

How to make a Digital Movie with Windows Live Movie Maker

Note: The following instructions should work with the logitech webcams in the PC lab at the Robert Henderson Language Media Center. The result will be a WMV (Windows Media Video) movie that can be played on either Windows or Macintosh.

To make a digital movie, you will need the following:

Webcam
Headset with a microphone
(optional)



Windows Live Movie Maker
software



Media on which to save movie
(CD or flashdrive)



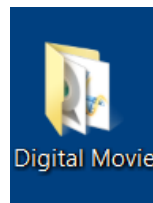
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1. Preparing the Settings

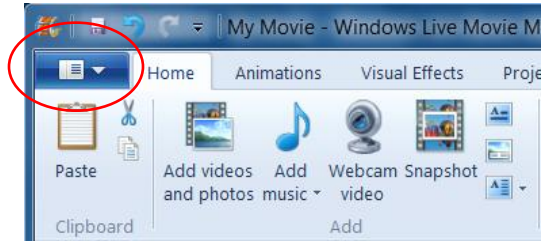
To record a new movie, launch **Windows Live Movie Maker**.

A shortcut icon is found inside the **Digital Movie** folder on the desktop.

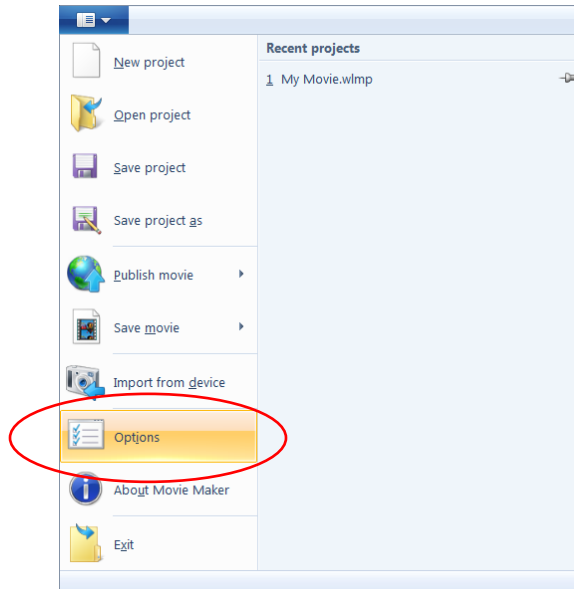


Windows Live Movie Maker windows will appear.

Let us first set the web cam settings. Click on the **blue menu icon** on the top left corner.

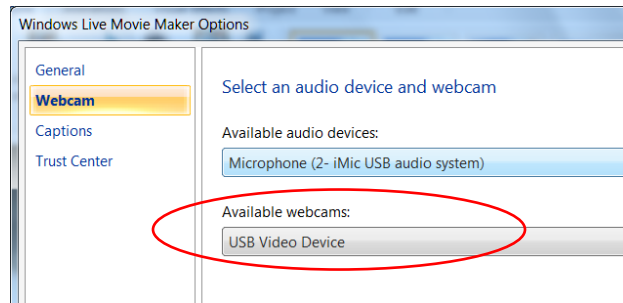


A drop-down menu box appears. Select **"Options"**.



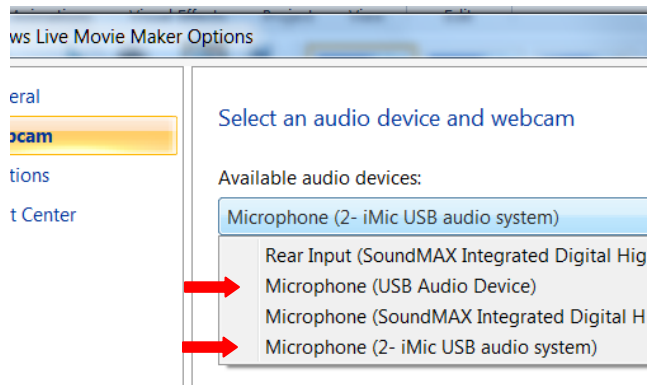
Click on **"Webcam"** tab.

Make sure **"USB Video Device"** is selected under as the webcam.

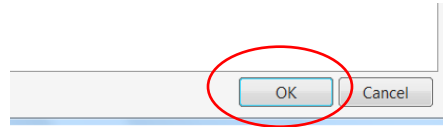


For "Available audio devices", you have two options.

- If you want to use the built-in microphone of the web cam, choose **"Microphone (USB Audio Device)"**. Note that this method may pick up more ambient noise.
- If want to use the headset microphone instead, choose **"Microphone (2-iMic USB audio system)"**.

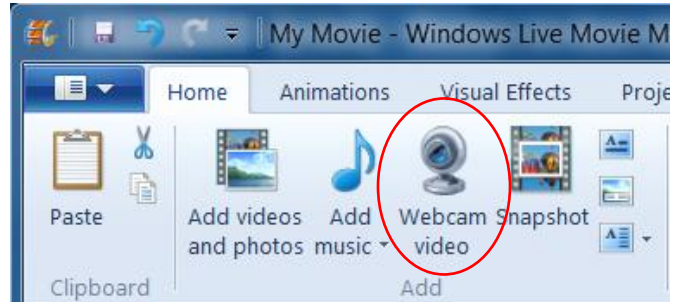


Now you're done with the webcam settings. Click "OK" to return to the main window.

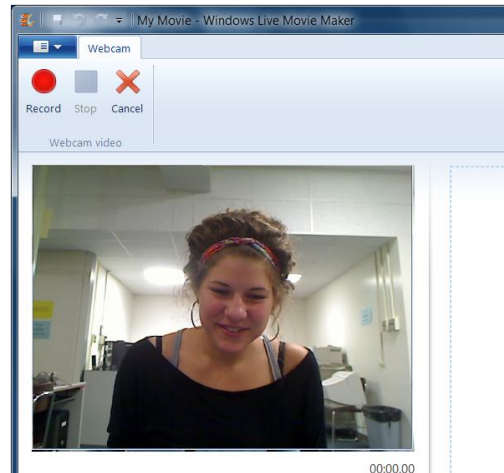


2. Recording the Movie

To start a webcam window, click on the "Webcam video" icon in the top menu bar.



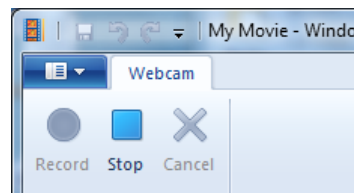
A webcam window appears.



To record, simply click on the **red record button** on the recording toolbar.



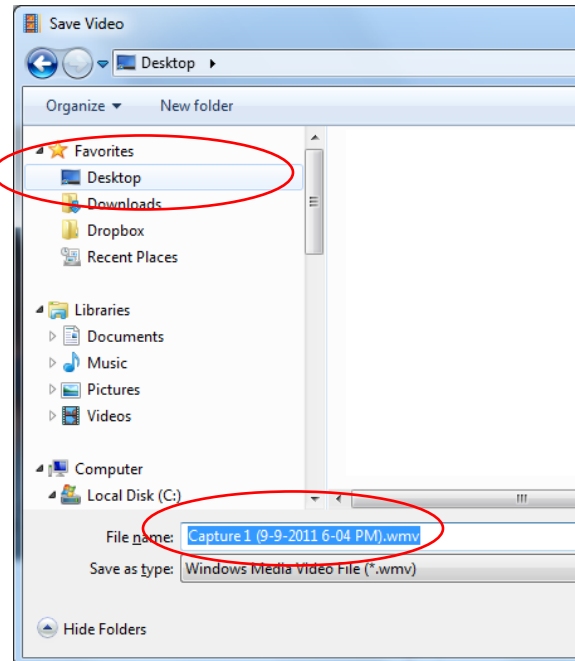
When you are finished recording, click on the **blue stop button** on the recording toolbar.



A dialog box appears for saving options.

Choose **Desktop** as the file location.

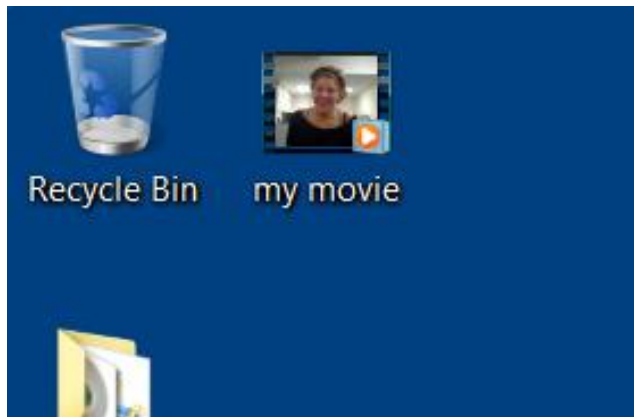
Then name your movie file. You don't need to include the .wmv extension.



Your file should appear on the desktop.

The resulting video has a dimension of **640x480 pixels**. The file size is about **17MB per every minute** recorded.

You are done unless you want to export your movie. If you do want this, proceed to the next section.



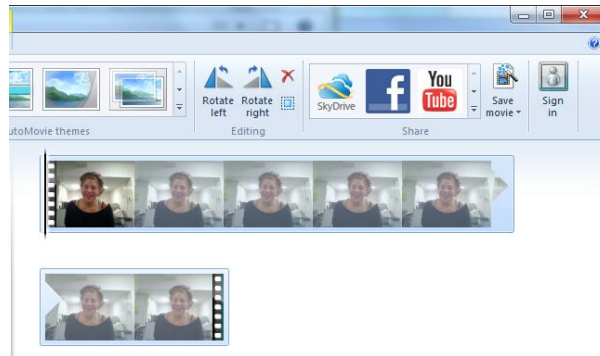
3. Exporting the Movie

After recording, you can export your movie using different settings.

There are two pre-set settings for:

- movie with no audio
- a smaller video size

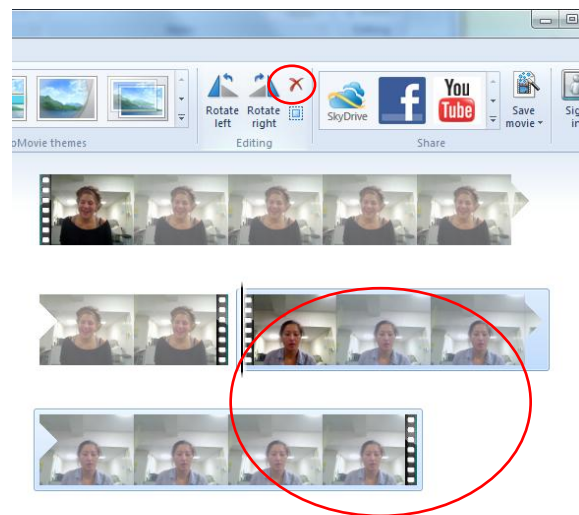
First, make sure your movie segment is displaying in the work area.



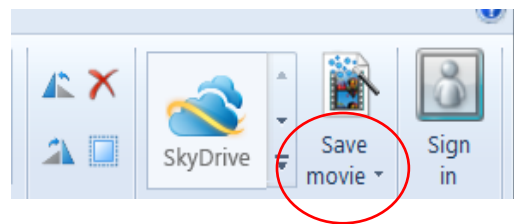
Only the segment you want to export should be showing.

If no movie is showing, then find the movie you want to export (probably on Desktop) and drag it onto the work area.

If there are additional segments, delete them by pressing the red “x” button on the top menu.



Click on “**Save Movie**”. Make sure to click on the text on the bottom and not the icon.



A drop-down menu appears.

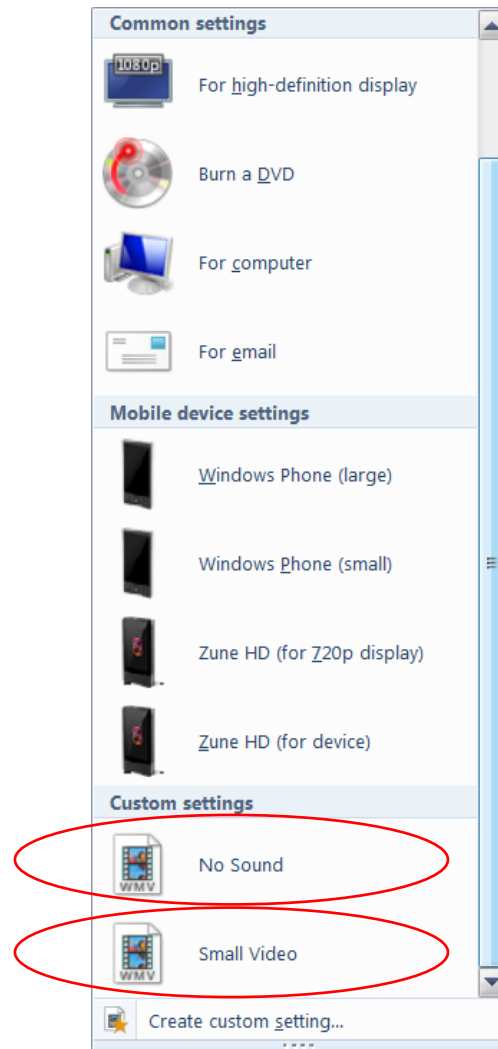
Scroll down to “**Custom settings**”.

There are two pre-set configurations:

- **No Sound**
- **Small Video**

Choose **No Sound** if you are, for example, taking an ASL class and only need video in your recording.

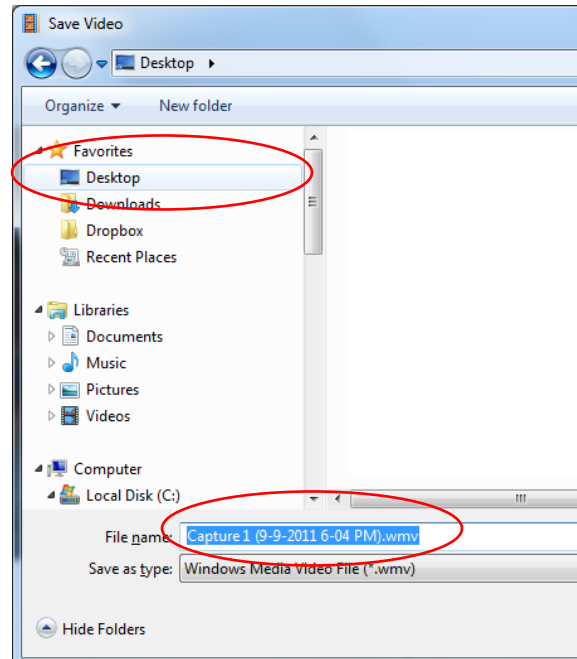
Choosing **Small Video** will reduce your video dimension to **320x240 pixels**. The resulting file size will also be smaller: **6MB per every minute** recorded. For long recordings (10 minutes or longer), choose this setting so your file size will remain manageable.



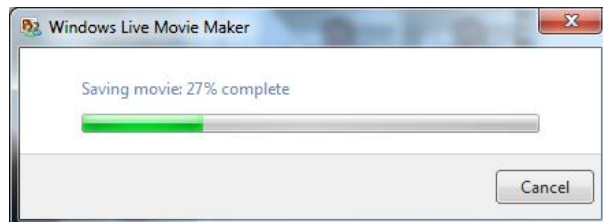
A dialog box appears for saving options.

Choose **Desktop** as the file location.

Then name your movie file. You don't need to include the .wmv extension.

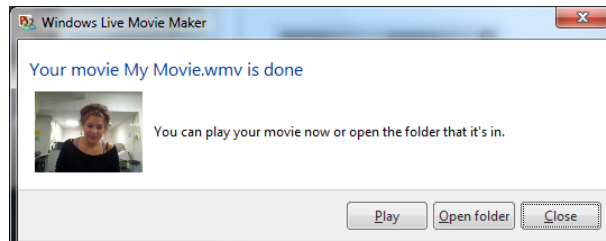


A progress bar appears.



A confirmation window appears.

Your movie is now done. Hitting "Play" button will play the clip.



Remember to copy your movie to a CD or a flashdrive for future use.

