

i-Movie



Getting Started:

Here are some directions to help you get started in creating an i-Movie.

- ◇ Get an idea so you can focus on a theme
- ◇ Create a "storyboard", which includes beginning, middle and end as well as possible sound or music. The more you plan, the better the quality of the finished work.
- ◇ Go out and shoot! Armed with the storyboard, digital camera, tripod, props if needed, and if possible an external microphone.... you are ready to videotape.
- ◇ Please add a few seconds to the filming so that there is a few extra frames at the beginning and end of each clip....that will help you later in the editing.
- ◇ After shooting the video, you need to download your digital footage to your computer.



Getting the digital clips from the camera to the application:

- ◇ First open I-movie, Create a new project, connect your camera (make sure your camera is on and is in the player mode) to the computer with a fire-wire cable.....the button on the bottom of the screen needs to be slid over to the camera icon...if that has happened, your screen will say "Camera connected".
- ◇ Now with the camera in the VCR-type mode... and on...you should be able to see the footage similar to seeing it on a TV screen. This is the first place you do editing. Only IMPORT what you want....you can rewind and even fast forward to get to the right place....but remember to add a little footage to the front and back of the

clips....that will give you some extra frames during the editing and transitions.

- ◇ Each time you stopped the camera when you were shooting, you separated the clips....so a new clip will come into the CLIPS PANE...this is the place where your clips are stored for you to bring down to the slide sorter or time line, where you can actually edit your film clips.

Slide sorter -you can preview and edit the clip selected. You can also rearrange by clicking and dragging the clip to the place desired.



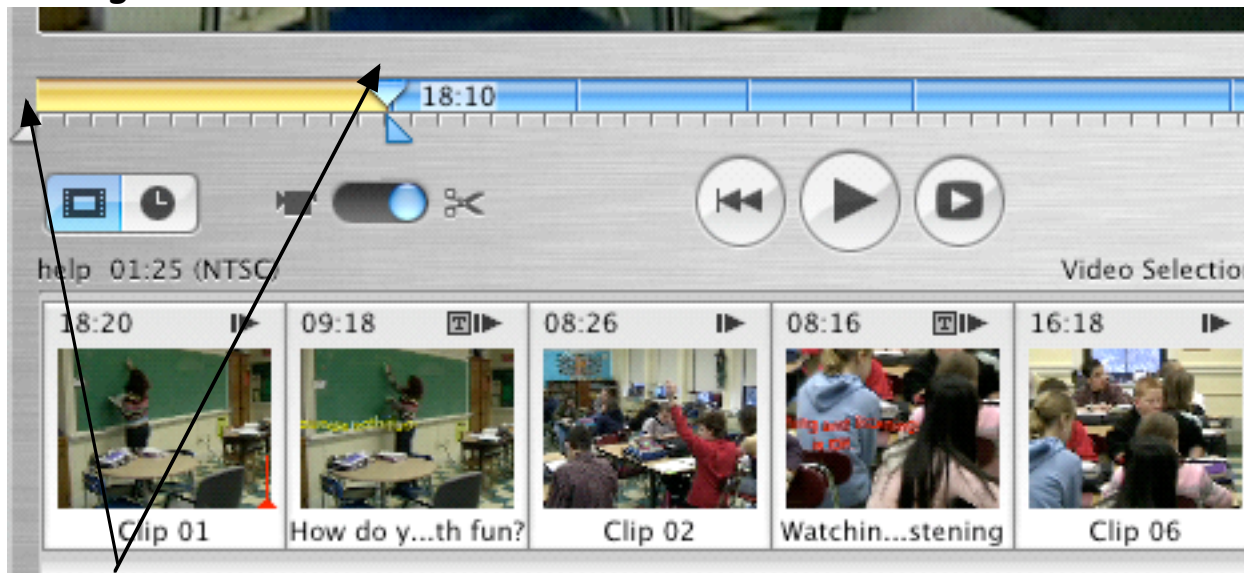
Play Head place where the video clips are shown and is the place where cutting and cropping takes place



Clips Pane : Place where clips are placed. A copy should be made before editing begins. Just select the clip, go to Edit - Copy - Paste and another clip will appear. This would be a good time to name the clips, (double click on the clip) to help stop future confusion especially when the clips have similar pictures.

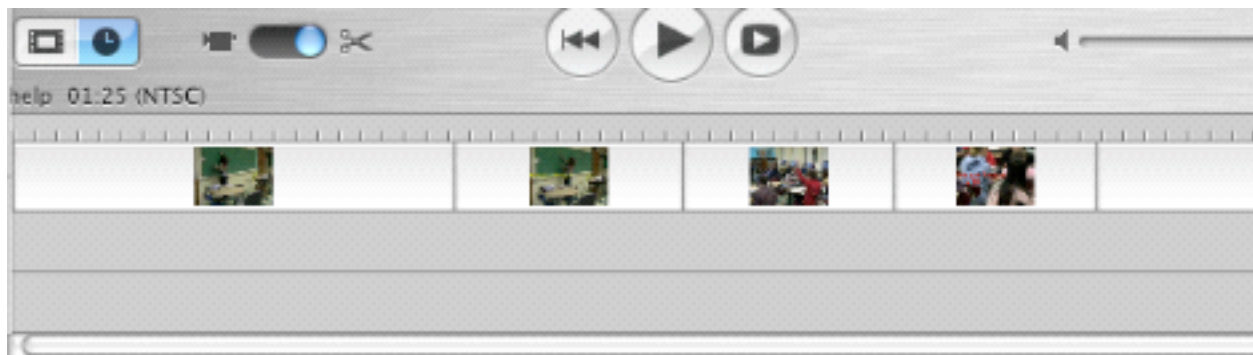
To move a clip from the clips pane, select the clip (click on it) and drag it down to the Clips Sorter/Time Line. You can move the clips around so that the sequence matches your focus.

Editing:

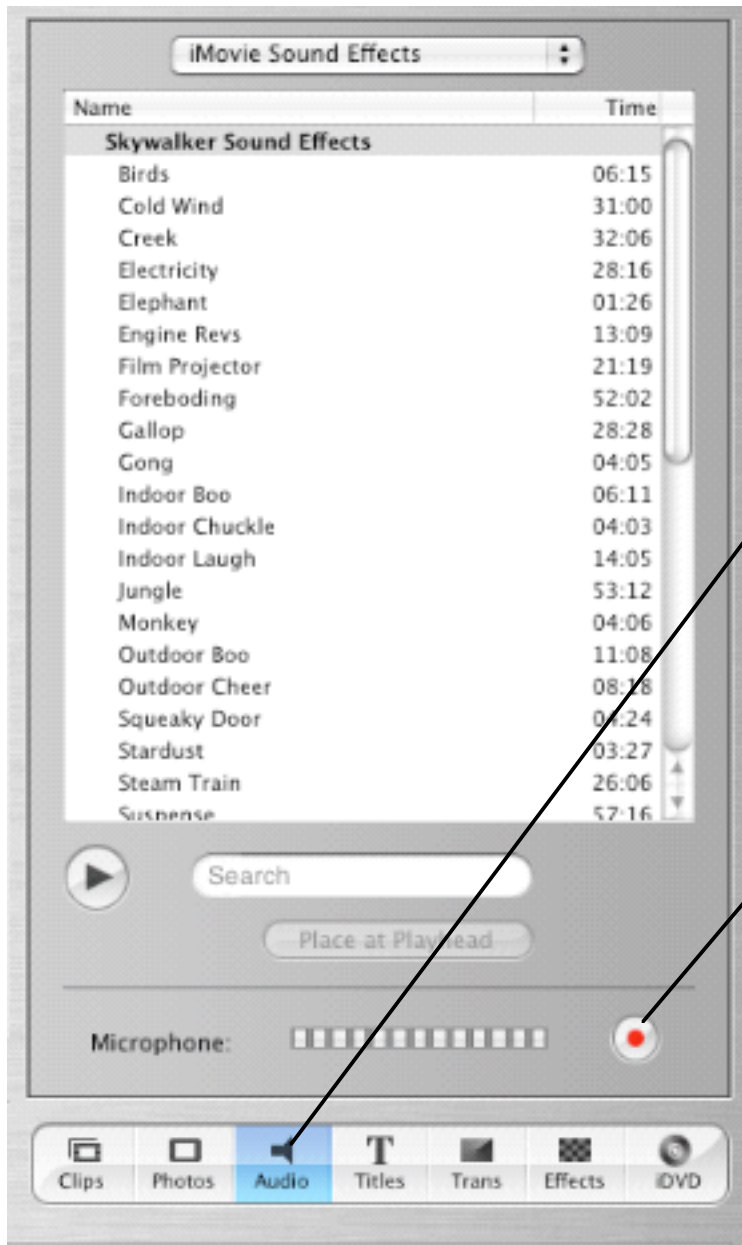


Clip tools/markers - These are similar to razor blades and can cut or crop the video clips. You must first be in the clips selection under the clips pane then you can take these markers and move them to the exact location you desire. The area in yellow is the area that will have the action....if you select **Edit-Crop** then the yellow highlighted area will be kept.

Select **Edit-Cut** - then the area in yellow will be cut from the clip. If you do not want the desired remaining video frames.....go to the menu bar and select Undo.



This is the **Time-Line** view...you can see the clips AND the audio tracks that will play. When editing audio, this is the best place to be. You can go back and forth, depending on personal choice....*(keep in mind that sometimes, when you want to apply a transition OR effect OR title, and Imovie remains unresponsive, there has been some success when you have "toggled" back to the alternate view and sometimes it works. Hmmmmmm)*



Audio and Titling

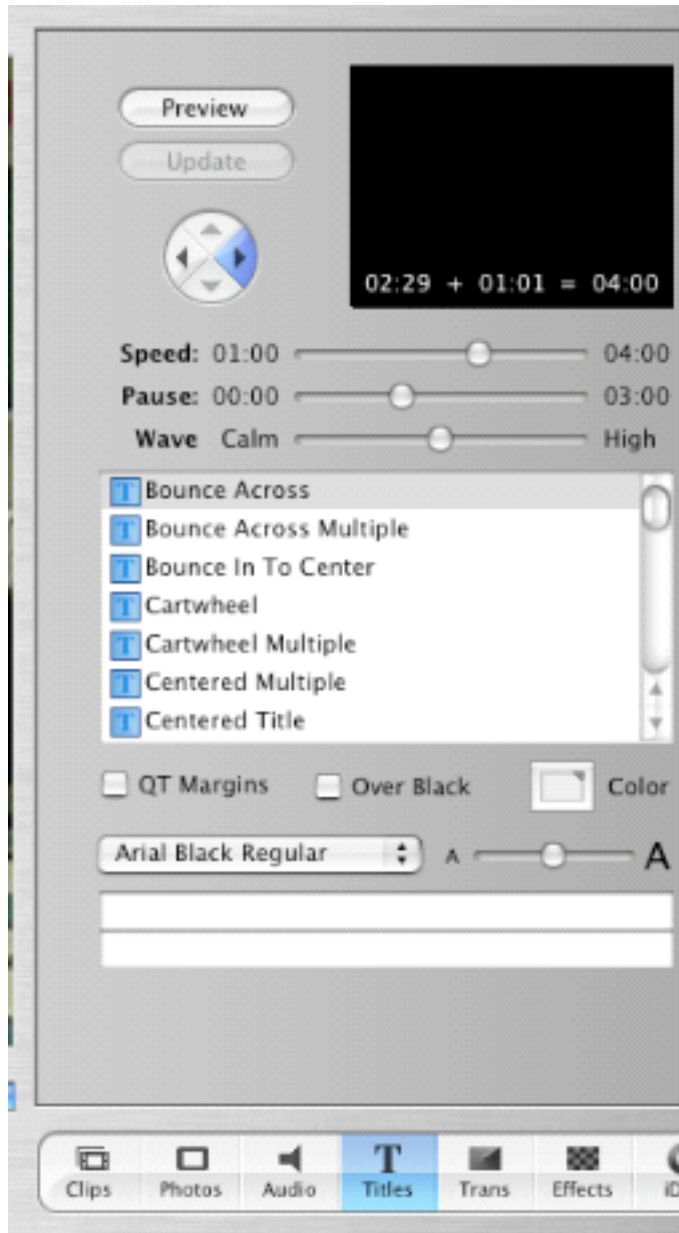
For audio effects, make sure you selected the Audio action

There are different sound effects...try them

OR if you want to do a voice over to record new voices or make the narration a bit clearer, you may also do that,
1st -select your clip
2nd -click on **record**....
3rd-record your voice by speaking into the small speaker

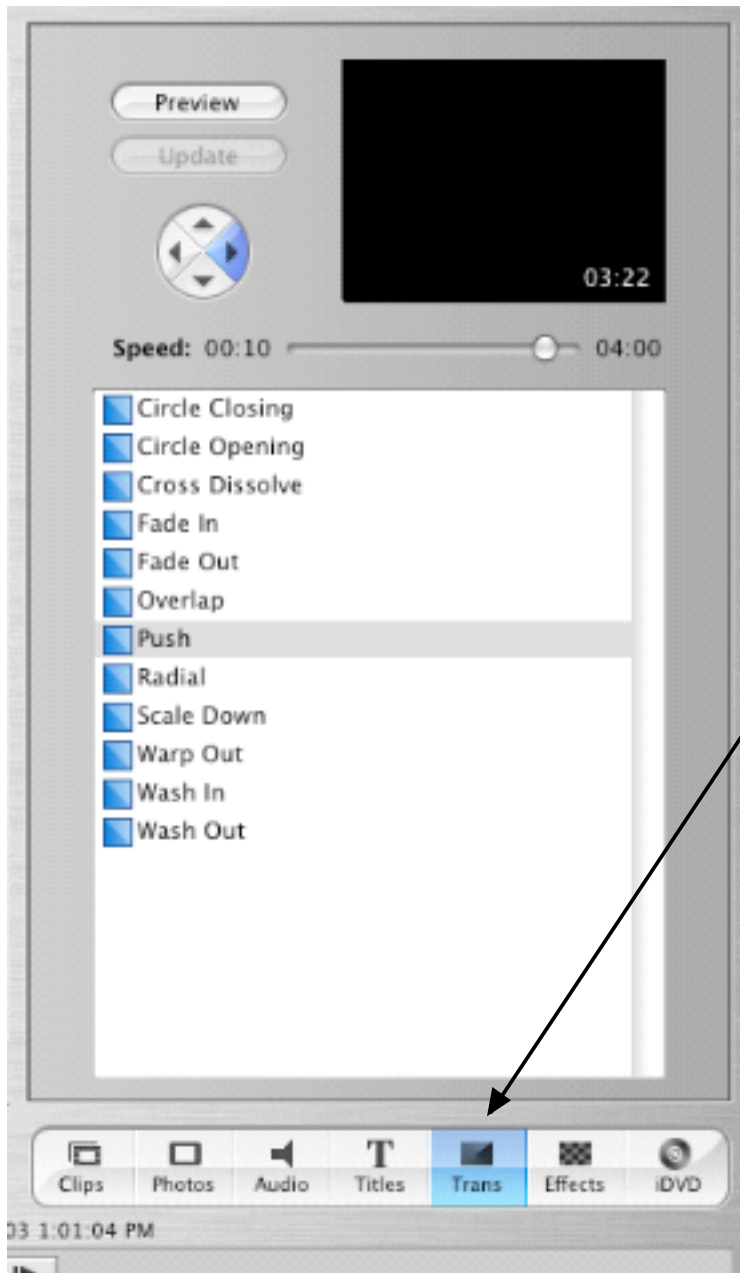
4th-click on the red button again and it will be done.

If you want to take the sound out of the video clip, you can extract the audio and then select that track and clear it.



Titles are a great way to add text to your video clip. If you want a black background, make sure you have Over Black checked, if not then your text will come on top of your video.

Again, there are many choices, so take some time and explore so you can choose the best type of Title for your movie.



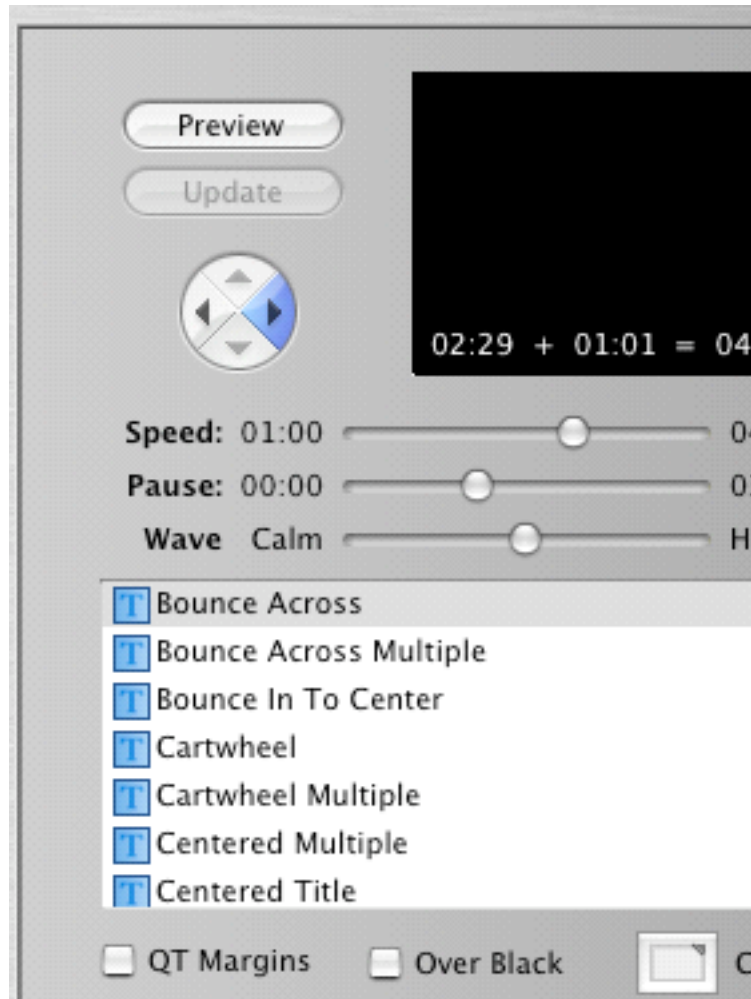
Transitions:

When you want to add a **Transition** from one slide to another, you must select the Transition.

You have many different **Transitions** from which to choose. Some transitions may take some extra video and audio from the end and the beginning of the clips, and therefore you need to check to make sure you have enough video to make the transition work. Also, check to make sure that you have enough time on the clips to make an adequate transition. You may be able to adjust the speed of the transition.

You may also preview the transition before you apply it....however if you do apply the transition and the effect is not what you desire, you may use the Undo action from the Edit menu. If you do like the work, please save, before you continue.

One more thing to consider as you plan and place transitions and titles. Each transition/title has time factors, which you can use to enhance the effect. That info is located at the top of the action screen. Knowing this can help you use the clip and the effect with even purpose and smoothness.



Exporting:

After you have worked on your video by adding audio, editing clips, making transitions and titles and selecting the best effects. You will want others to see your work. So, it is time to export.

The iMovie creates BIG files and now we will compress them.... here are the basics. You can render the movies for CD use or web use.

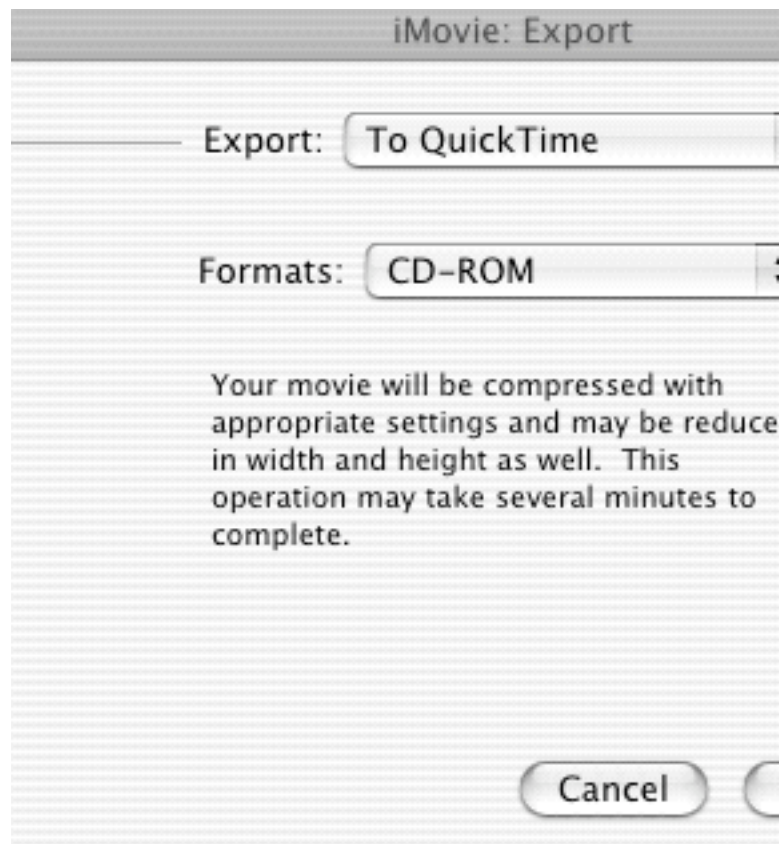
First make sure you have saved everything....then make sure the preferences are set on both the I-movie application AND Quicktime.

General: Play sound when export completed

Then go to Export....a new window will pop-up with many choices.

Using the dropdown choices... you should be exporting to CD -ROM, that will render it to a small,compact form.... Rendering using Expert Settings will created a much larger file and has much better clarity.

And finally you could also render it to be seen on the web using the web command. Please remember, where you want to save it. I usually save it to my Desktop, so I can burn it to a CD more easily.



It takes a while to export, when it is finished, you can use CD burner to create a CD.

Once you have a CD copy, you can delete the files so that you have room for more space on your hard drive.