



Managing iMovie 10 Movies

When using multimedia workstations in CL-240/245, files stored on the local hard drive are **automatically deleted upon log out**. To retain editable copies of your projects, you must copy the necessary files to an external hard drive before you leave the lab. iMovie 10 introduces a **new method for organizing media and movies*** that simplifies this process.

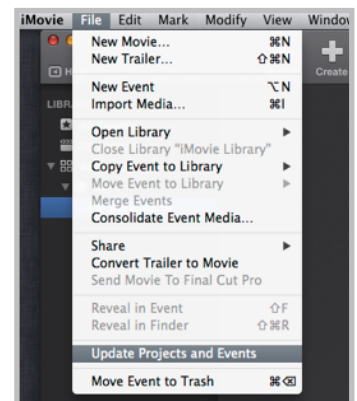
All movie files are now consolidated into a single file called a **library**. This file includes movies, events, imported media, and rendered media. This new file management method makes it easy to organize, move, and backup movies. In the past, you could only copy project files and media from within the application and you had to work from an external hard drive that was formatted for “Mac only.” Now you can simply copy a single library file using the Finder, and you can work on hard drives formatted to work on both Mac and PC platforms (formatted as “ExFat”)!

* **Projects** have been renamed and are now called “**movies**” in iMovie 10.

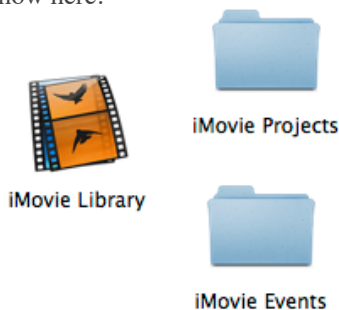
1 Updating a project

If you started a project in iMovie '09, and would like to continue editing in iMovie 10, you must “update” the project. (If you are starting a brand new movie, skip to step 2 on the following page.)

1. Connect your external hard drive to the workstation.
2. Open the iMovie 10 (or later) application.
3. Choose “Update Projects and Events” from the File menu.
4. Click the Update button.
5. After the update is complete, you will see your newly updated events and projects appear in the Libraries pane, within the default library.



This new library file will be saved to the same location as your original Events and Projects folders. The library file is represented by the **orange film strip** icon show here.



As of Summer 2014, both iMovie '09 and iMovie 10 are installed on the workstations in CL240, so you can continue to use the “old” version of iMovie if you choose. If you do choose to use the new version, iMovie 10, you will notice a refined interface and functional improvements that include: (a) native file editing, so you don’t have to wait a long time for video to import before you can start editing, (b) ability to export directly to MP4, (c) color matching, (d) improved image stabilization, and (e) improved export quality.



iMovie 10



iMovie '09

NOTE: On the Apple product website, the current version of iMovie is simply called “**iMovie**.” However, it is often referred to as “**iMovie 10**,” as we have chosen to do in this document, because that is the actual version (v10.0.1, to be exact) of the application. You may also see the application referred to as “**iMovie 2013**” because it was released in 2013, and previous versions were named by the year of their release. Confused yet? So are we!

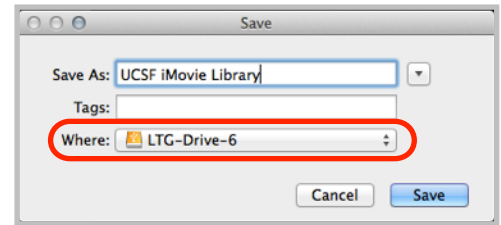
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2 Creating and opening a library file

If you are starting a **new library**:

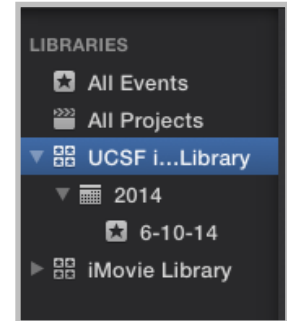
1. Connect your external hard drive to the workstation.
2. Open the iMovie 10 application.
3. From the File menu, choose Open Library > New...
4. Name the library file.
5. Choose your external hard drive as the save location.
6. Click the Save button.



If you already have a library on an **external hard drive**:

1. Connect your external hard drive to the workstation.
2. Open the folder containing the library file and double-click it.
3. iMovie 10 will automatically open and load your library.

NOTE: Do not use the “iMovie Library” that appears by default in the Libraries pane. This library is stored on the workstation’s local hard drive. To remove the extra library from the list, right-click on it and choose “Close Library” from the pop-up menu.



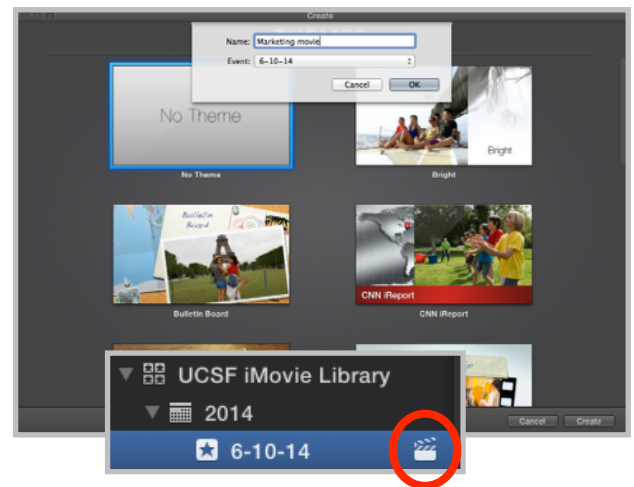
Libraries pane

3 Creating movies and importing media

Once your library file is created and saved to your external hard drive, you can create a movie and import media. A single library can contain multiple movies and media files.

Create a movie:

1. From the File menu, choose New > Movie...
2. Choose a theme for the movie.
3. Name your movie.
4. Select an event that is located within your new library. (This library should already be saved to your external hard drive.)
5. Click the OK button.
6. You will see a small clapperboard icon next to the event in your library, indicating that a movie exists within that event.



Import Media:

1. From the File menu, choose Import > Media...
2. Navigate to the location of your media.
3. Select the device where your media is stored.
4. Cmd or Shift-click to select the media you wish to import and then click the Import Selected Media button. (Or click the Import All button to import all media from a device at once.)

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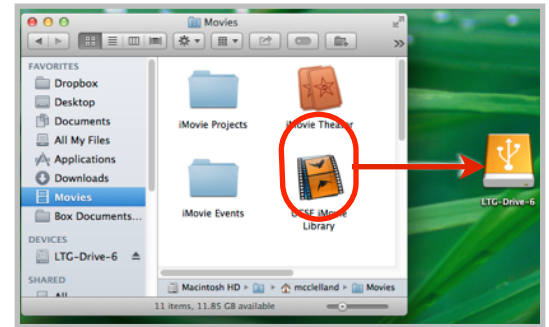
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4 Moving and archiving a library file

If you started a new movie following the steps in part 2 and 3, then your library file should already “live” on your external hard drive. In this case, you do not need to move files before leaving the lab. **iMovie saves your movie automatically as you work.**

If you are working from the local hard drive, you **must move your library file to your external drive before leaving the lab:**

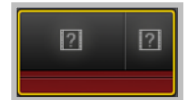
1. Right-click on your library from the Libraries pane within iMovie and choose “Reveal in Finder.”
2. A new window will open, and your library file will be visible.
3. Click-and-drag to copy the library file from its current location, to your external hard drive.



NOTE: To avoid having multiple versions of your movies, be sure to close iMovie after copying the library file to your external hard drive. When ready to continue editing the movie, double-click the library file from your external hard drive.

5 Gotchas!

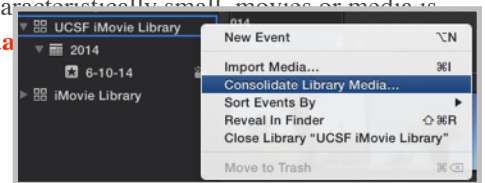
** Before you leave our lab, it is always a good idea to **connect your external hard drive to a different workstation and open the movie to verify** that you have successfully managed your library and its associated files. If you see any “Missing File” warnings, you have a problem!



** Another way to verify the contents of your library file is to open it up and check inside. Within iMovie, right-click on the library icon, and choose “Reveal in Finder.” Then, right-click on the library icon from the Finder window and choose “Show Package Contents.” **Locate and open the “Original events” folder to view its contents.** If any of your media is missing, you have a problem!

** If you do notice a problem with your library file (i.e. the file size is uncharacteristically small, movies or media is missing), please contact LTG staff immediately. We can help you “**consolidate**” your library to your external hard drive. If you need to try this on your own, here are the steps:

1. Right-click on the library icon from the Libraries pane (click on the top-level library icon, not the events icon underneath it), and choose “Consolidate Library Media...”
2. In the dialog window that appears, click the OK button.
3. When the process is complete, close iMovie and then **drag-and-drop to copy that library file to your external hard drive.**



6 Links and resources

- iMovie product page: www.apple.com/mac/imovie/
- MacMost video tutorial: macmost.com/managing-imovie-libraries-and-files.html
- Help documentation on organizing a library: help.apple.com/imovie/mac/10.0/#mov1d890f00b
- Review of new features: www.macprovideo.com/hub/review-2/review-imovie-10-the-2013-release
- Video overview of the basics: www.tuaw.com/2013/10/24/imovie-10-for-mac-tuaw-hands-on-video-walkthrough/