

Step-by-Step

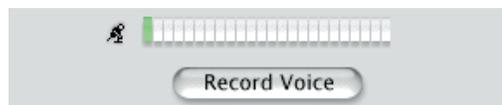
Adding Sound and Music In iMovie

You can add music and other sound to your iMovie projects in several different ways. You can record your own voice, add a sound effect from a collection that comes with iMovie, or use a clip from an audio CD. In this Step-by-Step Card, you will learn how to add sound to your desktop movie in these three ways.

Adding a voice clip

iMovie allows you to record your own voice (or someone else's voice) to use in your movie. To record your own voice, follow these steps:

- 1 Check to see whether your computer has a built-in microphone or an external microphone. You need one or the other to record your voice.
- 2 Make sure that your computer is set to record from that source. Choose Control Panels from the Apple menu, then choose Sound from the submenu. Click the Input tab and make your selection in the Input panel. (You can also select your input device by opening the Sound Strip module on the Control Strip.)
- 3 Open your iMovie project.
- 4 Position the playhead where you want the narration to begin.
- 5 Click the Audio button to open the Audio panel, if necessary.
- 6 Click the Record Voice button and speak into your microphone.



- 7 Click the Stop button when you finish.

Your recording now appears in the timeline viewer as an orange colored strip.



Adding a sound effect

iMovie comes with a number of prerecorded sound effects that you can use in your projects. The sound effects are located in the Audio panel. You can download many more sound effects from the iMovie Web site at www.apple.com/imovie and use them in your projects.

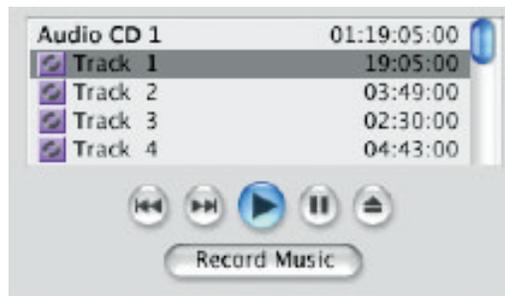
To add a sound effect to your project, follow these steps:

- 1 Click the Audio button to open the Audio panel, if necessary.
- 2 Scroll through the list of sound effects, clicking whichever ones you'd like to hear, until you have located a sound effect you'd like to use in your project.
- 3 Click the timeline viewer tab (the icon with the clock).
- 4 Move to the spot where you would like to add the sound effect. Drag the sound effect you want from the Audio panel and place it in one of the two audio tracks in the desired location.

Adding music from a CD

You can add clips from an audio CD to your iMovie projects.

- 1 Click the Audio button to open the Audio panel, if it's not already open.
- 2 Insert an audio CD in the computer's CD-ROM drive.
A list of tracks appears.



- 3 Click to play any track in the list.
- 4 Move the playhead to the point in your movie that you want the music to start from.
- 5 Click the audio CD track that you want to add, then click the Record Music button. You hear the track playing and see it being added to one of the two audio tracks.
- 6 Click Stop when you want to stop the recording.
- 7 To crop the recorded music track, place the pointer on the triangle at the right end of the music track and drag to the left. Once you have determined the length you want, choose Crop from the Edit menu.

Tip: You can add a fade in or fade out effect. To do this, first select the audio track you recorded and then select the Fade In or Fade Out option, or both.