Editing with iMovie

When to edit with iMovie:
- For Mac computers only
- For MP4 files (can be exported from Screencast-o-Matic or Screenr)
- MOV files (QuickTime)

Begin by creating a new project:
Select New Project from the File menu.

To view your video, select one or more Events in the Event Library on the left.

To add video to your library, connect a video camera or choose an Import item from the File menu.
Next, import your video(s) into iMovie:

1. Click on Import from the File menu and select movies.
2. Locate the video from your saved files.

3. Create a new event to organize all of your video files that are needed to create your final, edited video.
4. Keep the rest of the default settings and click Import.
5. Once imported, your video will be listed in your Event Library.
Preview your imported video.

Tools and Tips

• Use the space bar on your keyboard to start and stop your video preview.
• Zoom in to get a closer edit.
Then, add video segments from your Event Library to your project:

1. Use your mouse to highlight clips that you want to include in your final video (you can drag each end of the yellow border to make your selection).

2. Click and drag your selection from the Event Library up to the Project Window.
To split off and remove unwanted content from your clip:

1. Use your mouse to select the section that you want to split off. You can adjust the yellow border to shorten or lengthen the selection.

2. Right click (control click) on the selected section and select Split Clip.

3. Right click (control click) over the split clip and select to Delete Selection.

You can also click and drag the clip to change the sequence of your video.
To trim a clip to keep only a segment of your video:

1. Use your mouse to select the section that you want to keep. You can adjust the yellow border to shorten or lengthen the selection.

2. Right click (control click) on the selected section and select Trim to Selection.

3. You’ll be left with just the part of your clip that you wanted to keep.
To add transitions to mask and smooth over cuts:

1. Click on the hour glass icon to access different transitions to use between your edited clips.

2. Select the transition of your choice and drag it in between your edited clips.

3. Double click on the transition icon in the Project Window to change the length to match the pace of your video (fast or slow).

4. Preview the video to review the transition.
To share your final video using YouTube
1. Use at least 640x480 resolution.
2. Post the YouTube link to Blackboard for your students.

To share your final video using QuickTime
1. Select “Export using QuickTime.”
2. Select to “Export Movie to MPEG-4 (MP4).”
3. Use “Streaming – Medium.”
4. Click the “Options” button and select to export to at least 640x480 resolution.
5. Save your video where you can easily locate it.
6. Upload the saved MP4 video to Blackboard.