

Adding Prerecorded Audio into iMovie 7 Steps

This Step-by-Step explains the procedures for adding audio into an iMovie file.

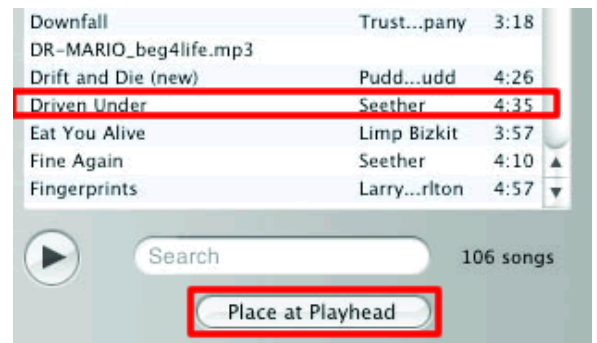
Prerequisite: This Step-by-Step assumes that a new iMovie file has been created and is open.

1) There are 2 ways to add audio into your iMovie video. If you have the recorded audio in iTunes, steps 2-3 will explain what you need to do. If your audio has not been loaded into iTunes, proceed to step 4.

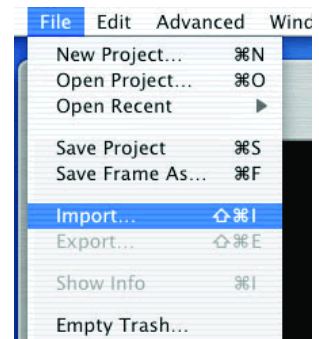
2) This is the method for loading an iTunes audio file. Click on the **Audio** button.



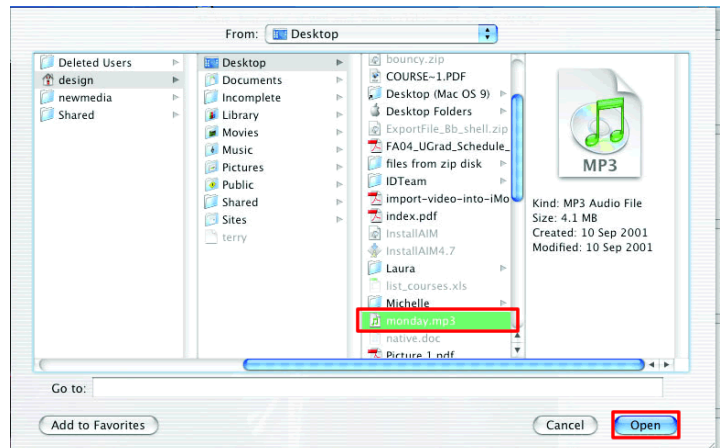
3) iMovie will bring up a list of the files that are in iTunes. Select which file you want and click the **'Place at Playhead'** button. iMovie will load your audio file and place the beginning where you are in the **Timeline**. Your file is loaded, proceed to step 7.



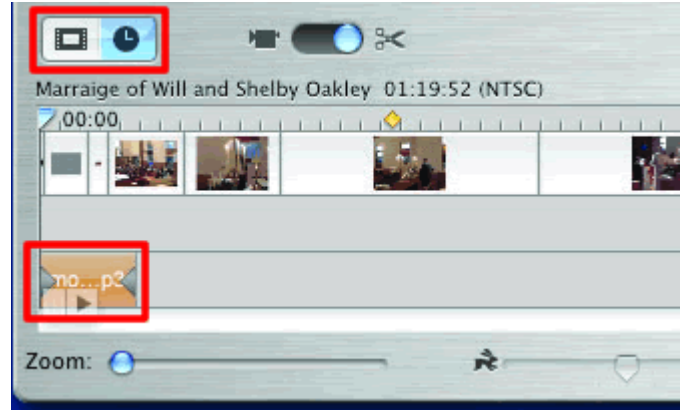
4) This method will work whether or not your audio file has been loaded into iTunes. From the **File** menu choose **Import**.



5) Next, **locate** the audio file on your hard drive. iMovie will recognize many file formats, so try importing your file. If iMovie does not import your file, it might be the file type. Try using iTunes to convert it to mp3.



6) iMovie will switch to the **Timeline** viewer instead of the Clip viewer. Your audio file will be placed on the bottom row at the **beginning** of your movie.



7) **Drag** your audio clip from the bottom row to the part of the movie where it should be played. The **gray arrows** at either side of your audio clip allow you to adjust where the song will begin / end.

Also, if you check the **Edit Volume** choice, you can adjust the volume of your clip throughout its play time. Once **checked**, a line will appear through your audio clip. This line is the volume at that particular part of the clip. Adjusting this can create a fade in or fade out effect.

