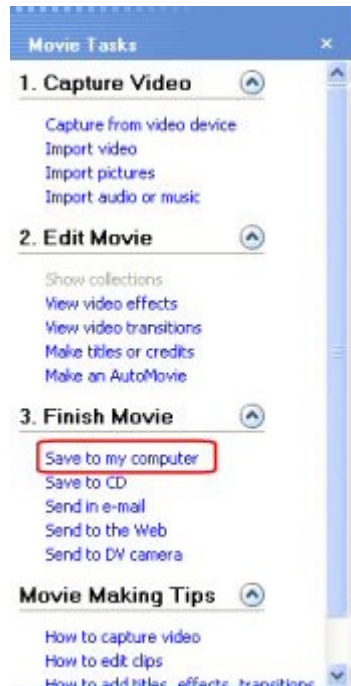


## Movie Maker 2

### From Project to Movie: Exporting

You are now ready to transform your project into a movie that can be viewed on a computer. Other options are available, but we're going to save it so that it can be played back on a computer. Keep in mind that your **project** file has the extension **.mswmm**. This is the file that you can always go back to and edit. So, one last time before we render our video, save your project. Once you render the video into playback format, your video file will carry the extension **.wmv**. This **.wmv** file CANNOT be edited. If you want to change your video after you render it, you will need to go back to Movie Maker 2, load up the **.mswmm** file, make your changes, save the project and then render the video again.

- In the Task Pane on the left side of your screen, click on "Save to my computer." Notice that there are other options available, but for now we want a version of our movie that can be played back on a computer.



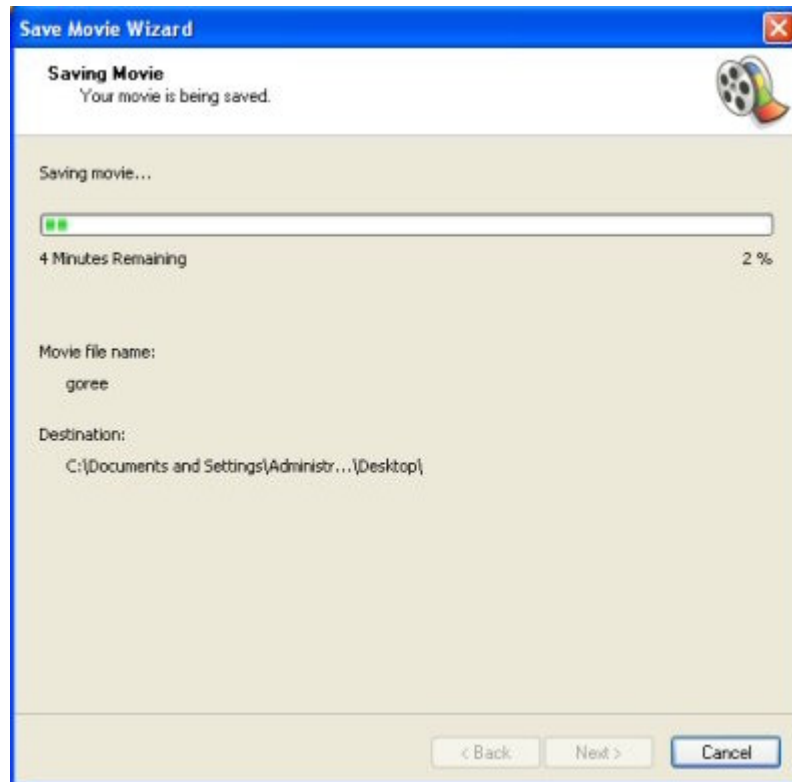
- Next, name your file and tell Movie Maker where you want to save it.
- To proceed, click "next" at the bottom of the screen.



- We're going to accept the default setting, which is "Best quality for playback on my computer."
- In the lower part of the window, Movie Maker gives us a lot of information about the file that is about to be generated.
- In particular, notice the file size. Make sure that the file being generated is not larger than the available disk space!!
- To proceed, click "next" at the bottom of the screen.



- Once you get to this screen, Movie Maker will render your movie.
- Warning: Rendering is a slow process!! The speed depends on how long the movie is, how fast your computer's processor is, and whether you have plenty of free space on your hard drive. If you have a movie that is long, this could take quite awhile. Put your feet up and read a good book.



- Once the movie has finished rendering, this final screen will appear. All that is left now is to sit back, eat popcorn, and watch the show! Since it is a .wmv file, it will play in Windows Media Player on your computer.

