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Share Anywhere Easily with Windows Movie Maker 2

See It in Action, Then Do It Yourself

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Windows Movie Maker 2 simplifies and automates the process of assembling your clips and

compressing digital video to create movies you can show to friends and family. Here are four easy ways to save and share your movies.

Watch the video, and then follow the steps below to share your movies in a way that works for you—on your computer, via e-mail, on CD, or on the Web. Watching the video requires that you have [Windows Media Player](#).

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Do It Yourself



Save a movie to your computer

Saving a movie to the **My Computer** folder lets you save a high-quality version of your home video or work in progress into the convenient **My Videos** folder.

To save a movie to your computer:

1. Once your movie is assembled, click **Save to my computer** in the **Taskpane**.

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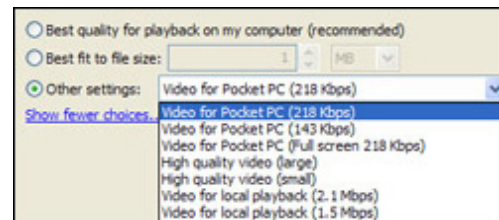
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2. Enter a name for your movie.
3. Choose a place to save your movie. Your **My Videos** folder will be the default location, but you can store it anywhere you like on your hard drive.
4. Click **Next**.
5. Select the setting for your new movie. Windows Movie Maker will recommend a setting, but you can choose a different setting if you like. Note that the setting details and the Movie file size appear in the lower portion of the **Wizard**.



Choosing a setting

6. Click **Next**.
7. Your movie will be saved.
8. Click the check-box in the **Wizard** if you'd like to play your movie when you click **Finish**.
9. Click **Finish**.



Save a movie to a CD

Because Windows XP offers native support for CD burning, movies created with Windows Movie Maker 2 can be copied to CDs easily, at the full speed of the CD-R or CD-RW drive. This is a great way to share high quality playback with friends and family on the computer.

To save a movie to CD:

1. Once your movie is assembled, click **Save to CD** in the **Taskpane**.
2. Enter a name for your movie and a name for your CD. (These can be the same, but the CD is limited to 16 characters.)
3. Click **Next**.
4. On the **Movie Setting** page, do one of the following:
 - a. To use the default movie setting, click **Best quality for recordable CD** (recommended). The specific setting details, such as the file type, bit rate, display size, aspect ratio, and frames per second displayed in the video, are shown in the **Setting details** area. Keep in

mind that a CD typically has 650 MB of storage space, so you can adjust settings accordingly to maximize quality of the final product.



Setting details

- b. To use a different movie setting, click **Show more choices**, and then choose another movie setting from the list.
5. Click **Next**. Windows Movie Maker will create your movie.
6. When finished, your CD will eject from your computer. Click **Finish**.

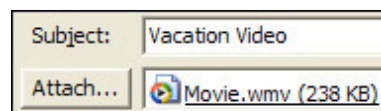


Send a movie in e-mail

The great compression and quality of Windows Media Video means you can finally e-mail video of your baby's first steps, your vacation highlights, or any memories you want to share.

To send a movie in e-mail:

1. Once your movie is assembled, click **Send in e-mail** in the **Taskpane**.
2. Windows Movie Maker will save your movie, automatically selecting a setting that will keep the file size small enough to be accepted by most e-mail systems.
3. After the movie is saved, you can play your movie or save it to your hard drive before sending it in e-mail. If you want to send immediately in e-mail, skip to Step 6.
4. To play the movie in your default player before sending it in e-mail, click **Play the movie**.
5. To save a local copy of the movie on your computer before sending it in e-mail, click **Save a copy of my movie on my computer**, enter a movie file name in the File name box, and then click **Save**.
6. Click **Next**, and your default e-mail program will open with your movie included as an attachment.



E-mail with movie attached

7. Address your e-mail to the appropriate people, add a subject or any other personalized message you like, and **Send**.

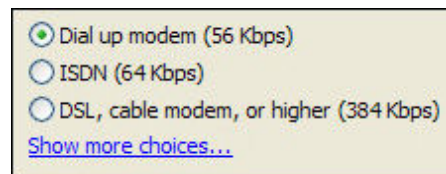


Post a movie to the Web

Save your movies and then send them to a video hosting provider on the Web—if you don't currently have a hosting provider, you can sign up directly from the Wizard. This is a great way for family and friends to watch edited home movies.

To post a movie to the Web:

1. Once your movie is assembled, click **Send to the web** in the **Taskpane**.
2. Enter the name of your movie and click **Next**.
3. On the Movie Setting page, do one of the following:
 - a. Choose one of the movie settings that best matches the Internet connection speed of your intended audience.



Selecting a connection speed

- b. Click **Show more choices**, and select one of the additional movie settings.
4. Click **Next** and wait for your movie to be saved.
 5. On the **Select a Video Hosting Provider and Sign In** page, click **Sign up now** to see a list of video hosting providers available, and then sign up and establish an account with a provider. Sign in with your new user name and password, then come back to Movie Maker and enter in your **User Name** and **Password**.
 6. If you already have an account with a video hosting provider, simply enter in your **User Name** and **Password**.
 7. Click **Next**, and Windows Movie Maker will transfer your video to the Web. This may take a few moments.
 8. Do any of the following:
 - a. To play the movie on the Web, click the **Watch my movie on the Web after I click Finish** check box.
 - b. To save a local copy of the movie on your computer and upload a copy to the video

hosting provider's server, click **Save a copy of my movie on my computer.**



Burn a movie to DVD

Once you have saved your home movie, you can burn it to a DVD, using additional software. [Learn more about how to burn movies to DVD.](#)

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