What is iMovie

All your video, all in one place.

Chances are, you have a camcorder, a digital camera, or an iPhone — and maybe all three. That means one thing: You have a ton of great video. iMovie puts it all in one place and organizes it for you so your video is easy to browse and fun to watch. Just plug in your device, open iMovie, and start importing your video. It appears in your Event Library — the one place you'll find everything you've ever recorded. Just like photos in iPhoto, videos are organized by Events. And as your collection grows, you can rate clips as “favorite” or “rejected,” tag them with preset or custom keywords, and filter them so you can find the best scenes (or hide the ones you're not thrilled with).

Drag-and-drop moviemaking. If you know how to drag and drop, you can make a movie in iMovie. Here's how easy it is: Just drag your favorite clips into the project area and arrange them however you like. Drag in titles and transitions. Drop in photos. Add a song from iTunes or GarageBand for your soundtrack. The end.

Make the cut. Editing in iMovie makes perfect sense, thanks to the simple, friendly interface. Every clip appears as a dynamic filmstrip that lets you preview the action at a glance. Move the pointer over the filmstrip to skim your video. Select clips and parts of clips just as you select text, then adjust them until what’s in your head appears on the screen.

Add some photos. When your action flick has too much action, maybe it’s time for some stills. iMovie imports your photos from iPhoto, Aperture, or Photo Booth. You can apply pan and zoom motion effects to give it a documentary feel. iMovie even detects faces in your photos to ensure that they remain in the frame.

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TSC Workshop Objectives
1. Importing media
2. Organizing clips
3. Adding transitions and titles
4. Editing
5. Saving
6. Publishing and sharing

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Go from indie filmmaker to master sound editor with new audio editing tools in iMovie. Sound effects, voiceover, and music — you control them all. iMovie shows you detailed audio waveforms for all your clips.