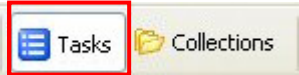


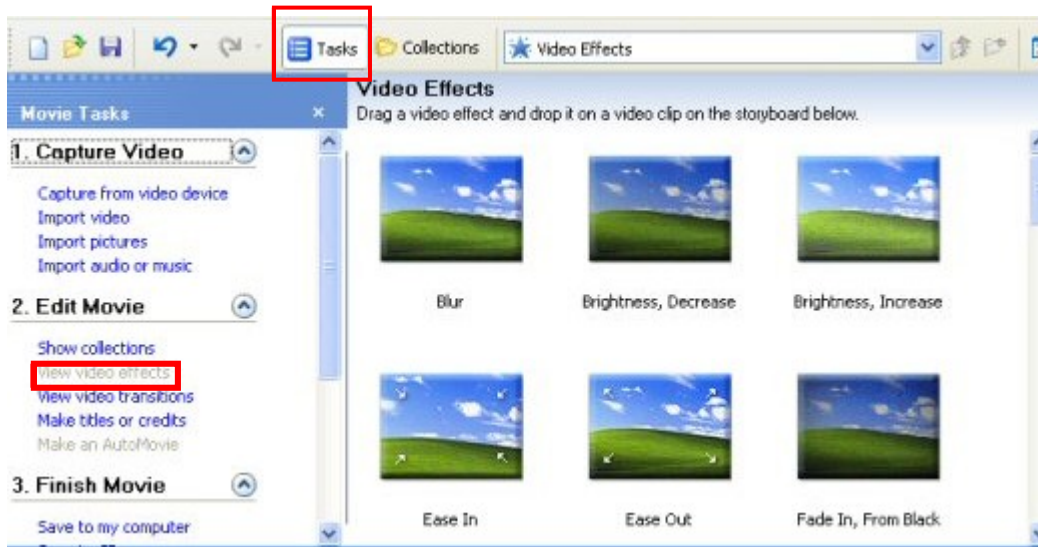
Movie Maker 2

Video Effects and Transitions

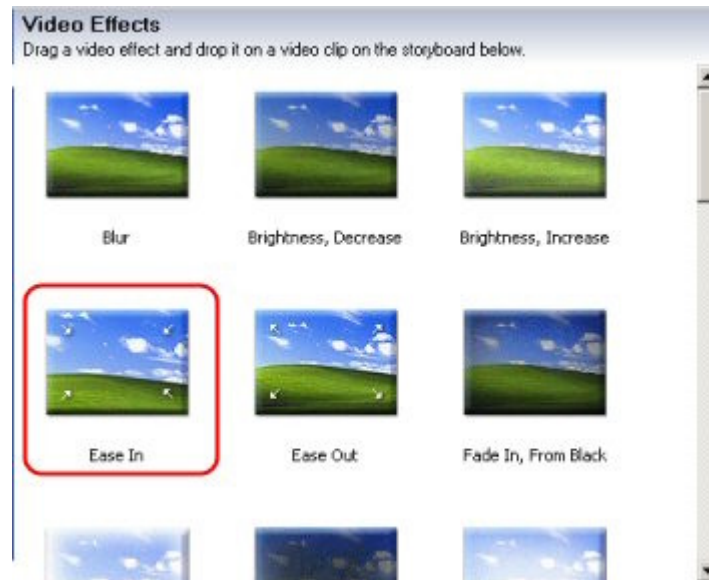
Video Effects:

You probably still have the collections window showing on the left side of your screen. Let's

switch to the Task Pane window by clicking on the Task icon: . Then in the Task Pane on the left, click on "View Video Effects" and thumbnails of the available effects will appear in the Video Effects Window.



In Storyboard view, select the first slide (left-click on it and a blue border will appear around it to indicate that it has been selected), the map of Africa. We don't want our movie to begin abruptly, so let's "ease in" to the first slide.



Select "Ease In," and drag it to the first slide. When you release the mouse button, the grayed out star in the left corner will change to bright blue to indicate that you have added an effect to this slide. Play your movie in the monitor window to preview the new effect.



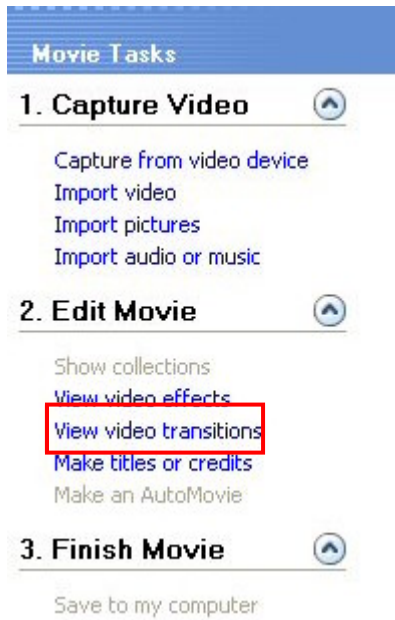
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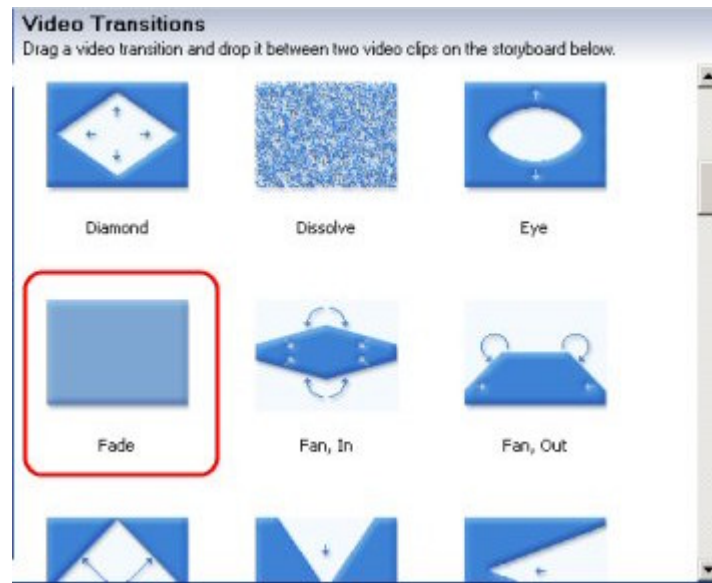
The other useful effects you can apply are fading in and out (to and from black or white) and the increase/decrease brightness (which will improve the color and contrast of your images). Experiment with these effects as you wish on the other slides. Leave the swirling and twirling to the Disney animators!! Special effects should be used sparingly and judiciously.

Video Transitions

It's time to ease the transition from one slide to another so the change is not abrupt. In the Task Pane on the left, click on "View Video Transitions."



Again, a word of warning: the overuse of transitions will make your viewers seasick. Go easy on effects and transitions. We are going to choose a simple fade to use as our transition from slide to slide.



Click on "Fade" and drag it to the small square between the first and second slide on the storyboard: The white square changes to the icon for "fade," a solid blue box. Repeat the process for all the slides. Save your project!!



Effect

Slide

Transition