If you want to create a WMV file for every scene on the videotape, choose **Windows Media Video (one file per scene)**.

## Import Video *(continued)*

6. Click **Start Video Import**.
7. Do one of the following:
  - When you have finished importing the live video that you want to import, click **Stop Video Import**.
  - If you have selected the **Stop importing after check box**, wait for the specified amount of time for the live video to be imported.
8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 to import more live video to the specified video file.
9. Click **Finish**.

The live video is encoded into a video file and saved to your computer's hard disk as one or more video files (depending on your format choice from the previous prompt), and can be easily accessed from Windows Movie Maker or Windows Live Photo Gallery.

## IMPORT EXISTING VIDEO FILES INTO WINDOWS MOVIE MAKER

You may already have existing video, photo and music files saved elsewhere on your computer, and with the Import Media option in Windows Movie Maker, you can find and import them with just a couple of clicks.

1. Open Windows Movie Maker by clicking the Windows logo, and selecting **Windows Movie Maker** from your programs list.
2. Click **Import Media**.
3. Find and select the video you want to import and click on it. To select multiple videos, hold down the **CTRL** key as you click.

## Import Video *(continued)*

4. Click **Import** to add the selected files to Windows Movie Maker.

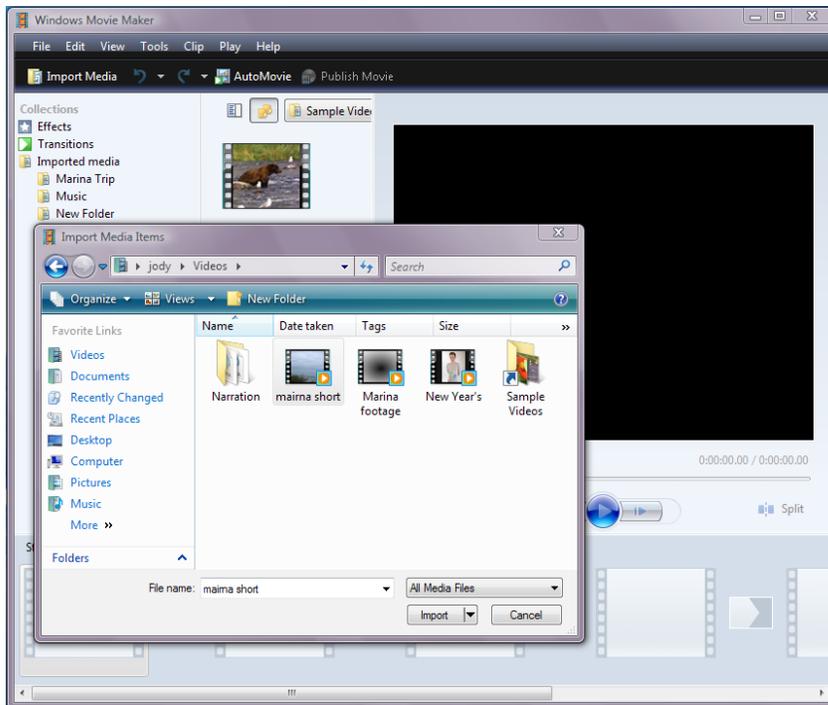


Figure 6—Import Media to Windows Movie Maker



*Windows Live Photo Gallery is also great for importing video. Connect your DV camera to your computer and switch your camera setting to playback mode. Select Windows Live Photo Gallery from the list of importing options and follow the prompts.*

## Import Video *(continued)*



### **Troubleshooting**

If video frames are dropped or missing from your imported video files, try the following:

1. Defragment your hard disk by clicking the Windows logo, clicking **Control Panel**, clicking **System and Maintenance**, scrolling down to **Administrative Tools**, and then clicking on **Defragment your hard drive**.
2. Close all other programs currently running on your computer before importing video. This way, you have the maximum amount of hard disk space available as you import.
3. Choose a lower video setting or file format when importing video from your digital video camera.
4. Upgrade your computer. Working with video files requires large amounts of hard disk space and memory, as well as a faster processor speed. Take these requirements into consideration when you upgrade.

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### **More Information**

- Windows Help & How to—FAQ Import Video Settings: <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/Help/8e83b124-ec83-4b89-b102-f91417cab9af1033.mspx>
- Windows Help & How to—Troubleshoot Video Importing Problems: <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/Help/ab3acf8d-11e7-41a3-935b-464414adcbb31033.mspx>

## Create a Video

Now the fun begins. Your media files are all at arm's length, and with Windows Movie Maker, you have over 130 transitions, effects, title and credit options to experiment with. And because your original media files are never permanently changed, you're free to play all you like.

### UNDERSTANDING MOVIE MAKER

1. Open Windows Movie Maker by clicking the Windows logo, and selecting **Windows Movie Maker** from your programs list.

If you are using Windows Movie Maker for the first time, take a moment to look at the different features. There are five main components:

- The **Main Menu** bar along the top of the screen. Save projects, change views, and import media from here.
- The **Tasks pane**, located to the left, displays the most commonly used functions for importing, editing, and publishing your movies.
- The **Storyboard menu** along the bottom of the screen, which can also be viewed in Timeline mode, displays the sequence of your clips and transitions.
- The **Contents pane**, or central panel of the screen, displays the current project, clips or transitions you are working with.

## Create a Video *(continued)*

- A **Preview Screen** to the right allows you to view individual clips or films in their entirety, along with any transitions or effects you have added.

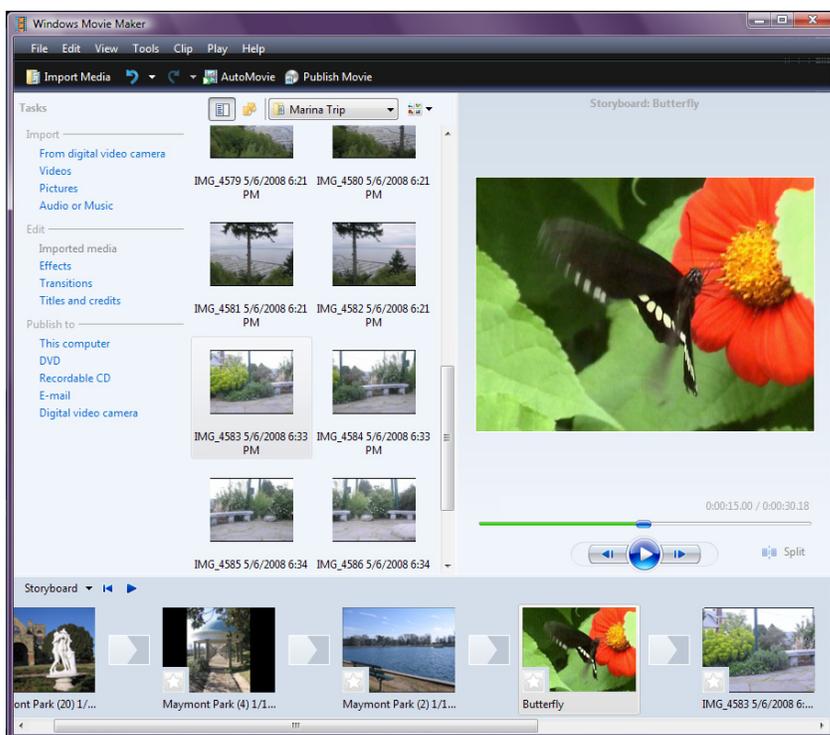


Figure 7—Windows Movie Maker interface

 If you import and store your videos using Windows Live Photo Gallery, it's easy to open and edit them in Windows Movie Maker. Click to select the movie or clip you want to edit, or select several by holding down the **CTRL** key, click the **Make** tab and then select **Make a movie** from the dropdown list.

## USE AUTOMOVIE

Now that you know your way around, it's time to create some movies, but maybe you don't feel like making a movie from scratch? No problem. Just select video clips, music and photos you want to use, and let AutoMovie do the work for you.

1. Open Windows Movie Maker by clicking the Windows logo, and selecting **Windows Movie Maker** from your programs list.
2. Open your **Collections pane** by clicking on the small folders icon to the right of your Task pane.

## Create a Video *(continued)*

All of your existing collections show in the left pane. To rename any of the collections, right-click on an individual folder and select **Rename**.

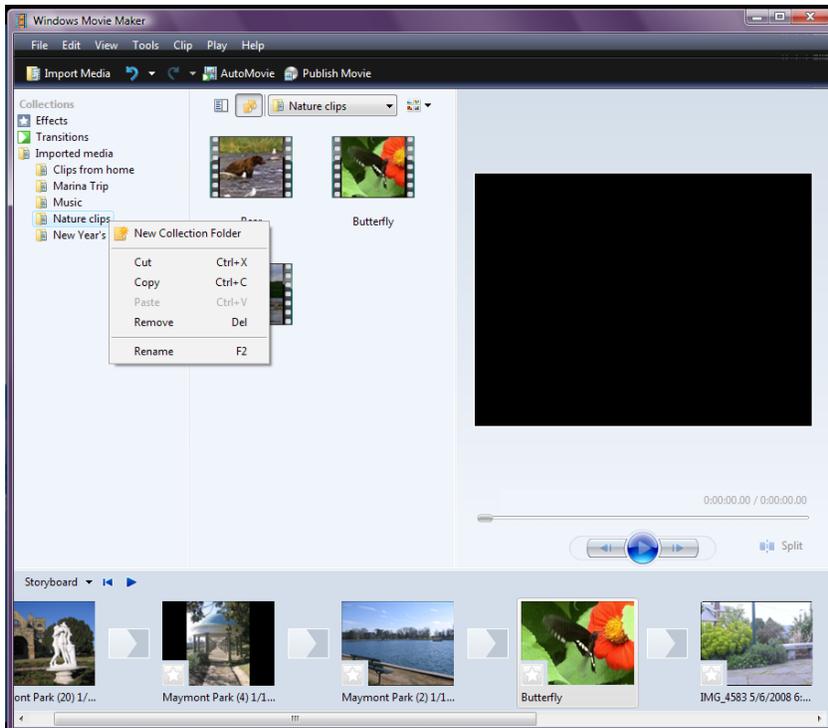


Figure 8—Rename a folder in the Collections Pane

1. To add music, video and photos stored elsewhere on your computer, click **Import Media**.
2. Find and click on the files you want to import. Select several files at once by holding down the **CTRL** key as you click.
3. Click **Import**, and the new files are added to your collections.

Now that you have all of your media files in Movie Maker, it's time to select some for your AutoMovie.

4. Click on a collection you want to use in your AutoMovie.
5. To use select clips rather than a full collection, hold down the **CTRL** key and click on the desired clips inside your Contents pane.

Make sure that your collection or selected clips have a combined duration of 30 seconds or more.

## Create a Video *(continued)*

6. Click **AutoMovie** in your Main Menu bar.
7. **Select an AutoMovie editing style** from the list of options provided.
8. Click **Enter a title for the movie** under More Options if you would like to add a title.
9. Click **Select audio or background music** to add a soundtrack to your movie.
10. Choose an existing audio file by clicking the button below **Audio and music files** and selecting from the dropdown list, or click **Browse** to search for audio tracks elsewhere on your computer.
11. Use the Audio levels slider to assign more pronounced audio levels to **Audio from video** or to **Audio/Music**.
12. Click **Create AutoMovie**. Windows Movie Maker will combine the selected elements to make your movie. This may take a few moments depending on the size of your clips.

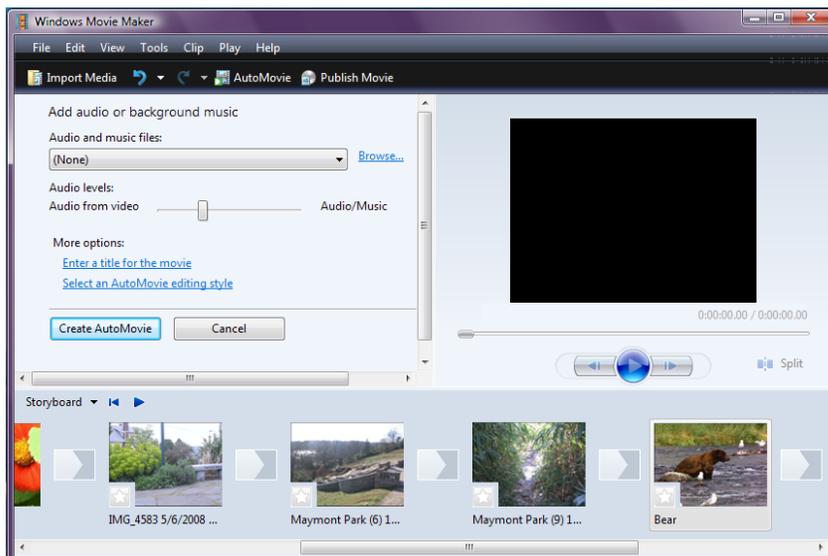


Figure 9—Add audio or background music to an AutoMovie

13. Preview your new movie by pressing the **Play** arrow on your preview pane menu.



Figure 10—Playback controls in Windows Movie Maker

## Create a Video *(continued)*

14. Click **Publish Movie** to save and publish your new movie to your desktop, a DVD, recordable CD, online, or in an e-mail.



*Windows Movie Maker is included on all versions of Windows Vista, with the exception of the Starter edition.*

*To find out about downloading Windows Movie Maker for free, visit the Microsoft Download Center at [http://](http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/browse.aspx?displaylang=en&productID=1D5ECDCC-A6D9-48B6-83B7-E3DB4F6F2A04)*

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## CREATE YOUR OWN MOVIE

Perhaps you want a little more creative control over your movie. You got it. Windows Movie Maker allows you to easily add clips, effects and transitions, move clips around, and even add and adjust music or narration, so let your imagination roam free!

1. Open Windows Movie Maker by clicking the Windows logo, and selecting **Windows Movie Maker** from your programs list.
2. Open your **Collections pane** by clicking on the small folders icon to the right of your Task pane.
3. Find video clips and photos you want to use in your movie. Select individual clips by clicking on them, or hold down the **CTRL** key to select several at a time.

## Create a Video *(continued)*

4. Drag and drop the selected clip(s) or photo(s) into the **Storyline pane** along the bottom.

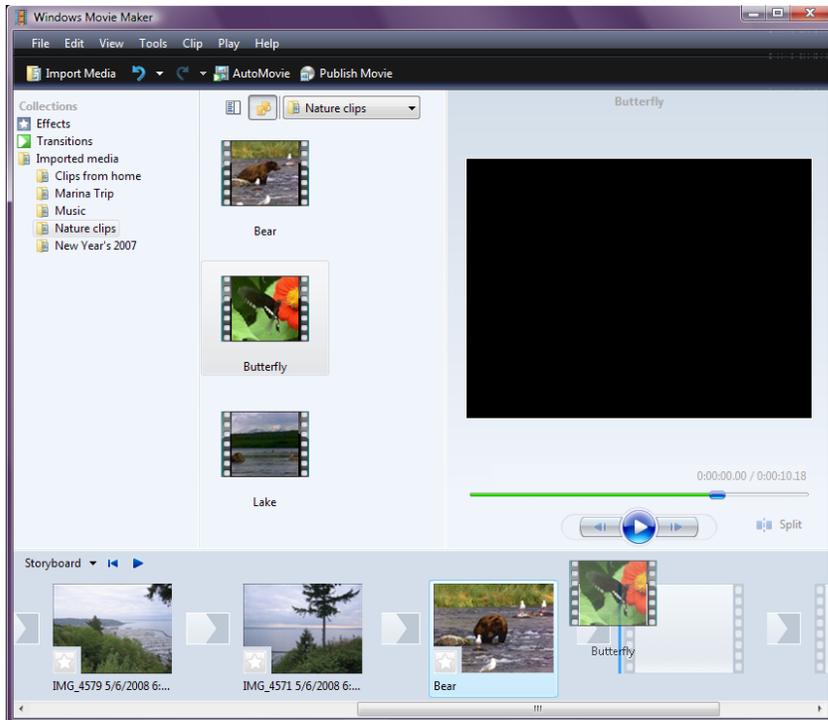


Figure 11—Drag and drop clips into the Storyline pane

5. To remove any of the added clips or photos, right-click on the thumbnail within the **Storyline pane** and select **Remove** from the list.

### Add effects

Effects are stylistic touches that can be added to video clips and photos to change their appearance.

1. With your clips now loaded, open the **Tasks pane** by clicking on the small tasks icon near the top of your screen.



Figure 12—Small icons for the Task pane and Collections pane

2. Click **Effects**.

## Create a Video *(continued)*

3. To add an effect, click on the effect you want to use, drag and drop it onto a clip or photo in your **Storyline pane**. You can add multiple effects to one clip or photo, so to add more just repeat the same steps.
4. Preview your change by right-clicking on the altered photo or clip and selecting **Play Storyboard**. The photo or clip with the added effect appears in the **Preview pane**.

A small star shows in the lower left corner of photos and clips that have had effects applied to them.

5. To remove an effect, right-click on the star and select **Remove Effects**.
6. If you have applied multiple effects, and just want to remove one, right-click on the star and select **Effects** to open a new window where you can add or remove individual effects.

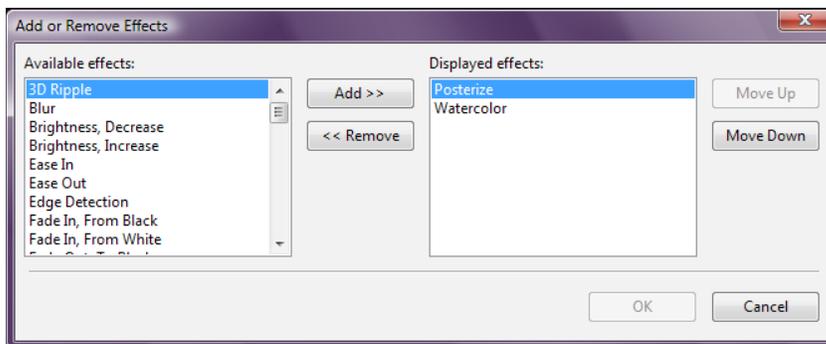


Figure 13—Add or Remove Effects window

## Create a Video *(continued)*

### Add transitions

Transitions are visual styles that can be applied to the space between video clips and photos.

1. Click **Transitions**.
2. Click on a transition you want to apply, drag and drop it into the small boxes located between your clips and photos in the **Storyboard pane**.

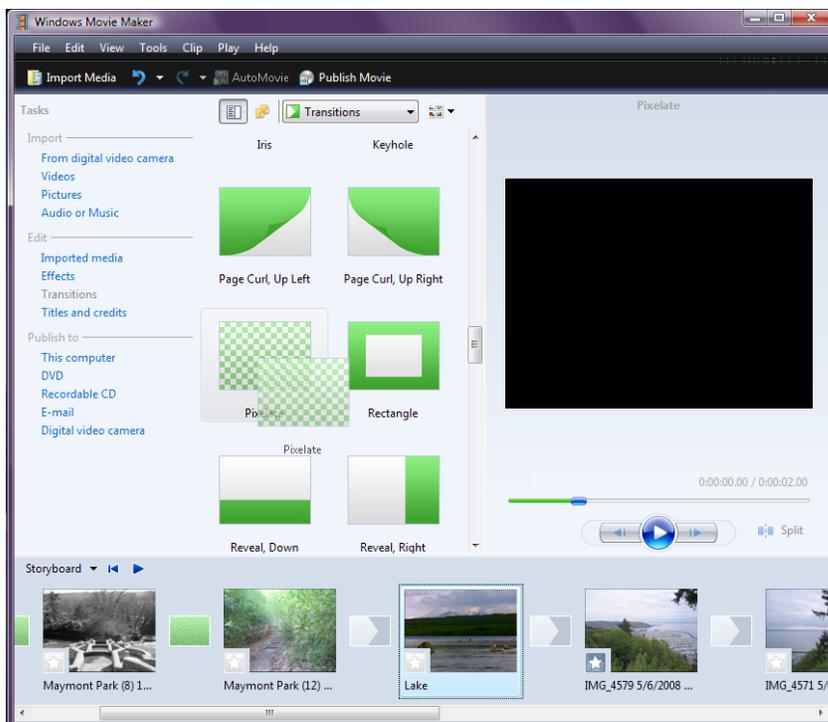


Figure 14—Drag and drop transitions into the Storyboard pane

3. Preview a transition by right-clicking on it in the Storyboard pane and selecting **Play Storyboard** from the list. The transition shows in the **Preview pane**.
4. Remove a transition by right-clicking on it in the **Storyboard pane** and selecting **Remove**.

### Add titles and credits

5. Click **Titles and credits** in your **Tasks pane** to add either of these to your movie.
6. Decide where you want your title to go, and click on one of the placement options listed under **Where do you want to add a title?**

## Create a Video *(continued)*

7. Type your title into the field provided.
8. Click **Change the title animation** to adjust the visual presentation of your title.

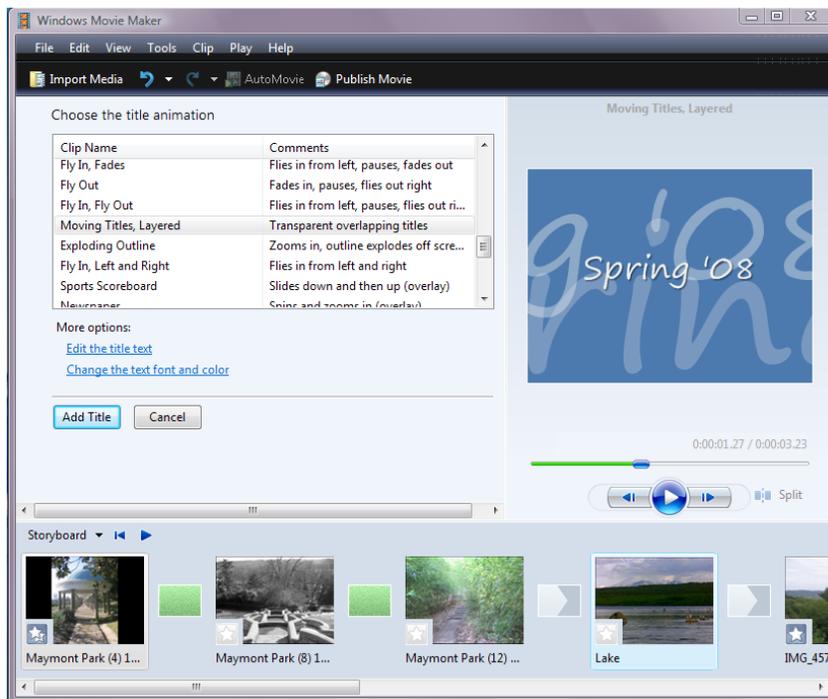


Figure 15—Title animation options and preview

9. Click **Change the text font and color** and use the tools provided to change the background color, pick a new font, increase text size, and change text color.
10. When you're happy with the title, click **Add Title**.

### Change sequence and clip length

Use your Storyboard/Timeline panes to move your clips around, shorten, or lengthen them.

1. To move a clip or photo within your **Storyboard pane**, click on it, drag and drop it into the desired spot in the sequence.
2. Click on the small arrow to the right of **Storyboard**, and choose **Timeline** from the list.

## Create a Video *(continued)*

The Timeline pane reveals a more detailed view of your movie sequence. Use the **+** and **–** sign magnifying glasses to zoom in or out of your timeline. Use the **Rewind** and **Play** arrows to control views in the Preview pane.

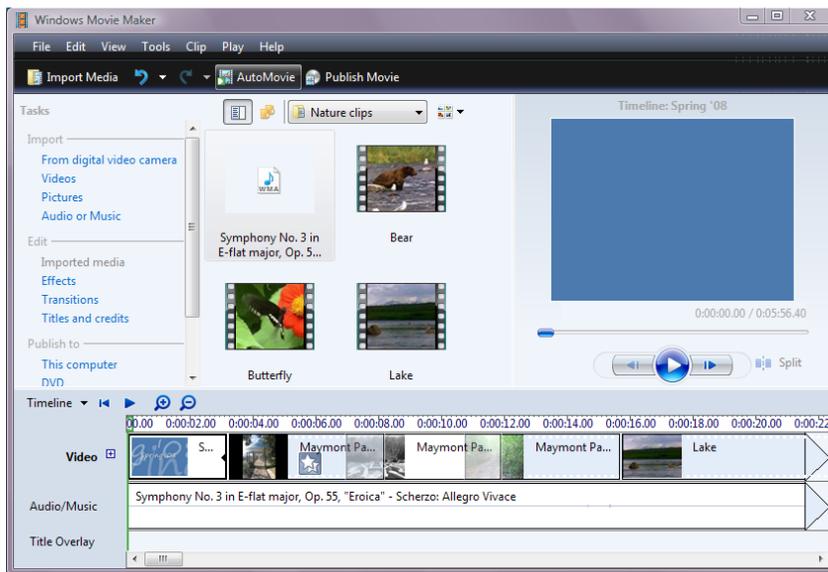


Figure 16—Timeline pane

3. If you chose to add music or narration, it will show in the **Audio/Music** section of the pane, and if you added a title overlay on select clips, it will be visible in the **Title Overlay** portion of the pane.
4. To adjust the length of a clip, click on it and then hover your mouse over the right edge of the selected clip. Red double arrows will appear.
5. Click and drag the arrows to trim or expand the clip.

### Add music

1. Find the music file you want to use, click to select it, and then drag and drop it into the **Audio/Music** field in your **Timeline pane**.
2. Trim the length of music clips the same way you trim video clips and photos. Click to select the audio track and then use the red arrows to trim. A trimmed music clip can be expanded, but only up to its original length.

## Create a Video *(continued)*

### Add narration

1. Click Tools and select **Narrate Timeline** from the list.
2. Click **Show Options**, located just beneath your narration tools.

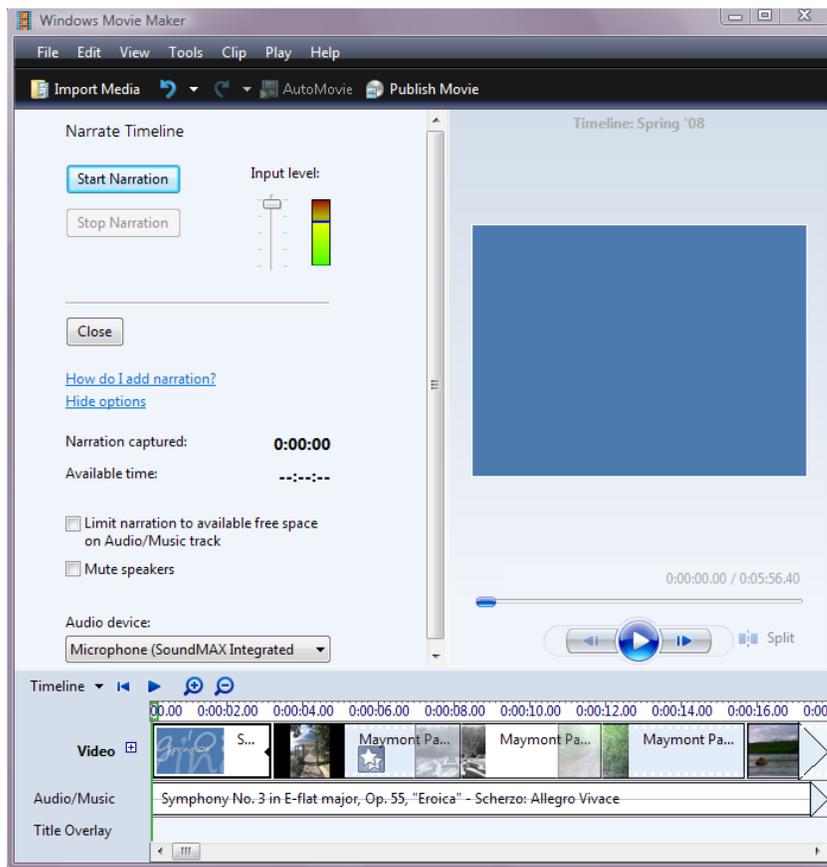


Figure 17—Narrate Timeline options

Check the **Mute speakers** box if you don't want any existing audio/music to play during your narration recording.

3. Click the button under **Audio device**, and select your audio capture device from the list.
4. Move the **Input level** slider to adjust the recording level of your narration.
5. Click **Start Narration** and begin recording your timeline narration.
6. Click **Stop Narration** to end the recording.

## Create a Video *(continued)*

7. Enter a name for your narration recording in the File box that opens, and then click **Save**.
8. You can record additional narration clips by repeating these steps, or click **Close** to return to your main editing panel.

Windows Movie Maker automatically imports your narration into the current collection and puts it on the timeline at the point on the Audio/Music track where you first began to narrate.

9. Drag and drop your narration file to reposition it in your timeline.
10. Click to select a narration clip and then use the red arrows to trim the length. A trimmed clip can be expanded, but only to its original length.

### ***Preview and save your movie***

1. Preview your movie at any point by doing one of three things:
  - Click the **Play arrow** in your Preview pane.
  - Click the smaller **Play arrow** along the top of your Storyboard/Timeline pane.
  - Click **Play** in your Main Menu bar and select **Play** from the dropdown.

## Create a Video *(continued)*

2. Adjust your Preview Screen size by right-clicking on it, and then selecting small, large or full screen from the list.

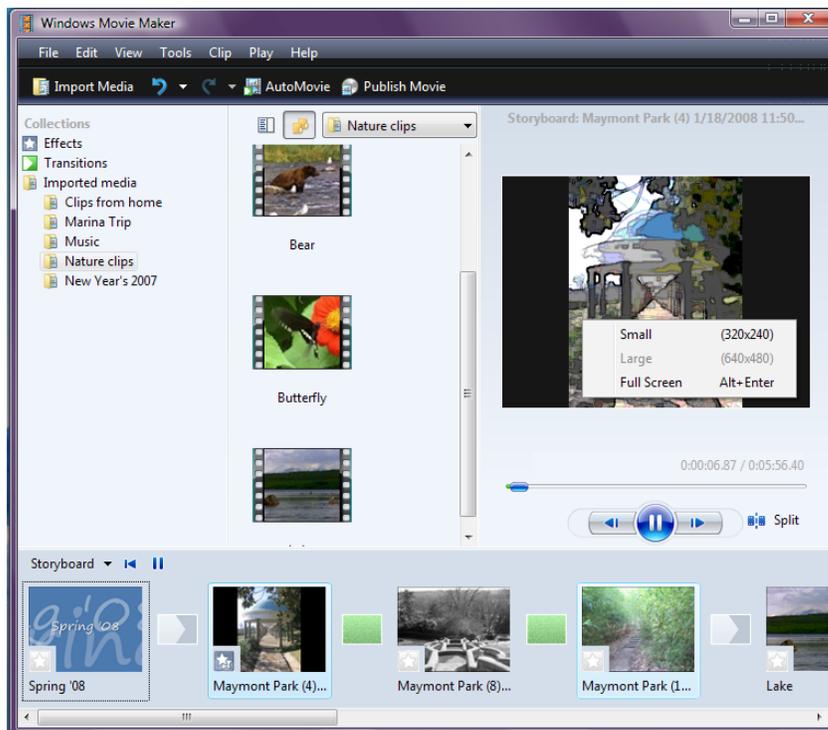


Figure 18—Change Preview pane size

3. If you plan to continue working on your movie project, click **File** in your Main Menu bar and select **Save Project** from the list.
4. To re-open it at a later date, click **File**, and select **Open Project...**
5. If you are done editing your film, click **Publish Movie** and then select the publishing method you prefer.

## Create a Video *(continued)*

Learn more about the different publishing options in the **Share a Video with Others** section of this guide.



*Until you publish a movie, it will remain in project mode and can only be viewed in Windows Movie Maker. When you publish it to your desktop, or using one of the other methods provided, all of your clips, effects and audio are combined, and a new video file is created. You can then share it or view it using other media programs.*

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### **More Information**

- Windows Help & How to—Getting Started with Windows Movie Maker: <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/help/ec3fff68-e53c-4168-ae74-8557325e57e21033.mspx>
- Windows Help & How to—Using AutoMovie in Movie Maker: <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/help/316087bf-f4ef-4d72-b50d-ff7196bc15e71033.mspx>
- Windows Help & How to—Edit a Movie in Movie Maker: <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/help/169ba280-d636-4441-a212-76b318977a4f1033.mspx>

## Share a Video with Others

So, you've got your movie looking great, complete with music, effects, and narration. Now it's time to show off your hard work, and you have lots of options to help you do that. Publish it to your computer, burn a DVD, send it as an e-mail attachment or upload it to MSN® Soapbox.

Before publishing, decide whether you want the movie metadata (title, author, copyright, comments) to be included in the published version. If you do not, do the following:

1. Click **Tools**, and then click **Options**.
2. Click the **General** tab, and then uncheck the **Do not include the title, author, copyright, rating, and comments information in the published movie** checkbox.

When you publish a movie in Windows Movie Maker, you have five options, and we are going to review all of them here.

1. Open Windows Movie Maker by clicking the Windows logo, and selecting **Windows Movie Maker** from your programs list.
2. Click **File** and select **Open Project** from the dropdown menu.
3. Click on the project you want to publish and then click **Open**.
4. Click **Publish Movie** and a window with publishing options opens.

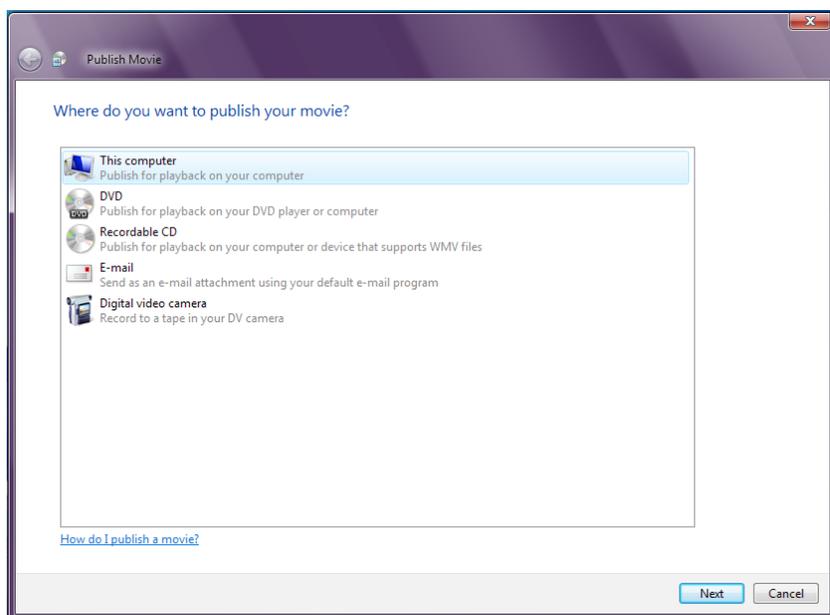


Figure 19—Publish Movie options

## Share a Video with Others *(continued)*

### PUBLISH TO YOUR COMPUTER

1. Select **This computer** from the list, and then click **Next**.
2. Type a name for your movie in the **File name** box, and then click **Next**.
3. In the **Publish box** that opens, choose a location to save your published movie to.
4. Click **Next**.
5. Choose the settings and preferred format for your published movie.
6. Click **Publish**.
7. To view your movie immediately after it is published, select the checkbox to **Play movie when I click Finish**.
8. Click **Finish**.

### BURN A DVD

1. Before selecting this option, insert a blank recordable or rewritable DVD into your DVD burner.
2. Select **DVD** from the list of publishing options, and then click **Next**.
3. A prompt will appear to ask permission to open DVD Maker. Click **OK**.
4. Depending on the size of your project, you may have the option to add additional files. Once you have added everything you want to publish to the DVD, click **Next**.

DVD Maker allows you to choose a **Menu style**, change **Menu text**, or **Preview** your DVD.

5. When you are ready, click **Burn**. DVD Maker will begin the encoding process, which may take a few minutes, depending on the length of your show.
6. Once you have burned the desired number of copies, save your project by following the prompts at the main menu.



*To publish and burn your movie to DVD, you must have a DVD burner and DVD Maker must be installed on your computer. It is included on both the Windows Vista Ultimate and Home Premium editions. If you are using another edition of Vista or an earlier version of Windows, learn more about your options by visiting <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/products/windowsvista/default.aspx>*

## Share a Video with Others *(continued)*

### E-MAIL A VIDEO

1. Select **E-mail** from the list of publishing options, and then click **Next**.

Only movie files that are 10MB or smaller can be published through e-mail using Windows Movie Maker. An error message appears for any file exceeding that size.

2. Movie Maker will proceed to publish your movie, and you can choose to **Play the movie** or **Save a copy of my movie on my computer**.
3. Once you finish either playing or saving the movie, click **Attach Movie**.
4. Your default e-mail program opens, and your movie appears as an attachment in a new message.

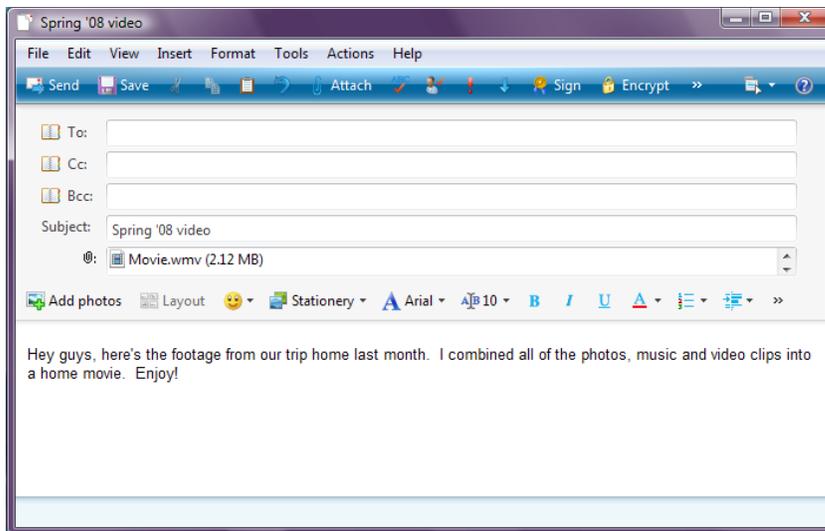


Figure 20—E-mail your video as an attachment

5. Enter a recipient address and click **Send**.

## Share a Video with Others *(continued)*

### PUBLISH TO MSN SOAPBOX

MSN Soapbox™ is a video hosting service available to anyone with a Windows Live ID and with Windows Live Photo Gallery installed on their computer. You can get both for free by going to <http://get.live.com/>

1. Open Windows Live Photo Gallery by clicking the Windows logo, and selecting **Windows Live Photo Gallery** from your programs list.
2. Click on **Videos** in the left panel to open your video folder(s).
3. If the video you want to publish to Soapbox is not listed, click **File** and then select **Include a folder in the gallery** from the list.
4. Find the folder you want, click on it, and then click **OK**.
5. Locate the video you want to publish and click on it.
6. Click **Publish**, and choose **Publish on MSN Soapbox** from the dropdown menu.
7. Enter your Windows Live ID and password to sign in.
8. Enter a title, description, and tags for your movie. Choose a category and set the permission level, and then click **Publish**.

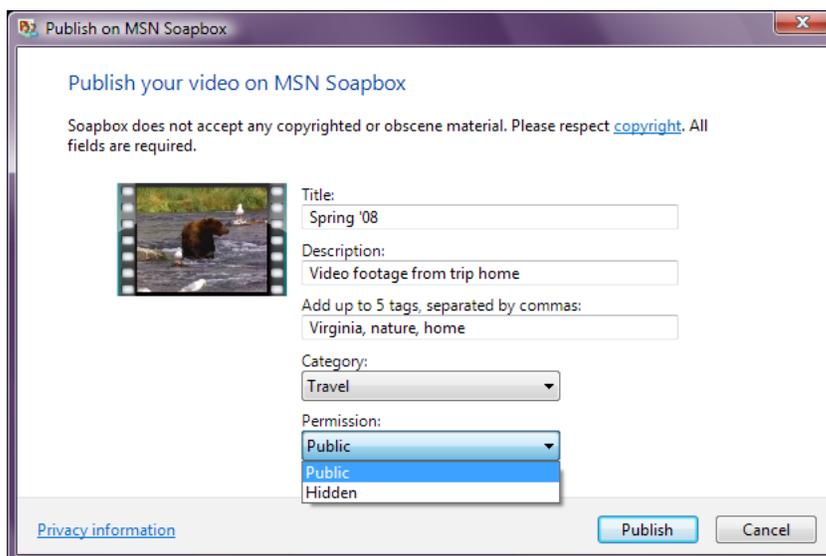


Figure 21—Publishing a movie to MSN Soapbox from Windows Live Photo Gallery

## Share a Video with Others *(continued)*

A prompt will show when your movie has been published to Soapbox and you will have the option to then **View** or **Close**.



*When you post movies to MSN Soapbox, you have options to e-mail a profile link to friends and family so that they can view your video, send the video in an e-mail, add it to your blog in Windows Live Spaces, or send it in an instant message.*

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### **More Information**

- Windows Help & How to—Publish a movie in Movie Maker: <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/Help/4ea4b6cd-0cfe-4d02-8122-16c28828cdf21033.mspx>
- Windows Help & How to—8 Great Ways to Share Your Videos: <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/Help/73f62b01-d955-4597-960a-d403d4d916e11033.mspx>
- Windows Help & How to—Sharing Photos and Video with Windows Live Photo Gallery: <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/Help/5f3bdea2-dff8-4b20-94b9-86fa29ae973f1033.mspx>



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Windows Live—Download All Services: <http://get.live.com/>

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Windows Live Photo Gallery—Overview: [http://www.windowslive.com/photo\\_gallery/overview.html](http://www.windowslive.com/photo_gallery/overview.html)

Windows Vista Help & How to: <http://windowshelp.microsoft.com/Windows/en-US/default.aspx>

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