iMovie for JAMS Lab iMacs

**Important:** These instructions are for use with iMovie on a JAMS lab computer. If you’re editing a project on an iPad or iPhone, refer to the iPad and iPhone: iMovie for iOS Basics instructions on Tech Resources for Students.

**Also important:** The iMacs in BOL 296 are running an older version of iMovie (the iMacs in BOL 510 and BOL 521 are running a newer version of iMovie.) Therefore, if you start a project in BOL 296, you will only be able to work on it in BOL 296. Likewise, if you start a project in BOL 510 or 521, you can only use iMovie in BOL 510 or BOL 521.

**Transferring media from iPhone/iPad to JAMS lab iMac**

1. Using Mac to USB cable, connect the iPhone or iPad to a JAMS lab iMac.
2. On the iPhone or iPad, a window will appear asking if you can trust the computer. Click Trust. (Note: If you use a passcode on your iPhone or iPad, you will need to enter it as well.)
3. On the iMac, iPhoto may open. Close iPhoto. Do not use iPhoto to transfer your media to the iMac.

**Opening iMovie**

1. Go to Go on the menu bar and choose Applications.
2. Select iMovie.
3. If prompted with a dialog box, click Continue and then click Get Started.

**Creating a new Event**

Events are where your media files (video, audio and images) live after you’ve imported them into iMovie. By default, iMovie will automatically create an Event whenever you import media files.

1. To manually create an Event, Control-click iMovie Library in the Libraries pane (upper left.)
2. In the fly-out menu, choose New Event.
3. Give your new Event a name. You can select this Event when importing media files into iMovie.

**Creating a new project**

1. In iMovie, go to File on the menu bar. Choose Create New Movie.
2. In the Theme selection area, choose the Simple theme.
3. Give your new movie an appropriate name.
4. When prompted to select an Event (the area on the iMac where the media files will reside) choose the default Event.

Transferring media to iMovie

1. Click Import button. The iMovie Import window will appear.
2. In the Cameras area, select your iPhone or iPad.
3. Select the videos you would like to use in your project.
4. Click Import Selected.

Previewing clips in the Video Browser

1. Select a clip in the iMoive Video browser.
2. Click the Play button in the iMovie Canvas to view the content of the clip.

Adding a video clip to the timeline

1. Drag select the portion of the video clip you’d like to add to the timeline. The clip will appear highlighted with a yellow border.
2. Click and drag the selected area of the clip from the Video Browser into the timeline.

Trimming a video clip in timeline

1. In the timeline, select the clip you’d like to trim.
2. Click and drag the left or right edge of the clip to create a new In or Out point for the clip in the timeline.

Splitting a clip in timeline

1. In the timeline, select the clip you’d like to split.
2. Control-click the clip. In the fly-out menu, choose Split Clip.

Moving a clip in the timeline

1. In the timeline, select the clip you’d like to move.
2. Click and drag the clip to its new location. (Note: Due to iMovie’s magnetic timeline, a clip will snap to the beginning or end of the closest clip.)

Deleting a clip in the timeline

1. In the timeline, select the clip you’d to delete.
2. Press the **Delete key** on the keyboard to delete the clip from the timeline. (Note: If need be, you can always bring the clip back in to the timeline from the **Video Browser**.)

**Using Undo and Redo**

1. Go to **Edit** on the **menu bar**.
2. Select **Undo** or **Redo**.

**Working with video clip transitions**

1. In **Content Library** area (lower left of iMovie), select **Transitions**. The **Transitions library** will open in iMovie.
2. To add a **transition** between two clips in the timeline, click and drag a **transition** from the **Transitions library** to the space between the two clips in the timeline.
3. To change an existing **transition** in the **timeline**, click and drag a **transition** from the **Transitions library** over a **transition** in the **timeline**.

**Creating a cutaway clip in the timeline**

A cutaway clip displays the video of the topmost clip in the timeline while playing the audio of the clip beneath it.

1. In the **timeline**, select the clip you would like use as a cutaway clip.
2. **Click and drag** the clip above another **clip** or **transition** in the **timeline**.

**Creating an audio clip from a video in the timeline**

1. In the **timeline**, select the clip you would like to use as an audio only clip.
2. **Click and drag** the clip beneath another clip or transition in the timeline.

**Adjusting clip audio levels**

The nominal audio level in iMovie is 100% (this means the audio level has not been raised or lowered in iMovie.)

In iMovie, audio clip adjustments are applied to an entire clip in the timeline. If you need to adjust only a portion of the audio of a clip, you can split the clip in the timeline (see Splitting a clip in the timeline.)

1. To adjust the **audio level** a clip in the **timeline**, click the clip to select it.
2. In the **iMovie Canvas** area (upper right), click the **Adjust** button.
3. In the **menu bar** that appears above the **Canvas** area, click the **speaker icon**.
4. In the Adjust area, click and drag the volume slider bar to change the audio level of the clip you have selected in the timeline. (Note: Do not use the volume slider that adjusts the output audio of the iMac.)

**Adding titles and lower thirds text to video clips**

1. In the Content Library (lower left), select Titles. The Titles library will open in iMovie.
2. To add a title or lower thirds to a clip in the timeline, click and drag a title from the Transitions library to a clip in the timeline.
3. In the timeline, double click TITLE TEXT HERE. The title text will appear highlighted and ready for changes in the iMovie Canvas area (upper right).
4. Make changes to the title text in the iMovie Canvas area (make sure spelling and grammar is correct.)
5. To delete a title from a clip, select the title in the timeline and then press the Delete key on the keyboard.

**Adjusting titles and lower thirds duration**

1. To adjust the duration of a title in the timeline, click the title in the timeline to select it.
2. Click and drag the title duration handles to increase or decrease the duration of the title.

**Saving an iMovie project to your class folder**

There is no Save button in iMovie. As you work on an iMovie project, all of your changes are automatically saved to the iMac’s Movies folder.

To save your iMovie project, you will go into the iMac’s Movies folder and copy the content of that folder to your iMovie project folder in your class folder. To continue working on an iMovie project, you’ll reverse this process by copying content from your iMovie project folder to the iMac’s Movies folder.
Creating an iMovie project folder on your class folder

1. Connect to your class folder.
2. In your class folder, create a new folder called iMovie project folder.

Opening the Movies folder on a JAMS lab iMac

1. Click the Desktop to make sure you’re in Finder mode (the word Finder will appear in upper right corner of screen.)
2. On the menu bar, click Go. From the drop down menu, select Home.
3. In the Home window, open the Movies folder. You will see two items in the Movies folder:
   - If you’re working in BOL 510 or BOL 521, you’ll see iMovie Library and iMovie Theatre.
   - If you’re working in BOL 296, you’ll see iMovie Events and iMovie Project.

Copying content of Movies folder to iMovie project folder

1. In the Movies folder, select both files (or folders).
2. Copy both files (or folders) to your iMovie project folder in your class folder. (Note: To open another Finder window, click the Desktop and then press Command N on the keyboard.)

Continuing work on an iMovie project

To continue working on an iMovie project, you’ll need to copy both files (or folders) in your iMovie project folder to the Movies folder on the iMac. After you’ve copied both files (or folders) to the Movies folder on the iMac, your project will automatically open when you open iMovie.

Opening iMovie project folder on your class folder

1. Connect to your class folder.
2. In your class folder, open your iMovie project folder.

Opening the Movies folder on a JAMS lab iMac

1. Click the Desktop to make sure you’re in Finder mode (the word Finder will appear in upper right corner of screen.)
2. On the menu bar, click Go. From the drop down menu, select Home.

Copying content of iMovie project folder to Movies folder
1. In your class folder, select both files (or folders) in your iMovie project folder.
2. Copy both files (or folders) in your iMovie project folder to the Movies folder on the iMac. (Note: To open another Finder window, click the Desktop and then press Command N on the keyboard.)

After you’ve copied the files in your iMovie project folder to the Movies folder on the iMac, you can open iMovie. Your project will automatically open in iMovie.

Repeat this process to save your project or to continue working on it.