

iMovie Tutorial

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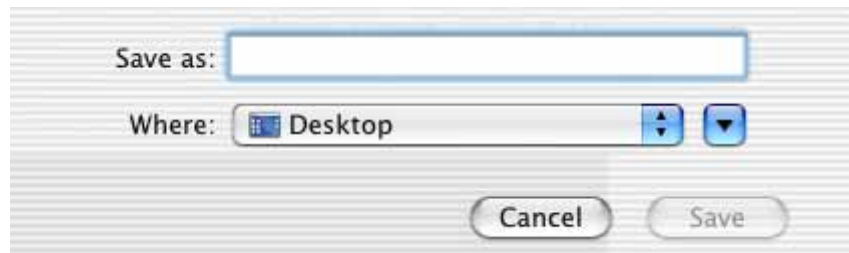
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Create an iMovie Project

When you create a video in iMovie, then you begin by opening a project.

1. Launch the **iMovie** program.
2. Click the **New Project** button. If iMovie is already running, then from the **File** menu, choose **New Project**.

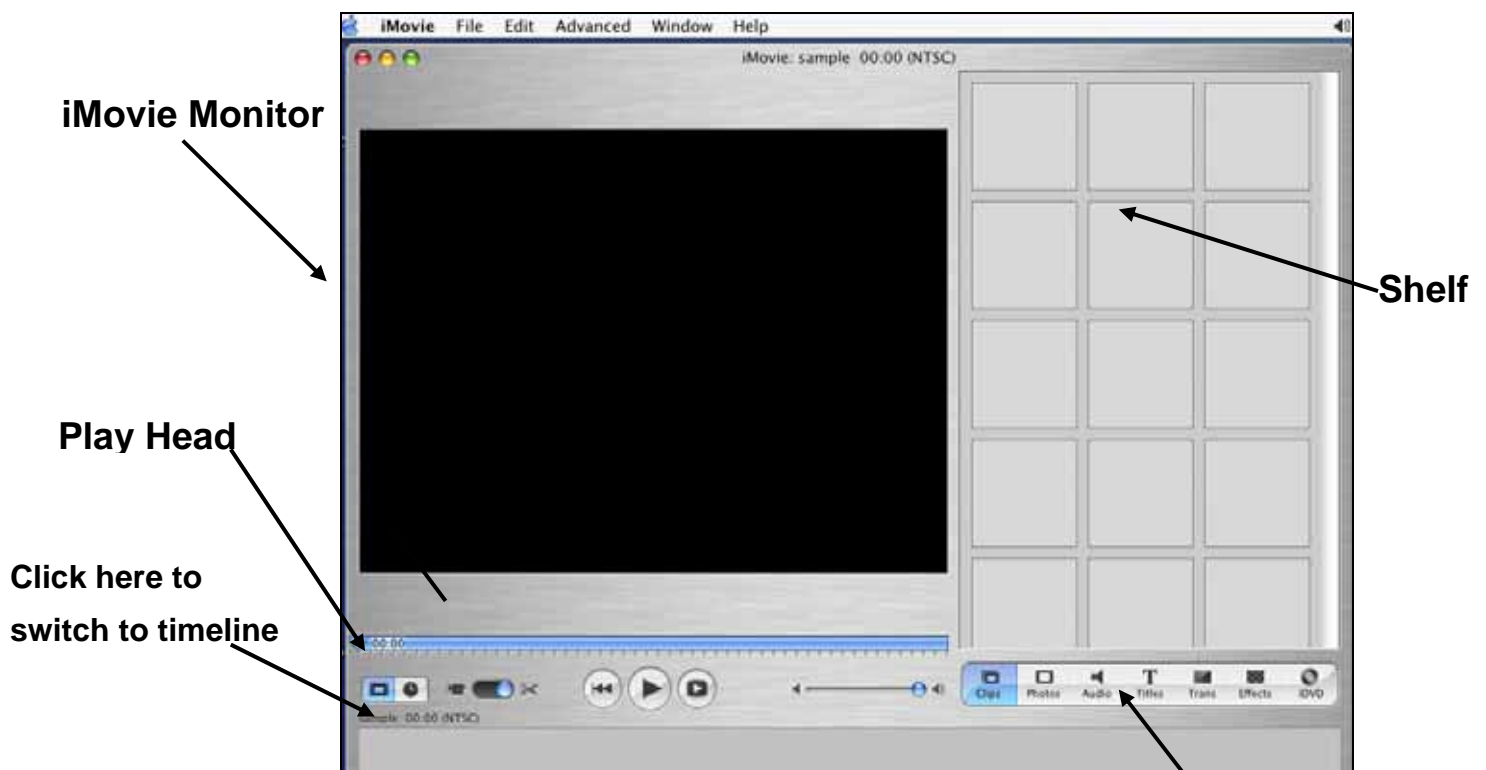


The next step is to name and save the new project file.

3. **Title the project**, “My Name Movie” and **save it to the your folder** on the desktop, and click the **Create** button.

A blank project workspace opens on the screen.

iMovie Workspace



Importing video clips

Video can be added to the iMovie program for editing from two sources: import directly from a digital video camera through a firewire connection, or import an existing digital video file.

From a DV camera

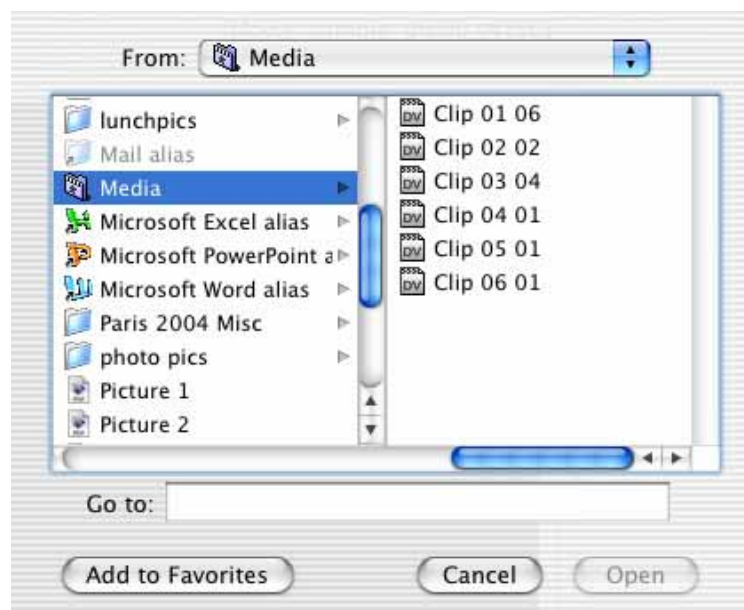
1. Connect the digital video camera to the Mac.
2. Slide the button to the left to set iMovie to import from camera mode.



3. When the digital video camera is connected, iMovie recognizes the camera.
4. Import the clips.
5. The clips appear in the "Shelf"
6. when done importing, click the button to set iMovie to import from file mode.

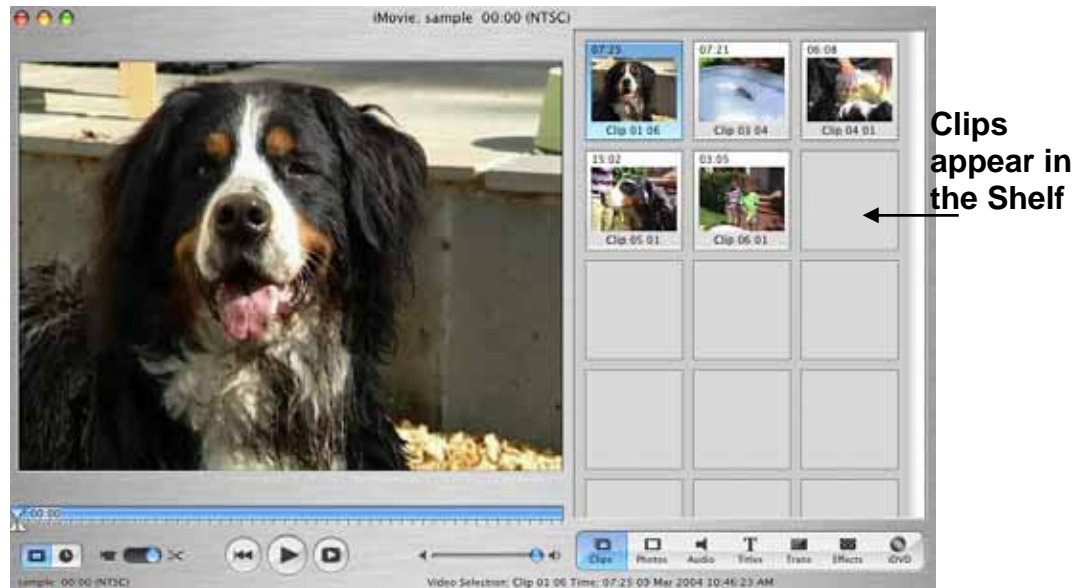
Import a Video File

1. From the **File** menu, choose **Import...**



2. Select the video file to import, and click **Open**.

The video clips will appear in the clip shelf.



Basic Editing

Add clip from the Shelf to the clip viewer.

1. Drag the first clip from the Shelf to the Clip Viewer.

The clip appears in the Clip Viewer.



2. Add another clip to the Clip viewer.



3. The clips can be re-ordered by clicking and dragging them in the clip viewer.

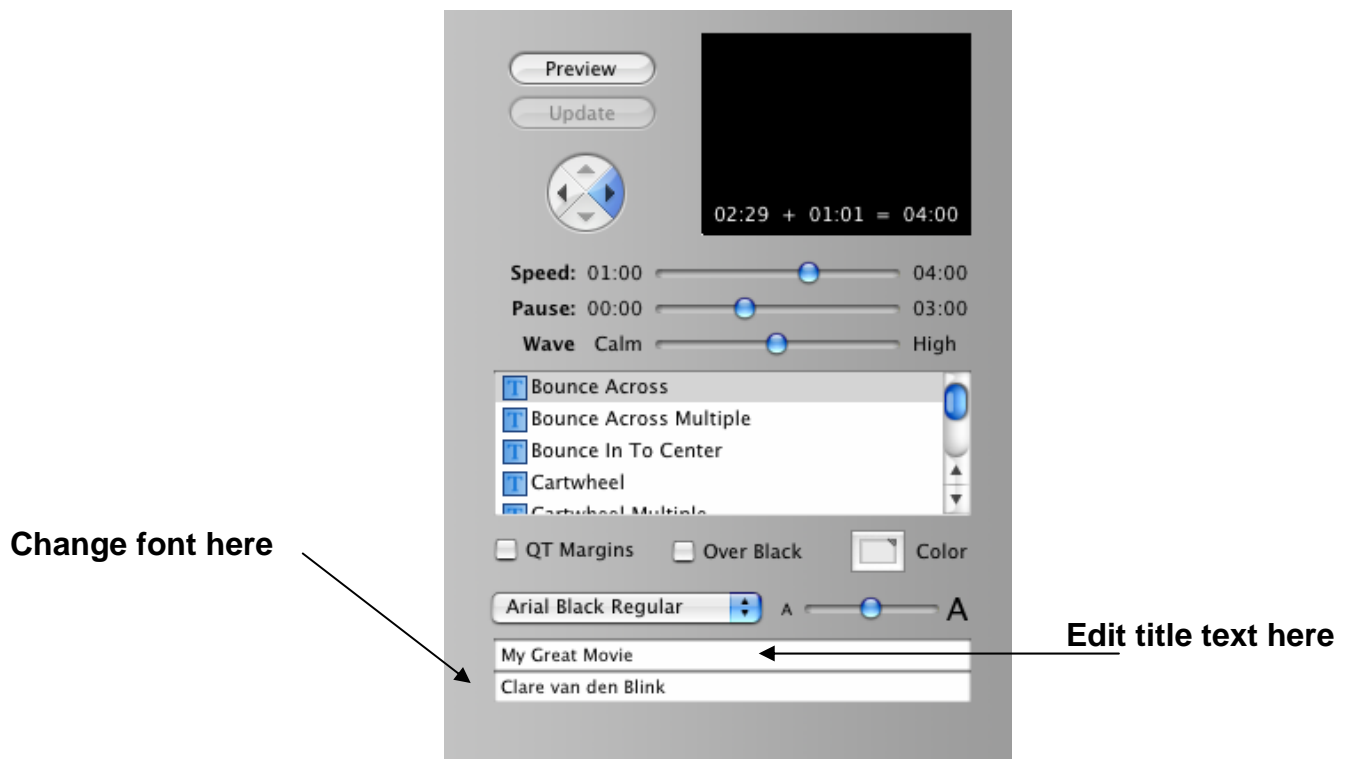
You can also view the series of video clips on the Timeline.

4. Click the Timeline button.

Add a Title



1. Click on the **Titles** button under the **Shelf** area.



2. Select a font for your title.

3. Change the title text .
4. **Check the “Over Black” button.**
5. **Click the square next to Color to set the text color to a “video safe” color.**

The title is now ready.

6. **Drag the Title from the Shelf to the Clip Viewer**, and place in front of the video clip.



After the text is placed on the Clip viewer, notice a red bar that proceeds across the title you added in the Clip viewer.

iMovie is "**rendering**" a new DV file with the title.

Add Text to a Video clip

In iMovie, text can also be added over a video clip.

1. On the Clip viewer, select a video clip. Move the playhead to the start of the clip.
2. Click on the **Titles** button under the **Shelf** area.
3. Select a font for your title, and change the title text .
4. **Check the “Over Black” button.**
5. **Click the square next to Color to set the text color.**
6. **Drag the Title from the Shelf to the Clip Viewer**, and place in front of the video clip.

Preview the Video



Preview the Title

1. **Select the Title clip, and press the Play button.**

Note: *iMovie will only play the selected clip in the Clip Viewer.*

Preview the Entire Video

To preview the entire video, you need to select all the video clips in the Clip Viewer.

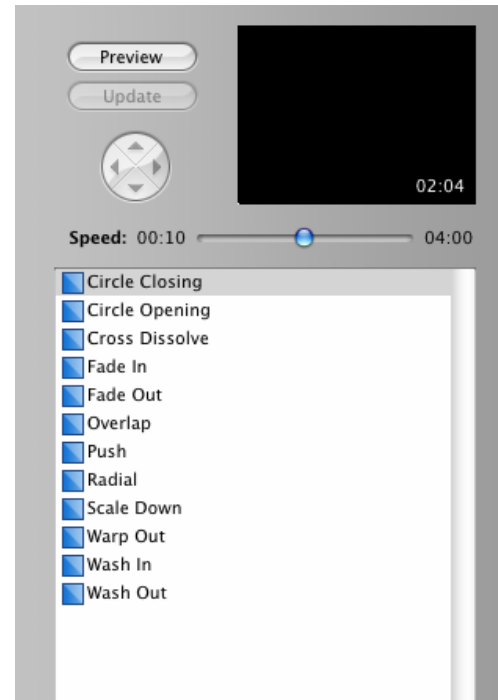
1. **Select the first clip, hold down the Shift key, and then select the last clip.** This selects all the clips in the Clip Viewer. Notice that a clip turns yellow when it is selected.



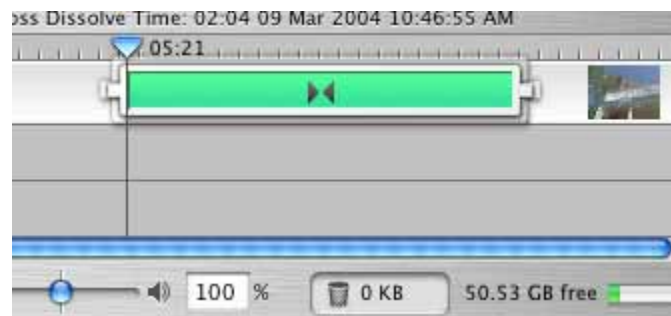
2. **Press the Play button and the entire set of video clips will be previewed.** iMovie will play the video from the current play head location.
3. To de-select the clips, **from the Edit menu, choose Select None.**

Add a Transition

1. Move the clips on the clip viewer to make room for the transition.
2. Click on the **Transitions** button under the **Shelf** area.
3. **Select a transition, such as Fade In.**
4. **You can adjust the speed of the transition by dragging the slider.**
5. **Drag the Transition from the Shelf to the Clip Viewer, and place in front of the video clip.**



The Transition appears on the timeline, as below:

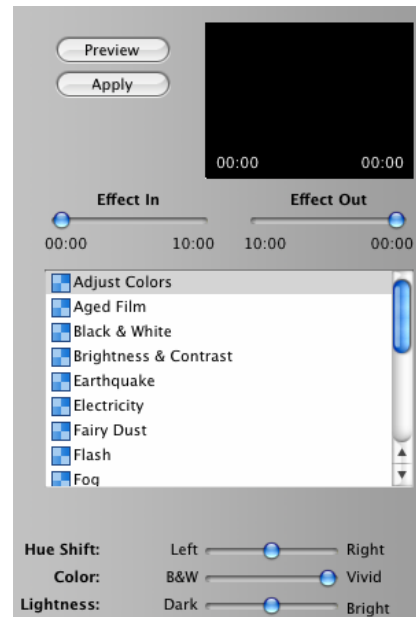


6. Add another transition at the end of the clip. Repeat steps 1 to 5.

Add Effects to Video

Effects are added similarly to transitions.

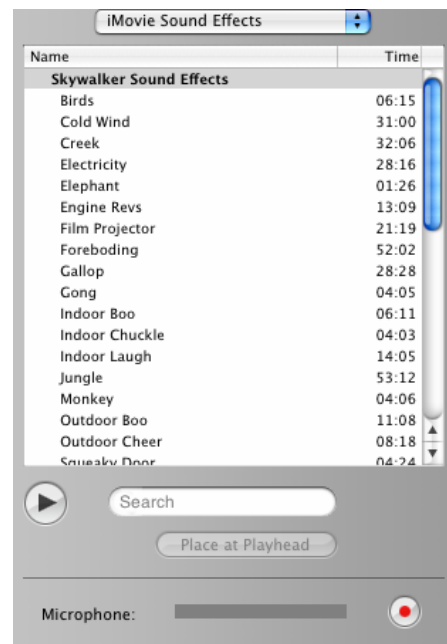
1. Select a clip on the clip viewer.
2. Click on the **Effects** button under the **Shelf** area.
3. Select an Effect, such as Sepia tone.
4. You can adjust the speed of the transition by dragging the slider.
5. Click the **Apply** button.



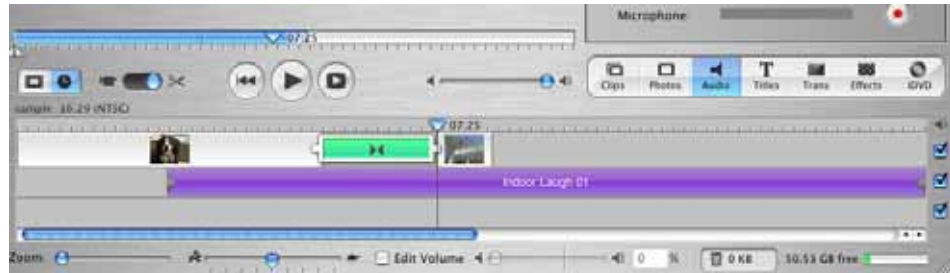
After the effect is applied to the clip, iMovie is "**renders**" the effect.

Add iMovie Audio

1. Select a clip or make room on the timeline and clip viewer to make room for the sound.
2. Click on the **Audio** button under the **Shelf** area.
3. Select a sound.
4. Drag the sound from the Shelf to the Clip Viewer.



The timeline appears as below:



Save your Project

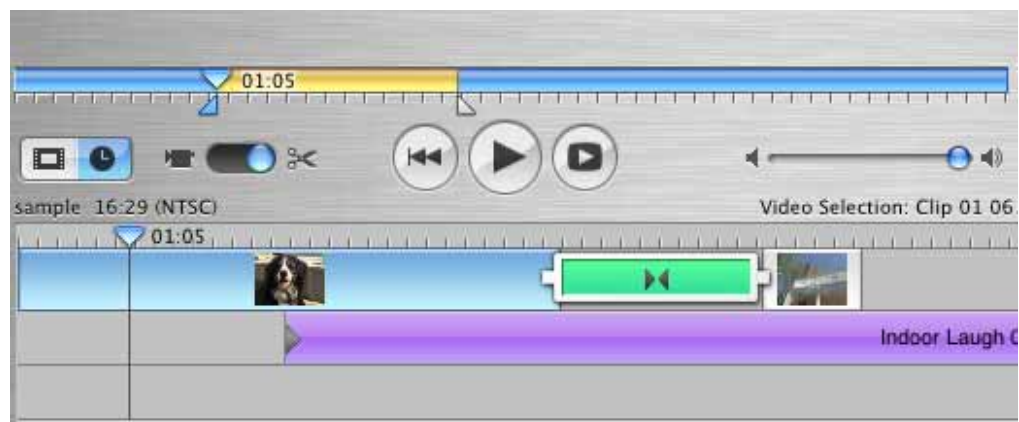
1. From the **File** menu, choose **Save**.
2. Your project is saved.

Editing Video Clips

Cropping Clips

iMovie has basic editing features. A video clip can be cropped where portions of the video clip can be cropped from the video. Cropping removes unselected video segments from a clip.

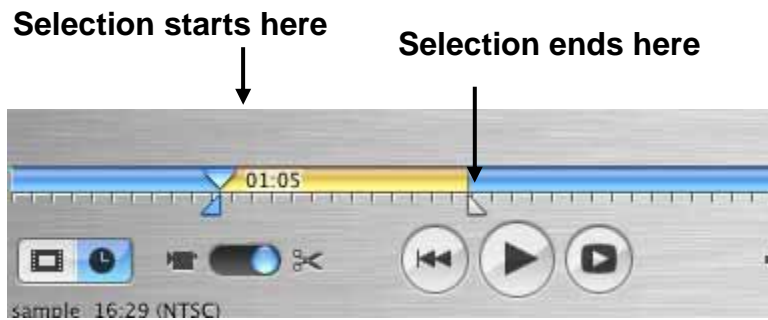
1. **In the clip viewer, click on a video clip to select it.** The clip should have a "yellow" border.
2. **Position your mouse under the Playback bar.** A set of small white triangles will appear. (*Note: this is touchy to be able to see the selection triangles*)



3. Click and drag the triangles on the playback bar.



4. **Move the triangles to select the video segment.** The yellow section of the video is kept and the rest is cropped.



5. From the **Edit** menu, choose **Crop**.

Splitting Clips

iMovie has basic editing features. A video clip can be split into two clips.

1. **In the clip viewer, click on a video clip to select it.** The clip should have a "yellow" border.
2. Click on the **Timeline** button.
3. **Move the Playhead to the location to split the slip.**
4. From the **Edit** menu, choose **Split Video Clip at Playhead**

After splitting, two video clips now appear in the clip viewer.

Cut, Copy and Paste Clips

An iMovie video clip can also be edited using the "Cut and Paste" or "Copy and Paste" commands.

Copy a clip (Copy and Paste)

1. **In the clip viewer, click on a video clip to select it.** The clip should have a "yellow" border.
2. From the **Edit** menu choose **Copy**.
3. **Click at the end of the video on the timeline.**
4. **From the Edit menu, choose paste.**

The re are now two copies of the same video clip.



Move a clip (Cut and Paste)

1. **In the clip viewer, click on a video clip to select it.** The clip should have a "yellow" border.
2. From the **Edit** menu choose **Cut**.
3. **Click at the beginning of the timeline.**
4. **From the Edit menu, choose paste.**

The video clip has been moved.

Remove Audio Track from Video

1. **On the Clip Viewer, select a video clip.**
2. From the **Advanced** menu, choose **Extract Audio**.

The audio clip appears on the timeline.

Clear the Clip Viewer and Timeline

1. From the **Edit** menu, choose **Clear**.

Import other materials

Import Still Images

Note: *images sized to 720 x 480 will fill the iMovie frame.*

1. From the **File** menu, choose **Import.....**
2. Locate and Select the file and click the **Open** button.

The image now appears in the Shelf as a Still.

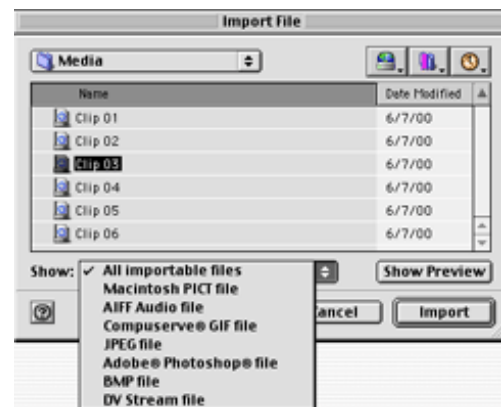


3. Drag the Still Image from the Shelf to the Clip Viewer.

Import Audio File

1. From the **File** menu, choose **Import File.**
2. Locate and Select the audio file and click the **Import** button.

The audio clip now appears on the Timeline.



Export the Video

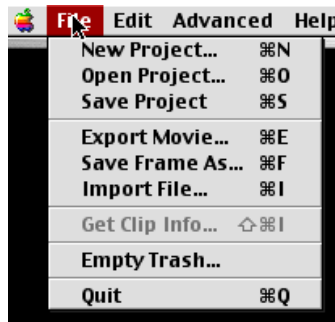
Export as QuickTime video

1. From the File menu, choose Export Movie.
2. Select **To QuickTime** from the drop-down menu.
3. Select a **format** from the drop-down menu.
4. Click the **Export** button.



Export a Still Image

1. From the **File** menu, choose **Save Frame As...**



2. Name and Save the Frame as a still image.

Export for iDVD

1. From the **File** menu, choose **Export Movie**.
2. Select **For iDVD** from the drop-down menu.
3. Click the **Export** button.

