

Movie Maker 2

Introduction

Movie Maker 2 is free software from Microsoft. It is no longer available as a separate download, but it is included in SP2. If you have already updated to SP2, you will find Movie Maker in C:\Program Files\Movie Maker\moviemk.exe on your hard drive. With this software, you will be able to produce a simple video, using basic editing techniques. Movie Maker 2 videos can include still images, video clips and one sound track (either narration or music).

For this tutorial, we will be going to the island of Gorée, off the coast of Dakar, Senegal. If you are in the LRC, the source files you will need are here: C:\Desktop\Digital Storytelling\goreeimages. If you are not on campus, you may download this [zip file of all the source files](#) (215 MB) you will need to complete the tutorial.

The procedure consists of four simple steps:

1. Acquire your source files (still images, video clips, music track) and import them into Movie Maker.
2. Arrange and edit your clips.
3. Add transitions, effects and title screens.
4. Export your video.

For our tutorial project, we will skip the capture video step. We will use the clips I have already captured for you. When it is time to produce your own creation, I will show you how to capture video. So, for now, let's get started acquiring our materials.

Before you begin: a recommendation. When you save a project file in Movie Maker 2, it is actually a "linked file." The images, video clips and sound files are NOT embedded into the project (unlike PowerPoint). The project merely points to their location on your hard drive. If you should move one of these files to another location, Movie Maker would show a blank screen where that file USED TO BE. So, before we start, make a folder on your desktop (or on the T drive in the LRC) called "goree." Copy all the source files on the CD into this folder. Save all project files and finished videos into this folder. In this way, all your files stay together in one place and you won't end up with missing images in the middle of your video.