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Music makes everything better. You might have an awesome photomontage that you've created in Windows Movie Maker, but adding a little music, or maybe some fun sound effects will really make it come to life. Any music, sound file or narration file is known as an audio file. Steps Under the Capture Video link, choose Import audio or music.Locate the folder containing your audio file.Select the audio file you wish to import. Once the audio file is imported, you will notice the different type of icon in the Collections window. Drag the audio icon to the Storyboard. Note the message box indicating that audio clips can only be added in the Timeline view. Click OK in this message box. Audio files have their own location in the Timeline to keep them separate from pictures or video clips. This makes it easier to manipulate either type of file. Drag the audio file to the left to align with the start point of the first picture. This will start the music when the first picture appears. The Timeline indicates how much time each item takes up over the course of the whole movie. Notice that this audio file takes up a much bigger space on the Timeline than the pictures. Scroll across the Timeline window to see the end of the audio clip. In this example, the music ends at approximately 4:23 minutes, which is much longer than we need. Hover the mouse over the end of the music clip until it becomes a two-headed arrow. Drag the end of the music clip to the left to line up with the last picture. In this instance, we will have to drag the end of the music clip several times to reach the beginning of the movie due to its size. It is easier to do this if you zoom in on the timeline so that there is not so much dragging. The Zoom tools are located at the bottom left side of the screen, to the left of the Storyboard / Timeline. Now the music clip is lined up with the pictures from start to finish. You may choose to start the music at any time in your movie. The music clip does not have to be placed at the beginning. Save the movie and you're all set! Thanks for letting us know! Get the Latest Tech News Delivered Every Day Subscribe Tell us why! Sorry but this is my first instructable so it might be hard to followYou need to have two things and if you have windows xp you won't need them all you need is: 1.Windows movie maker 2.paint 3.A lot of patience!!! Go to windows movie maker and click on "Tools"(sorry for lack of pics) then go to "options..." and you will see 2 things 1.picture duration and 2.transition duration go to picture duration and put it on the lowest setting which is 0.125 seconds this is 8 frames per second.This is fairly simple just familiarize yourself with this program and you should be fine.All you have to do is make folder for your pictures and every time you want something to move erase it then draw it in a different place and do that over and over and over...then when your done drawing your frames import them into windows movie maker and you should be good to go! Microsoft is stressing quick and simple with Windows Live Movie Maker that on Wednesday drops its "beta" label and is now available for general use and download. The free program, that allows you easily create movies from digital images and video clips and share them, is part of Microsoft's Windows Live Essentials suite of programs tied primarily to Windows 7. For those unfamiliar with Microsoft's Movie Maker software, it is a program most commonly used to create slideshows from digital images and short video clips. Once compiled the slideshow can be turned into a movie for burning to a DVD or sharing online. Windows Live Movie Maker competes with slideshow programs such as FastStone Image Viewer and features found in programs such as Picasa. Windows Live Movie Maker features a storyboard located in the right side of the application. You can see the tools menu ribbon above. Windows Live Movie Maker is a massive update from the previous version (Windows Movie Maker) which came bundled in Windows Vista and XP. Live Movie Maker brings a new look and features to the table such as a revamped interface that puts editing functions into a Windows ribbon (bringing it in line with the look and feel of Office 2010). Microsoft has also changed the layout of the storyboard (where you create and edit images and video) putting it in the right-hand side of the software. Also new is an Auto Movie feature that automatically creates a movie from your digital images and video snippets that include titles, a soundtrack, fade transitions, and image effects. Provided you have a fast computer, the entire Auto Movie process takes about 10 seconds. New features allow you to import and combine photos, video clips, and music, and then edit your movie. With the grunt work in place, you can go back and add different transitions, rearrange the order of slides and add text overlays with transitions. Of course, any movie can be created manually, adding transitions, and pan-and-scan for each individual frame. Video clips can also now be trimmed down from within the software using a set of sliders in the player window. When the video's done, it can be saved to the hard drive, burned to a DVD, or sent to YouTube, all from within the software. HD formats of up to 1080p are supported. The idea here is to appeal to the common user, who wants to create something from a photo library without putting much effort into it. Maybe Windows Live Movie Maker's approach of creating the content first and editing the details later will give the tool more presence for Windows users, as the original Windows Movie Maker never quite took off. Here you can see the export feature that allows you to share your video to sites such as YouTube or e-mail them to a friend. The software, which was released in beta earlier this year, will be available to Windows Vista and Windows 7 users as part of Windows Live Essentials. Its introduction will compliment Microsoft's stripped down approach to Windows 7, letting users choose the software they want through a desktop link instead of pre-loading the operating system with bloatware. We'll see if Live Movie Maker's simplicity will earn more of a following than its predecessor. At a GlanceEasy to use, even for beginners; Storyboard layout is simple and intuitiveOffers limited effects; Little to no advanced featuresCreate slick movies from your photos or videos--and share them--with this free app. I've always been a bit intimidated by video editing software. It overwhelms me, offering too many options and not enough explanations to guide a moviemaking novice like me. That's why I thought Microsoft's Windows Live Movie Maker 2011 might be my perfect app, as it's designed for casual users like me. And while Movie Maker is easy enough to use, and produces generally pleasing results, it's also a bit limited--even by my standards. Movie Maker 2011 is part of Microsoft's Windows Live Essentials pack; you can choose to install all of the bundled software, or you can opt to pick and choose apps. It's designed to help you turn photos and videos into slideshows and movies, complete with soundtracks, captions, and transitions. Getting started is easy: you select the photos and/or videos you'd like to include in your finished product, and Movie Maker automatically arranges them into a storyboard-style layout. The app supports a variety of file formats for importing, including WMV, AVCHD, QuickTime, AVI, MPEG-4, MPEG-2, and MOV video files, and JPEG, TIFF, GIF, BMP, ICO, PNG, and WDP photo files. With the files imported, the storyboard makes it easy to visualize your finished movie, and to rearrange its contents as you're working. You can select one of four AutoMovie themes, which will create your movie for you, adding a title and transitions. If you're feeling more ambitious, you can customize your movie a bit more, by trimming and splitting videos; panning and zooming; adding varied transitions; adjusting brightness; and adding visual effects, like black and white or sepia tones. You also can add captions and credits, and a soundtrack, if you'd like. But that's about it. If you're looking for more advanced effects, you're out of luck--Movie Maker 2011 really is designed for producing basic (though polished) movies, and fast. Once you've completed your movie, Movie Maker presents you with several options for sharing it. You can upload it directly to YouTube, Facebook, Windows Live SkyDrive, Flickr, or Windows Live Groups. You also have the option to format it for viewing on a mobile device, though the only devices listed in the menu or Windows Phones or Zune portable media players. Movie Maker also lets you share your movie via e-mail, burn it right to a DVD, or save it on your desktop. Note that all of these options save your movie as a Windows Media Audio/Video file, though--no alternative video formats supported here. If you're looking for a drop-dead simple way to create good-looking slideshows and movies, Windows Live Movie Maker 2011 can handle the task. Just be aware that this free software offers only the basics, so you may outgrow it quickly, and may find yourself stepping up to an app such as Adobe's \$100 Premiere Elements. Note: This link takes you to the vendor's site, where you can download the latest version of the software. --Liane Cassavoy Windows only: Windows Live Movie Maker-- the new, ribbon-sporting, updated version of Windows Movie Maker, has left beta and is now ready to handle your video editing needs.(Click the image above for a closer look.)Movie Maker has long been a relatively unloved video editing application that a lot of people have never even touched, but as more and more people go digital with their video, free video editors like Movie Maker will likely become more useful and used by the general public.The new and improved Windows Live Movie Maker sports the now ubiquitous-in-Windows-apps ribbon menu (mentioned above), supports HD video, has built-in tools to upload your videos to YouTube, and can share to other popular video sharing sites with the right plug-ins.Windows Live Movie Maker is freeware, Windows Vista and Windows 7 only. If you have time to give it the full run-through, let's hear how you like the new and improved Movie Maker in the comments. Looking for something a little more robust? Check out our six best video editing applications.You want to be the supreme ruler of your own virtual cutting room? Better break out the...Read moreWindows Live Movie Maker [Live.com via Download Squad]