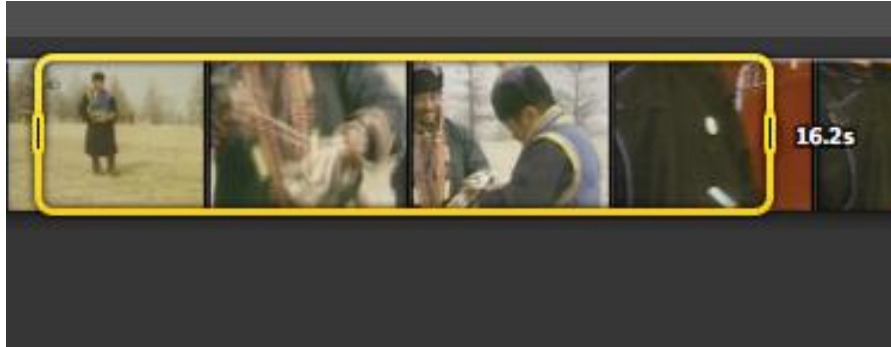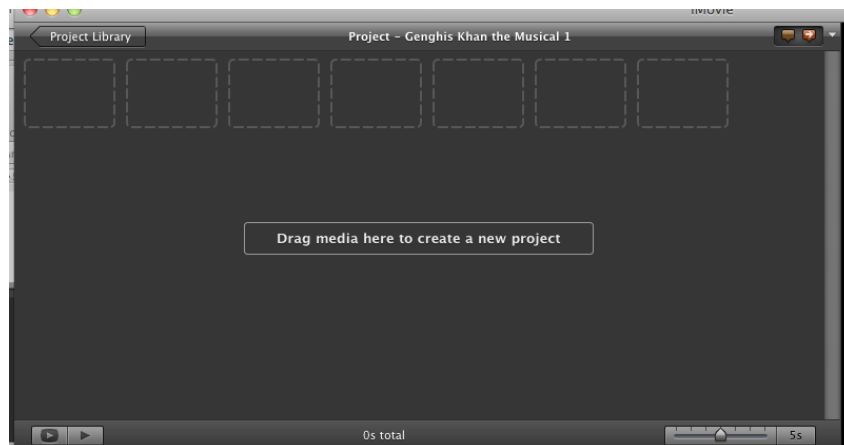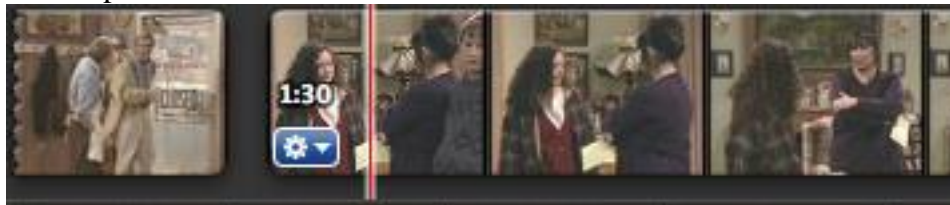# Editing Clip in iMovie '09

Selecting Footage to Use
To edit the footage that you have imported, select the portions that you want to use by holding the mouse down and dragging it until all of the thumbnails that you want to use are highlighted in the Event Library.

Drag these into the upper left project box that says "Drag media here to create a new project".

- To eliminate portions that you do not want to use, select them and hit the **delete** key. To create more precise transitions between footage, see *Trimming Clips*.
- To move portions, you can use the cut and paste functions or drag them.
- If you select part of a thumbnail, only part of the clip in that thumbnail will be selected. You can determine where in the thumbnail you want to begin or end by moving the cursor left and right to display the footage in the viewer.
- iMovie separates clips into Events. Events are separated by gaps, but can consist of multiple thumbnails.

- To change the aspect ratio of your project, go to **File → Project Properties**, or select **cmd + J**.
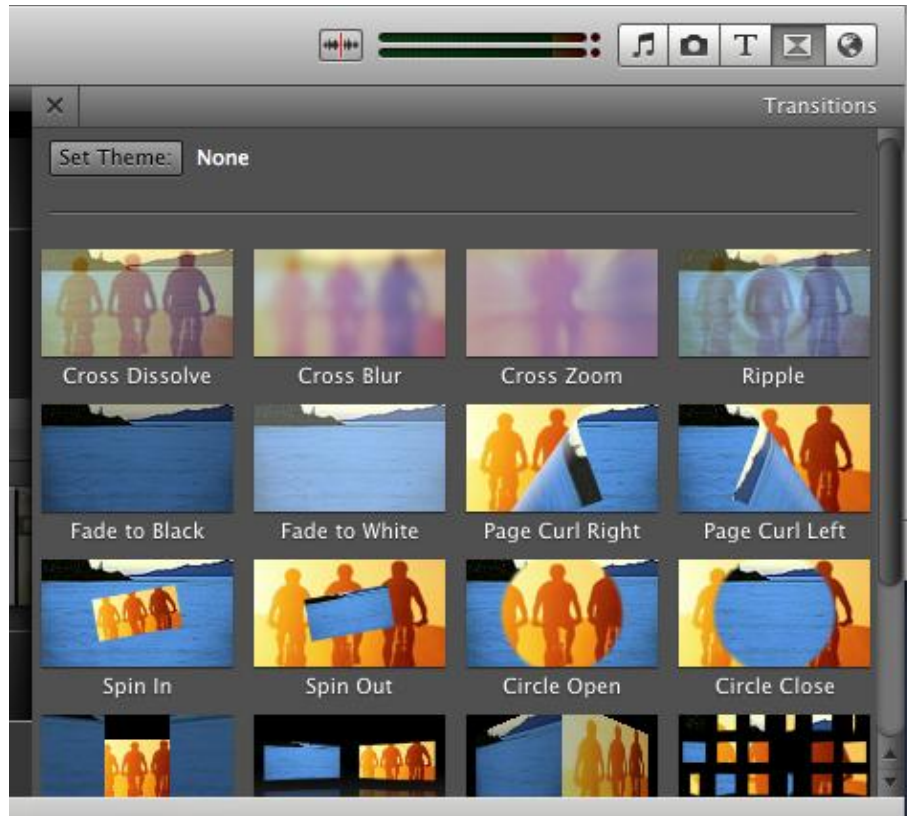
Trimming Clips

1. To make more precise cuts and smooth transitions, click on the cogwheel icon ⚙️▾ in the first thumbnail of the event and select **Precision Editor.**

2. The **Precision Editor** window will pop up, displaying the transition between the previous event and the current one. The end of the first event is displayed on top, and the beginning of the second event is displayed on bottom. Darkened portions show footage that is not played in the project, and the vertical blue bar shows where the transition occurs.
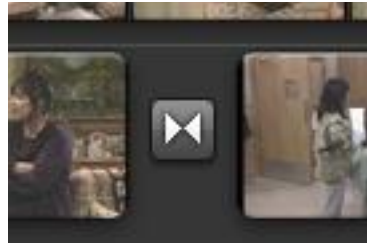

3. Drag each event left or right to change where it starts or stops playing. Use the viewer box to identify the desired points in the footage.

4. When you have finished, click on **Done**.

Transitions

1. Click on the ⊠ icon below the viewer box.

2. The **Transitions** menu will pop up, with thumbnails of each of the transition options.
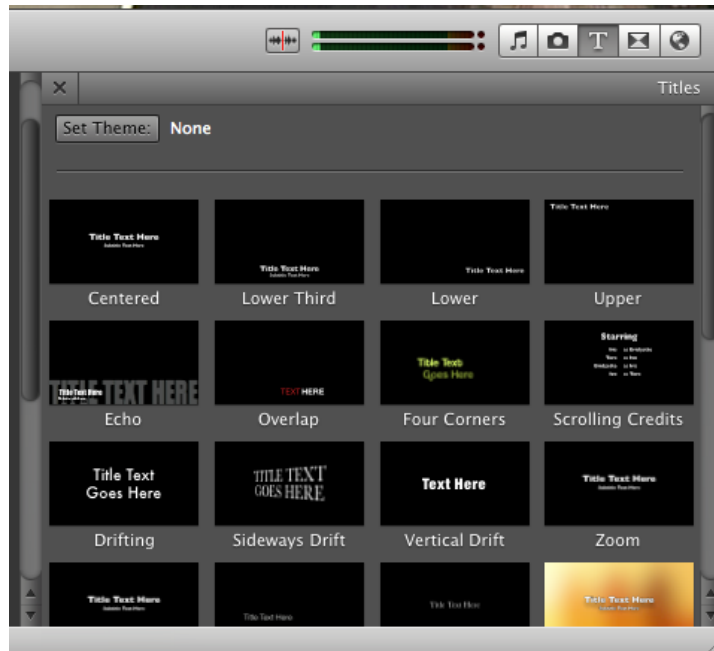
3. Single click on the transition you want to use, and drag it to the project area. A transition icon will appear between the two clips.

4. Transitions can only be added before or after a clip, not in the middle of a thumbnail. To separate a thumbnail into two clips, select all of the footage you want to use in the second clip, and use the cut and paste functions to place it after the first clip.

Titles

1. Click on the icon below the viewer box.
2. The **Titles** menu will pop up, with thumbnails of each of the title styles.

3. Single click on the title style you want to use, and drag it into the project area.
   a. For a separate title segement:
      i. Drop the title thumbnail in the empty space before the first thumbnail.
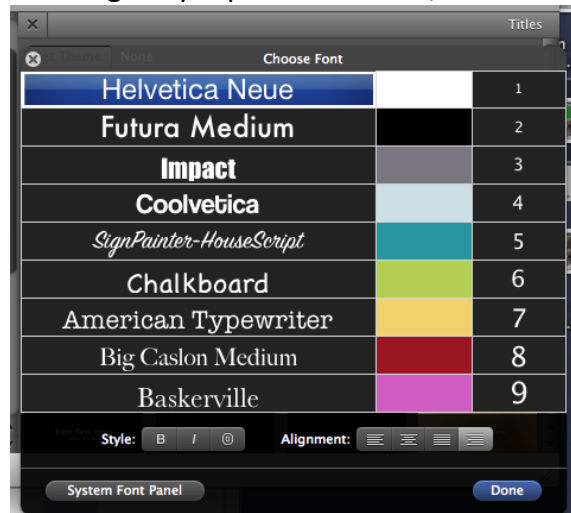   ii. A window will pop up with the background options.

      iii. Click on the one you want to use to select it. A thumbnail of the title segment will appear.

iv. To edit the title, double click on the caption "Title Text Here" in the viewer box. This will place the cursor in the textbox. You can now enter the title of the clip or movie.
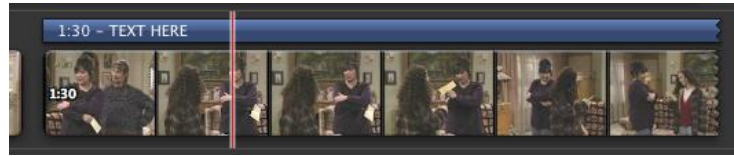

v. To change any aspect of the font, click on **Show Fonts**.

A System Font Panel window will pop up. You can choose the font face, color and size.

vi. When you have finished, click on **Done**.

b. To have the title appear as part of a clip:

i. Drop the title thumbnail over the desired clip. **Note:** The title will be displayed for the entire clip. Be sure to have as a separate clip the part that you want the title to display for.

ii. A blue bar will appear over the clip, with the time that the title will display for, and the text that will display.
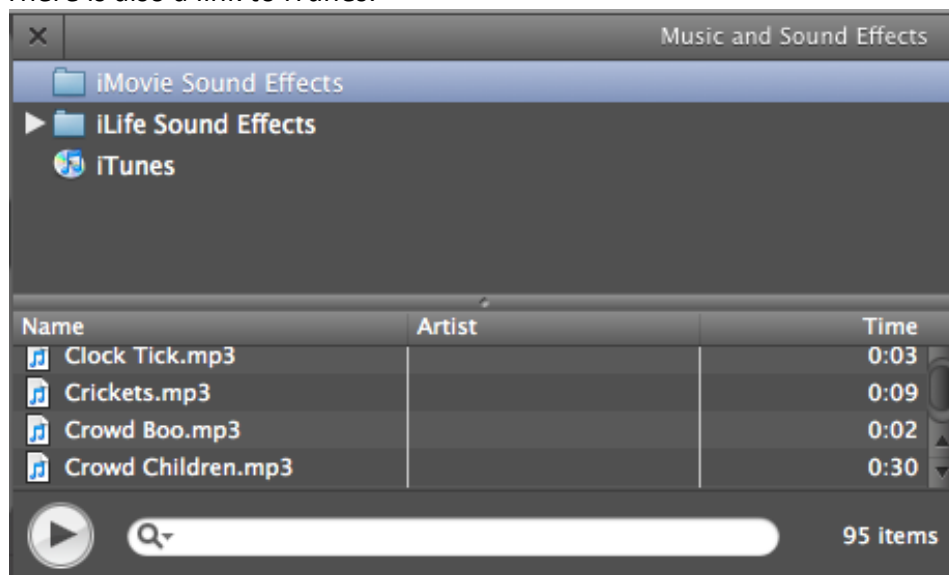

iii. Click on any portion of the clip to have it display in the viewer box.
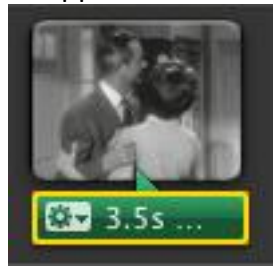iv. Single click on the text in the viewer to place the cursor in the textbox and edit the title.

v. Use the **Show Fonts** option to make changes to the font face, size, and color.
vi. When you have finished, click on **Done**.

Music and Sound Effects

1. Click on the icon below the viewer box.
2. The **Music and Sound Effects** menu will pop up. It contains a folder of the stock sound effects included with iMovie and instrumental music included with iLife. There is also a link to iTunes.
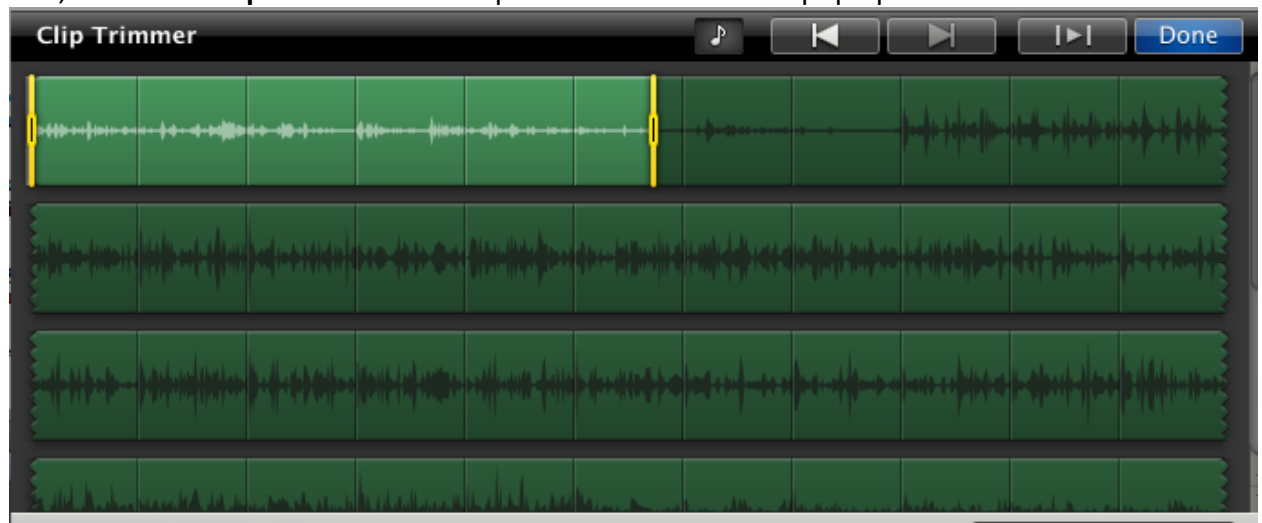
3. Select the sound clip or song you want to use, and drag it over to the project window. Drop the icon over the thumbnail where you want the sound clip to begin. A green box will appear below the thumbnail with the time that the

sound clip plays for.
4. To move the sound clip to begin at a precise point in the thumbnail, drag the green box right or left until the left side of the box lines up with the point where you want it to begin.
5. To change the time that the sound clip plays for, click on the cog wheel icon , and select **Clip Adjustments**. Enter in the **Duration** field the length of time you want the clip to play for, and then select **Done**.
6. To change the volume of the sound clip, click on the cog wheel icon, and select **Audio Adjustments**. Adjust the **Volume** to the desired level, and then select **Done**.
7. To change what portion of a song or sound clip is used, click on the cog wheel icon, and select **Clip Trimmer**. The Clip Trimmer window will pop up.
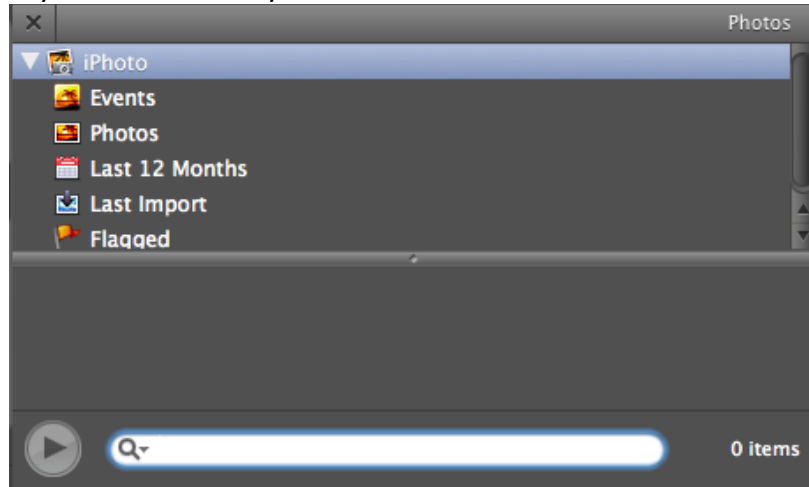

Move the yellow bars lefts or right until the portion of the clip that you want to use is highlighted. Then select **Done**.
8. To ease transitions, you can have sound clips overlap, or have them fade in/out. To change the fading, go to the **Audio Adjustments** menu. Under **Fade In** or **Fade Out**, select **Manual** and then enter in the amount of time you want the fading to occur over. Then select **Done**.

Pictures
To add pictures from the iPhoto library:

1. Click on the ⬜📷 icon. The **Photos** menu will pop up, displaying the contents of your iPhoto library.

2. Single click on the photo you want to use, and drag it over to the project box. Drop the photo at the point in the clip where you want to use it.
3. A thumbnail of the picture will appear.
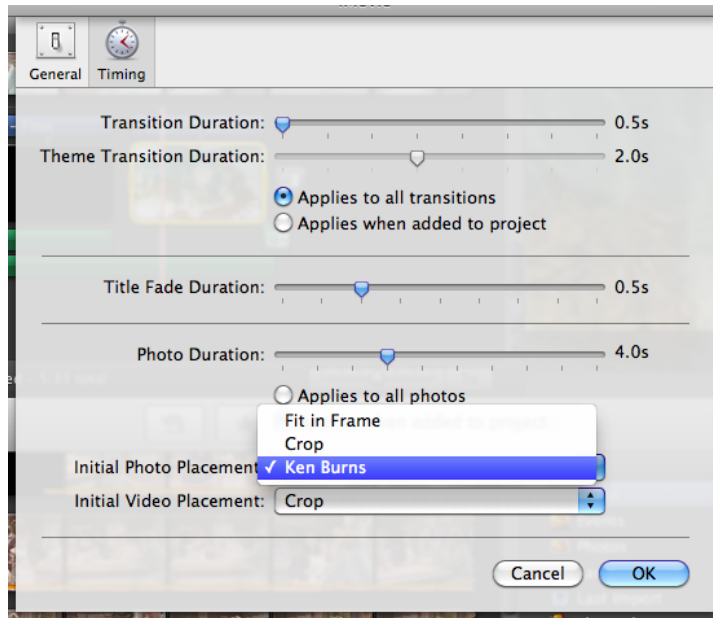
To add pictures not in the iPhoto library:

1. Drag the icon of the photo from where it is on your desktop, or in a folder, over to the project box. Drop the photo at the point in the clip where you want to use it.
2. A thumbnail of the picture will appear.

Note: The default for displaying pictures is 4 seconds with the Ken Burns effect (a slow zoom out). To change how long the picture is displayed for:

1. Click on the cog wheel icon ⚙▼
2. Select **Clip Adjustments**
3. Enter the desired time in the **Display** field
4. Select **Done**

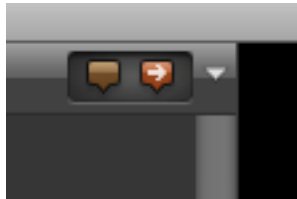To turn off the Ken Burns effect:

1. Go to **File → Project Properties**
2. Click on the **Timing** tab

3. From the **Initial Photo Placement** menu, select **Fit in Frame**.
4. Select **OK**.

Chapters And Comments

1. To add chapters to your clip:
2. Go to iMovie → Preferences, and then check the box next to Show Advanced Tools. Close this dialog box.
3. Comment and Chapter icons will now be displayed in the upper right corner of the project box.

4. To insert Chapters:
   a. Drag the icon to the position just before the first clip to create the first chapter.
   b. Drag the icon again, this time to the point where you want the second chapter to begin. It can be placed anywhere, even in the middle of a thumbnail.
   c. To add chapter titles, double click on each chapter marker and type in the desired title. You can also leave them as the default numbers.
5. To insert Comments:
   a. Drag the icon to the place where you want to insert a comment.
   b. Double click on the comment marker that you have just inserted to edit the text.