

# Movie Maker

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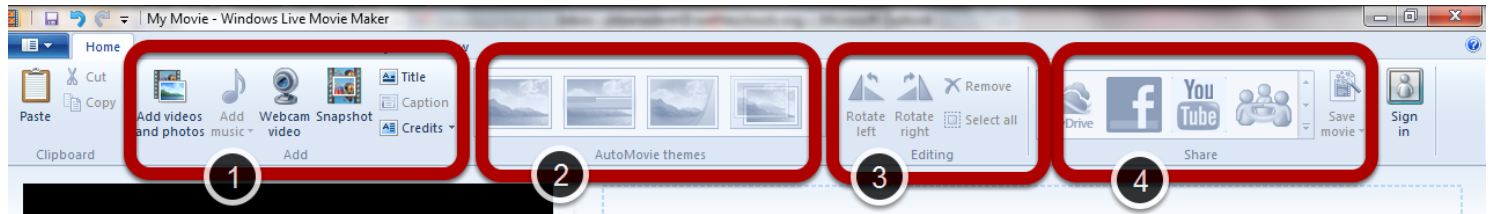
# Chapter 1. Basics

## Home Ribbon

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This lesson covers the basics of using MS Live MovieMaker - the home ribbon, adding pictures/videos/music, adding titles, rotating pictures/video

### Home Ribbon



1. Add - this is where you add content to your project
2. Auto movie - this is where you choose a predetermined movie style (with transitions and credits)
3. Editing - this is where you edit the project
4. Share - this is where you save or share the project

Here are the most common questions:

[How do I add a video or picture?](#)

[How do I add music?](#)

[How do I add titles, captions and credits?](#)

[How do I edit a video \(duration, sound, start/end points\)?](#)

[How do I edit music \(duration, sound, start/end points\)?](#)

[How do I edit text \(font, color, effects\)?](#)

[How do I "theme" my movie automatically?](#)

[How do I save my movie?](#)

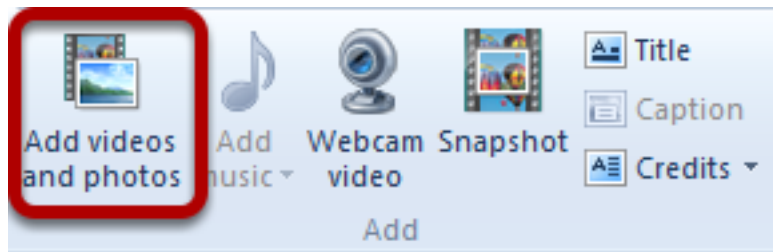
## Add Menu

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This covers the functions of the add menu.

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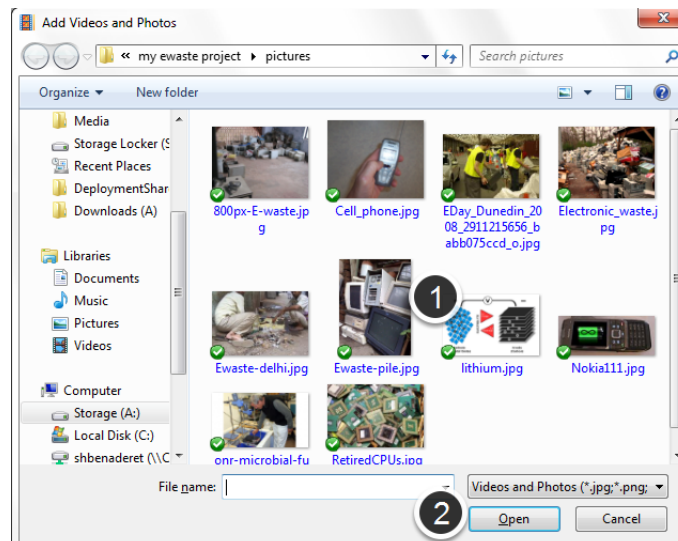
### Add Menu



These buttons are pretty self explanatory. The process for adding videos and photos is the same.

To start, click on "Add videos and photos"

### Choose a video or photo, then click "Open"



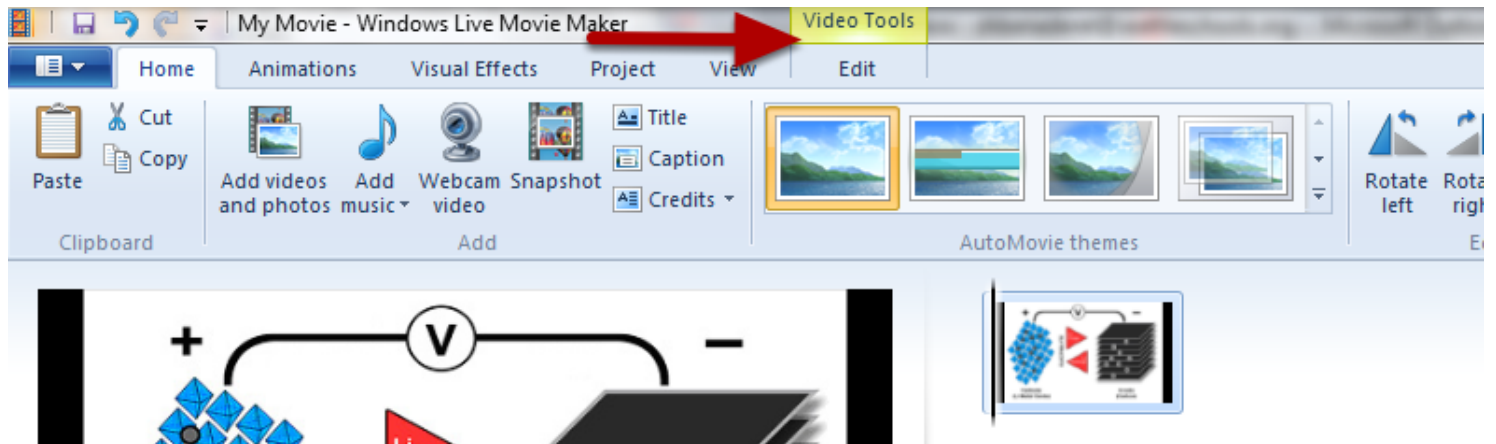
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## Video Tools

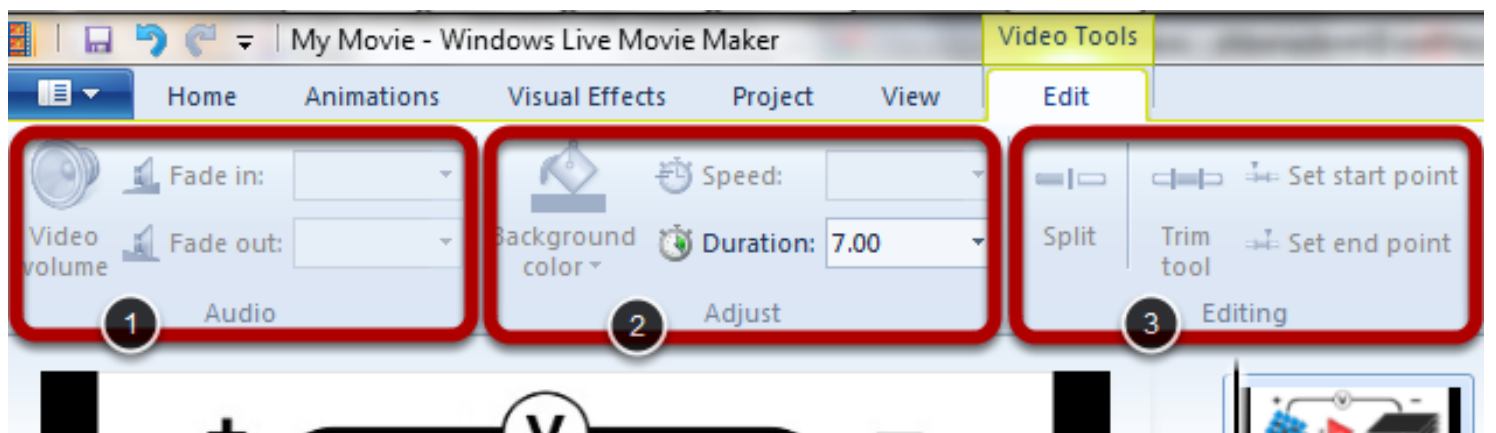
This covers the "Video Tools" toolbar.

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After adding the picture you will see the "Video Tools" option



## Video tools



1. Audio - this lets you edit the volume of the video and set fade in and fade out points
2. Adjust - this lets you adjust the background color, speed and duration of the video/image
3. Editing - this lets you split the video (a very useful feature!). You can also trim or change the end points.

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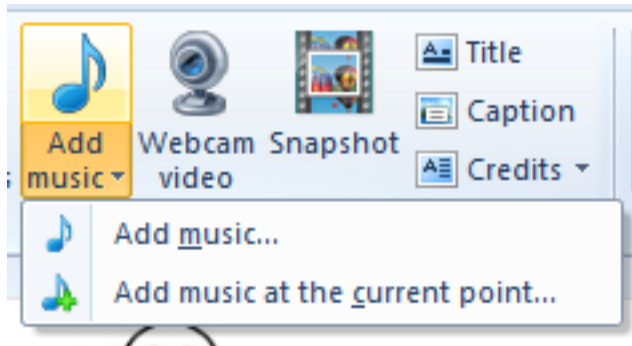
## Add music

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This covers the add music option.

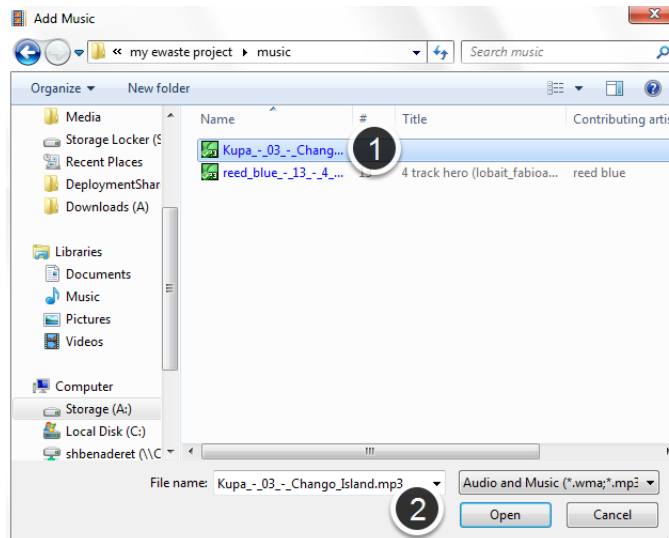
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### Add music

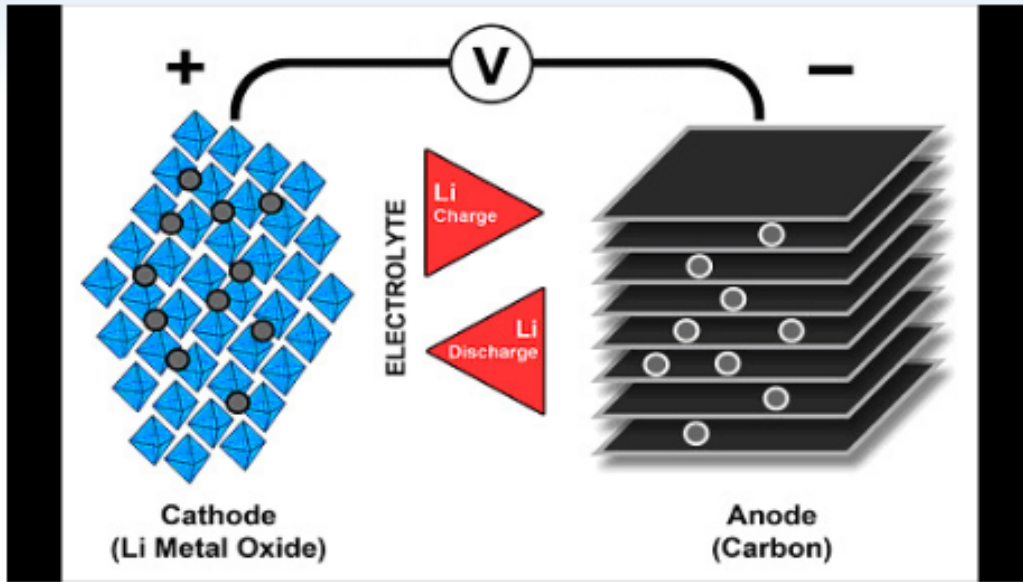



Once you add a video or image you can add music.

### Choose the audio track, then click "Open"



When you add music you will see the track above the image/video



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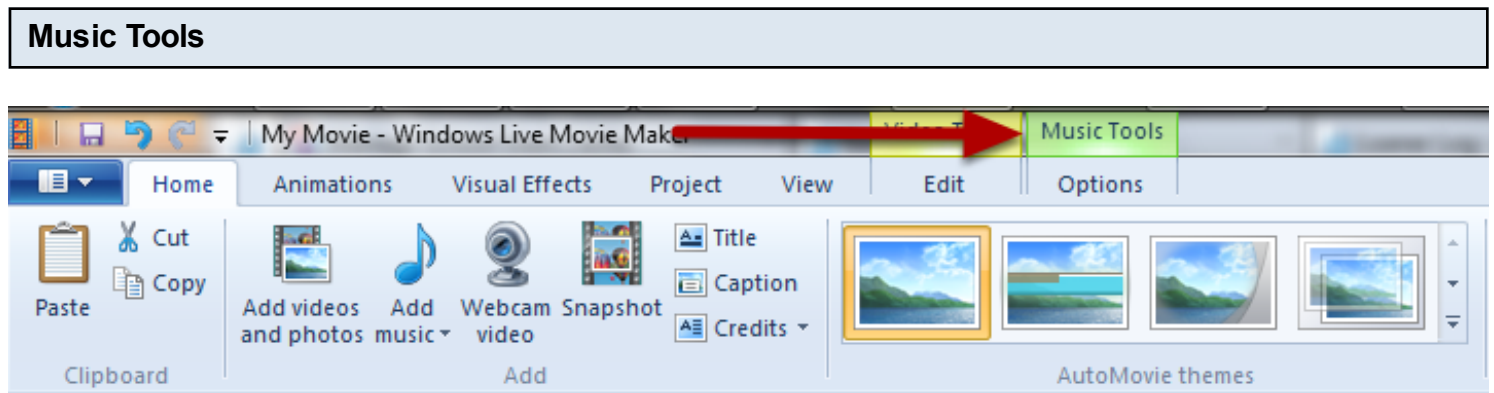


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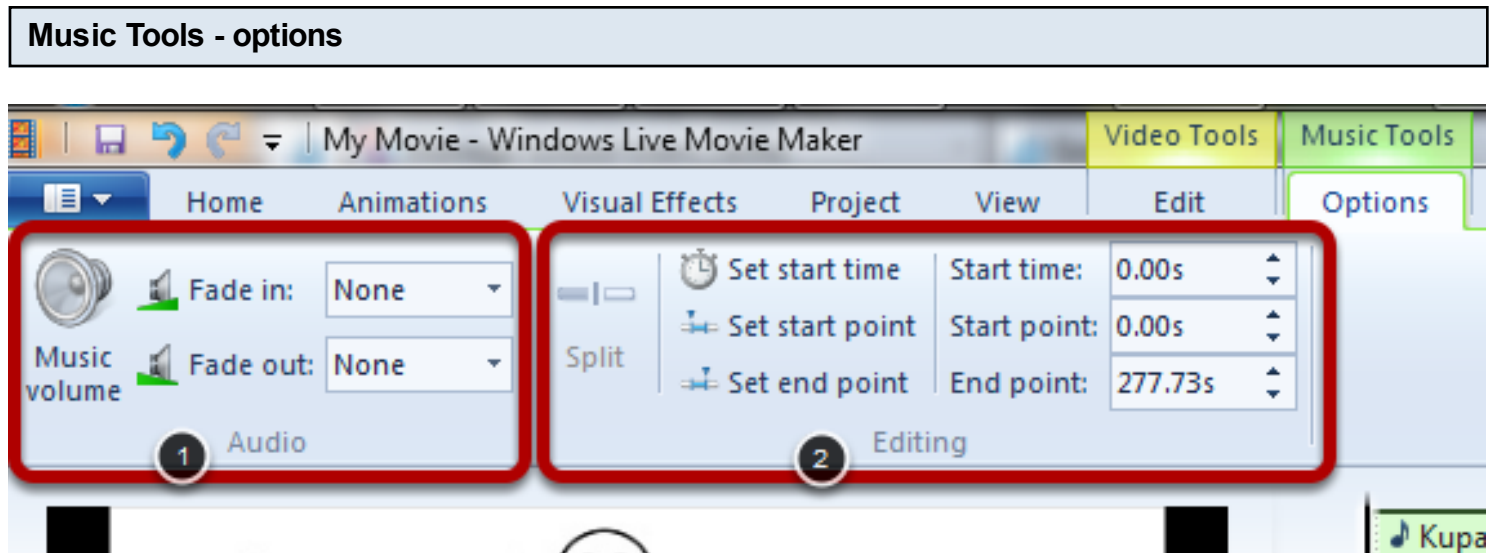
## Music Tools

An overview of the Music Tools menu.

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After adding music you will see a "Music Tools" option.



1. Audio - this lets you edit the volume and fade in/out of the audio track
2. Editing - this lets you split the music and change things like the start and end points

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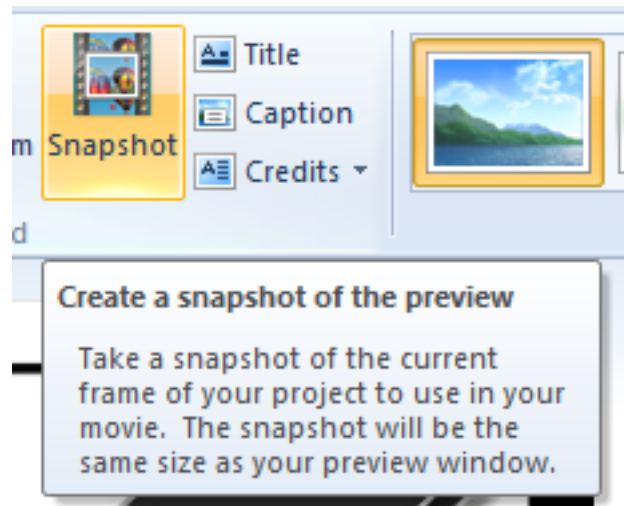
## Snapshot

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An overview of snapshots.

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### Snapshot



This lets you re-use a frame in your project at another place in the same project.

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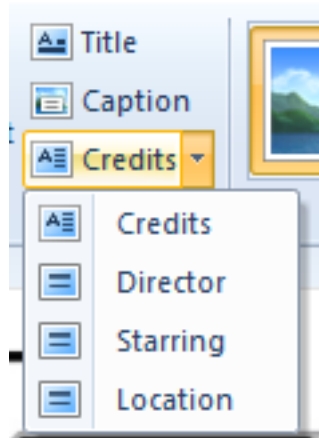
## Title, Caption, Credits

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This covers adding a title and captions.

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### Title, Caption, Credits

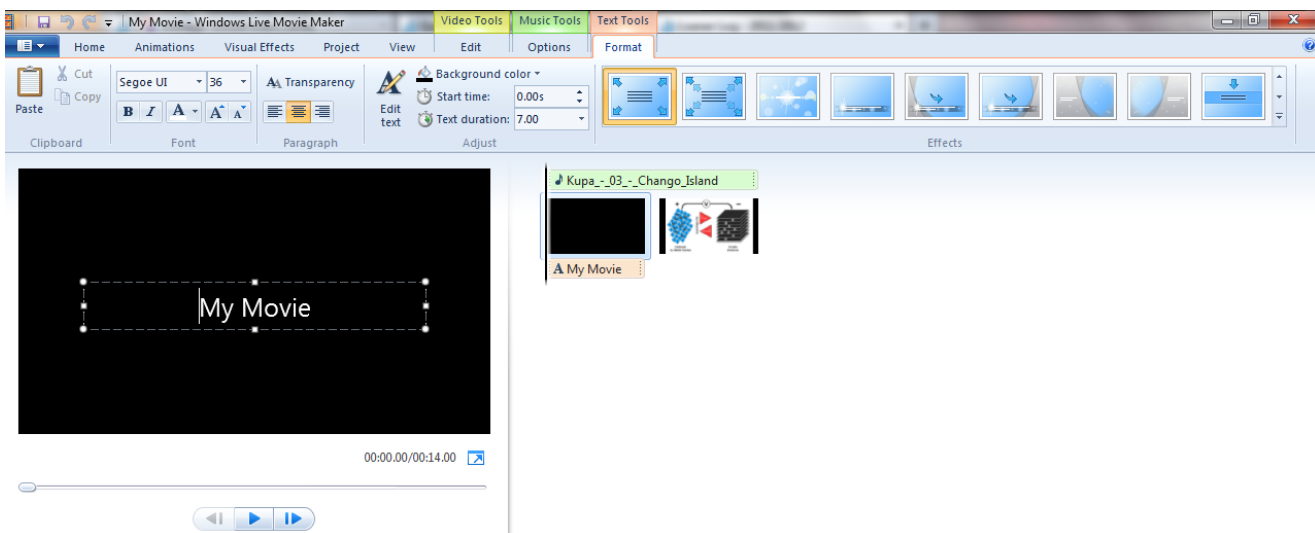


Title - this lets you add a frame with text to your project

Caption - this lets you add text over a frame (useful for writing on pictures!)

Credits - this lets you add pre-configured titles with info for your credits, director, cast ("starring"), or location

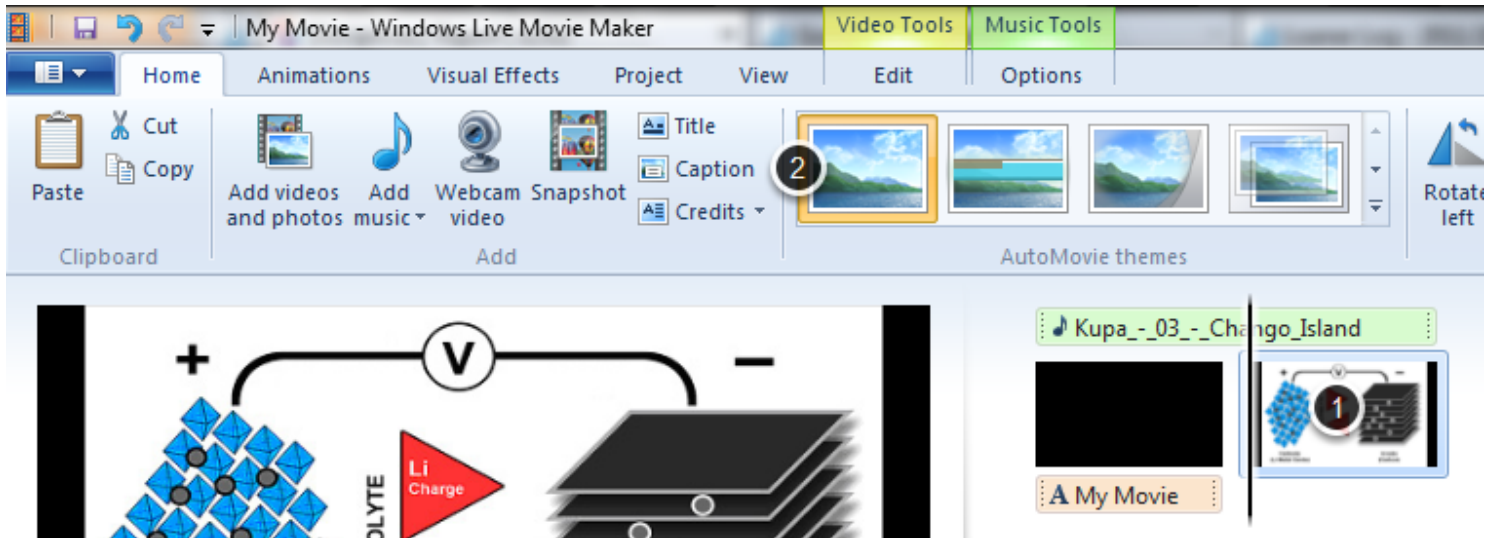
### Title



Here is a title.

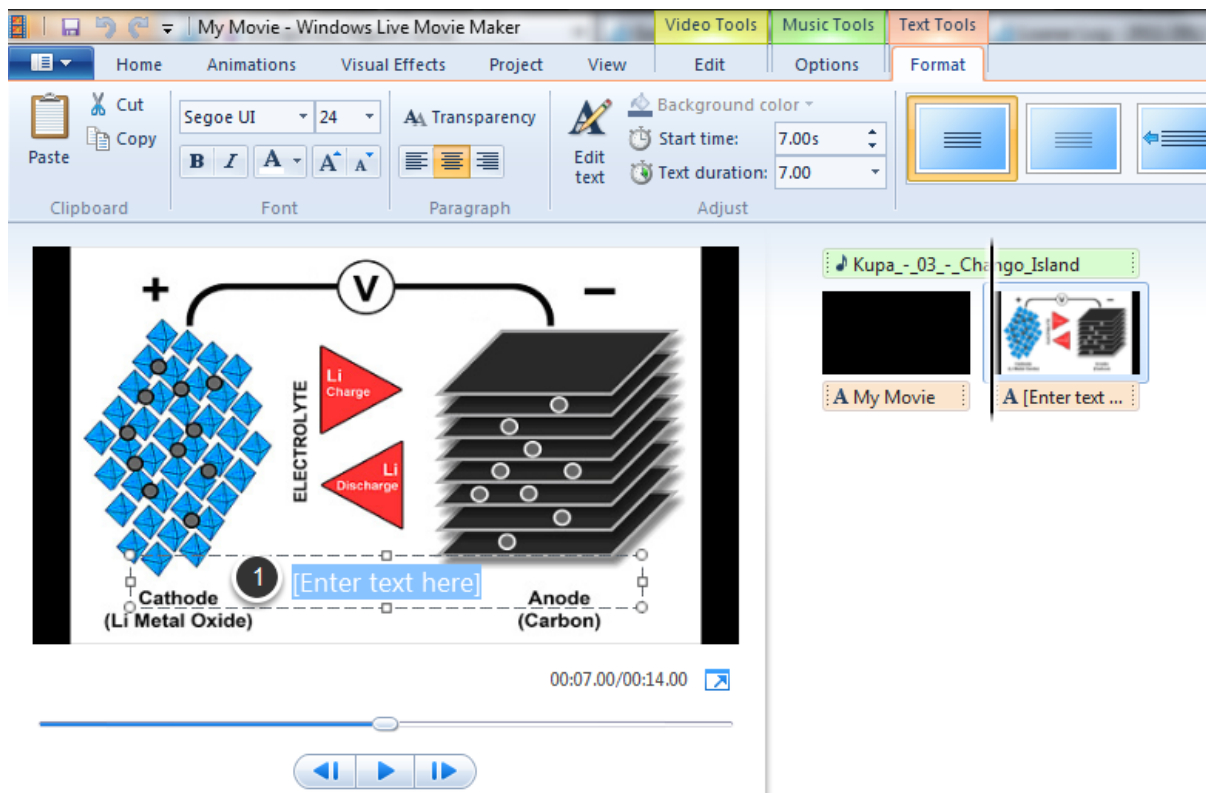
Click on "My Movie" to edit the text.

## Caption



1. Click on the frame you want to add a caption to
2. Click on "Caption"

## Edit Caption



1. Click [Enter text here]
2. You can move the text around by dragging the text box

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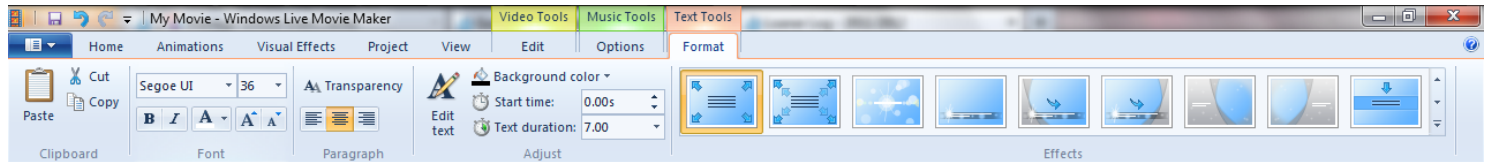
## Text Tools

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This covers editing text in your project.

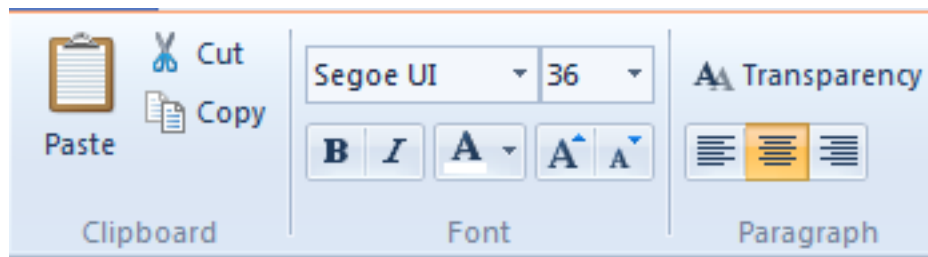
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### Text Tools



This is the the "Text Tools" menu.

### Clipboard, Font, Paragraph

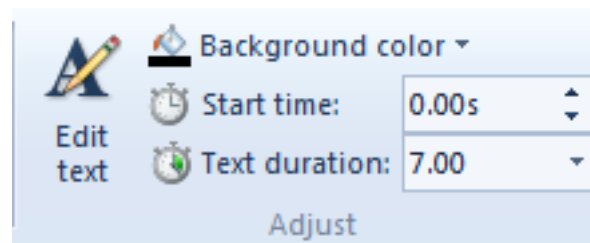


Clipboard - Copy (CTRL + C), Cut (CTRL + X) or Paste (CTRL + V)

Font - You can change the font, size, and color here

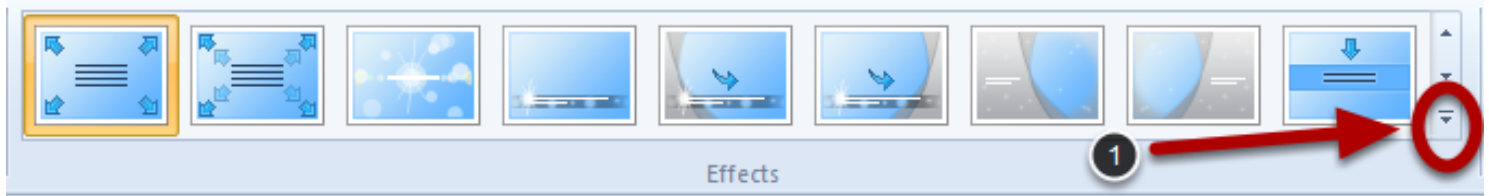
Paragraph - Change alignment or transparency

### Adjust



You can edit text, change the background or edit the time and duration here.

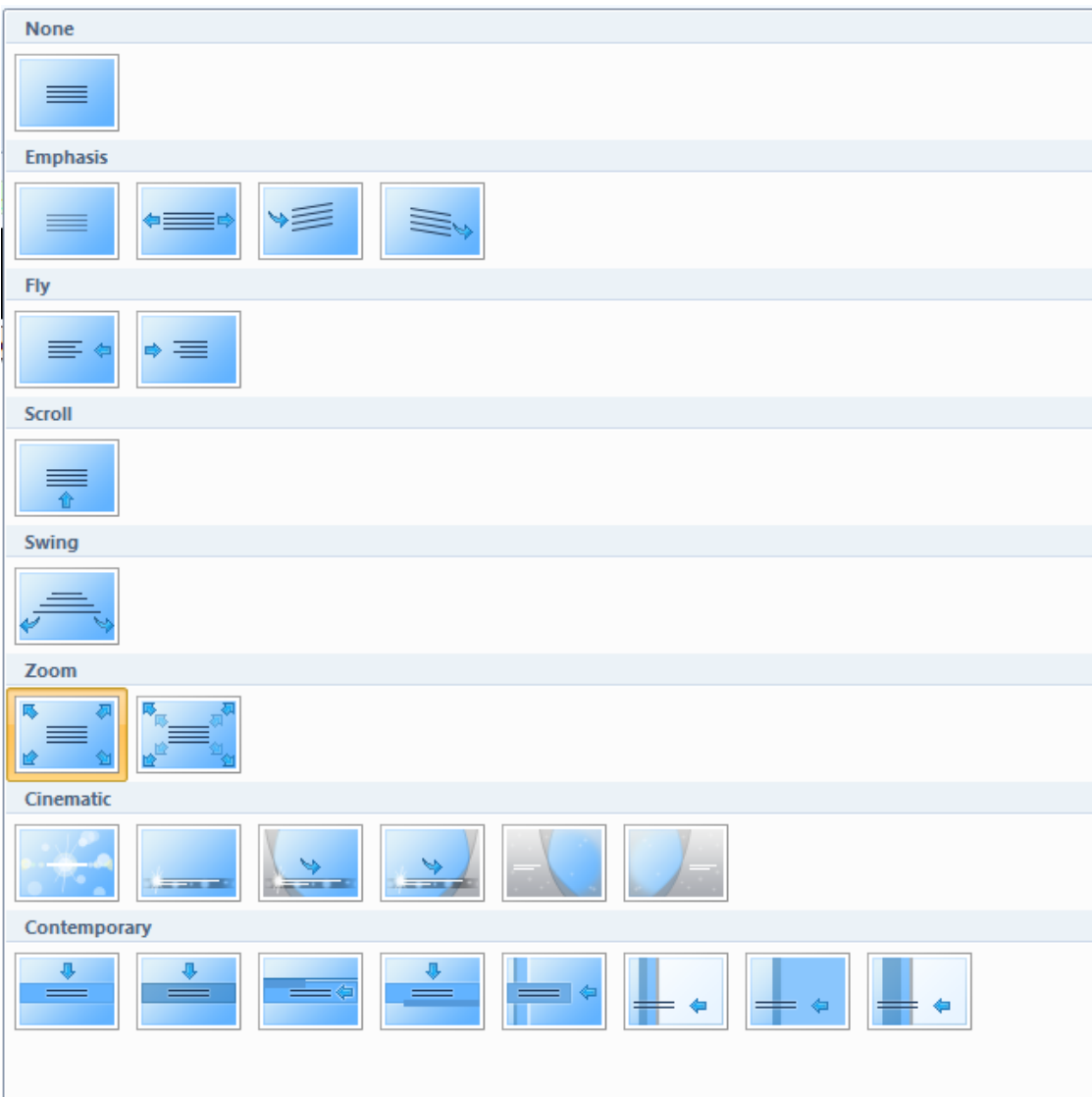
## Effects



Effects are like animations in PowerPoint. They determine how the text will be animated in your project.

1. Clicking here will show you the Effects Options

## Effects Options



Here you can see the different styles of effects.

## AutoMovie themes

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### AutoMovie themes

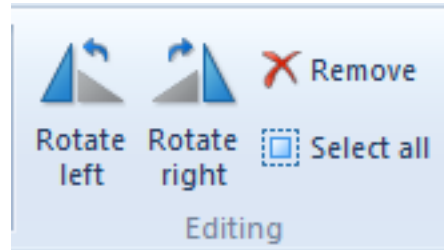


Click on one of these themes will reformat your entire project. It will add transitions, titles, etc. automatically.

## Editing

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### Editing



The most useful feature here is rotation.

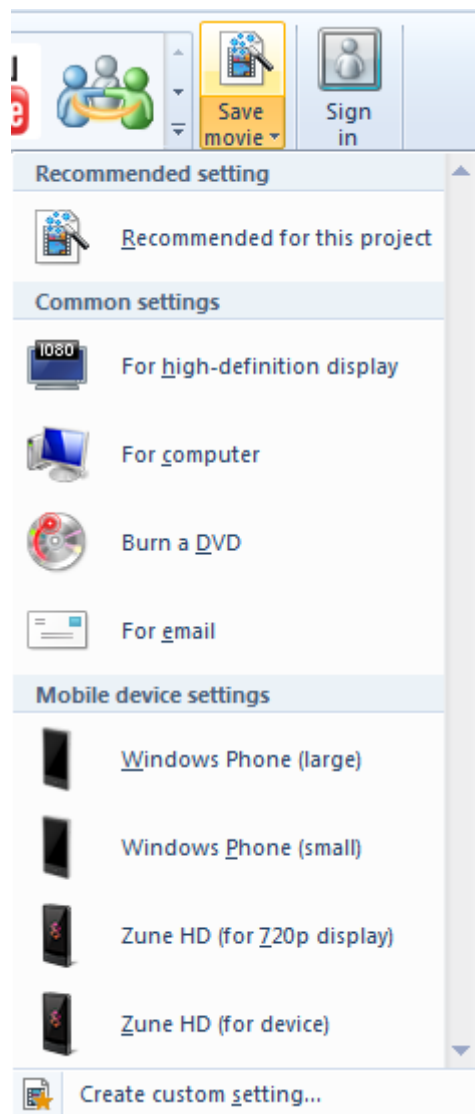
## Share

### Share



Share is where you either upload the video to your favorite website OR save it for offline viewing.

### Save movie



I usually recommend using "For computer", but feel free to try these out.