

Sun City Summerlin Computer Club

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Making a Video Slide Show Using Windows Movie Maker

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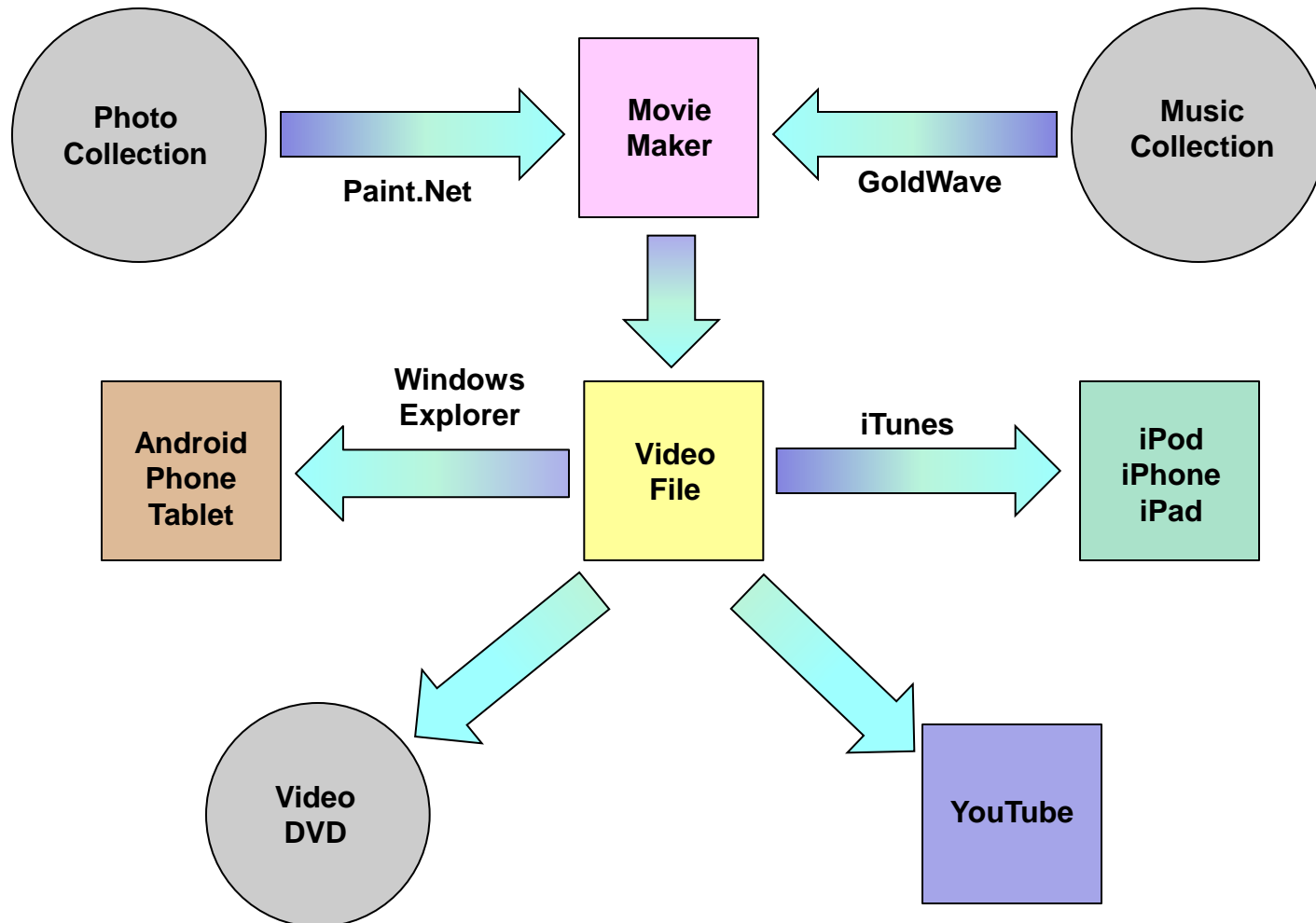
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Introduction

- **Many of us have large collections of photos that allow us to remember important or special events in our lives.**
- **We'd like to convert those individual photos into well-organized slide shows in video format, including background music and possibly voice-over comments.**
- **You may want to download the finished video to a handheld device (tablet or smart phone).**
- **Or you may want to post the video slide show to the web, so that family and friends can view / download them.**
- **Or you may want to burn them to a video DVD that you can send to “low-tech” friends and family.**
- **This seminar will present a step by step process plus show you the software tools you need to achieve this task.**

Overview of the Process



Making a Video Slide Show

Getting the Required Tools

- **Windows Live Movie Maker**
 - Search with Google using search words: windows live movie maker
 - Click on the download link on Microsoft.com:
<http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=26689>
 - Run the wlsetup-web.exe setup program.
- **Paint.Net**
 - Search with Google using search word: Paint.Net Download
 - Click on the download link on: <http://www.getpaint.net/>
 - Run the Paint.Net setup program.
 - Paint.Net is open source. If you use it regularly, you should donate.
- **GoldWave**
 - Search with Google using search word: GoldWave Download
 - Click on the download link on: <http://www.goldwave.com/>
 - Run the GoldWave setup program.
 - GoldWave is shareware. If you use it regularly, you should buy it.

Demo – Using Paint.Net

- Assemble your photos and audio tracks for this video into a single folder (make copies of your originals).
- Go to the folder containing the photos to be included in the slide show.
- View the photos using Windows Explorer.
- Decide which photos, if any, need editing.
- Right click each photo and select Open With > Paint.Net.
 - **Windows Live Photo Gallery is also a good tool.**
- Perform the needed edits - resizing, cropping, etc.
- Save the edited result back to the same folder (.jpg format is best).
- This may take a while if you have many photos.
- Consider using a tool like Google's Picasa 3 for volume resizing.

Demo - Using GoldWave

- **Do some calculations based on the number of photos, the time each photo will be visible, and the transition time. This will give you the total running time of the slide show.**
- **Choose one or more music tracks to play as your slideshow's background music. Check the running times. Decide whether you want to use multiple tracks or simply repeat the same track as needed to fill out the full running time of the slide show.**
- **You may want to use GoldWave to trim the audio track, adjust the volume level (softer or louder and possibly to combine multiple tracks into a single longer track. You may also want to add various effects, such as fades in / out.**
- **When your music tracks are set up to your satisfaction, you are ready to go.**

Demo - Using Movie Maker

- **Start Movie Maker 2011 / 2012.**
- **Use File > New to start a new video project.**
- **Import the photos you wish to use in the slide show.**
- **Add the photos to the timeline.**
- **Add your music / audio background track(s).**
- **Specify slide-to-slide transitions. I like the “Ken Burns” effect.**
- **Preview your video.**
- **Make any needed adjustments.**
- **Add titles, credits.**
- **Generate your finished video to a file (.AVI or .WMV)**
- **Depending on what you want to do with the video, you may need to use a tool like VLC to convert your finished video to another file format (.FLV, .MOV, .MP4, H.264).**

Demo – Burning a Video DVD

- **Movie Maker under Windows 7 offers the option to Save to DVD, which will invoke the Windows 7 DVD Burner utility.**
- **On Windows 8, Windows Vista and Windows XP, that tool is not available, so you will need to resort to [irritatingly flaky] free third party tools.**
 - <http://www.softpedia.com/progDownload/WinX-DVD-Author-Download-42198.html>
 - <http://www.aimersoft.com/how-to-burn/dvd-burner-windows-8.html>
- **Or you can invest some cash in a good, full-featured video editor like Pinnacle Studio. It can burn DVDs directly.**

Transferring the Video to a Device

- **For an Apple Device (iPod, iPhone, iPad):**
 - Start iTunes.
 - Add the newly rendered .MP4 or .MOV video file to your iTunes Library.
 - Plug in your i-device via the USB adapter.
 - iTunes will then offer to synch the .MP4 / .MOV file to the i-device.
- **For an Android Device (tablet or phone)**
 - Plug in your Android device via the USB adapter.
 - Windows will open the device in Explorer with a new drive letter.
 - Use Copy / Paste or Ctrl-drag to copy the MP4 file to a folder on your Android device.
 - If your Android device has a SD card slot, you can instead plug the SD card into your PC's card reader or USB adapter and copy the file to the SD card.
 - Then plug the SD card into your Android device.

Transferring a Video to YouTube

- Log in to www.YouTube.com.
- If you don't have a Google account, you will need to create one.
- Once you are logged in, you may need to create a public channel. That will allow you to upload video files and share them.
- Next, go to the Dashboard.
- Click the "Upload a Video" button.
- Navigate to the video you wish to upload and click OK.
- Youtube will upload the video and provide a hyperlink that you can send to others. (For example ...)
 - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMUAxKibRp4&feature=youtu.be>
- ***** Caution *****
 - Be careful uploading videos to YouTube that use commercial music in the background. You may run afoul of the copyright police.

Final Q and A

Final Questions and Answers