

Critical Connections: Multilingual Digital Storytelling Project

Team Meeting (Mon 1st October 2012)

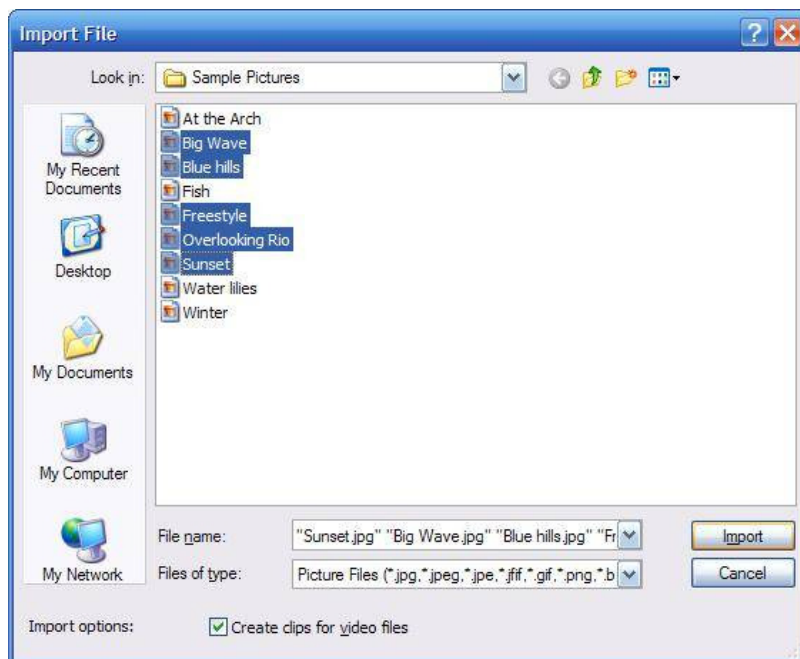
Windows Movie Maker

(I) Using photographs to create a story

1. From the **Capture Video** menu, choose **Import pictures**.

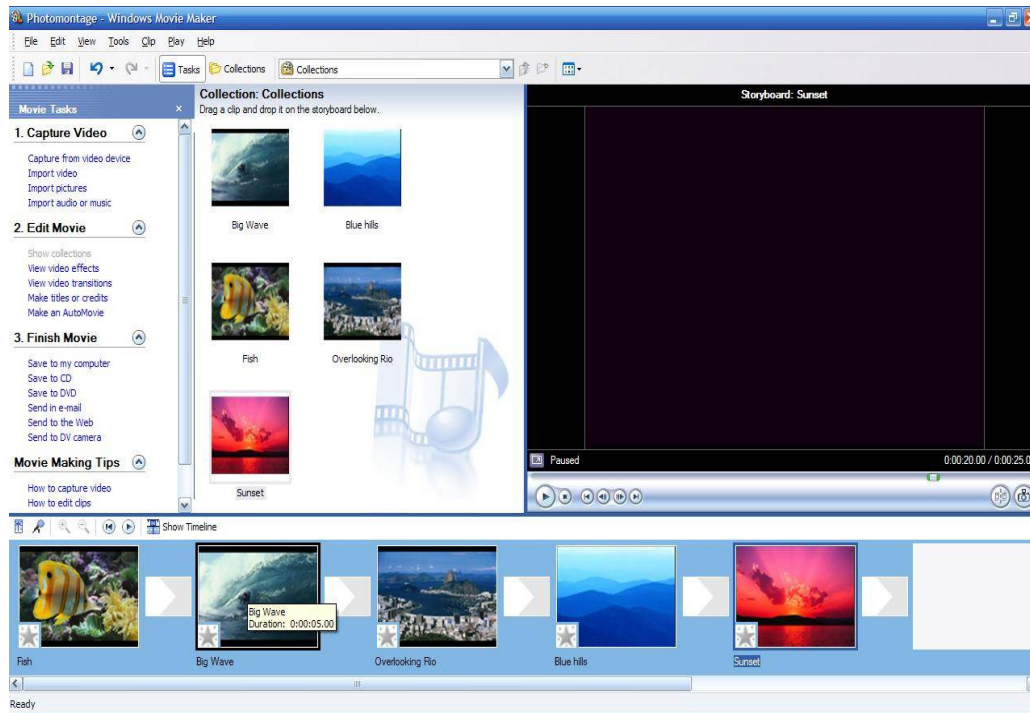


2. A new screen will open, allowing you to browse through and select the photographs that you want to use. Click **Import** to bring the photographs into Movie Maker.



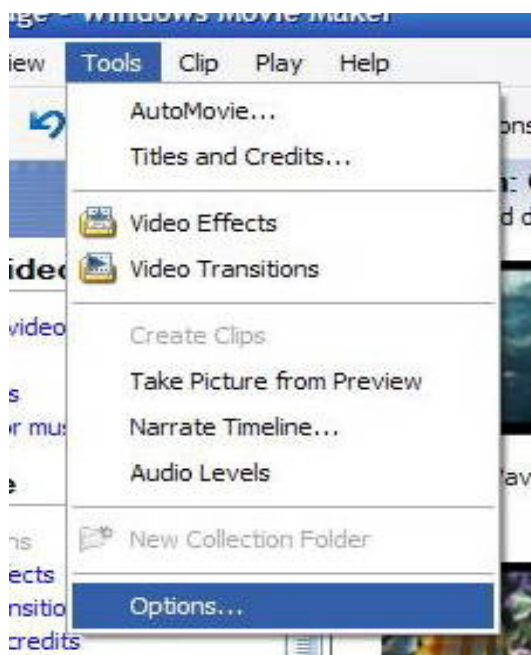
3. Place the imported photographs in **Timeline/Storyboard**.

After your photographs have been imported into Movie Maker, drag them to the timeline/ storyboard in the order you want them to play.

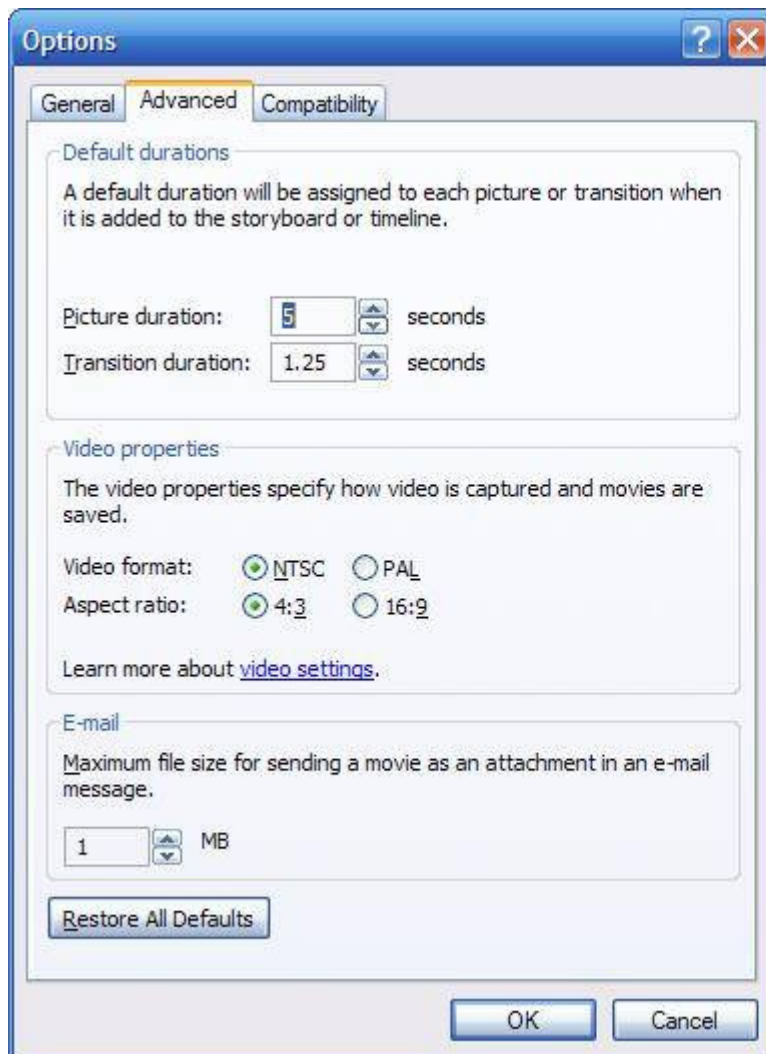


4. Adjust the Time the Pictures Play

By default, Windows Movie Maker sets photographs to display for five seconds. You can change the length of time by going to the **Tools** menu, and clicking **Options**.

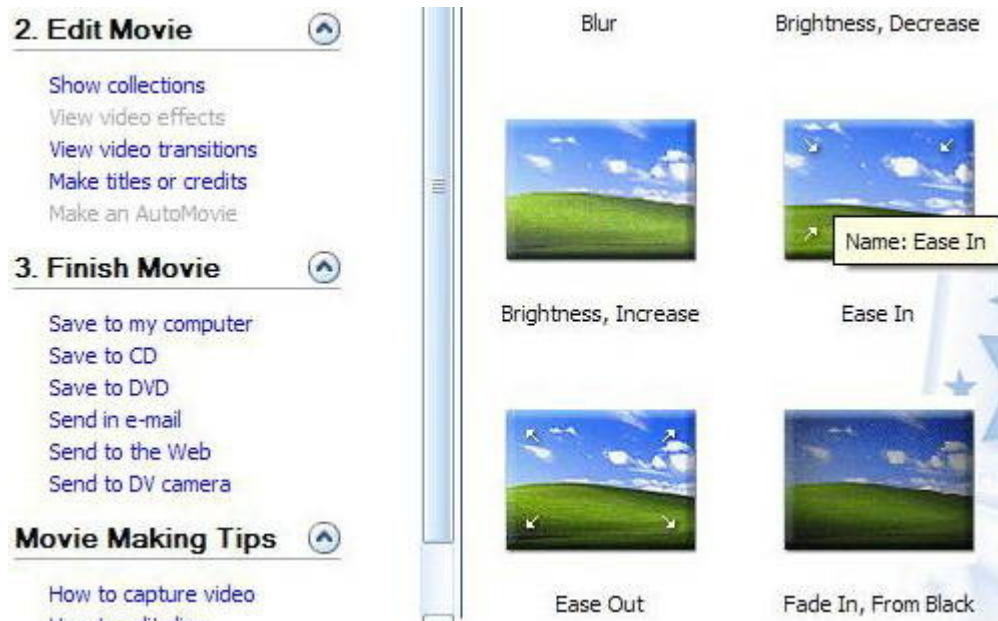


In the **Options** menu, choose the **Advanced** tab. From here, you can increase or decrease the **Picture duration**.



5. Apply video effects:

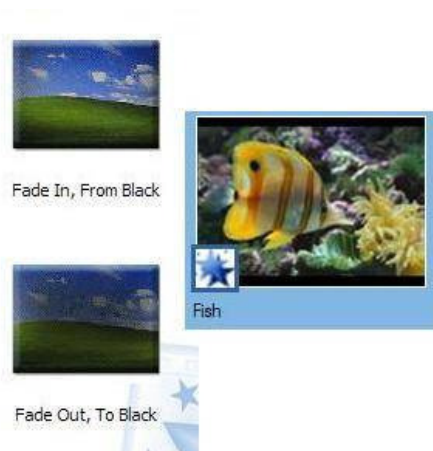
Adding slight motion to the pictures gives life to your still photographs and enhances their impact. You'll find these effects by going to the **Edit Movie** menu, and choosing **View video effects**.



Apply the effects to the photographs by dragging the effect icon and dropping it on the star in the corner of each photo (on the storyboard). The star will change from light to dark blue to indicate the effect has been added.



You'll see a double star on the pictures, indicating two effects have been added.



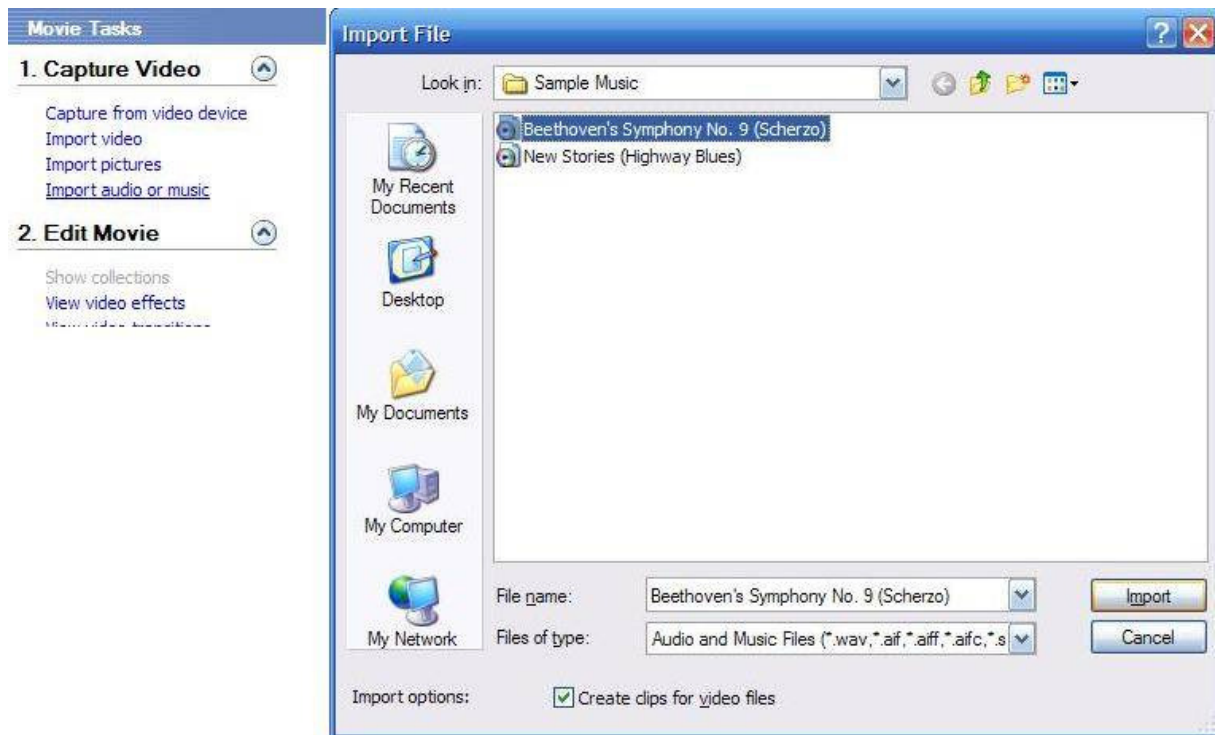
6. Add Transitions between the photographs

Adding transition effects between the pictures blends them together, so your video has a smoother flow. Click “View video transitions” under **Edit Movie menu**, you'll find lots of different effects. Add the transition effects to your video by dragging and dropping them between the pictures.



7. Add audio/music to your story

7.1 To import music into Movie Maker, choose **Import audio or music** from the **Capture Video** menu. From here, browse through your music files to find the music you're looking for. Click **Import** to bring the selected song into your story. Then you will see the audio file in the **Collection** area.



7.2 ** Add music to the Timeline

When editing a video, Movie Maker lets you choose between Storyboard view, and Timeline view. With Storyboard view, you see just a still frame of each photo or video clip. Timeline view separates the clips into three tracks, one for video, one for audio, and one for titles.

When adding music or other audio to your video, switch from Storyboard view to Timeline view by clicking on the **Show Timeline** icon above the edited movie. This changes the editing setup, so that you can add an audio track to your video.

Drag the song icon to the audio track and drop it where you want it to begin playing. After a song is in the timeline it's easy to move around and change the starting point.



7.3 Edit the Audio Track

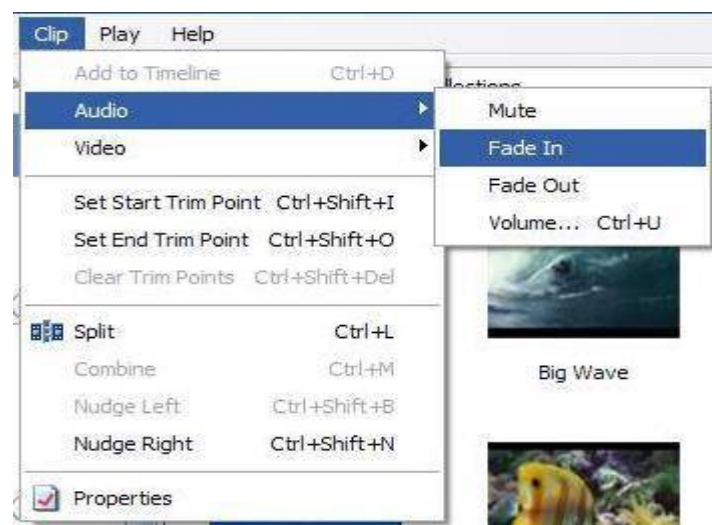
If the song you picked is longer than your video, trim the beginning or end until the length is right. Place your mouse at either end of the song and drag the marker to the spot where you want the song to start or stop playing.



7.4 Add an Audio Fade In and Fade Out

When trimming a song to fit a video, you often end up with an abrupt start and stop that can be rough on the ears. You can smooth out the sound by gently fading the music in and out.

Open the **Clip** menu at the top of the screen and select **Audio**. From there, select **Fade In** and **Fade Out** to add these effects to your video.



(7.5 Narrate Timeline

You can also record your own voice to narrate the story.)

8. Finishing Touches

Your story is now complete! At this point, you can export it to your computer using the options in the **Finish Movie** menu.

