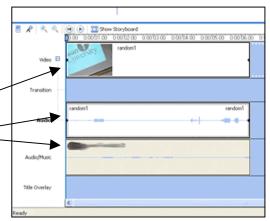
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Extracting Audio from a Video File

Extracting the audio portion of a video file is often useful when, for example, you would like the audio of a person you interviewed to play over a montage that exemplified what the interviewee is discussing. Below find the instructions for how to do this using Windows Movie Maker and iMovie HD.

Using Windows Movie Maker

- 1. Open Windows Movie Maker and imported the video clip that has the audio you would like to extract.
- With the Time Line view selected, drag the video clip past the Video section and into the "Audio/Music" section. This will result in only the audio portion of the clip appearing in the Time Line.
- 3. Import the file you want the audio to play over. This can be another video file or it can be an image (or series of images). After it is imported, drag the file(s) into the "Video" portion in the Time Line. You will see visual representations in the Video, Audio, and Audio/Music sections...
- 4. If you have imported an image(s), press play and you will hear the original audio play over the image(s).



If you have imported a video file, press play and you will here both audio tracks.

If you want to hear only the audio in the "Audio/Music" section, right click on the audio in the "Audio" section, and in the pop-up window select Mute. Then clip play and you will hear Audio 1 play over Video 2.

Using iMovie HD

- 1. Click the Timeline Viewer button. Drag the clip you want to edit into the work area.
- 2. Click on the video clip whose audio you want to extract.
- 3. In the menu bar, go to Advanced --> Extract Audio. The extracted audio appears as a separate clip in audio track 1 of the timeline viewer.
- 4. To isolate the new audio for other purposes, drag the original clip out of the work area.